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FROM THE PASTOR

“O Sovereign Lord, You are God! Your Words are trustworthy, and You have promised these good things to Your servant.” *2 Samuel 7:28*

Dear Friends in Christ,

We live in an age of distrust and deception. Yet daily we trust our lives to people we may or may not even know: firefighters, police, doctors, teachers or other drivers on the road. Without thinking about it, we may place our survival in the hands of strangers. Thinking about that, how much more can we trust in our God!

God has kept in his care our parents that they may be able bring us into this world. He works through farmers and grocers to feed us, construction workers to give us shelter, bankers to protect our finances, and those who work in areas of sanitation to keep our neighborhoods clean. He surrounds us with family and friends to love and be loved by, and He knows every need of both body and soul.

God's record of trustworthiness is absolutely perfect! His promises to Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, David, and all of God's people were fulfilled without exception in an amazing way. Jesus, true God and man was born in a manger. He healed the sick. He faithfully and

powerfully taught the people yearning to hear God's Word. He died on the cross to pay for all our sin, and rose victorious from the grave on Easter as He foretold and promised. In Jesus we have

forgiveness and eternal life. This is the ultimate proof that He does what He says.

In Jesus, our loving and trustworthy God, no matter how uncertain our world is, God and His Word are always worthy of our complete love and trust. As the Apostle Paul writes by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, “What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32 NIV) He further promises to continue to guide, care, provide, stay with us and strengthen us all our days until the day He will bring us to our heavenly home. This too He has promised and is trustworthy and true.

May we ever be kept firm in the faith and His trustworthy and wonderful Word. As we make our plans for the summer, may we always remember the Lord in all we plan and do. May He continue to keep us close to Himself in His love and truth by continuing to regularly worship and receive His gifts and blessings, Bible Study, devotion and prayer.

My prayer is that God would grant you a very blessed end of the school year and summer. May He help and direct us all to make plans that will help us ever to grow in faith, His truth and life, to His glory and for the furthering of His Kingdom. God's richest blessings to all!

In Christ,

Pastor Crolius

BAPTISM

Tora Kay, daughter of Tyler Otkin and Anna Fink, became a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 12, 2023.

Jah Lawrence, son of Bryan and TeAnn (Harms) Ross, became a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 13, 2023.

Liberty, daughter of Eric and Kelsey (Meyer) Hineman, became a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 21, 2023.

Rylee Ann, daughter of Travis and Amanda (Jensen) McAfee, became a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 27, 2023

Ellie, daughter of Hayden Krueger and Carolyn Lins, became a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 28, 2023.

FUNERALS

Carol Schultz died on Saturday May 6, 2023; funeral services were held on May 20, 2023.

Janet Plachetka died on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, and was given Christian burial on May 22, 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.

PASTOR TO CELEBRATE 30 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

There will be a potluck reception in Concordia Hall on Sunday, June 11, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.



Mrs. Nellessen is retiring after 23 years of service to St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School. A reception of cake and ice cream will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the school gym. Join us to wish her God's richest blessing!!

THRIVENT ACTION CARDS!

If your group or organization is holding an event a Thrivent Action Card may be available to help with expenses. If you have an Action Card you would like to use to help fund these events that would be wonderful. Contact the church/school office at 608-524-4512 ext. 1 for more information. You may also check out the Thrivent Action Card bulletin board in the narthex for a list of upcoming events to sponsor.



St. Peter's graduating seniors will be recognized following the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 28. God's richest blessings to all!

