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Roger Tessendorf, Principal

## FROM THE PASTOR

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have always enjoyed the story of a boy and his father who were, on a beautiful spring afternoon, driving down a country road. Their tranquility was interrupted when a bee flew in the car window. You see the little boy, allergic to bee stings, was understandably afraid. No, he was terrified. Without hesitation dad quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, squeezed it in his hand and tried to toss it out the window. The wind blew the bee right back in. The boy started crying, all over again. Once more the father reached out his hand, but this time he showed the bee's stinger stuck in his palm. "Look," he said, "Do you see this? You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you. It can't harm you"

During this time of the year and always may we rejoice in the truth that because of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, nothing can ever separate us from God and His love in Jesus. Jesus has removed the sting from death through his sacrifice for our sin and His victorious resurrection. In Jesus, by grace through faith in Him alone, we have forgiveness and abundant life now and eternal. What wonderful news to rejoice in! What wonderful news to share with all people! We need not have any fear or be concerned that anything in life or death may cause us harm. The victory is ours now and forever in Jesus.

The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus was necessary to rescue us from a life of sin and selfishness and enable us to live lives of hope, victory, joy and service to God and others in praise of him. That's at the very heart of Christian living and giving empowered by the Holy Spirit. We live and give of ourselves in praise and thanks to our Lord who gives and blesses us with all things. We especially praise Him for the forgiveness of sins and abundant life that we have in our Lord.

Easter Sunday has been designated as **Miracle Sunday**. It will be another opportunity to worship the Lord remembering His victory over sin, death and the devil. It will also be a special opportunity in which we can respond to God's love in a special way. We will be taking a special offering above and beyond our regular offering to pay for our Roof Project with 10% of the funds going to missions. If you are moved to give a special offering, there is a special offering envelope in your packet or you may use a plain envelope and mark it Miracle Sunday with your offering envelope number. You may consider giving a gift in memory of someone or in thanks of a special blessing from our gracious God. You may even consider pledging a special offering over the year in praise of our Lord.

May we be praying that God may show us His will and may he truly work a miracle on this day. Thanks be to God the greatest victory of all is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ and because of that we have nothing to fear and have great reason to live our lives for Him!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Crolius*

## **FUNERALS**

Irma Lowery died on February 25, 2019, and was given Christian burial on Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Donna Faye Roewer died on Thursday, March 7, 2019, and was given Christian burial on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Linda R. Hinz died on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, and was given Christian burial on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

## **BAPTISM**

Sophie Wunsch, daughter of Alan and Stephanie (Fedderly) Wunsch, was born September 22, 2017 and baptized March 10, 2019.

## **MEMORIALS**

Given in memory of Wayne & Lynette Hillman by Craig Hillman, Karen Abraham and Mary Hillman Lehman.

Church Restoration           \$32,000.00

## **GOLDEN AGERS**

Golden Agers met on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Concordia Hall where they enjoyed a soup and sandwich luncheon. They opened with prayer and Dee Duley read a poem "Winter Wonderland" to fit the season. Treasury and Secretary reports were read.

The next meeting was held at the Voyager at noon on March 18<sup>th</sup>. They opened with prayer and enjoyed lunch. Dee Duley read a poem "Take My Hand Lord Jesus". Treasury and Secretary reports were read. A game of Bingo was also played. They closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The April meeting will be held at the Family Restaurant on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.

## **LADIES AID**

Ladies Aid met on March 6<sup>th</sup>, following the Ash Wednesday service. Mary Schuette conducted with meet, with the Secretary and Treasure's reports given.

Old Business- A donation was given to the Boys' & Girls' Club, speaker, Karen DeSanto. A memorial was given in memory of Irma Lowery, a Ladies Aid member.

A thank you was received from Brit Nelson and Aaron Finkel for the money received to further their education.

Sunshine visitation list was updated. If anyone is aware of a person to be added to the list, please contact the ladies Aid. Lois Radtke will send Easter cards.

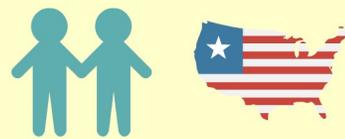
Prayer shawls were given to Irma Lowery, Hank Schwenkhoff and the grand-daughter of Stan and Janice Albrecht.

The adjourned with prayer. Ladies Aid then served the Lenten Supper with the freewill offering going to the Church Roof Fund.

Kay Klitzke  
Secretary

### Disaster Relief

#### How To Help



There are still those who are in need of help following the flooding in 2018. A relief project is scheduled for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and we can use your help. Please contact the office to sign up or for more information.

