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FROM THE PASTOR

*"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"
2 Corinthians 5:17*

Dear Members and Friends in Christ,

Spring is almost here! Well maybe it doesn't seem like it. As I write this newsletter article, it is only twenty-two more days until it is officially spring. However, as I look outside, I see the snow on the ground. We have also had some very cold days. There have been many days in which the children have not been able to go out and play. I long to see warmer days and new life come forth. I look forward to being out in the garden again. Yes, my friends I am getting spring fever in a big way. How about you?

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. It reminds us of new life for God's creation. It is a season in which we remember that God is the giver of all life. He brings forth new life by His almighty power and love. However, thankfully, He not only brings new life to the earth. He has also brought new life for all people through Jesus. All of us, including myself, would have been lost forever in our sin if it were not for God and His wondrous love. In his totally undeserved mercy, God has brought new life for us so that we may live with Him and for Him. He sent forth His only Son to pay for the debt of our sins by dying on the cross in our place. Jesus conquered sin, death and the devil and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday morning to prove His victory and restore us to

God. All who by God's grace believe in Christ as their Savior have new life and the assurance of eternal life in heaven. In our baptism, we have been washed, cleansed and made children of God. He continues to strengthen us in faith and empower us to live the new life through His Word and Sacraments. He will keep us in His love and faith in Jesus until the day in which all things will be made new. The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

What wonderful things to think about and remember as spring will hopefully soon be evident in our land, even though it may not look like it as of yet. In a greater way, no matter if it may seem like it or feel like it in our life, we certainly do have new and eternal life now in Jesus. We give thanks to the Lord for the new life that is seen in our world and given to us personally in Jesus. For without Him we would have no life, but in Him we have abundant life now and forevermore. These are some comforting things to consider even in the midst of spring fever.

God's richest blessings to you in Christ our Lord,

Pastor Paul Crolius

BAPTISM

Emma Lee, daughter of Michel and Clair Fedderly was born on December 21, 2014, and was baptized on February 8, 2015.

FUNERALS

William Reinke died on Sunday, February, 2015 and was given Christian burial on Friday, February 6, 2015.

Marian Bernhardt died on Thursday, February 5, 2015, and was given Christian burial on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

David Taylor died on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, and was given Christian burial on Monday, February 16, 2015.

MEMORIALS

Given in memory of Marian Bernhardt
St. Peter's Foundation \$375.00

Given in memory of Elderene Brooks
Video Fund \$500.00
Radio Fund \$940.00
Debt Fund \$ 20.00

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Elders	2 nd Thursday @ 8:00 pm
Board of Education	2 nd Monday @ 7:00 pm
Congregational Services	2 nd Thursday @ 6:30 pm
Board of Stewardship	2 nd Thursday @ 6:00 pm
Board of Trustees	2 nd Thursday @ 6:30 pm
Board of Outreach	1 st Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Fourth Thursday of the month in January, April, July and October. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in Concordia Hall.

Worship Schedule for

LENT

Wednesday, March 4th
2:00 & 7:00 pm
5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper – Ladies Aid

Wednesday, March 11th
2:00 & 7:00 pm
5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper – 7 & 8th Grade
Creation Museum Trip

Wednesday, March 18th
2:00 & 7:00 pm
5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper – LAMP

Wednesday, March 25th
2:00 & 7:00 pm
5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper -

Maundy Thursday H.C.
April 2nd - 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3rd
1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4th – No Services

Easter Sunday – April 5th

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service -8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday School will not be held on Easter Sunday but everyone is welcome to join in Christian fellowship together in rejoicing the Risen Savior.

LADIES AID

St Peter's Ladies Aid met at 1:30 p.m. on February 4, 2015 in Concordia Hall. President Eldarene Bowlin welcomed members and Pastor Crolius, whose opening devotion "Peace of God" based on the Gospel of John, Chpt. 14 is not based on absence of war, but that Jesus came to bring peace through faith. "Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me." Pastor Crolius blessed the three prayer shawls which will be given to future recipients.

New Ladies Aid officers were installed, President Eldarene Bowlin, Treasurer Carolyn Novak, and Secretary Mae Vogel.

