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FROM THE PASTOR

*I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus
our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing
me to his service.
1 Timothy 1:12*

Dear Friends in Christ,

That is impossible!! Have you ever used those words before? In the past, it was thought that man would never be able to fly. Now flights leave continuously throughout the day all over the world. This includes our St. Peter's LAMP-VBS Mission Team's flight which went from Winnipeg, Manitoba to Island Lake, Manitoba. This is a very isolated and difficult place to reach which now becomes possible in less than 2 hours. How often are we humbled by the power and work of God. Many things once thought impossible, now have been made possible by the Lord.

God's word in the life of Apostle Paul was an incredible and amazing story as well. One would have thought it would have been impossible. God took Saul, the former Christian hater and persecutor and by the power and grace of God, brought him to faith. The Lord transformed him into Paul, the great missionary of the Lord. Paul gave thanks to Jesus for the strength and faith to leave his former way of life and to believe and proclaim the saving love of Jesus. Now Paul, by God's power, relied on Jesus' strength through all the dangers and challenges he faced.

By bringing us to faith in Jesus, God has also accomplished what would have been impossible for us. All of us were born sinful, separated from Him. We daily sin much and fall short of the glory of God. We would have been lost eternally if it weren't for the mercy and work of God. Jesus, through his death and resurrection, conquered sin, Satan, and death's hold on us. Jesus' powerful forgiveness daily cleanses us and empowers us to accomplish tasks that without Him would be impossible. In baptism, God cleanses us, makes us His own, and through worship and daily devotion strengthens and empowers us to overcome what seem to be impossible obstacles in our lives. We are also enabled to share with the world the hope, strength, and love we receive from God.

Thank you again for supporting our St. Peter's LAMP-VBS Mission Team. Without this and God's blessing we would not be able to share the love of the Saviour in Garden Hill. Thanks be to God, once again, the impossible is made possible!

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Crolius

FUNERAL Dr. Henry E. Arndt died of Saturday July 22, 2023. A private funeral service for family will be held at a later date.

ADULT CONFIRMATION Allyson and Shaun Cummings were confirmed in the Christian faith at St. Peter's during the service on July 29, 2023. Congratulations and welcome to our church family.



Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Class at 10:15
a.m. in Concordia Hall

Worship services will be available online as follows:

- Reedsburg Utility Access Channel 11 will air on Sunday mornings at approximately 10:30 a.m. and Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
- WCNP 89.5 Radio – Sundays at noon.
- A link to services can be found on our website at www.stpetersreedsburg.com
- Like us on Facebook page at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

St. Peter's sponsors the Lutheran Hour on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. on WCNP 89.5 FM. It can also be heard at 7:00 a.m. on WRDB 97.3 FM.

LADIES AID Ladies aid will meet at Pizza Ranch on August 2nd at 12:00 pm for food and fellowship. Hope to see you there.



To the members of St. Peter's,

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for all the kindness and support I have received since coming to Reedsburg. I feel truly blessed to be a part of such a remarkable congregation that exemplifies the spirit of togetherness and love. Thank you for the wonderful pantry shower and for all the essential items and treats that were provided. I am excited to begin my ministry and see what God has in store for me here.

Sincerely, Paige Hendrikson, DCM

Thank you

St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

I have been very blessed to have been able to serve the families of St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School for many years. So many memories and friendships along the way that I will be forever grateful for. Thank you to all who shared retirement well wishes.

I look forward to travel and time with family and all that God has planned for me. May God continue to bless the ministry at St. Peter's Church & School. God Bless You All!!

Cindy Nellessen



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

by Mr. Tessendorf, Principal

The 2023-2024 school theme "Connected" based on John 15: 1-5

This theme emphasizes the importance of staying connected to Jesus. Jesus is the source of our strength. It also shows the importance of pruning. Left to ourselves we would produce a good deal of unproductive growth. But through Christ pruning we are able to maximize our fruitfulness.

Teacher's Return The teachers return on August 15th. Please keep all our staff in your prayers as we open the 23-24 school year.



Back to School Night St. Peter's will host the Back to School Night on August 29th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities Are you looking for a way to volunteer at the school? Here are some ideas. Contact Mr. Tessendorf if you are or know of someone who would be interested in any of these opportunities.

- **LEGO Cleaner/Disinfectant:** Wash and disinfect the LEGOs used by the LEGOS Club.
- **LEGOs Club Assistant:** Assist in the supervision of students in K-4 who are participating in the LEGOs Club. Once a month from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM
- **Playground Safety Check:** Check monthly that the nuts and bolts are all tight.
- **Sign Message Changer:** Change the message on the Locust Street sign.
- **Library Helper:** Assist students with checking out books and assist the librarian.
- **Crossing Assistant:** Help supervise children and families as they cross Pine Street after school. 3:20 PM to 3:30 PM

Other Ideas: Do you have an idea? Just contact Mr. Tessendorf to determine if that would be possible.

