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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.

BAPTISM

Eddison James, son of Jeremy and Morgan (Schmidt) Hunter, became a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 1, 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.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

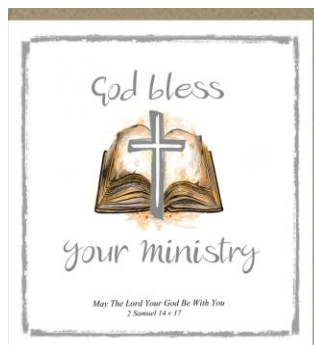
Youth groups will meet in the school gym with Betsy Stevenson leading the groups.

May 3 Sr. Youth 6:30-8:00 PM

May 10 Jr. Youth 6:00-7:30 PM

May 17th Sr. Youth 6:30 -8:00 PM

May 24th Jr. Youth 6:00-7:30 PM



**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. Mark your calendars, more information to follow.

Happy Retirement!

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!!

LWML
“ANYTHING PLANTS EVENT II”

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 9:00-Noon
Church/School parking lot

What is an “Anything Plants Event”?

Dig up your perennials, divide a house plant, donate seedlings you have started, donate flowers or vegetables from a nursery, donate a hanging plant - anything flower, vegetable, or fruit. Start bringing your plants in a labeled container starting at 9:00 and then take a look to see if you like anything. OR, you do not have to donate anything, but please come to take a plant(s) to add to your home or garden. We are taking a free will donation which will go toward our LWML Mission Grants. Spread the word to your family and friends; anyone in our community can attend and participate.

If you are unable to bring your plants on May 6, call Julie Thompson @608/495-0474 to make other arrangements.

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ST. PETER’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
VOTERS ASSEMBLY – APRIL 27, 2023

Membership changes – January – April 2023

Received by Baptism

Watsyn Johnston Eddison Hunter
Madison Martson

Transferred to the Church Triumphant

Russell Ihlenfeld Clarence Puranen
Kevin Swanson

FOR APPROVAL BY VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Received by Transfer

Scott & Laurie (Brianna) Schuenke

Transferred Out

Thomas & Beverly Keel to St. John’s Lutheran Church, Loganville

Darrell & Ellen DeMars to St. John’s Lutheran Church, Loganville

LWML

A beautiful night brought thirty-three women, our LWML Counselor, Pastor Gehrke from Trinity, WI Dells, to our Salad Supper and Prayer Service on Monday, April 10. Ladies from Zone 15 that attended were from Our Savior-Baraboo, St. Paul’s-Hillpoint, St. Paul’s and Zion-LaValle, St. Luke’s-Richland Center, Trinity WI. Dells and St. Peter’s, Reedsburg All enjoyed a delicious salad supper followed by the prayer service at 7:00. Pastor Gehrke led our prayer service titled “My Soul Rejoices” which included Bible readings, hymn singing, time for self-reflection and prayer - a very meaningful service. It is always a wonderful time for fellowship with all these ladies and worshipping together.

Women in Mission gatherings will be:

Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 AM-Noon -
“Anything Plants Event” - Church parking lot

Monday, May 10 at 6:00 PM - Speaker: Abby Imhoff with her comfort dog - Concordia Hall

Monday, June 12 at 6:00 PM - Speakers from Flowerbuds Floral and Concordia Health.

All ladies are members of LWML and are welcome to join us anytime. Our speakers are always first, so if you prefer to come to hear the speakers only, you are welcome to leave after their presentation.

We’d be happy to have you.

In Christ’s service,
Julie Thompson, Secretary



CLASS OF 2023

God's Blessings to the High School Graduates of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

*Logan Churchill
Tyson Frank
Kaylee Gleash
Angelene Grieves
Carson Knodel
Ashtin Phephles
Chloe Schultz
Jordan Smith
Nathan Stando
Reese Swanson*

*Jacob Diamond
Nathan Gasser
Anna Glick
Londonn Holder
Andrew Lynch
Gianna Schmidt
Bo Schuppner
Mariah Spink
Maranda Stefan
Zachary Zautke*



God Bless our Confirmands

May God richly bless them as they continue their walk with Christ.

