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FROM THE PASTOR

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! ⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. ⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me. ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (Selected verses from Psalm 118 ESV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

The alarm goes off in the morning startling us out of a deep sleep. We pull ourselves out of bed and try to open our eyes and get ready for the day. Sometimes we get frustrated with our kids or

ourselves as we at times can poke along as we get ready for school, work or the day. The phone may ring or traffic may slow us down and we may get there later than we desired to. We look at our day and the list of things to get done and we know we won't get it all accomplished. So, at times perhaps, we look forward to the day being over and getting home, going to bed and to sleep as we look to another day.

It is true that tomorrow is another day. However, as Psalm 118:24 above declares, "***This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.***" Sometimes it may seem as if there is little to rejoice in or be thankful for. All of us need something to be thankful for and to rejoice in! We find it in our Lord that there is much to be thankful for and to rejoice in each day! Even though the alarm woke us abruptly, it did wake us up so that we could get ready for the day. We remember that each day is also another day of life, breath and opportunity to serve the Lord and others. We may poke along in getting ready, but how wonderful to spend time with our family and give thanks that we are well. As we bring our children to school or go to work, what an opportunity to spend time in prayer, enjoy the beauty of God's awesome creation, or listen to some Christian music to energize us for what the day may bring.

As we arrive at work, we remember that there are many who do not have employment and we look forward to ways in which we can use the gifts that

God has given us to accomplish great things for Him and others. We may have challenges and trials in the day, but we see them as opportunities in which God can use us to share the hope and reflect the love that is ours in Jesus Christ our Lord. We also remember that we are not going at it alone. Our Lord has promised “never will I leave you and never will I forsake you.” He gives us His Word, Holy Supper and worship to strengthen us along the way. We know who we are and whose we are and what a privilege to be able to share the hope that is ours in Jesus our risen Savior and King. We look forward to getting home and spending time with our family which is truly precious. We give thanks for the day and also for the sleep that is to come. A good night sleep truly is a blessing. We also look forward to another new day and the opportunities that it will bring!

Each day truly is a gift of God! May we ever “rejoice and be glad in it”, give thanks for it and make the most of it. It is a new day to serve Him, call upon Him and share His love. It is a day to remember our baptism and in repentance and forgiveness go out in His power. It is a day we can rejoice again in the hope and salvation that is ours in Jesus alone. We also look forward to the brand new day that we as believers in Christ will have where there will be perfect joy and peace in our heavenly home in the presence of God and all His Saints in Christ. How awesome that day will be! However, until then, may we remember *“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

God’s richest blessings to you now and always!

In Christ,
Pastor Crolius



Tune in to....
WCNP FM 89.5

Lutheran Hour Ministry 8:00 am

Sunday Worship 12:00 noon

FUNERAL

Lynette Hillman died on Sunday, October 21, 2018, and was given Christian burial on Thursday, October 25, 2018.

BAPTISM

Jett Hall and Joey Hall, sons of Jason and Jessica (Zirngible) Hall, were born September 17, 2017, and were baptized Sunday, October 21, 2018.

Julia Mae, daughter of Mathew and Peggy (Reinecke) Nolden, was born September 28, 2018, and was baptized Sunday, October 21, 2018.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

VOTERS ASSEMBLY

October 25, 2018

Membership change - July - October 2018

Received by Baptism

Jett Hall	Joey Hall
Lincoln Meyer	Julia Nolden
Ashtin Phephles	Raymond Stolarski
Kennedy Todd	

Transferred to the Church Triumphant

Lynette Hillman	Audrey Westedt
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FOR APPROVAL BY VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Transferred In

Kevin & Sylvia Kleinow

Adult Confirmation

Jeremy Dankert

Transferred Out

Rev Robert Benson to Pela Lutheran Church, Waupun, WI

LADIES AID

St. Peter's Ladies Aid members met on Wednesday, October 3rd at 1:30 p.m. President Eldarene Bowlin called the meeting to order.

