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FROM THE PASTOR

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, thy form one body. So it is with Christ. 13For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

1 Corinthians 12:13-13 (NIV)

Greetings in Christ,

Workers were putting the finishing touches on a new church when a visitor walked in. The high wall behind the altar caught his attention. There an artist was working on a mural of Christ. Only the head and shoulders of Christ were visible in the mural. You could not see the rest of the body. The visitor asked, “Will you finish in time?” “Oh, I am finished” replied the artist. “The rest of Christ’s body won’t be on the wall. His members—His arms, hands, legs and feet—will be sitting in the pews.

Scripture definitely agrees with that artist. The illustration of the human body was a favorite as the Lord led the Apostle Paul to write in 1 Corinthians 12 and other places of Scripture as well. Paul writes of the church and its people with varied gifts and abilities—each one important and unique, and all of them functioning together, with Christ, the Redeemer, as their head. Paul also mourns when we as individual members do not function as Christ intended or when there is

strife between them. God calls us to unity in Christ in faith and service to our Lord.

We were called by God to be in His Church. In our baptism, God claimed us and made us a member of His body, His people. It was in our baptism that God rescued us from sin, death and the devil. The Holy Spirit has given us the gifts Jesus won for us on the cross and empty tomb which is forgiveness, life and salvation. He also makes us children of God and heirs of the Kingdom. God endows us with talents, abilities, our lives and all we have been given to be used for the glory of God, the furthering of His Kingdom, and for the building up and good of the whole church. In His church, He holds us, strengthens us through His Word and Sacrament and sends us out to be His light of the love of Jesus to our world in darkness. We, His body, He sends out empowering us with the same power He displayed in raising Jesus from the dead.

How awesome it is that God redeems us and makes us to be His own and sends us out that our lives can be lived for Him! As Scripture declares, “We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 (NIV) How important it is that we complete the picture of Christ as we take our place in worship, service, giving and living for our Lord Jesus Christ!

In His Service,
Pastor Crolius

FUNERAL

Mary Schuette died on Monday, June 19, 2023, and was given Christian burial on Friday, June 23, 2023.

BAPTISM

William Hagen, became a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on June 7, 2023.

BAPTISM

Zachariah Johnston, became a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on June 10, 2023.

BAPTISM

Lainey, daughter of Ryan Weber and Rachael Thompson, became a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on June 14, 2023.



**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.

Thank you

Greetings in Christ,

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5

What a joy it is to serve the Lord and His people. What a joy to be able to work together in sharing the hope of our risen Lord to all. I would like to thank you for the reception and potluck in thankfulness of my 30 years of serving the Lord and His church. I would like to thank Rev. Wayne Schroeder for being with us and proclaiming the message. I would also like to thank you for all the cards, gifts, food, and encouragement given. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is truly appreciated. It truly is a privilege to serve our gracious Lord and His people at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. May God continue to bless each of you with His grace and peace always! Thank you again!

In Christ,
Pastor Crolius

OUT OF OFFICE Pastor Crolius will be out of the office June 28 – July 12. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Butler at 415-7241 or the church office at 608-524-4512, ext. 1.

Dear St. Peter's Scholarship Board & Church

Thank you so much for the scholarship you have awarded me. I feel tremendous honor and gratitude for you choosing to present me with this award. The money will help me as I go to college in the fall and reach my life goals. I enjoyed my time at St. Peter's and valued all I learned about the love of God which will guide me all my life. Thank you again for the scholarship and years of mentorship
Sincerely,
Nathan Gasser

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.

LEGOS Club

St. Peter's Lutheran School will once again have a LEGOS (Let Everyone Glorify Our Savior) Club. The club meets once a month after school for students in grades K-1 and a second club meeting for students in grades 2 - 4. **What is a LEGOS Club?** It is an opportunity for students to be inspired by God's Word, through a devotion and then create something with LEGOs based on that devotion. **Sounds Fun!** - but we need your help. Please consider donating any LEGOs you are no longer in need of or perhaps you may find a good deal on LEGOs at a garage sale. You can drop your donations off at the school office. Thank you for your consideration.

MRS. VOSSEN RETURNS AS A RESOURCE TEACHER

Mrs. Vossen will be employed by the Reedsburg School District but has been assigned to St. Peter's to provide additional teaching resources to students who qualify for such services. We look forward to Mrs. Vossen staying connected with our students and families.