*Lukas Albrecht
Sierra Breidenbach
Jake Lichte
Gracie Roloff
Emma Schmidt
Dayne Schultz
Andrew Stando
Grace Thomas
Emma Williams*

*Ethan Braun
Gavin Lambert
Chloe Roloff
Olivia Schafer
Addison Schultz
Kinley Skinner
Matthew Stando
Grant Weber*

Confirmation will be held on Sunday May 7, 2023 at the 9:00 AM service.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Special Voters' Meeting April 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Nate Braun and opened with prayer by Pastor Crolius. Attendees were asked to sign the attendance sheet. The purpose of the meeting was to call a DCE/DCM. Don McCauley led the discussion of the two candidates and answered questions. The committee is not recommending any one candidate as it is their feeling that both are very qualified, interviewed well and would be a good fit for our congregation. After discussion a ballot vote was held with a majority of votes going to Ms. Paige Hendrikson. Gil Biskupski moved, Joel Groskreutz second to declare a unanimous ballot. Motion carried by voice vote.

There being no further business the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Vethe, secretary



Would you like to sponsor the radio broadcast, which also includes the Lutheran Hour broadcast (\$110.00) or a video broadcast (\$35.00) or you may like to sponsor the bulletin (cost \$60.00) or flowers on the altar.

If you would like to help contribute to this wonderful ministry, your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Please sign up on the charts located on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office at 524-4512, ext. 1.



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

by Mr. Tessendorf, Principal

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

Graduation service for St. Peter's Class of 2023 will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Congratulations and God Bless your journey as you leave St. Peter's.

Ethan Braun, Valedictorian
Emma Williams, Salutatorian

Ethan Braun
Gavin Lambert
Emma Schmidt
Andrew Stando
Grant Weber

Sierra Breidenbach
Jake Lichte
Dayne Schultz
Matthew Stando
Emma Williams

Jordyn Burton
Gracie Roloff
Kinley Skinner
Grace Thomas



YOU WILL BE MISSED!!

Mrs. Vossen has made the decision not to return to teaching at St. Peter's next school year. She is looking forward to staying home with her little daughter, Aria. Gods' richest blessings to Mrs. Vossen and family.



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 contact Mr. Tessendorf at rogertessendorf@saintpetersls.com. Deadline to submit a name is noon, May 8, 2023.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023 – 2024

Time to register for the 2023-24 school year. Applications may be found online at stpetersreedsburg.com or you may contact the school office at 608-524-4066.



**LOTS OF
LEGO
FUN**





Church Building Restoration/Improvements for 2023

The Board of Trustees has accepted the bid from Krause Konstruction Company to make the following repairs to the church in 2023. These repairs were approved by the Voters at the April meeting. Total cost of repairs to be \$ 3,512.00

1. Remove and replace caulking on radius seams on the integral rain gutter at the southeast corner of the structure proceeding to the northeast corner. Elastomeric coating will be applied to the entire interior of the gutter. Cost 1,560.00 to be completed late summer.
2. Above northeast large stained-glass window, smaller stained-glass window above, shows damage to the inside panes. This allows birds to become trapped between the inner and outer layers of the window. The contractor proposes to replace the outer window layer with new Lexan, and do an opaque repair of the inside, damaged pane. Cost: \$ 780.00 To be completed late summer.
3. Louvered Cupola at the top middle of the church structure, the contractor proposes to install new screening inside to preclude starlings, bats and wasps from entering the church structure. Cost: \$ 648.00 To be completed late summer.

Total Cost: \$ 2,988.00 Funds to complete the work are to come from the Church Restoration Fund.

School Roof Vent Flashing Repair for 2023 The contractor proposes to use a wire wheel to remove all rust from the flashing metal surfaces and apply spray galvanizing to them. The joint between the flashing and roof will be caulked to ensure that it is water tight. Cost: \$ 824.00 To be completed late summer. Funds to complete the work are to come from the School Maintenance Account.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE
PRESENTS



**SPRING
CHOIR TOUR 2023**

THE CHOIRS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE
MANKATO, MINNESOTA

Mary Martha Singers and
Handbell Choir directed by ANN FREDRICKSON
Concert Choir directed by DENNIS MARZOLF

**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023
6:30 PM**

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Follow Him in Generosity

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!!