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| <i>Logan Churchill</i> | <i>Madeline Corbin</i> |
| <i>Jacob Diamond</i> | <i>Tyson Frank</i> |
| <i>Nathan Gasser</i> | <i>Kaylee Gleash</i> |
| <i>Anna Glick</i> | <i>Angelene Grieves</i> |
| <i>Carson Knodel</i> | <i>Andrew Lynch</i> |
| <i>Ashtin Phephles</i> | <i>Gianna Schmidt</i> |
| <i>Chloe Schultz</i> | <i>Bo Schuppner</i> |
| <i>Jordan Smith</i> | <i>Nathan Stando</i> |
| <i>Reese Swanson</i> | <i>Zachary Zautke</i> |

MAKE YOUR CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS ONLINE

To support the work of the Lord and His Kingdom, your financial support may be given electronically by visiting our website at stpetersreedsburg.org and click on the GIVE icon. You will be able to give a one-time contribution or set it up to be reoccurring. A Joyful Response form may also be filled out to give electronically and is and may also be found in the Information Center in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 524-4512, ext. 1

RESPONSE TO CALL

To the congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School,

After prayerful thought and consideration, I have elected to accept the call that was extended to me, pending successful completion of all CUW program requirements. I am delighted to be a part of your Christ-centered ministry and looking forward to meet you all.

Sincerely,
Paige Hendrickson

LOOKING FOR... A small kitchen table with 4 chairs, Paige Hendrickson (DCM) will be arriving in July and is in need of a table & chairs. The school is also looking for suitable desks for teachers in the classroom. Please contact the office at 608-524-4066 ext. 1 if you have such items.

THANK YOU

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Grace, Peace and mercy are yours from Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$10,000.00 to the SOS Center, Inc. After School Program. Your gift will continue to assist us in our mission to provide Christian care, educational instruction and life skills activities for children, families, and adults in the Milwaukee area.

We are grateful you are a part of our family.

In His Service,
Mrs. Lydia Beasley
Executive Director



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

by Mr. Tessororf, Principal

"Making Disciples for Life"
Matthew 28:19-20

Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates. May God Bless you on your journey as you leave St. Peter's.



Ethan Braun, Valedictorian

*Sierra Breidenbach
Jake Lichte
Dayne Schultz
Matthew Stando*

*Jordyn Burton
Gracie Roloff
Kinley Skinner
Grace Thomas*

Emma Williams, Salutatorian

*Gavin Lambert
Emma Schmidt
Andrew Stando
Grant Weber*

PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC AWARDS

The following graduating students are receiving the President's Awards. Academic Achievement was earned by Dayne Schultz, Andrew Stando and Matthew Stando. Academic Excellence was earned by Ethan Braun, Jake Lichte, Gracie Roloff, Kinley Skinner, Grace Thomas, Grant Weber and Emma Williams.

SEEKING TO FILL A TEACHING POSITION

The Board of Christian Education will be accepting nominations for the position of 4th grade teacher. Forms may be found on the table in the narthex or you may contact Mr. Tessororf at rogertessororf@saintpetersls.com.



Mrs. Gunther and her 4k class had a great day on Lake Redstone. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hillman for a great day of fishing, boat rides, sandbox fun, and worm races!



Have you filled out your registration forms for the 2023/2024 school year? Our classrooms are limited to 24 students, and some are near capacity. Please register as soon as possible



CONGRATULATIONS, Ellery Kruse for your 1st place essay in the Sauk County contest on “The Importance of Dairy in Wisconsin.”



**The Importance of Dairy in Wisconsin
By Ellery Kruse**

Do you like cheese? I know I do. You can thank dairy farmers for supplying the main ingredient. Today, you will be learning about how dairy is important to our communities, our bodies, and our economy.

Our Wisconsin dairy farms produce a lot of jobs. Some of those important jobs include: milk truck drivers, farmers, grocery store workers, cheese or ice cream factory workers, and much more. It also brings our community together. We have festivals, like Butterfest, that bring in thousands of people to small towns. It is also fun to go to the ice cream shop with friends. Dairy is really important to a lot of our communities in Wisconsin.