In August, the ladies met at the Pizza Ranch for lunch and spent the afternoon playing Bingo.

Our September fall buffet meeting was cancelled due to stormy weather.

President Bowlin reminded us that we will be electing a Ladies Aid president, treasurer, and two executive board members in November.

Sunshine Teams: The present members, Kay Klitzke, Eldarene Bowlin, Lorna Slaney and Mary Schuette will continue to serve in the coming year and we thank them.

President Bowlin asked for 2019 program suggestions. The executive board will meet after the November meeting to discuss plans.

Birthday cards were sent to our honorary members, Donna Poewer and Lorna Hamburg.

The meeting adjourned with the table prayer. Marcella Harms and Kay Klitzke served a delicious fall buffet. The rest of the afternoon was spent sorting dishes, as decided at our meeting in May to make room in our cupboards for the disposable plates now used for funeral luncheons. Some of the grey plates, serving bowls and salad plates, plus many of the blue and white dinner plates will be made available to the congregation for a freewill offering.

GOLDEN AGERS

We met at the Voyageur for lunch on October 15th. Dee Duley opened our meeting with prayer and a fall poem was read. The secretary's report was read. The meeting closed with prayer and Bingo was enjoyed by all. Golden Agers will meet again on Wednesday, November 19th at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Ranch. Come join us!!

QUILTING

The ladies worked on quilts about 18 times this year. The process of laying out the layers of tops, bottoms and batting of the quilt, while others tie and sew around the borders, and then pin the pieces together, keeps everyone very busy.

The first weekend in October the quilts were displayed on the church pews for LWML Sunday. Following the 10:30 service they were packed up and sent to...

26 - Orphan Grain Train

28 - Children's Hospital in Madison

14 - Fort Wayne Seminary

In November, our Mission Sunday guest pastor comes from Cincinnati, OH, and will be taking 14 quilts back with him. We have quilts pinned waiting to be tied, and we have more tops waiting to be laid out and pinned.

We welcome more to come and help us keep working on this project to share with others the sharing of giving quilts for those who are in need.

Quilters meet Wednesday, November 14 and November 28, from 8:30 to noon. We will not meet again until Wednesday, January 9 and 23, weather permitting. Come and share time with others. We thank all who have given supplies, tops and quilts for this project.



VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

Students and staff of St. Peter's School would like to extend an invitation to join us on Monday, November 12th at 8:15 a.m. in the school gym in honor of Veteran's Day. We would like to extend a special invitation to all the Veterans in our congregation to join as we honor you and your service to our country.

LWML

Julie Thompson opened the meeting with a reading "The Canvas of Autumn" about how our Master artist gives us such autumn and other seasonal beauty that no other artist can match. "Grace Upon Grace" was our Bible study led by Joanne Brandt reminding us how often and how much grace God gives us continually. Knowing God is so gracious gives us peace. Our Bible study ended with us singing "Amazing Grace".

We opened our business meeting with our "League Pledge". The Secretary's and Treasurer's Report was given.

Committee Reports –

Quilting - Phyllis Schenck gave us an extensive report of how many times quilters met, how many quilts were made and where they were sent. Twenty-six quilts were packed up for Orphan Grain Train after LWML Sunday.

Baptisms - there were no baptisms in the last month.

Hygiene Items - Julie has talked with Mrs. Braun asking St. Peter's School to run a Hygiene Drive from November 26-December 7. These items, along with what we collect, will be given to Safe Harbor in Reedsburg. Safe Harbor was chosen as they were also affected by the recent flood.

For communication a letter was shared from our missionary, Cindy Wrucke in Eurasia.

We reflected on LWML Sunday, appreciating our nice Sunday service – Thank you, Pastor Crolius. We thanked Betty, Phyllis and 8th grade girls for decorating our pews with the quilts, and Mary Schwenkhoff thanked all the quilters for the beautiful quilts they continue to make.

