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## FROM THE PASTOR

**Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will do this."**

It has been said, "That while traveling in the Far East, one will see some very interesting sights, especially toward evening." A person will find many people returning home from work or being at the market. Some will return with carts that are half filled. Others will return with heavy packs on their backs. Still others will come home with an animal pulling a near empty wagon.

Sometimes one will even see a cart without a driver. At first it appears as if the cart and the animal are all alone. A closer look, however, reveals the driver sound asleep in the cart. If we would ask one of the villagers why the driver is asleep, they would answer, "Why not? The animal knows the way home. And he'll take the driver right to his house."

If only we could relax like that and have more trust and confidence in our Lord! And why shouldn't we? We know the answer and have the solution -- Jesus Christ. He traveled our way before. He knows the way. In fact, He is the way. He saves, leads, guides, cares and blesses us all the way during our life's journey. He has provided for our greatest need of forgiveness, life and salvation through Jesus. None of us can reach the Father's home but by God's grace through faith in Him. Jesus is the only way to our Father's heavenly home.

People often trust animals but not one another. Should we not have more trust in God than what the farmer has in his animal? May God enable us all to commit our way to Him and trust in Him each and every day no matter what. He not only is in control, but He alone has the power to bless.

May God bless you richly with His grace and peace.† May we abiding in Him through His Word in worship and Sacrament ever be enabled to be united in mission and ministry as we follow, trust and proclaim the glorious message of our Victorious Savior to all.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Crolius*



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 6<sup>th</sup> grade.



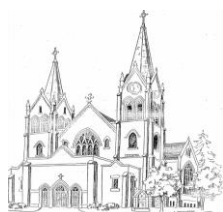
### **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

Join us in Concordia Hall on Wednesday evenings as David Dietz leads the Bible Study "The Journey of Paul".

We will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

February 6 & 27

March 13 & 27



### **ROOF REPAIR TO GO FORWARD**

The Voters' have passed a motion to go forward with the church roof repair project at a cost of approximately \$192,000, with the Board of Trustees to secure a company to complete the project. Construction could begin in early spring. If you would like to donate to this project, please mark "Roof Project" on your envelope and place it in the collection plate. Let us figuratively "**BLOW THE ROOF**" off this fund-raising so we can pay cash for this expense!

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## **VOTERS ASSEMBLY January 24, 2019**

Membership changes  
October 2018 - January 2018

### **Received by Baptism**

Cabella Wilkes

Jayden Strampe

### **Transferred to the Church Triumphant**

Lorna Hamburg

Mary LaBansky

### **FOR APPROVAL BY VOTERS ASSEMBLY**

### **Transferred Out**

Gordon and Vangie Berkhahn to Prince of Peace,  
Menomonee Falls, WI

Doug and Jody Cattle, Jessica Smith to Bethany  
Lutheran, Overland Park, KS



## **YOUTH**

### **Sr Youth**

Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### **Jr Youth**

Wednesday, February 13, 6-8:00 p.m.

## ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS by Mr. Tessendorf



### Cookie Walk

Thanks for your support. PTL raised \$2,263 for the benefit of the children of St. Peter's.



### Safety Grant Update

The components of the intercom system have been installed. Triple H Construction, DCI, Breneman Builders and JW Electric worked on this project with the help of some St. Peter's volunteers.

The SafeBolt Door Locks are in the process of having lock cores added. Once completed they will be installed. The Safety Window Film will be installed when the weather warms up.

### Spelling Bee Winners

The spelling champions for St. Peter's was sixth grade student, Ashlyn Mathews. Other classroom champions include: Trenton Dehn- 5th Grade, Hunter Abbott- 7th grade and Kaylee Gleash -8th grade.



### Supporting the LaValle Public Library

The LaValle Public Library recently reopened after being closed since the flooding this past year. Student Council led a book collection to help in re-stocking their book shelves.

Mystery Skype is an education game played by two classrooms on Skype. The aim of the game is to ask yes and no questions to find the location of the other classroom. It was played by our sixth-grade class with St. John's in Mayville WI. It was very close, but St. Peter's was able to discover the location of the other school first.