President Bowlin welcomed Char Hillman's kindergarten class, who entertained with a lively celebration of their 100th day of school.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as read. A thank you note was received from Pastor and Michelle Crolius, Nathan, Brandon, and Colin for our Christmas gift. Thank you notes were also received from Milda Luetkens and Willie Klitzke for the Christmas cookies and lighted Christmas trees.

The treasurer's report was approved as read. President Bowlin announced the books will be audited.

Funeral committee report - In January two funeral luncheons were served: Elderene Brooks - 75 people served and Gordon Craker - 100 people served.

There was no Curio Shop report.

Lois Radtke reported the property committee received donations of several chairs and a roaster.

The Ladies Aid will be serving the Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 4th at 5:00 p.m. Lois Radtke and Eldarene Bowlin volunteered to be chairmen. The menu will be hot ham sandwiches, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, plus salads and desserts prepared by members.

There will be no serving committee for our meeting after the 2:00 p.m. Lenten service on March 4th. There will be coffee and cookies.

The sunshine committee received their shut-in lists for February visits.

No further business, a motion was made by Marcella Harms and seconded by Audrey Westedt to adjourn. The Birthday song was sung and the meeting closed with a table prayer.

Delicious barbeque sandwiches, chips, and pickles were served by the luncheon committee, Lois Radtke and Dee Duley.

Mae Vogel, Secretary

Note: The books were audited since the meeting by President Eldarene Bowlin.

GOLDEN AGERS

St. Peter's Golden Agers met on Monday, February 16th. President Phyllis Schenck opened our business meeting with a Lenten reading. "The End Result of Repentance". The minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. A memorial had been sent to the family of Elderene Brooks. Our next meeting will be at the Pizza Ranch at 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 16. We cordially invite you to join us. The meeting closed with reading, "The Sun is Always Shining".



EASTER BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Board of Outreach is asking for your help in gathering items for Easter baskets to be given to families in the Reedsburg area who are in need. Items that are needed are: canned vegetables, potatoes, cake or brownie mixes and frostings. Money donations will also be greatly appreciated to purchase hams and dinner rolls. Your donation may be placed in the totes in the entrance of the church. Thank you.

LWML

Look very closely at the hymnal in the church pew. Do you see what I see? Embossed symbols on both the front and the back covers. Now, check out page nine in the front of the hymnal and read about these symbols and the amazing story of our Christian faith they tell.

Fourteen of our college age members have received some special 'Care Packages'. Check with your college age son / daughter and listen as they tell you all about the variety of treats that were packed with LOVE just for them by their sisters in Christ at St. Peter's.

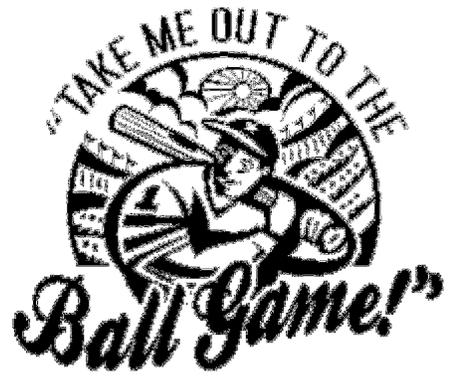
It was our pleasure to serve you at the Lenten supper on February 25. The ladies always do a super job in finding new salad and dessert recipes for your dining pleasure. It also amazes your LWML how generous you are with your monetary donations at this meal. As always your contributions go toward one of the many mission grants of the LWML.

Anyone interested in subscribing to the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly the cost is \$5.00. Please leave your info along with the \$5.00 in Marcella Harms' church mailbox. You may also contact her at 524-3290. The Quarterly is filled with articles that will touch your heart and it will also keep you up-to-date on what is happening in the LWML. Orders are due March 11th.

The evening of Monday, April 13, has been set aside for the annual **Salad Supper and Prayer Service**. Sisters in Christ from around the area will be invited, so it is sure to be an evening of renewed friendships and Christian fellowship. Come alone or bring a friend. We'd love to have you! The dinner will begin at six in Concordia Hall, the Prayer Service to follow.

Do you know who died for you Jesus did, Jesus did !!

Lovingly He died for you YES, HE REALLY DID !!



