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FROM THE PASTOR

John 1:46 (ESV) *“Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”*

So, where are you from? This is a common question we ask people that we meet. If they answer an area like Hawaii, we are apt to sigh in envy. If we say we are from an unknown area, we may get a response of a smile and little interest. The good news for us and others is that this is not how our Lord responds. Jesus calls us from wherever we are, from wherever we have been, to come follow Him and be His disciples. He calls us and all people through His Word and baptism to His Kingdom and to thankful service to Him.

What great blessings we have received from our Lord solely out of undeserved mercy and grace alone. First, we are empowered to follow our crucified and risen Lord through worship hearing His Word, and receiving His Holy supper. As we abide in Him, we grow in an ever-deepening appreciation of His presence in our lives. We know that as His child through faith in Jesus, we are never going at it alone in life. Romans chapter eight, encourages us that “nothing can separate us from the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Second, with Spirit-fed reliance on God’s forgiveness and trust in His wisdom and power, we possess a peace of mind possible only through faith in Jesus Christ and the work He did for us through the cross and empty tomb. He gives us forgiveness of sins, a living

hope, peace, purpose and a future. Third, surrounded by other followers and family of God that the Lord has put in our lives, we experience His friendship, comfort, support and encouragement through their words and actions.

Today and always empowered by His Spirit, may we follow Him in thanksgiving for His many mercies He has showered upon us and His call to discipleship. May we abide in Him in worship and devotion that we may ever bear fruit for Him. May our words and actions also become a living invitation to others to come, see, and follow our gracious and loving Lord. We receive these great blessings and more as His disciples, no matter where we are from or where we have been in life. What a wonderful Savior we have to follow and serve both now and forever! What a wonderful joy, hope and eternal peace in the Lord to share with all people

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Crolius

✠**John 10:14** “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him...and in knowing Him we learn to imitate Him. And that is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace

GOLDEN AGERS

Golder Agers met at the Viking Family Restaurant on April 15th. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. We will gather again on Monday, May 20, at Pizza Ranch at 11:30 a.m.

We look forward to you joining us!!

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, April 3rd. Lois Radtke accepted the position of President, and called the meeting to order. Elderene Bowlin accepted the position of Vice-President.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and filed for audit. Items to make note of are:

\$275 March Lenten Supper freewill offering was given to the Church Roof Fund.

\$2000 Ladies Aid gave to the Church Roof Fund.

\$230 was received from the Irma Lowery memorial.

There was discussion as to offering the gray dishes in the kitchen to those who would like them.

The Ladies Aid will have a "Cleaning the Kitchen" day on Thursday, May 9, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

A thank you note was received from Hank Schwenkohoff for the prayer shawl.

Mary Schulz was a guest today. Mary personally thanked the ladies Aid for mother, Irma Lowery's, prayer shawl and the kindness shown to her. Mary also presented the ladies with a memorial.

A reminder to the ladies that the LWML Prayer Supper & Service will be helped on April 8th, with the theme of "God Cares for You".

The ladies sent an Easter card to send to Vangie & Gordy Berkhahn.

Ladies Aid will meet again on Wednesday, May 1st, at noon for the Spring Buffet lunch, followed with a meeting.

Adjourned
Kay Klitzke, Secretary

LWML

It was a beautiful evening on April 8, to host our Annual Salad Supper & Prayer Service. About 35 of us, including members from our surrounding churches, enjoyed yummy salads and tasty pork sandwiches while enjoying great fellowship together. Our current Zone President, Deb Freitag, informed us that our Spring Rally at Trinity, Wisconsin Dells, was being postponed from April 13 to May 11, as a fellow zone member's memorial service was being held on April 13. Deb also informed everyone that since she was moving out of the area, she would no longer be able to serve as our Zone President, but was happy for the time she was able to serve. Following our supper, we went up to our church sanctuary for a very meaningful prayer and song service "God Cares For You". It is always a wonderful evening together.

Upcoming, May will be our Peanut Butter and Jelly Month, and our May 13th meeting will include the Bible study, "Nameless Women of the Bible" led by Char Hillman. Join us anytime.

In Christ's Service,
Julie Thompson

Summer



WORSHIP TIMES

The Voter's Assembly voted in January 2019,
to change weekend worship time to:

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Bible class will follow at 10:15. a.m.

This change is in place beginning

May 26, 2019, thru September 1, 2019.



YOUTH

Jr Youth

Wednesday, May 1
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sr. Youth

Wednesday, May 15
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

DCE INTERN

We are excited to announce that St. Peter's will be receiving a DCE Intern for the 2019-2020 year! Josiah Schultz is the name of our intern who is originally from Bay City, Michigan. Please keep Josiah in your prayers as he prepares to come and work with us and learn from us in service to our Lord!



ROOF REPAIRS HAVE BEGUN

Interstate Roofing from LaCrosse, WI, has begun the church roof project with a projected cost of approximately \$192,000. We have been blessed and happy to report, **our fund balance is currently at \$142,142.00**. 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"

Disaster Relief

How To Help



The Wrezenski family is still in need of repairs following the flooding in 2018. A relief project is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th, and we can use your help. Please contact the office to sign up or for more information.