Thank you!!

## LWML

Julie opened with a prayer thanking God for Spring and our Savior.

Our program was presented by Cassidy Walsh, Sauk County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. She explained their chain of command and the use of the WI Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Tool which helps them rank by percentage what they need to be most prepared for at the time whether it be terrorism, the weather or disease/illness or various types of accidents. They also are involved in planning for big community events.

We then started our business meeting with our League Pledge and Committee Reports. Betty reported the final totals of hygiene items collected for Head Start and how thankful they were to receive them. Quilters have only met once since the new year due to weather. Sophia Wunsch was given a baptism quilt.

The Secretary's Report was read and approved and the Treasurer's Report was read and filed for audit.

Betty informed us that 86 pairs of socks were donated to Safe Harbor from our Footsie Drive in January. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen. We are also donating some paper products to them as they lost these items in the flood.

We then made final plans for our Lenten Supper on March 13.

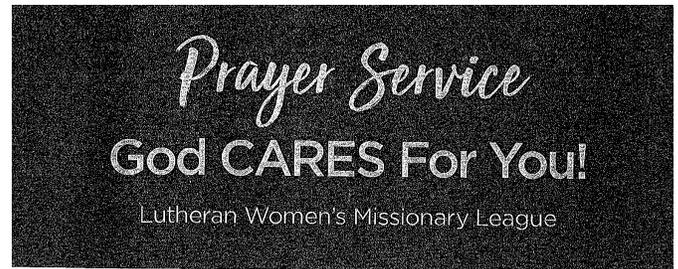
We voted to send a gift of \$60 to our missionary in the Eurasia Region, Cindy Wrucke.

Our Salad Supper and Prayer Service will be April 8 with the Supper beginning at 6:00 and the Service at 7:00. Betty will take care of inviting the other churches in our zone. This is open to everyone and we would be most happy if you would join us.

The Spring Rally is April 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church in WI Dells starting with registration at 9:30 and Rally at 10:00.

We sang Happy Birthday to our January birthday gal, Marcella Harms. After our Mite Devotion on our mission grant "Reconnecting to the Body of Christ", we enjoyed fellowship and dessert.

Julie Thompson, Secretary



*When the cares of  
my heart are many,  
your consolations  
cheer my soul  
(Psalm 94:19).*

WHERE: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Reedsburg

WHEN: Monday, April 8, 2019

TIME: Salad Supper at 6:00 p.m. with service following

2019



## ROOF REPAIR TO BEGIN SOON

Interstate Roofing from LaCrosse, WI, will be completing the church roof project with a projected cost of approximately \$192,000. Construction will begin in early spring. We have been blessed and happy to report, **our fund balance is currently at \$87,600.00**. If you would like to donate to this project, and help to avoid borrowing money, please place your gift in the offering plate marked "Roof Project".

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Thanks be to God the greatest victory of all is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ and because of that we have nothing to fear and have great reason to live our lives for Him!



## *Lenten Services*

Wednesday, April 3

5:00 pm Lenten Supper – 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Students – Creation Museum & Ark Encounter  
Trip, May 2020

Wednesday, April 10

5:00 pm Lenten Supper – LAMP Team

Maundy Thursday H.C.

April 18 - 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 19

1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 20 – No Services

Easter Sunday – April 21

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Divine Service

7:00 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
served by St. Peter's Youth



## ***YOUTH***

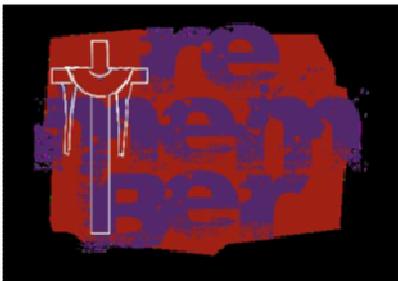
*Upcoming Youth Nights*

**Sr Youth**

Wednesday, April 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Jr Youth**

Wednesday, April 10. 6 – 8:00 p.m.



**Our 2019 Lenten  
Midweek Series is  
entitled:  
“A Lent to  
Remember”**

As people get older, they sometimes find themselves writing lists of important things that need to be remembered. Throughout the Scriptures, God’s people are told many times how important it is for them to remember—to remember His wonderful works on their behalf and to recall all that He has done for previous generations. In the liturgy we speak and the hymns we sing, we are using treasures entrusted to us by former generations. They contain words and ways that God’s people in the past used to help them remember all that God has done. God grant that we find blessing in sharing that remembering!