LUTHERAN SCHOOLS NIGHT AT MILLER PARK

Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Milwaukee Brewers
Saturday, April 11, 2015
6:10 pm.

Cost per ticket is \$17.00 and may be ordered by contacting the church/school office. Tickets must be ordered no later than Friday, March 20th.



GIVE THE GIFT OF A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The enrollment at St. Peter's Lutheran School continues to increase each year. We have been so blessed with our continued growth and the opportunity to bring the Word of God to children each and every day. Please consider contributing to the St. Peter's School Sponsorship Fund which helps aid those families who might otherwise not be able to afford to send their children to St. Peter's. If you would like to sponsor a particular child or family, that would also be a wonderful gift. Please feel free to contact the school office at 524-4066, ext. 1, with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continuing support of our wonderful school.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

March is a significant month of the school year. There is much happening. We start with the celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week and we end with the final day of the third quarter of the school year. In between we have the beginning of Day Light Savings time, some classroom field trips, the basketball banquet to recognize all the students and coaches who participated in basketball this year, a visit from the Comfort Dogs ministry (our third quarter chapel project), a play performed by the 7th and 8th grades, Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week and Easter vacation.

The first happening for National Lutheran Schools Week is the entire school singing in church on March 1. Students will be singing in both the 8 a.m. service and the 10:30 a.m. service. That is also the annual Board of Christian Education Pancake Breakfast with pancakes being served from 7 a.m. until 12 noon. The last opportunity to purchase books at the spring Book Fair is also on March 1 in the gym. The activities for the rest of the week are listed below. Feel free to come and visit school at any time during the week and be part of the activities.

The Theme for the Week is based on Mark 10:45
“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

In Christ,
Mr. Dennis Andreasen, Principal



*St. Peter's School.....
A Great Place to grow together in Christ.*



Monday, March 2 - MAKE ME A SERVANT SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY – Wear orange and black!

- 9:10 a.m.** Grades 2, 7 and 8 visit Oak Park Place in Baraboo
- 9:50 a.m.** Grades 3 and 6 visit Zimmerman Nursing Home & Our House
Grades 1 and 4 visit The Sauk County Health Care Center
Grades K and 5 visit Our House on Mack Drive
- 12:30 p.m.** All School Devotions in the gym, led by: Student Council
Jesus washes the feet of the disciples.
4th Grade – The story of Samuel

Tuesday, March 3 - FAITHFUL SERVANT CAREER DAY– Dress up like a doctor, farmer, etc

- 8:30 a.m.** Orphan Grain Train packing with student participation
- 12:30 p.m.** All School Devotions in the gym, led by: 3rd Grade – Story of Josiah
- 1:00 p.m.** Pre-K4 - 8th Grades – Movie Time- Big Hero 6

Wednesday, March 4 - BOLD SERVANT DRESS YOUR BEST DAY

- 8:20 a.m.** Pre-K 3 Parachute Play
- 9:30 a.m.** Grades 1 - 4 Spelling Bee
- 12:30 p.m.** All School Devotions in the gym, led by: 8th Grade Girls – The Story of little girl of Namaan
- 2:00 p.m.** Lenten Service
- 2:45 p.m.** Pre-K 4 Parachute Play
- 5:00 p.m.** Lenten Supper

Thursday, March 5 - GENEROUS SERVANT MISMATCH & WACKY HAIR DAY

- 8:20 a.m.** Pre-K 3 Parachute Play
- 12:30 p.m.** All School Devotions in the gym, led by: Pre-K 4 – The story of the boy who shared his lunch
- 1:00 p.m.** Fun group activities in the gym

Friday, March 6 - GIFTED SERVANT SPORTS DAY DRESS

- 8:15 a.m.** All School Devotions in the gym, led by: 5th Grade – The story of the shepherd boy David
- 12:30 p.m.** Jump Rope for Heart



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY BAND TOUR

The Concordia University Saint Paul Concert Band will be performing a concert at our Church on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. We are in need of host families for the students. The host families will provide lodging for the night, breakfast in the morning and a ride to the church. A sign-up sheet will be found in the narthex. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Crolius.