Bell Choir Concert



Ring In Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 8

6:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Church

Featuring

5th Grade Recorders

6 - 8th Grade Handbell Choir

Come and celebrate Spring with us!!!

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



SLED PROGRAM

Mr. Dehn has been accepted into the SLED program. Since 1996, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has conducted School Leadership Recruitment and Training processes through the School Leadership Development Project (SLED). Its purpose is “To identify and recruit thirty leadership participants serving in Lutheran schools and train them through two national SLED events conducted by LCMS School Ministry.” Congratulations Mr. Dehn.



Lutheran School Ministry Certificate

Mrs. Rachael Vosen is currently taking classes offered by Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska to receive a Lutheran School Ministry Certificate. This certificate was developed by Concordia in response to the shortage of Rostered LCMS teachers.



Mrs. Theresa VanMeeteren has announced that she will be leaving St. Peter's as 7th grade teacher at the end of the school year to spend more time at home with family. Blessings to you!!

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL ACCREDITATION SURVEY

The Survey is now open! The link to the church member survey is:
<https://forms.gle/Y7eFwQUYkGQvZBeZ6>
Church members are encouraged to complete the survey. The survey results will be used in the development of the strategic plan for St. Peter's Lutheran School over the next 3-5 years. A paper copy of the survey is available on the table in the narthex and can be returned to the box on the table. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this important part of the Accreditation process.

Perfect ACT Score:



Former student, Makenna Halvensleben received a perfect ACT Score. St. Peter's is honored to have been a part of developing her God given gift. We look forward to see how the Lord will use Makenna in the future.

GOD BLESS OUR CONFIRMANDS



The following students will be confirmed on Sunday, May 5, 2019, during the 10:30 a.m. service. May God bless their continued walk with their Savior Jesus Christ.

*Madeline Corbin
Jacob Diamond
Kaylee Gleash
Angelene Grieves
Gianna Schmidt
Bo Schuppner
Reese Swanson*

*Logan Churchill
Nathan Gasser
Anna Glick
Ashtin Phephles
Chloe Schultz
Nathan Stando
Zachary Zautke*

Spring Musical
Grades 6 – 8th presents



An Island Adventure musical for children



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

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Voters' Assembly – April 26, 2018**

Membership changes January – April 2018

Received by Baptism

Sophia Wunsch

Joined the Church Triumphant

Irma Lowery Linda Hinz

Released at their own request

Clair Fedderly (Stuart, Emma)

Special Voters' Meeting – March 31, 2019

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

The meeting was opened by Congregation Chairman Gil Biskupski. Devotion on Psalm 46 and a prayer by Pastor Crolius.

There was a call for everyone to sign the attendance sheet.

Pastor Crolius shared the purpose of the meeting: To obtain voter's approval to accept a DCE intern from Concordia Seward.

Background information:

- volunteers from the congregation have been filling in for Jen Anderson who resigned as the youth group leader due to a move from the area
- youth group meetings have been reduced from 4 times per month to 2 times per month
- DCE students have training in working with youth
- tasks an intern may help with: youth groups, Sunday School, children's lessons in church, hospital visits, Confirmation groups
- intern start date to be determined, June at the earliest
- we will be notified around April 11/12 if we will be receiving an intern

Cost:

- estimated cost for the intern - \$23,180
- we currently have \$16,000 budgeted for the youth leader's position
- the Youth Fund has approximately \$31,715

Pastor Crolius made a motion to receive a DCE intern and provide for one year of compensation. Motion was seconded by Phil Rogers, passed by voice vote.

There was a question regarding how best to arrange financing for the intern. It was decided to let FMC work out the details.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Phil Rogers, seconded by Dan Curtin. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Mary Vethe, Secretary



Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so, it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in

thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

Through this we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.



ALEXANDER, RYAN	5/1
THOMPSON, TALLY	5/1
ZIMMERMAN, CONNIE	5/1
ZIMMERMAN, DANIEL	5/1
HARMS, AREND	5/2
JOHANSEN, JAY	5/2
PHEPHLES-MCNURLEN, KAIA	5/2
SCHROEDER, JAMES	5/2
SCHUPPNER, BO	5/2
ESCOBAR, SAVANNAH	5/3
GRINDER, DENISE	5/3
GROENER, LORENA	5/3
MATHEWS, ASHLYN	5/3
NAQUIN, BONNIE	5/3
BUELOW, HANNA	5/4
HEATHERINGTON, JASON	5/4
SASS, THOMAS	5/4
SCHYVINCK, BRITTANY	5/4
BENNETT, CHELSEY	5/5
CORBIN, MADELINE	5/5
SPINK, MARIAH	5/5
BRANDT, REBECCA	5/6
HOEGE, KALEB	5/6
MARKUNAS, AARON	5/6
ROGERS, IAN	5/6
SPEICH, DALE	5/6
HELM, JAMES	5/7
IMHOFF, ADDYSON	5/7
JAECH, LARISSA	5/7
LARRABEE, ZACHARY	5/7
LEOPOLD, JEFFREY	5/7
STANDO, CODY	5/7
URBINA, TIFFANY	5/7
FERGUSON, TRAVEN	5/8
GRIMM, REBECCA	5/8
HOOF, JORDAN	5/8
SCHULTZ, SUE	5/8
HERRITZ, SAMANTHA	5/9
KINAST, GLORIA	5/9
SPEICH, PAMELA	5/9
STRAMPE, SUZANNE	5/9
TAYLOR, TENA	5/9
BALL, GAIL	5/10
HARMS, TEANN	5/10
MONTGOMERY, STEVEN	5/10
NELLESSEN, CYNTHIA	5/10