Mr. Dehn learned about doing Mystery Skypes at the Teacher's Convention in November. Working on Mystery Skypes helps with geography, map reading, problem solving and is great fellowship with students outside our school.



Our First grade class will be taking swimming lessons as part of their P.E. class this month. The lessons will be provided by Swim Reedsburg and free bussing by Mr. Gary Williams (S.O.A.C.).



## School Registration

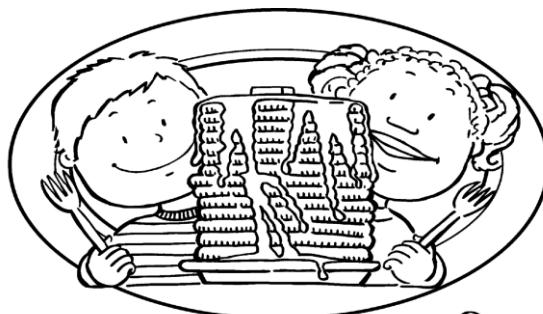
Registration for all grades Pre-Kindergarten – 8th grade will begin February 1, 2019. Be sure to share this information with anyone you know with children who would benefit from the Christian education provided by our school. Applications may be picked up at the school office or downloaded at [www.stpetersreedsburg.com](http://www.stpetersreedsburg.com)

## Early Childhood Gym Nights

This year our Early Childhood program has taken advantage of our gym to bring families together for some family fun.



# SAVE THE DATE!!



## Pancake Breakfast

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4**

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Scholastic Book Fair**



## JUMP ROPE CONTEST

The Annual Jump Rope Contest for 1 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students was held January 10. The three fastest jumpers from each class had the opportunity to qualify to compete in the State Contest in Bloomer, WI, the Jump Rope Capital of the World, on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Our speedy jumpers that competed are listed below, with those highlighted being the classroom winners and on their way to BLOOMER, WI!!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Andrew Weber**, Nolan Swanson, Wesley Ott

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Lucas Breneman, Ivy Liu, **Karlee Smith**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Lainee Skinner**, Mason Molitor, Lindsey Lichte

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Aubrey Mathews. **Grant Weber**, Gracie Roloff

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Newton Butler, **Kendra Daniels**, Baron Koch

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Kylee Molitor, **Sophie Williams**, Ashlyn Mathews

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Chloe Klitzke, **Emma Herrtiz**, Shelby Bell

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nate Gasser, Anna Glick, **Madeline Corbin**



February 9<sup>th</sup>  
St. Peter's School Gym  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter

Tickets: Princess and their Prince - \$25

Additional princess - \$5

Lite fare and beverages provided

Tickets are available at

St. Peter's Office & Reedsburg Chamber



The season of Epiphany focuses on how God was made manifest in the flesh of Jesus. The church spends time hearing of the miracles, the signs and wonders, of Jesus in the world. And this made plain to all that Jesus was who He said He was: He was the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the only-begotten Son of the Father, in the flesh. For “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14).

It is revealed for all the world to see that Jesus is God in the flesh. It is made manifest by His words and His work, by what He said and by what He did. And these belong together, for “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Jesus is the Word and will of God in the flesh, that is, He is the walking, talking, enactment of God’s Word.

It is no different for us. We are called not just to believe in God in hearts, but also to trust in God in word and deed.

As James wrote: “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22), and again, “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? ... So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ... Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead” (James 2:14, 17–18, 26).

Our faith is lived out in works for our neighbor. Our trust in the Word and will of God is lived out not in word only, but also in deed and in truth.