LUTHERLAND TOUR 2016

What better way to get ready for the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in 2017 than to visit the sites where so much of the history took place! Pastor Aaron Koch of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Greenfield will be leading a tour of Germany and Salzburg, Austria September 3 – 18, 2016. This customized tour includes almost all of the Luther sites you would want to see, from Wittenberg to Worms to the Wartburg, plus the scenic beauty of the “Romantic Road” and the alpine beauty of southern Germany and Austria. We are traveling in 2016 to avoid the higher costs and the crowds of 2017. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to study and enjoy our Lutheran heritage. For more information, pick up a brochure in the narthex, or visit mountzion.360unite.com/lutherland-tour-2016.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

It's almost completed

The last week of April will bring a group of 6 educators from the Lutheran Education Community, the Public School District, and the Catholic Education System into Saint Peters to examine our school to see that it meets very specific conditions that indicate it is a well-run school. This will lead them to recommend us as a School of Excellence to our National Church Bodies' Lutheran Schools Accreditation Service, which can grant us an Accreditation for a period of five years.

This three-day examination has been preceded by a year-long study of our school by seven Committees made up of members of our congregation and parents from the school community. They have looked at the Facility (the school building), the Curriculum that we use to teach the children, the Teaching Methods that the teachers use, as well as the Teaching Equipment that we provide to those teachers. The committees also looked at the Lunch program, the Extra-curricular programs we offer, and a whole lot more. This meant that our seven committees, each working in its own area, examined in detail what we do and what we say about our school. They then checked those things against normally expected goals of a well-run school. At the end of their survey they wrote a detailed report that we will submit to the examiners. In effect, the six examiners will be looking to see that we do what we say we do.

Why do we go through a process that takes so much time and energy? We do it so that our school stays current with what is happening in education, and that we don't become complacent in our thinking that we are doing well. Those outside observers will, because of their experience in Lutheran Education, and education in general, be our check against our over confidence.

So in our prayers tonight, let us all ask the Lord to bless the members of the seven committees, who willingly gave of their time and talent to do the initial work. Ask the Lord also to bless the teachers and the students in our school. And above all, thank the Lord for all the good works that goes on in Saint Peters School as we educate God's children.

**GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY !!**

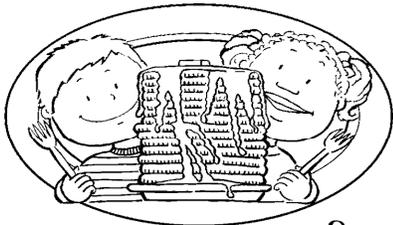
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LOOMANS, EUNICE	3/1
SCHMIDT, CRAIG	3/1
WEBER, KRISTY	3/1
MEYER, CONNIE	3/2
REINKE, DAVID	3/2
BRAUN, EHTAN	3/3
HULL, CAROLE	3/3
JANZEN, CRAIG	3/3
LARRABEE, HEIDI	3/3
MEYER, EVERT	3/3
SCHYVINCK, KIMBERLY	3/3
ZIMMERMAN, DAVID	3/3
KRUEGER, DORIS	3/4
MARTIN, JENNIFER	3/4
NOVAK, LAWRENCE	3/4
STOWERS, JAMES	3/4
KNITT, MICHAEL	3/5
LINDLOFF, STUART	3/5
MAURER, BRITTANY	3/5
REIMER, PAMELA	3/5
FRIEDE, MATTHEW	3/6
JAECH, BRUCE	3/6
PRELL, ADAM	3/6
BRODT, MELISSA	3/7
HARMS, TARA	3/7
LEOPOLD, MARY	3/7
ROGERS, GRACE	3/7
RYCZEK, MICHAEL	3/7
MCCLURE, IAN	3/8
MOLITOR, MASON	3/8
SCHULTZ, VILAS	3/8
STRUTZ, NICHOLE	3/8
THOMPSON, LUCAS	3/8
BRANDT, DUANE	3/10
JANZEN, MERRY	3/10
MILLER, JULIE	3/10
VOGEL, MAE	3/10
LARIDAEN, RICHARD	3/11
MARKUNAS, CAELEN	3/11
SCHUETTE, EDWARD	3/11
STEFAN, KARLIE	3/11
HERRITZ, ADELINE	3/12
MEYER, POLLY	3/12
STEFAN, DAVID	3/12
BELL JR, JASON	3/14
FINKEL, GREG	3/14
GRACE, CRYSTAL	3/14
OAKLEY, TRISTAN	3/14
SCHULENBURG,	3/14
ZACHARY	
BENSEMAN, ALLEN	3/15