Julie reminded our members that the Zone Fall Rally had been held at St. Peter's, Muscoda, October 13.

Julie passed around information sheets filled out by our congregation's 8th grade girls. Our

members chose a young lady they wish to mentor this year.

Mitey Muffin Weekend is November 3 & 4. Julie asked each member to bring 2-3 dozen nut-free muffins, individually wrapped, to serve Saturday and Sunday after services.

We went through our new program booklet for this year. For November's meeting, Pastor Anderson will lead a Bible study on "Thanksgiving".

We thanked Betty and Char for providing refreshments for our fellowship at the end of the evening. Mary led us in our mite devotion informing us as to where we are on our mission grant goals. We ended our devotion singing, "Here I Am Lord".

Julie Thompson, Secretary



MITEY MUFFIN WEEKEND November 3-4

YOU can help people find rest in a changing world. Many have not heard about our Lord and Savior. The mites collected this weekend will help fund our LWML mission grants to help these people hear the Good News or help people who are furthering their work in the ministry. If you have a few coins to put in the Mite box – we greatly appreciate you furthering God's work – either way, please enjoy a Mitey Muffin after the service.

ST. PETER' S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

by Mr. Tessorf



DOJ Safety Grants: Saint Peter's Lutheran School has been awarded two Safety Grants by the Department of Justice. The Round One grant will be used to install an intercom system that will allow two way communication between classrooms and the office. It will also provide for motion detection lighting at the Pine Street and Locust Street entrances.

The Round Two Grant will provide deadbolt locks, safety film that makes entry through a treated window very difficult if not impossible, blackout lockdown shades for classroom doors as well as a few other items. The grant also provides training on developing a School Safety Team and Adolescent Mental Health. These enhancements are designed to make our students and staff even safer.

We received \$12,000 in the first round of the DOJ Safety grant and \$10,000 in the second round. The total cost of the Safety Project is \$27,000.

St. Peter's has been blessed by an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to cover the difference.

St. Peter's is a great place to be, but you don't need to take my word for it. Here are some comments from the survey:

Gr. 1-3: we learn about Jesus/ Everyone is kind like the teachers/that it is a friendly place and the people are nice/I like the teachers they make me feel safe.

Gr. 4-8: teach me to live in Christ/teach us about God/The teachers are very nice and they listen when you talk/ Learning for the future and hiring great teachers./It is a extremely good school with the best teachers and subjects.

Teachers: I do my best to incorporate Jesus and the Gospel into every aspect of the school

day./ Value each child/family as members of our family./Get students ready for a Christ centered life. Prepare students for high school.

Parents: Instilling in the children that Jesus is our rock and should be the center of our lives, even in our learning, work and play./Teaching our children about Jesus and how incorporate him more into our home life/ Putting our faith into action in our school as well as pushing the kids academically./You are instilling great morals & values in my children. I can't say enough good things about the teachers. They really love my children & genuinely care for them. I have a lot of trust in them & appreciate them so much!

Church Members: To teach children about God's love & forgiveness along with teaching a quality academic curriculum to give them a well-rounded education along with becoming strong philosophically & spiritually./ Provide a great education in a Christian environment / Dedicated teachers sharing Jesus & excellent academics./I believe Religion is the center of the education taught at St. Peter's.

American Legion Visit: The American Legion Post #350 visited the 8th grade. The purpose of the visit was to explain the requirements of the American Legion Citizenship Award. This will be the first time the American Legion Post 350 will present the award to one boy and one girl from each eighth grade class in the Reedsburg School District.





YOUTH NEWS!!

Sr Youth - November 7 - 6:30 - 8:30pm

Jr Youth - November 14 & 28 - 6:00 - 8:00pm

We are having such an awesome time at Youth Group!! Jr Youth has about 35 youth in attendance and Sr Youth 15 at our last meeting. October devotions included a discussion on self-esteem and friendship. We learned to focus on how God views us as His children and to build each other up with our words instead of breaking each other down. We also learned how to be a good friend and that Jesus is the greatest friend that we have. So many blessings and so much to be thankful for!!