SEEKING A 4TH GRADE TEACHER

St. Peter's continues to search for a 4th grade teacher to start the 2023-24 school year. If you or someone you know may be interested in this position, please submit your resume by Friday, July 7.

WHEN IN NEED.....GOD WILL PROVIDE!!

As our enrollment increases we found to have a growing expense for additional desks, chairs and other classroom needs. We were able to get 39 FREE student desks from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School in Wauwatosa, WI. Also, through an online auction, we were able to obtain two teacher desks, five white board, two bulletin boards, 20 student chairs, and six lab tables with stools at a fraction of the cost. THANK YOU, John Gerike, Tim Brandt, Nathan Braun, Kent Westphal and Brandon Schank, for picking up and making the delivery back to St. Peter's.

GOD IS GOOD!!!

LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission met Monday evening, June 12, at 6:00 in Concordia Hall. Julie Thompson greeted everyone with the poem "Summer Son-shine". We were then entertained with an interesting presentation by Zach from Flowerbuds Floral. He told us how they decided to open a storefront business downtown Reedsburg; the services they provide and what they offer in the store, including gifts and clothing. He then made a beautiful bouquet, giving us tips for bouquet making and the kinds of flowers they use.

We said our League Pledge to open business. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved. Mites collected this last month were \$106.10. The total for Mites sent to District since September is \$4,018.43!! A big help to spread God's love to others!

In the last month, quilters have sewed 8, pinned 7 and tied 5 quilts. In May we gave baptism blankets to Jah Ross, Tora Otkin, Liberty Hineman, Ellie Krueger and Rylee McAfee.

Thank you to all who contributed to our Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive. The Reedsburg Food Pantry received 14 jars of jelly and 17 jars of Peanut Butter.

We elected Kathy Reuter to be our new President. Julie Thompson will be Vice President and Secretary; and Betty Andreasen will be Treasurer. For the Fall Zone Rally we are hosting October 14, we decided on an ingathering – hygiene items such as depends, diapers, etc. for the Reedsburg Food Pantry. Together, we planned our programs and Bible studies for next year which runs September-June. We will open our year on September 11 with a potluck supper. We will also hear reports on the National Convention and the new International Mission Grants chosen. All are welcome.

Julie led the mite devotion based on our Mission Grant: Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania -Mwadi Lutheran School and Community. We enjoyed dessert served by Julie Thompson as we ended our evening together.

In Christ's service, Julie Thompson, Secretary



Ms. Paige Hendrikson will begin her position as Director of Christian Ministries on July 1st. Paige will be installed at the 9:00 a.m. service on July 23rd, with a reception to follow along with a Pantry Shower.

Please join us in welcoming Paige to St. Peter's.

Dear Friends of Orphan Grain Train

The Orphan Grain Train of Wisconsin is thankful for your donation of \$5,000. We recognize your generosity and graciousness and appreciate your kindness which assists to provide for those in need physically and spiritually. Please know that with help and healing the gospel is proclaimed in WORD and deed. Again, thank you as we praise our Risen Savior.

Orphan Grain Train



Go ... Sell All You Have?

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor? As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, every-thing we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to oth-ers in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our du-ties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other mem-bers of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties. So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to sup-port and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock. This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!!