In other words, the Epiphany of the Lord creates in us an epiphany of our faith in our works of obedience to God who commanded

them. By this, our faith is made manifest to the world. It is, as Luther wrote of faith:

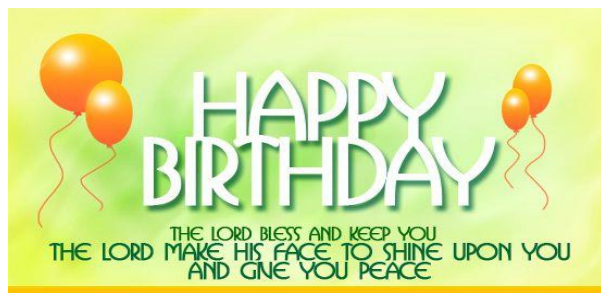
“Faith is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God (John 1). It kills the old Adam and makes altogether different people, in heart and spirit and mind and powers, and it brings with it the Holy Spirit. “Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question rises, it has already done them, and is always at the doing of them.

“He who does not these works is a faithless man. He gropes and looks about after faith and good works and knows neither what faith is nor what good works are, though he talks and talks, with many words about faith and good works.

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times. This confidence in God’s grace and knowledge of it makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all His creatures.

“And this is the work of the Holy Spirit in faith. Hence a man is ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown him this grace. “And thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate burning and shining from fire. Beware, therefore, of your own false notions and of the idle talkers, who would be wise enough to make decisions about faith and good works, and yet are the greatest fools.” (*Preface to the Book of Romans*)

So, then, let our faith be active by God’s power in the Word through the Holy Spirit. And let then our faith be made manifest to the world by what this faith does: serving our neighbor — in church, in the family, and society — with the works of faith in time, talents, and treasures.



WEBER, RYAN	2/1
PARCE, SHYANNE	2/2
ANDREOLI, CHRISTINE	2/3
DIETZ, DANIEL	2/3
GENZ, DAWN	2/3
KRUSE, JOANNE	2/3
REIMER, MIKHAIL	2/3
SCHMITT, SAMUEL	2/3
DEITELHOFF, DALLAS	2/4
STRUTZ, AUDREY	2/4
TAYLOR, ADAM	2/4
WESTPHAL, KAREN	2/4
PERTZBORN, MARTY	2/5
TESKE, GARY	2/5
ZIMMERMAN, JEREMY	2/5
SCHAFER, DREW	2/6
SCHMIDT, JENNIFER	2/6
THOMAS, GRACE	2/6
HANKE, ERIN	2/7
MILLER, NOAH	2/7
NELLESSEN, JAXSON	2/7
BELL, KATIE	2/8
GRIEVES, ERICK	2/8
WHITEHURST, JOAN	2/8
FINKEL, PAIGE	2/9
OTKIN, TYLER	2/9
FRANK, TYSON	2/10
MOLITOR, ERIKA	2/10
RUFENACHT, GERALD	2/10
SHANAHAN, ANNETTE	2/11
CRAKER, KEITH	2/12
SCHROEDER, ALAN	2/12
ZIMMERMAN, SHARON	2/12
DUREN-HENKE, ELIZABETH	2/13
MILLER, LINDSEY	2/13
SCHMIDT, TAYLOR	2/13
SCHULENBURG, PAMELA	2/13
ANDERSON, JENNIFER	2/14
BIRDSILL, BRITTANY	2/14
MILLER, GLENN	2/14
COLE, BRIANNA	2/15
GADE, DORIS	2/15
KENYON, ASPYNN	2/15
WOOD, CLARENCE	2/15
COLLINS, KATHY	2/16
GADE, DIANE	2/16

MARTIN, KYLE	2/16
PERTZBORN, MARISA	2/16
SMITH, CHASE	2/16
TODD, KENNEDY	2/16
ANDERSON, SHAYNA	2/17
ZAUTKE, ZACHARY	2/17
BRANDT, RUDOLPH	2/18
DOWNING, LAUREN	2/18
KLEEBER, JACOB	2/18
PELTON, EMMITT	2/18
SCHULTZ, WENDY	2/18
SMITH, JORDAN	2/18
GENZ, CAITLYNN	2/19
HALVENSLEBEN, SUE	2/19
OTKIN, DONALD	2/19
RADTKE, ANDREW	2/19
HOOFF, MARK	2/20
MALLONEN, EDWARD	2/20
RAUPP, SAMUEL	2/20
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KLINGBEIL, JACOB	2/22
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REINFELDT, DIANE	2/22
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