Dairy is very important for our bodies. We need three servings of dairy a day to keep our bones strong and healthy. In Wisconsin, we make more than 2.8 billion pounds of cheese a year. Milk is made up of 87% water and 13% fat. It also contains minerals, carbohydrates, protein, and vitamins that are good for our bodies. Wisconsin makes 600 different kinds of cheese. Our cheese is sold to 140 different countries so many people can enjoy the dairy we make here in Wisconsin.

Our dairy in Wisconsin brings in 43.4 billion tax dollars every year for our economy. Our state uses tax money to help with improving our communities and it makes Wisconsin a better place. For example, our libraries and other public buildings are supported by money. Our dairy is sold all around the world, and that is part of the reason we are America's Dairyland.

That is just a few of the many ways that dairy impacts people in Wisconsin. I hope you learned just how important the dairy industry is to our communities, our bodies, and our economy



Mr. Dehn & the 6th grade class on a learning adventure at the Trout Hatchery while at Camp LuWiSoMo.





What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: The Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission met Monday evening, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. in Concordia Hall. Julie Thompson greeted everyone with a poem titled "After the Winter, God Sends the Spring".

Abby Imhoff, along with her therapy dog, Willow, an English Sheepdog and Poodle mix, were our guests for the evening. Abby is a counselor at Reedsburg Area High School and owns her dog, Willow, whereas some school districts own their own therapy dogs. Abby and Willow work at the high school is to greet students as they arrive to school in the morning and also to meet with students who are struggling in certain areas. Willow helps to open up conversation between the students and Abby.

The business meeting began with the saying our League Pledge, followed by our Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. Betty Andreasen reported sending a \$75 gift to the Kaisers, the missionaries we are supporting in their work with Lutheran Bible Translators. We were very thankful when Betty announced that Lutheran Women in Mission was gifted \$5,000 from the Doris Gade Memorial to be used for missions. What a generous gift!

Committee Reports: Quilters sewed 5 quilts, tied 5, pinned 4 and put together 2 quilts. A baby quilt was given to Eddison Hunter for his baptism.

The Salad Supper and Prayer Service was held in April and we all agreed the hymns and prayers were meaningful and everyone enjoyed.

The Spring Rally was held on April 29, at St. Paul's, Hillpoint. Julie and Betty passed on information as to what events are coming up in the next year.

The "Anything Plants Event" was again a success bringing in \$415 that we will send in to Mites to further support our mission grants. We want to thank everyone who participated in any way.

We discussed the Fall Rally that we are hosting at St. Peter's on October 14. Laura Hillman will be our speaker, telling us about her mission trips to Tanzania. We will be choosing what our Ingathering will be. One idea was to gather hygiene items for the Reedsburg Food Pantry. We should be thinking about other ideas also and then make a decision in June.

Our Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive will be starting in the next week and running through May. Marcia Christensen is heading up this drive and will deliver the Peanut Butter and Jelly that is donated to the Reedsburg Food Pantry. Boxes will be in the narthex for contributions.

Nominations of officers for our society then took place. Julie Thompson moved to nominate Kathy Reuter for President. Joanne Brandt seconded; motion passed. Julie Thompson will continue to be Secretary and Vice President, and Betty Andreasen will continue to be Treasurer.

Flowerbuds Floral will be the guest speaker for our June 12th meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us for their presentation. We will then discuss ideas and planning our programs for 2023/2024.

Julie led the mite devotion surrounding our Mission Grant "Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach, St. Paul Hmong Outreach ministries for \$70,208.

Our meeting concluded with visiting while enjoying a delicious dessert served by Joanne Brandt.