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| JASON | BELL | 1-Jul | MARK | RANGLES | 14-Jul |
| RUTH | CRAKER | 1-Jul | BRANDON | TAYLOR | 14-Jul |
| SARA | FINNEGAN | 1-Jul | JESSICA | ABBOTT | 15-Jul |
| Nash | MCCAULEY | 1-Jul | DAWN | BUELOW | 15-Jul |
| ELIZABETH | MEYER | 1-Jul | ELIZABETH | MAURER | 15-Jul |
| ALEX | STOLTE | 1-Jul | BRAYDEN | TODD | 15-Jul |
| BRITTNEY | STOWERS | 1-Jul | JEFFREY | WILCOX | 15-Jul |
| LOGAN | BENSEMAN | 2-Jul | CARL | KRUEGER | 16-Jul |
| JAMES | AMBROSIO | 2-Jul | EMILIE | MILLER | 16-Jul |
| LINDA | GRAMS | 2-Jul | KATHLEEN | REUTER | 16-Jul |
| KENDALL | MARSTON | 2-Jul | AUSTIN | KLITZKE | 17-Jul |
| STACY | MCCLURE | 2-Jul | SKYLAH | SCHARA | 17-Jul |
| JENNY | MORTIMER | 2-Jul | AUBREY | BRANDT | 18-Jul |
| DONALD | PFAFF | 2-Jul | RICHARD | SCHRANK | 18-Jul |
| JOSHUA | THOMAS | 2-Jul | AMBER | TODD | 18-Jul |
| ELDARENE | BOWLIN | 3-Jul | JEFFREY | BUELOW | 19-Jul |
| PATRICIA | HEUER | 3-Jul | MIRANDA | GRACE | 19-Jul |
| DAVID | KALEPP | 3-Jul | MALLORY | PARCE | 19-Jul |
| JULIE | AMBROSIO-SCHULTZ | 4-Jul | THEODORE | ROBINSON | 19-Jul |
| NICOLE | SCHAFFER | 4-Jul | KYLE | ADELMAN | 20-Jul |
| CANDACE | BAUMGART | 5-Jul | MATTHEW | DIETZ | 20-Jul |
| AMANDA | DOROW | 6-Jul | PEGGY | NOLDEN | 21-Jul |
| REBECCA | ERDMAN | 6-Jul | GAVIN | BUDNIK | 22-Jul |
| LEIGH | MOSS | 6-Jul | DESTYNI | KENYON | 22-Jul |
| TENLEY | SCHULTZ | 6-Jul | CABELLA | WILKES | 22-Jul |
| MATTHEW | ARCHAMBO | 7-Jul | SHANE | ANDERSON | 23-Jul |
| SKYLAR | FLEMING | 7-Jul | KARTER | SCHNEIDER | 23-Jul |
| CAMBRIE | NAQUIN | 7-Jul | CODY | SCHRANK | 23-Jul |
| THERESA | DIETZ | 8-Jul | CHARLOTTE | KRAUS | 24-Jul |
| KELSEY | HELM | 8-Jul | EDWARD | SCHROEDER | 24-Jul |
| DOUGLAS | REINECKE | 8-Jul | RYAN | BUDNIK | 25-Jul |
| NICHOLAS | FAUERBACH | 10-Jul | LONDONN | HOLDER | 25-Jul |
| KELSIE | RAHLU | 10-Jul | ABREANNA | KENYON | 25-Jul |
| CHRISTA | WILSON | 10-Jul | JOSEPH | REINFELDT | 25-Jul |
| ROBIN | BERLIN | 11-Jul | CORY | SCHULTZ | 25-Jul |
| DELVIN | CRAKER | 11-Jul | HENRY | SCHULTZ | 25-Jul |
| SETH | TROXEL | 11-Jul | QUINN | SCHUPPNER | 25-Jul |
| GARY | KILLMAN | 12-Jul | CHLOE | KLITZKE | 26-Jul |
| ABIGAIL | WEIDLING | 12-Jul | MARILYN | OAKLEY | 26-Jul |
| JASON | ZIMMERMAN | 12-Jul | ASHLYN | BRANDT | 27-Jul |
| ADAM | BEHN | 13-Jul | MELYNDA | MORTIMER | 27-Jul |
| BETH | LYNCH | 13-Jul | MELYSSA | MORTIMER | 27-Jul |
| KAYLEIGH | MEYER | 13-Jul | DAVID | RULAND | 27-Jul |
| MELISSA | DIETZ | 14-Jul | CRAIG | MEYER | 28-Jul |
| ADALYN | LEITERMAN | 14-Jul | MATTHEW | OTT | 28-Jul |

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| GERALD | PETZKE | 28-Jul | REBECCA | JASPER | 30-Jul |
| REBECCA | STANDO | 28-Jul | MINDY | SCHAFFER | 30-Jul |
| PAULA | LABANSKY | 29-Jul | LORENZO | CAPRIO | 31-Jul |
| DUANE | MEYER | 29-Jul | TAMMY | METCALF | 31-Jul |
| MALLORY | REUSCH | 29-Jul | LESTER | MICHEL | 31-Jul |
| DAVID | ESTES | 30-Jul | LINDA | TAYLOR | 31-Jul |