PALMER, DANIEL	5/10
TIBBITTS, MARVIN	5/10
BENNETT, MICAH	5/11
DANNER, THOMAS	5/11
HAHN, MARY	5/11
STOLARSKI, RAYMOND	5/11
JOHNSON, SARAH	5/12
PROCTER, MICHAEL	5/12
REGO, DEBORAH	5/12
SCHULTE, DONNA	5/12
HARMS, TIMOTHY	5/13
MILLER, MARLA	5/13
DONAHUE, KAYLA	5/14
ZIMMERMAN JR., BILL	5/14
ASLESON, DONALD	5/15
IHLENFELD, VIRGINIA	5/15
STEINWEG, CARL	5/15
MCDONOUGH, ELLEN	5/16
DIAMOND, JACOB	5/17
HERRITZ, MEGAN	5/17
LEOPOLD, ROBERT	5/17
REINKE, JOSEPHINE	5/17
SCHRANK, DEBRA	5/17
SLANEY, LORNA	5/17
STANDO, NATHAN	5/17
DICIOCCIO, STEPHANIE	5/18
JACOBSON, LUKE	5/18
PERTZBORN, KALEB	5/18
YOUNG, ANGELA	5/18
ESTES, DAVID	5/19
HERRITZ, ANDRE	5/19
KORKLEWSKI, JACOB	5/19
MEAD, WESLEY	5/19
MILLER, PHYLLIS	5/19
REIMER, RUTH	5/19
RIBBKE, MORGAN	5/19
BREIDENBACH, SIERRA	5/20
GRIEVES, DARLENE	5/20
KRAUS, HUDSON	5/20
SCHAFFER, SHARON	5/20
VETHE, MARY	5/20
FRY, REBECCA	5/21
HELM, DORINE	5/21
MATHEWS, AVA	5/21
MUNDTH, JASON	5/21
STOWERS, SEARRA	5/21
KLITZKE, HAILEY	5/22
SONNENBERG, RODNEY	5/22
STRUTZ, BERNARD	5/22
JAHN, LOGAN	5/23
MCCAULEY, LAUREN	5/23
RUIZ, NOAH	5/23
STRAMPE, JAYDEN	5/23
GASSER, ANGELA	5/24
GILL, LORRAINE	5/24

STRUCK, ELVA	5/24
BISKUPSKI, GILBERT	5/25
TOEDER, DAVID	5/25
WILSON, BRETT	5/25
ZIMMERMAN, BARBARA	5/25
ROECKER, RYLEE	5/26
CRAKER, LARRY	5/27
MORTIMER, CASSIE	5/27
NEISES, KAYDEN	5/27

DOROW, RYLEE	5/28
DRIES, ROBERT	5/28
VANETTEN, EMMA	5/28
HINEMAN, ERIC	5/29
MCMILLEN, MASON	5/30
PETERSON, REBECCA	5/30
BAGENSKI, LISA	5/31
JOHNSON, CALLIE	5/31
SKINNER, WILLIAM	5/31

St. Peter's Lutheran School – 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

5th Grade - A Honor Roll

Jackob Albrecht	Baron Koch	Trenton Dehn	Noah Herritz
Chara Jantz	Anna Gerike	Brett Wilson	Amalie Johnson

5th Grade - B Honor Roll

Conner Combs	Kendra Daniels	Porter Redner	Sawyer Roloff
Newton Butler	Luna Murphy	Brad Gleash	

6th Grade - A Honor Roll

Callie Curtin	Jaelyn Ray	Kaiden Fuhrman	Ashlyn Mathews
Sophie Williams	Kylee Molitor	Brynn Oberman	Brianna VanCoulter

6th Grade - B Honor Roll

Kenny Meyer	Londonn Holder
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7th Grade - A Honor Roll

Hunter Abbott	Zack Brekke	Noah Miller	Searra Stowers
Brady Brandt	Chloe Klitzke	Emma Herritz	

7th Grade - B Honor Roll

Abby Alcantar	Drake Murphy
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8th Grade - A Honor Roll

Madeline Corbin	Jacob Diamond	Reese Swanson	Kaylee Gleash
Caden Skinner	Nathan Gasser	Bo Schuppner	Nathan Stando
Zachary Zautke	Abby VanCoulter	Ashtin Phephles	

8th Grade - B Honor Roll

Anna Glick

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