In Christ's service, Julie Thompson, Secretary

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Quarterly Voters' Meeting – April 27, 2023

Meeting was opened by Congregational President Nathan Braun. Devotion and prayer led by Pastor Crolius. Nathan reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet. Call for a motion to approve the minutes of the 1-26-23 Quarterly Voters' Meeting as well as the 2-26-23 and 4-16-23 Special Voters' Meetings. Motion by Joy Tessendorf to approve the minutes, second by Cal Craker, carried by voice vote.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Crolius reported that a call has been extended to Paige Hendrikson to serve as our DCM. The paperwork has been filed and she is excited about the call. Dates to remember: Confirmation May 7, Bethany College Choir concert May 22, recognition of the senior classes May 28. The church directory has been submitted to the company; we are waiting to receive the proof for final edit. Adult instruction class has 7 attendees, a reminder about Bible class opportunities. Church attendance numbers are slowly rising. Membership changes were shared. Motion by Pastor Crolius to approve the Pastor's Report, second by Seth Troxel, carried by voice vote.

Principal's Report, Roger Tessendorf - Updates on enrollment numbers, Chapel Offerings, a speaker from Project Hero, work on the new employee handbook, and work on the new Employee Compensation system aimed at getting all workers in line with the District Scale. He reported that Mrs. Vossen will not be returning for the 2023-4 school year so we are looking to fill the fourth grade position, any suggestions can be directed to the church office by May 8. Mrs. Nellessen's retirement open house will take place June 3, 2023 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. The report closed with photos from various school activities.

Financial Management Report, Cindy Nellessen

Recommendations through Church Council:

1. Dennis Koppen, representing the Board of Trustees, made a motion to continue work on the church restoration project. Work to be completed by Krause Construction at a cost of \$2,988.00 with funds to come from the Church Restoration Fund held in the foundation. Repairs include rain gutters, area around the stained-glass windows, and the louvered cupola. Phil Rogers second, carried by voice vote.
2. Dennis Koppen made a motion to repair the school roof and flashing at a cost \$824.00 with funds to come from the General Fund. Phil Rogers second, carried by voice vote.

Presentation of the 2023-2024 budget, Cindy Nellessen: After reviewing the budget Cindy moved, Phil Rogers second to approve, carried by voice vote.

Old Business - None

New Business - Nathan noted that Cal Craker has been appointed to the Financial Management Committee.

There was a discussion about the use of funds from the Doris Gade memorial. After discussion Linda Biskupski moved, Stan Albrecht second to give 10% of the monies to missions in the following amounts: \$25,000 to District missions; \$5,000 to LAMP Missions; \$5,000 to LWML Missions. In addition, \$10,000 would be given to St. Peters Hardship Fund. John Gerike suggested that some of the money could be given to smaller mission's organizations where even a small amount could have a big impact. After discussion John amended the original motion to include the following allocations: \$10,000 each to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Mission in Cincinnati, SOS Center in Milwaukee and St. Peters Hardship Fund; \$5,000 each to LAMP and LWML. Matt Dehn second, motion carried by voice vote.

Motion made by Matt Dehn to adjourn, second by Phil Rogers, carried by voice vote.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Vethe, secretary

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!!