We will again have a Lenten pulpit exchange for our Midweek services. Neighboring pastors from our sister congregations will be involved in the leading of the services. Therefore, the themes presented below with not necessarily be in the order listed. However, these are the themes we will consider for Midweek Lent.

4. Lenten Midweek 4: Remember the Covenant, *Psalm 105:8*
5. Lenten Midweek 5: Remember Sins No More, *Jeremiah 31:34*
6. Lenten Midweek 6: Remember Steadfast Love, *Psalm 98:3*
7. Maundy Thursday: Remembrance of Me, *1 Corinthians 11:23–26*
8. Good Friday: Remember Me, *Luke 23:39–43*
9. Easter Day: Remember Jesus Risen, *2 Timothy 2:8, 11*



2019  
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**Friday, April 12, 7:30 pm  
at St. Peter's Church**

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



## Lutheran School Week

St. Peter's celebrated Lutheran Schools Week March 3-10. The fun started with the Pancake Breakfast and ended with the recognition of all teachers and special note of Mr. Roger's 30 years of ministry. Here are a few pictures of the week.



The St. Peter's Tiger now has a name thanks to the voting of the students.

It is....

**TIMOTHY the TIGER!**



Spelling Bee Champion, Jake Lichte

Pictured left to right, Jake Lichte, Elisha Jantz, Cooper Curtin, Timothy Jantz (Classroom champions)

## Grandparents Day



Dodgeball – Staff vs. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Swimming Lessons

Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, participated in special swimming lessons provided by Swim Reedsburg with transportation provided by Gary Williams, SOAC Program. Thank you for this great opportunity.



The week was planned by St. Peter's Student Council lead by Mrs. Braun and Mrs. VanMeeteren.



## OPEN HOUSE

St. Peter's held an Open House on February 4. About twenty people visited the school. Two families enrolled children during the event.

## ACCREDITATION 2020

St. Peter's Lutheran School will be going through the accreditation process during the 2019-2020 school year. Committees are in the final stages of being formed. Please contact Mr. Tessendorf if you have an interest in serving on a committee.

## SURVEY

Part of the accreditation process involves a required survey each year. This survey will be conducted in April. Be looking for more information on this important part of the accreditation process. The survey results are used set goals for St. Peter's Lutheran School.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL?

Last year one goal, developed through the survey, was to provide more information about the school to church members. The best way to do that is to receive the schools' weekly Tiger Print Newsletter. Just send an email to [stpetersreedsburg@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersreedsburg@gmail.com) and request to be put on our email list.

## ST. PETER'S IS WISCONSIN SCHOOL CHOICE

This program is a state-wide program that allows families to apply for state aid that will cover your registration and tuition cost of attending St. Peter's School. Currently this program is available for the 2019-2020 school year for St. Peter's students entering PRE-K 4, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, or students that are new to St. Peter's in PRE-K 4 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Applications maybe found online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications>. Applications are being accepted February 1<sup>st</sup> - April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. If you have any question, or would like some assistance in the application process, please stop by the office. We will be happy to help.



Grades 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>  
presents



An Island Adventure musical for children



CREATED BY  
Pam Andrews and Johnathan Crumpton

Friday, May 3 – 7:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's School Gym



“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle,

the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out” (Deut 28:3-6).

This is God's promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground or their wombs, their flocks or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there's a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the Lord your God” (Deut 28:2b). If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you” (Deut 28:2a).

If they didn't obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn't keep the commandments of the Lord and walk in His ways (Deut 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

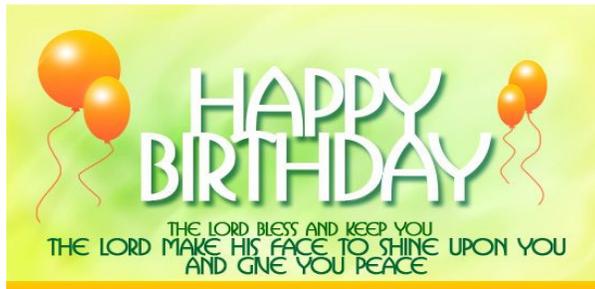
Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh, fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit; died for us – in our place and for our benefit; and is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit.

By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon His work and not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and thereby it becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is not in order to receive blessings but because in Christ we already have.

It is with this in mind that we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).