Potential Student Awareness: Would you like to see more students enrolled in St. Peter's Lutheran School? Of course, you do. One of the ways you can help is to be aware of families around you in your day-to-day experiences. God may place a family in your path who is looking for a school. When you notice this, invite them to check into St. Peter's. You may be in line at a grocery store and overhear some say they are looking for a school. Take that opportunity to say:

- "I couldn't help but overhear that you are looking for a school. We have an awesome school at St. Peter's. It is an option you should check out?"
- "My Children/Grandchildren/I went to attend St. Peter's. It is a great school. Why not check it out?"
- "I went to St. Peter's. It was a great experience and had a positive impact on my life. Why not check it out?"



Mr. Tessendorf to Retire Mr. Tessendorf will retire at the end of the 2023/2024 school year after 41 years of faithful service.

Welcome Jarrika Douglas, our new 4th grade teacher.





Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us cit-izens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and mak-ing a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relation-ships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our fo-cus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and be-come more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

BADGER STEAM & GAS SHOW



The LAMP Mission Team and St. Peter’s Youth will be having a concession stand at the Badger Steam & Gas Show.

The Steam and Gas Show is August 18-20. We will need help with setup on Aug 17th.

We are also in need of an enclosed trailer for the weekend. Please contact Mark Meyer if you have one or know of one.

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Times will be on the sign-up sheets and will be in the entry of the church. This event raises money for the annual LAMP trip and for the needs of youth activities.

St. Peter’s Youth and LAMP will share the profits from this year’s Steam and Gas food stand.

Questions? Call Mark Meyer at 415-1522

A Brief History of the Church Restoration Projects

Beginning in 2018, it became apparent that there was significant deterioration of the inside bricks and tile around the louvered windows in the church bell tower. The trustees engaged Roger Friede and an architect associate to inspect this damage. The architect recommended that it could be perhaps three years before this condition would become critical. Water from the weather, especially during spring, was infiltrating through the brick and stopping at an inside layer, called parging, that had been placed prior to anyone's memory. The frost-and-thaw cycle was found to be causing the inner brick surfaces to spall.

By January 2021, three contractors had been approached to bid the brick restoration of the exterior of the two church towers. Building Restoration Company (BRC) was finally selected to complete the one hundred percent tuck pointing and application of a water seal coat over the exterior surface of the towers. The contractor found that the north tower had serious issues with water leaking from the steeple roof infiltrating the brick work in the tower. At this point, the board of trustees and restoration committee identified two potential contractors to repair the water damage to the wooden support structures inside the towers and temporarily repair the roofing materials. During the summer of 2022, Krause Konstruction Company (KKC) completed these repairs.

Once the repairs were completed, KKC was able to provide a quotation to replace and improve the drainage of the steeple roofs. The original slate roofing materials are beginning to loosen. Also, the frost cycle may once again cause the more intricately drained areas in the tower-to-steeple joint to crack allowing roof drainage water to come inside the tower once again. Several minor items will be addressed by KKC during the summer of 2023. The screening inside the cupola is to be inspected and repaired to preclude birds and insects from entering the church. The integral drain gutter at the east top of the church will be sealed since it is leaking drainage water into the eastern brick wall of the church. The inside stained-glass window on the top northeast has been breached by starlings and will be repaired. And flashing on part of the roof-top school ventilation system will be repaired. The cost for these improvements will come from the church restoration fund leaving approximately \$ 14,000.00 in that fund.

For summer 2024, two options were considered. First, the true historical re-construction of the steeple roofs and associated artwork. This work would retain the drainage intricacies referred to above and KKC estimated that a firm bid would come in above \$ 350,000.00. The second firm bid, recommended by the board and committee, would include the modification or removal of some of the artwork, but retaining the most important features. The materials for the steeple roofs would be lighter and more durable than the slate. The steeple roof drainage form would be modified so that the water would flow more directly off the roof and to the drains with the elimination of isolated connections. We have a firm bid for this work in the amount of \$271,000.00. The board of trustees and restoration committee unanimously recommend this option. Once the steeple roofs have been rebuilt, the remaining work will be to tuck point the side walls of the church.

Many thanks to all of those who have contributed to these efforts.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!!