CRISAFULLI, CHERYL	3/15
DIETZ, SABRINA	3/15
SASS, AMY	3/15
SCHARA, KATHRYN	3/15
VALLE, JULIE	3/15
DICIOCCIO, DEBORAH	3/16
HERRITZ, SANDRA	3/16
NELLESSEN, PATRICK	3/16
ZIMMERMAN, MARION	3/16
BAUER, TREVOR	3/17
BEHN, PATRICIA	3/17
KORKLEWSKI, SUSAN	3/17
BAGENSKI, ERIC	3/18
GALLAS, LENORE	3/18
HATFIELD, TARA	3/18
HON, AUTUMN	3/18
MONTGOMERY,	3/18
ELEANOR	
SCHARA, CODY	3/18
KLITZKE, CONNOR	3/19
MUNDTH, ADAM	3/19
WESTEDT, HENRY	3/19
GADE, REBECCA	3/20
GERIKE, AARON	3/20
PARCE, LORRAINE	3/20
RULAND, CINDY	3/20
STEVENS, ELIZABETH	3/20
ARKIN, CHERYL	3/21
HERRITZ, MARY	3/21
MAURER, WILLIAM	3/21
REIMER, SHARON	3/22
VANETTEN, NICHOLAS	3/22
ADELMAN, NICHOLAS	3/23
FERGUSON, MYAH	3/23
GLICK, LARA	3/23
SCHMIDT, AMY	3/23
ALBRECHT, LUKAS	3/24
BEYER, CAYLEE	3/24
CROLIUS, PAUL	3/24
DEHN, ZANDER	3/24
HARRISON, SCOTT	3/24
KNITT, HUNTER	3/24
MEYER, DEBRA	3/24
MOLITOR, KYLEE	3/24
PASKA, MIRIAM	3/24
SCHULENBURG, JAMES	3/24
STEVENSON, JEFFREY	3/24
ESTES, MYRA	3/25
HILLMAN, CHARLOTTE	3/25
MEYER, DANIEL	3/25
TIBBITTS, CAROL	3/25
KLEEBER, RALPH	3/26
PARK, JORDYN	3/26
WILCOX, JEREMIE	3/26
PARCE, TYLER	3/27

STRAMPE, LINDA	3/27
YOUNG, LOGAN	3/27
HAHN, KEVIN	3/28
HARMS, MICHELLE	3/28
KEEL, KELLI	3/28
KLITZKE, WILLIAM	3/28
METCALF, KASEY	3/28
REINFELDT, LUCILLE	3/28
SMITH, KIRSTIN	3/28
KLITZKE, COLBY	3/29
SCHUETTE, DAVID	3/30
SCHYVINCK, BRIANNA	3/30
CHRISTENSEN, MARCIA	3/31
REINECKE, AMY	3/31
REINKE, SAVANNAH	3/31
STANDO, CARRIE	3/31
VANWORMER, ELIZABETH	3/31
GRACE, KIRSTEN	3/31
KENNEY, JOSHUA	3/31
GEYMAN, LISA	3/31

PAPA MURPHY'S COUPON SALE!!

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are selling Papa Murphy's Coupon Cards with \$45.00 worth of great deals for just \$10.00. **These coupons may be used at ALL Papa Murphy's.** All proceeds will help to fund their trip to the Creation Museum in 2016. Cards may also be purchased at the office.



Pancake Breakfast

MARCH 1, 2015

Serving

7:00 AM – NOON in the school gym

Tickets are: Adults... \$7.00

Children 4 – 12 years...\$4.00

3 & under... FREE!

Tickets are \$1.00 more at the door.

Scholastic Book Fair will also be available for you to shop a great selection of books for young and old!
Students will have projects on display that have been created throughout the school year.

The event is sponsored by the St. Peter's School Board of Education with funds going to the St. Peter's School Sponsorship Fund.

Breakfast is being served TODAY!!!