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| BROOKE | BRANDT | 1-Jun | DEBRA | ADELMAN | 18-Jun |
| JULIET | GANT | 2-Jun | JOAN | MARTIN | 18-Jun |
| ANTHONY | HELM | 2-Jun | STEFAN | LITTLE | 19-Jun |
| CARSON | KNODEL | 2-Jun | KIMBERLY | MINOR | 19-Jun |
| COLTON | PEPER | 2-Jun | MICHAEL | STRAND | 19-Jun |
| THOMAS | PPAFF | 2-Jun | BETTY | ANDREASEN | 20-Jun |
| JOHN | GERIKE | 3-Jun | DARREN | HON | 20-Jun |
| EVALINE | KLITZKE | 3-Jun | MORGAN | HUNTER | 20-Jun |
| ARAMUS | MCNURLEN | 3-Jun | ELLA | LEMOINE | 20-Jun |
| JOELLYN | MICHEL | 3-Jun | LUKE | PERTZBORN | 20-Jun |
| CATHERINE | LINDLOFF | 4-Jun | TRINIDY | FLEMING | 21-Jun |
| RICHARD | ZIMMERMAN | 4-Jun | SARAH | JAECH | 21-Jun |
| SCOTT | BUNDE | 6-Jun | THEODORE | KRYDER | 21-Jun |
| KATHERINE | PARADIS | 6-Jun | MARANDA | STEFAN | 21-Jun |
| LILEY | FLEMING | 7-Jun | DORIE | KRUEGER | 22-Jun |
| ELIZABETH | GIEBEL | 7-Jun | ZACHARY | RULAND | 22-Jun |
| SAWYER | ROLOFF | 7-Jun | BETSY | STEVENSON | 22-Jun |
| TYLER | SMITH | 7-Jun | KENNETH | WREZENSKI | 22-Jun |
| EVAN | PAHL | 8-Jun | DENNIS | BARTO | 23-Jun |
| SHELLEY | CRAKER | 9-Jun | COLE | DIETZ | 23-Jun |
| GUNNAR | DANKERT | 9-Jun | BRITTNEY | KOWALKE | 23-Jun |
| JAMIE | GEORGESON | 9-Jun | LINDA | PEPER | 23-Jun |
| MARY | SCHWENKHOFF | 9-Jun | PAUL | PEPER | 23-Jun |
| CLINT | THOMPSON | 9-Jun | JOSHUA | SCHULTZ | 24-Jun |
| SCOTT | ANDERSON | 10-Jun | DEBRA | SHEPARD | 24-Jun |
| COOPER | CURTIN | 10-Jun | ANDREA | BEHN | 25-Jun |
| JEFFREY | BACKEBERG | 11-Jun | KRISTINE | DANIELS | 25-Jun |
| JENNIFER | DUERR | 11-Jun | BRIAN | KENYON | 25-Jun |
| WILLIAM | SASS | 11-Jun | MATTHEW | KLITZKE | 25-Jun |
| GREGORY | JOHNSON | 12-Jun | BRADY | BRANDT | 26-Jun |
| MALLORY | KRUSE | 12-Jun | LILA | CRAKER | 26-Jun |
| CHELSEY | SCHNEIDER | 13-Jun | JASON | CUPP | 26-Jun |
| ROBERT | COLE | 14-Jun | JANELLE | HOPSON | 26-Jun |
| WENDY | DUERR | 14-Jun | MARK | MEYER | 26-Jun |
| EUGENE | GAWRONSKI | 14-Jun | KAYLA | MINOR | 26-Jun |
| MASON | MCCAULEY | 14-Jun | LORIE | KOCH | 27-Jun |
| LUCAS | MEYER | 14-Jun | LINCOLN | MEYER | 27-Jun |
| WESLEY | DIETZ | 15-Jun | DONNA | POHLMANN | 27-Jun |
| TREANNA | LAUKANT | 16-Jun | KENT | WESTPHAL | 27-Jun |
| MICAH | PAHL | 16-Jun | JOSEPH | STANDO | 28-Jun |
| DEION | PARRISH | 16-Jun | DEBRA | WOLLIN | 28-Jun |
| TRAYE | STEINHORST | 16-Jun | COLIN | CROLIUS | 29-Jun |
| BRENDA | MCMILLEN | 17-Jun | MELISSA | STOWERS | 29-Jun |
| LUCAS | TOURDOT | 17-Jun | DENISE | OTKIN | 30-Jun |
| JAMIE | UNBEHAUN | 17-Jun | BROCK | WILSON | 30-Jun |

Faith Comes By Hearing A LOOK AT VISION 2033

In Matthew 24:14, Jesus says that His Gospel "will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." With this promise and goal in mind, Faith Comes By Hearing has adopted Vision 2033: To partner with like-minded ministries to record Scripture in every language of the world that needs it by the year 2033 and make these recordings freely available by every means possible.



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We will record God's pure Word in every language that needs it.

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TOTAL RECORDINGS PROJECTED BY YEAR:



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