First Name	Last Name	Birthday			
			Hartleigh	MCDONOUGH	12-Aug
			FREDERICK	REINECKE	12-Aug
GRACE	GENZ	1-Aug	SPENCER	REINECKE	12-Aug
Liberty	HINEMAN	1-Aug	GAIL	SCHULENBURG	12-Aug
JACELEIGH	SOBECK	1-Aug	HAYLEE	BREIDENBACH	13-Aug
CASON	WHITEHURST	1-Aug	MARCUS	REINECKE	13-Aug
KELLEY	BUDNIK	2-Aug	FRED	STRUTZ	13-Aug
NICHOLAS	DRAKE	2-Aug	ERIC	SUKUP	13-Aug
NOAH	KLINGBEIL	2-Aug	DENNIS	KLINGENMEYER	14-Aug
SALLY	KLITZKE	2-Aug	PHYLLIS	SCHENCK	14-Aug
LAUREN	LAWTON	2-Aug	LUCAS	SOBECK	14-Aug
JAMES	NAQUIN	2-Aug	CJ	WUNSCH	14-Aug
WYATT	STODDARD	2-Aug	JOLYNN	FAUERBACH	15-Aug
TROY	WOOD	2-Aug	BRENDA	GROSKREUTZ	15-Aug
SUSAN	ZIECH	2-Aug	TODD	KLITZKE	15-Aug
DARIAN	CRAKER	3-Aug	KNOX	MCCOOL	15-Aug
JILLIAN	KRUSE	3-Aug	Luna	MURPHY	15-Aug
LAURIE	KRYDER	3-Aug	RHIANNON	SYLVANDER	15-Aug
ANDREW	LYNCH	4-Aug	ASHLYN	BUDNIK	16-Aug
KAIDEN	MEYER	4-Aug	DALICIA	CABALLERO	16-Aug
REBECCA	MEYER	4-Aug	SHANNON	JOHNSON	16-Aug
LISA	PERTZBORN	4-Aug	KASSIDY	KLEEBER	16-Aug
TREVER	STEFAN	4-Aug	TERESA	SCHNELLER	16-Aug
TANYA	CARROLL	5-Aug	AUBREY	BUELOW	17-Aug
STEPHANIE	COOK	5-Aug	DAVID	COLE	17-Aug
DAVID	GADE	5-Aug	HANNAH	KLINGBEIL	17-Aug
KATELYNN	ALBRECHT	6-Aug	ELIZABETH	MATHEWS	17-Aug
KEVIN	BAGENSKI	6-Aug	LOGAN	GILLIS	18-Aug
CHRISTA	DURAND	6-Aug	ANDREW	JOHNSON	18-Aug
KENNEDY	MARSTON	6-Aug	MICHAEL	MEYER	18-Aug
KINLEY	SKINNER	6-Aug	TIMOTHY	ROBINSON	18-Aug
COTEY	DONAHUE	8-Aug	CASEY	SCHULTZ	18-Aug
NICHOLAS	MCPHERSON	8-Aug	TIMOTHY	THOMAS	18-Aug
KAREN	ZIMMERMAN	8-Aug	MARCIE	DEMARS	19-Aug
DAWN	BRANDT	9-Aug	MATTHEW	GLEASH	19-Aug
DOLORES	DULEY	9-Aug	ANTHONY	MAIER	19-Aug
TANNER	HANKE	9-Aug	JOHN	MCDONOUGH	19-Aug
ALLISON	JONES	10-Aug	BROOKLYN	SCHYVINCK	19-Aug
PENNY	KALEPP	10-Aug	OWEN	TOWNSEND	19-Aug
DANIEL	PARK	10-Aug	GARY	ROSE	20-Aug
JOSEPH	SCHAFFER	10-Aug	CHELSEY	SCHULENBURG	20-Aug
SELENE	GRIEVES	11-Aug	MERLIN	MEYER	21-Aug
CARTER	HINEMAN	11-Aug	REESE	SWANSON	21-Aug
KRISTIN	KRUEGER	11-Aug	JEREMY	DERSHAM	22-Aug

KEITH	KOCH	22-Aug
MARTHA	MEYER	22-Aug
LARRY	SCHULTZ	22-Aug
JEFFREY	SIEMANDEL	22-Aug
CHARLES	BACKEBERG	23-Aug
REED	MARSTON	23-Aug
LOGAN	MILLER	23-Aug
SCOTT	WREZENSKI	23-Aug
ROGER	RADTKE	24-Aug
TRACY	DEITELHOFF	25-Aug
RYAN GATES	GATES	25-Aug
JARED	PARK	25-Aug
KATHERINE	PAFF	25-Aug
TUCKER	THOMPSON	25-Aug
WILLIAM	HARRISON	26-Aug
JAROLD	GLICK	27-Aug
OLIVIA	KLINGBEIL	27-Aug
CHARLIE	LAUKANT	27-Aug
LYLE	LEMOINE	27-Aug
ZATORIA	HOEGE	28-Aug
DEENA	SHEPARD	29-Aug
SHAUNA	STRAMPE	29-Aug
ANITA	BELL	30-Aug
KATHERINE	MEYER	30-Aug
WILLIAM	PARADIS	30-Aug
KEVIN	BRANDT	31-Aug
CANDICE	BUELOW	31-Aug
JAMES	DOROW	31-Aug
RANDY	HOEGE	31-Aug
VERITY	JOHNSON	31-Aug
LAURA	PALMER	31-Aug



Come out and support St. Peter's Athletic department and get a tasty supper. All proceeds go to the athletic department.



Would you like to help in supplying our students with school supplies? Donations may be dropped off at the school office or in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your contribution to our families & students

- #2 Pencils
- Pens - Red, Black & Blue
- Scissors
- 12-inch Ruler (with metric)
- Pocket folders
- 4oz. Elmer's White Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Crayola Crayons 8, 16 & 24 ct. (thin)
- Colored Pencils
- Spiral Notebooks (wide rule)
- Crayola Markers (thin basic)
- Crayola Markers (regular basic)
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- Loose Leaf Lined Paper (wide ruled)
- Qt Ziplock bags
- Water Color Pains
- Small Shoe Size School Box
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Kleenex

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Address Service Requested

Saturday Divine Service-5:00 p.m.
Sunday Divine Service-9:00 a.m.