Sr Youth meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and Jr Youth every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING **November 3**

Saturday, November 3rd will be a NYG meeting in the school gym after the 5PM service. We will discuss transportation details and fundraising plans for this event. The transportation details include discussing whether we will now take an Amtrak train or possibly a bus since driving may bring an additional cost of daily parking for each vehicle. If you have a youth entering grades 9-12th in September 2019 and they would like to join us on this awesome trip, please let me know. If you have any questions about this trip, please feel free to join us at the meeting on November 3, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

SR YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT

November 11

This event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church with registration starting at 3:30pm and Trivia at 4:00pm. This is a community youth event. **TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE IN OFFICE!** Cost is \$10 per person or \$50 for a table of 6. Snacks will be provided and tickets can be purchased at the school office. You may also contact me at [608-477-1159](tel:608-477-1159) or by email

at jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com to purchase tickets. The funds raised will help fund the Sr. Youth Winter Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch. Bring the family out for a fun night of Trivia!! Thank you for your support!

PUMPKIN PIES FOR SHUT-INS

November 20

All Youth are invited to help bake pies for our shut-ins on Tuesday, November 20th at 5:30pm in the school kitchen. We will then meet in the school parking lot at 9am on Wednesday, November 21, to deliver the pies to the shut-ins. Youth, please let me know if you will be helping with the baking/delivering. Parents, please let me know if you are available to drive to deliver pies. Thank you so much!

If there any questions about any of these events, please contact me at [608-477-1159](tel:608-477-1159) or at jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com

In Christ,
Jennifer Anderson, Youth Director



Join us each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the school for a fun and exciting year. If you or someone you know may be interested in helping out with the Sunday School program, please contact the church office, 524-4512. Sunday School will include 3-year-old pre-kindergarten thru 6th grade.



**The Scholastic
Book Fair is coming
to
St. Peter's School**

November 5 – 9

Join us on Friday, from 8am – Noon for the "Grand Event" a special day for Grandparents!!

Mon. 11/5	3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Tues. 11/6	7:40 to 8:30 a.m. & 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Wed. 11/7	7:40 to 8:30 a.m. & 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 11/8	7:40 to 8:30 a.m. & 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Fri. 11/9	8:00 a.m. to Noon

Are you soooo excited you can't wait to begin your shopping. Here is the link that can be used to order online starting October 19 thru November 13.

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/spls14>



**TASTY TREATS
FOR SALE!!**

The 6th & 7th grade students are selling delicious Butter Braids (\$12 each) in a variety of flavors. A great warm and tasty treat to have at any time. Orders may be placed with the students or at the school office. Deadline to place your order is November 27th, with delivery December 6. Funds raised will help to fund their 2020 class trip to the Creation Museum and Ark in Kentucky!!



FOOD PANTRY OFFERING

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Reedsburg Food Pantry at the Thanksgiving Services on Wednesday, November, 21st and Thursday, November 22nd. Your donations are appreciated and will greatly help those in need during the holiday season.



Ministry in Motions are examples of students and staff putting their faith into "motion."

- On the way out of LEGOS Club a member shared our building them for the day with their parents.
- A question from a teacher asking what they could do to help the principal with LEGOS Club.
- Kids showing growth in their faith.
- PRK Explore With Me time was a great time of sharing with students and parents.
- Students putting their fellow classmates on the prayer board when they are not feeling well.



Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor. The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else. We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe? First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty.

We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church:

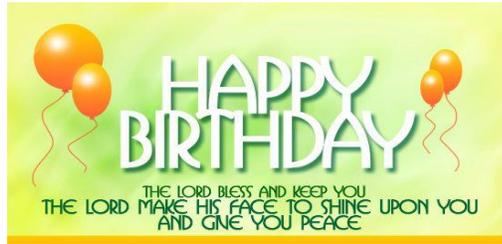
"I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9). As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance.