ALBRECHT, JANICE	4/1
CURTIN, DIANA	4/1
REUTER, JOHN	4/1
HARMS, RYAN	4/3
MCCAULEY, DENNIS	4/3
RYCZEK, HOLLY	4/3
WILSON, SARAH	4/3
DOWNING, BYRON	4/4
WOOD, LAURA	4/4
CRAKER, SHARON	4/5
ROBERS, MARY	4/6
SCHULTZ, CAROL	4/6
GLICK, GUNNAR	4/7
KRUEGER, PETER	4/7
MORTIMER, JOHN	4/7
SCHULTZ, RHAYA	4/7
SZOPINSKI, LOGAN	4/7
THOMPSON, RALPH	4/7
MINOR, NATHEN	4/8
KLITZKE, LORNA	4/9
MEYER, JASON	4/9
WILLIAMS, TIA	4/9
COREY, ROBERT	4/10
GERIKE, VICKIE	4/10
HARMS, TAMMY	4/10
LOOMANS-JANUA, WENDY	4/10
BAUER, CAMERON	4/11
BRAUN, GAVIN	4/11
JOHNSON, LESLEY	4/11
FINLEY, GABRYELLA	4/12
GILLIS, CHASE	4/13
HOOF, BENJAMIN	4/13
KOCH, DALE	4/13
MONTGOMERY, DANIEL	4/13
FINLEY, LANDYN	4/14
MATHEWS, AUBREY	4/14
RYAN, GLORIA	4/14
THOMPSON, TANNER	4/14
WUNSCH, RONALD	4/14
BRANDT, RANDY	4/15
RUPINSKI, LAWRENCE	4/15
SCHROEDER, PHILIP	4/15

WINTHER, REBECCA	4/15
COLE, TERRY	4/16
GILLIS SR, THOMAS	4/16
NELSON, MACK	4/16
SHEPARD, DANNY	4/16
LUETKENS, ROBERT	4/17
MCCAULEY, MARCUS	4/17
SCHAUB, CAIDEN	4/17
COLEMAN, ISAAC	4/18
GRACE, LOIS	4/18
HARMS, IRENE	4/18
ZIMMERMAN, HEATH	4/18
SMITH, DEBRA	4/19
WHITE, KATRINA	4/19
GRIEVES, ANGELENE	4/20
STANDO, ANDREW	4/21
STANDO, MATTHEW	4/21
KOPPEN, DENNIS	4/22
MCCAULEY, DONALD	4/22
MOLLING, LAURA	4/22
SCHULTZ, ANGELA	4/22
WILLIAMS, SOPHIE	4/22
ZIMMERMAN, JONATHON	4/22
GAWRONSKI, VICKIE	4/23
GLEASH, KAYLEE	4/23
HERRITZ, DONALD	4/23
KLEMM, MADISON	4/23
TREPTOW, SHIRLEY	4/23
BAUER, BRAXTON	4/24
BEYER, CARSON	4/24
BIRDSILL, DONNA	4/24
LYNCH, ETHAN	4/24
DANIELS, RYLEY	4/25
HILLMAN, CRAIG	4/25
MEYER, KINSLEY	4/25
DANIELS, KALEB	4/26
MAINOR, JUDITH	4/26
THOMAS, LAURA	4/26
BAGENSKI, VICKIE	4/27
GARDNER, CATHERINE	4/27
HON, LISA	4/27
CURTIN, KEITH	4/28
FINKEL, DAVID	4/28
MURRAY, ALAINA	4/28
PAHL, JULUS	4/28
LINDLOFF, MICHELLE	4/29
REIMER, ROGER	4/29
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## ORPHAN GRAIN CELEBRATES 10 YEARS AT ST. PETER'S



On Tuesday, March 19, the Orphan Grain Train Ministry at St. Peters celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service during this day of packing. 23 volunteers were present for this packing day. A special cake was shared at the potluck lunch that is enjoyed at the end of each packing day. The packing at St. Peters began in March of 2009 after being at Zion in LaValle for 15 years.

During the past 10 years we have gathered 134 times to sort and pack the many donations. We have sent 19,570 boxes of clothing, toys, household items, blankets, quilts and other items that have been carefully sorted and packed. The volunteers have donated almost 12,000 hours of volunteer time during these past 10 years.

We thank St. Peters Congregation and School for allowing this special ministry to continue and thrive here in our midst and pray the Lord's continued blessings as OGT continues to serve those less fortunate in our country and around the world.

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

St Peter's Students raised approximately \$3000 for the American Heart Association.  
Thank you to all who contributed!!