St. Peter's Lutheran School 4th Quarter Honor Roll

5th Grade – High Honors

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| Gabby Bauer | Talon Burton | Lexee Crawford | Zoe Crawford |
| Cooper Curtin | Corbin Hadfield | Colby Klitzke | Josie Marvici |
| George Maxwell | Chris McCann | Emma Miller | Clayton Osterhaus |
| Wesley Ott | Blake Ray | Ria Redner | Ashton Schultz |
| Nolan Swanson | Emily Thomas | Zander Unbehau | Andrew Weber |
| Henry Winther | | | |

6th Grade – High Honors

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| Elijah Anderson | Ashlyn Brandt | Gavin Braun | Gunnar Dankert |
| Adriana Hinze | Brayden Nelson | Hunter Nordahl | Judah Rothwell |
| Skylah Schara | Karlee Smith | Brock Wilson | |

6th Grade - Honors

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| Tiana Bachmann | Kaelynn Haase | Cheyenne Haefer | Logan Jahn |
| Hailey Schwartz | | | |

7th Grade – High Honors

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| Grace Abbott | Zander Dehn | Lindsey Lichte | Mason Molitor |
| Jaxon Williams | | | |

7th Grade - Honors

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| Aunica Hoffa | Luke Redner | Lainee Skinner |
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8th Grade – High Honors

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| Ethan Braun | Jordyn Burton | Jake Lichte | Gracie Roloff |
| Emma Schmidt | Dayne Schultz | Andrew Stando | Matthew Stando |
| Grace Thomas | Grant Weber | Emma Williams | |

8th Grade - Honors

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| Sierra Breidenbach | Gavin Lambert | Kinley Skinner |
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PRAYERS FOR THE LAMP MINISTRY TEAM

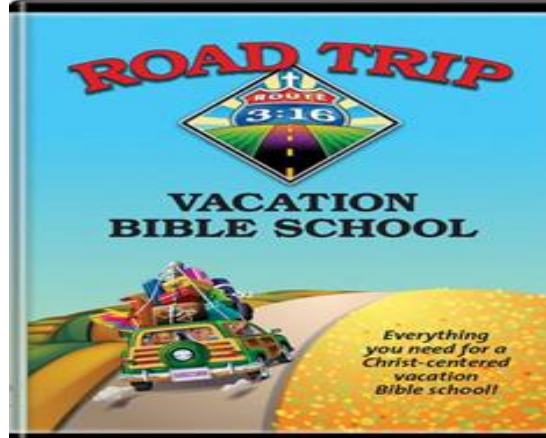
Please add to your daily prayers, a prayer for the LAMP Mission Team traveling to Garden Hills, Manitoba, to bring the love of Jesus to the many children looking forward to a week of Vacation Bible School.

The LAMP Team includes Becca Erdman, Janet Hanold, Matthew Dietz, Molly Leatherberry, David Finkel, Marti and Mark Meyer from Reedsburg, Aaron Finkel, Michelle Meyer, Steve and Noreen Smith, and Jennifer Olson from Iowa. They all welcome your prayers.

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| 7/13 | Pray for safe travels driving for LAMP Group to Winnipeg |
| 7/14 | Flying and boating to Garden Hills |
| 7/15 | God's guidance in our prep and setup for VBS and open the hearts of the community. |
| 7/16 -7/20 | VBS being taught, guide our words to encourage all we speak to. |
| 7/21 | Safe travels home. |

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
346 N. LOCUST STREET, REEDSBURG, WI - 608-524-4066

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JULY 31 – AUGUST 4, 2023 9:00 – NOON

STUDENTS ENTERING K – 5TH GRADE
Return registration forms to the St. Peters office.

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Contact in case of an emergency _____ Phone _____

I would like to help with: provide snack items lead a VBS station
 assist with decorating supervise VBS students

Please enroll the following students in Vacation Bible School:

Name: _____ Age as of 6/1/23 _____ Grade next school year _____

Name: _____ Age as of 6/1/23 _____ Grade next school year _____

Name: _____ Age as of 6/1/23 _____ Grade next school year _____

Food Allergies? Medical concerns? Y N Please list: _____

People who may pick up my child: _____

We need YOU!!!! We are looking for leaders, assistants and helpers in all areas to make this year great.
(6th grade and up) This brief commitment makes a huge impact when you share your love of Jesus with the children of our congregation and community!

Please contact the office at **524-4066 ext. 1** or email stpetersreedsburg@gmail.com