The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing. Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it. He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.



RICH, NANCY	11/1
ELY, HOPE	11/2
HENKE, COOPER	11/2
SCHULTZ, CHLOE	11/2
BUROKER, LARRY	11/3
MUELLER, CAMERON	11/3
MURRAY, TYLER	11/3
HOEGE, ZACHARY	11/4
SCHULTZ, DIANNE	11/4
BALSANO, KATHYRN	11/5
DUERR, CORY	11/5
HANSEN, CHELSEA	11/5
SCHROEDER, KAREN	11/6
STODDARD, SHANNA	11/6
HEUER JR, JAMES	11/7
ROECKER, ZOEY	11/7
NEISES, JAY	11/8
SCHAFFER, PEGGY	11/8
ZIMMERMAN, ADAM	11/8
BEHN, BREA	11/9
BREIGHT, DONELDA	11/9
MEYER, STEVEN	11/9
BRANDT, PAULA	11/10
MONTGOMERY, FREDERICK	11/10
KLEMM, BROOKE	11/11
MURRAY-BREUNIG, JESSICA	11/11
ZIMMERMAN, JAMES	11/11
MAURER, CALVIN	11/12
REINECKE, LAVONNE	11/12
SIEMANDEL, CLAIRE	11/12
BRAUN, THOMAS	11/13
KOCH, SETH	11/14
MILLER, LOUIS	11/14
SCHAFFER, MAKAYLA	11/14
SCHULZ, GILBERT	11/14
SPEICH, SARAH	11/14
TOURDOT, LINDA	11/14
ARNDT, HENRY	11/15
BOLT, DIANA	11/15
BROWN, LOGAN	11/15
FARBER, KRISTOPHER	11/15
GRAMS, THOMAS	11/15

HALVENSLEBEN, DEREK	11/15
OTT, WESLEY	11/15
RAY-LIETZ, LISA	11/15
SZOPINSKI, MICHAEL	11/15
WILCOX, JESSICA	11/15
WILLIAMS, EMMA	11/15
ZIMMERMAN, VICKI	11/15
WREZENSKI, SANDRA	11/16
CRISAFULLI, DALE	11/17
HOFF, SAUNDRA	11/17
REIMER, CHARLIE	11/17
VOGEL, JODI	11/18
BRANDT, JAMES	11/19
GLEASH, BRAD	11/19
GOLDMAN, SANDRA	11/19
HAMBURG, ALICE	11/19
JOHNSON JR, DALE	11/19
ADKINS, ZANDER	11/20
COLEMAN, JOSEPH	11/20
GAWRONSKI, BRADLEY	11/20
LARRABEE III, JERRY	11/20
MEYER, CHARLES	11/20
REUTER MALAKI, MASINA	11/20
SCHRANK, BIRDELLE	11/21
SOBECK, MONTANA	11/21
JAECH, MERV	11/22
LEAK, KATIE	11/22
OTT, ELIJAH	11/22
REINFELDT, MATTHEW	11/22
BRANDT, AVERY	11/23
CRAKER, ETHAN	11/23
GRITT, WENDY	11/23
TESKE, JULIANNA	11/23
WUNSCH, JACOB	11/23
MARKUNAS, ALEXANDER	11/24
SCHULTZ, ADDISON	11/24
SUKUP, LYNN	11/24
CURTIN, WENDY	11/25
HAGEN, JOHN	11/26
PRELL, JANE	11/26
RAUPP, KATHY	11/26
SKINNER, JODI	11/26
KLITZKE, KAY	11/27
MILLER, RYLIN	11/27
BERNING, ALLISON	11/28
BRANDT, AMANDA	11/28
MILLER, SALLY	11/28
SUMTER, MORGAN	11/29
BROWN, ERIN	11/30
KNODEL, KELLY	11/30
KOCH, KAILEIGH	11/30
REUTER, RENEE	11/30