EVAN	PINGEL	1-May	Laurie	Schuenke	10-May
TALLY	THOMPSON	1-May	MICAH	BENNETT	11-May
CONNIE	ZIMMERMAN	1-May	THOMAS	DANNER	11-May
DANIEL	ZIMMERMAN	1-May	MARY	HAHN	11-May
AREND	HARMS	2-May	RAYMOND	STOLARSKI	11-May
JAY	JOHANSEN	2-May	SARAH	JOHNSON	12-May
	PHEPHLES-		JAKE	LICHTE	12-May
KAIA	MCNURLEN	2-May	MICHAEL	PROCTER	12-May
JAMES	SCHROEDER	2-May	DEBORAH	REGO	12-May
BO	SCHUPPNER	2-May	DONNA	SCHULTE	12-May
SAVANNAH	ESCOBAR	3-May	TIMOTHY	HARMS	13-May
DENISE	GRINDER	3-May	MARLA	MILLER	13-May
LORENA	GROENER	3-May	KAYLA	DONAHUE	14-May
ASHLYN	MATHEWS	3-May	BILL	ZIMMERMAN	14-May
BONNIE	NAQUIN	3-May	DONALD	ASLESON	15-May
SARAH	NILES	3-May	VIRGINIA	IHLENFELD	15-May
BROOKE	STOLARSKI	3-May	CARL	STEINWEG	15-May
HANNA	BUELOW	4-May	ELLEN	MCDONOUGH	16-May
JASON	HEATHERINGTON	4-May	JACOB	DIAMOND	17-May
THOMAS	SASS	4-May	MEGAN	HERRITZ	17-May
BRITTANY	SCHYVINCK	4-May	ROBERT	LEOPOLD	17-May
CHELSEY	BENNETT	5-May	JOSEPHINE	REINKE	17-May
MARIAH	SPINK	5-May	DEBRA	SCHRANK	17-May
KALEB	HOEGE	6-May	LORNA	SLANEY	17-May
AARON	MARKUNAS	6-May	NATHAN	STANDO	17-May
IAN	ROGERS	6-May	STEPHANIE	DICIOCCIO	18-May
DALE	SPEICH	6-May	LUKE	JACOBSON	18-May
JAMES	HELM	7-May	KALEB	PERTZBORN	18-May
LARISSA	JAECH	7-May	ANGELA	YOUNG	18-May
ZACHARY	LARRABEE	7-May	DAVID	ESTES	19-May
JEFFREY	LEOPOLD	7-May	ANDRE	HERRITZ	19-May
CODY	STANDO	7-May	JACOB	KORKLEWSKI	19-May
TIFFANY	URBINA	7-May	WESLEY	MEAD	19-May
REBECCA	GRIMM	8-May	PHYLLIS	MILLER	19-May
SAMANTHA	HERRITZ	9-May	RUTH	REIMER	19-May
GLORIA	KINAST	9-May	MORGAN	RIBBKE	19-May
PAMELA	SPEICH	9-May	SIERRA	BREIDENBACH	20-May
SUZANNE	STRAMPE	9-May	TANNER	GERIKE	20-May
TENA	TAYLOR	9-May	DARLENE	GRIEVES	20-May
GAIL	BALL	10-May	HUDSON	KRAUS	20-May
STEVEN	MONTGOMERY	10-May	SHARON	SCHAFER	20-May
CYNTHIA	NELLESSEN	10-May	MARY	VETHE	20-May
DANIEL	PALMER	10-May	REBECCA	FRY	21-May
TEANN	ROSS	10-May	DORINE	HELM	21-May

AVA	MATHEWS	21-May
JASON	MUNDTH	21-May
HUDSON	OTT	21-May
SEARRA	STOWERS	21-May
HAILEY	KLITZKE	22-May
RODNEY	SONNENBERG	22-May
BERNARD	STRUTZ	22-May
LOGAN	JAHN	23-May
LAUREN	MCCAULEY	23-May
NOAH	RUIZ	23-May
JAYDEN	STRAMPE	23-May
ANGELA	GASSER	24-May
GILBERT	BISKUPSKI	25-May
DAVID	TOEDER	25-May
BRETT	WILSON	25-May
BARBARA	ZIMMERMAN	25-May
ELLIOT	PATTON	26-May
RYLEE	ROECKER	26-May
SCOTT	SCHUENKE	26-May
LARRY	CRAKER	27-May
DAWN	DERSHAM	27-May
CASSIE	MORTIMER	27-May
KAYDEN	NEISES	27-May
RYLEE	DOROW	28-May
EMMA	VANETTEN	28-May
ERIC	HINEMAN	29-May
MASON	MCMILLEN	30-May
REBECCA	PETERSON	30-May
LISA	BAGENSKI	31-May
CALLIE	JOHNSON	31-May
GAVIN	LAMBERT	31-May
OWEN	MEYER	31-May
WILLIAM	SKINNER	31-May