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FROM THE PASTOR

“But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:60b (ESV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

You may remember the account in Scripture where Jesus asked a man to follow Him. The man responded by saying that he would first like to go and bury his father. But Jesus responded by saying, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” These words may have been surprising to the hearers. This is because for the ancient Jewish people there was nothing more important and sacred than burying their dead. However, the Lord was telling the man that nothing was to get in the way of his relationship with His Lord and His call to follow Him.

Our Lord calls us as well to follow Him by putting Him first in our lives. At times, it may mean denying ourselves some of our basic desires and feelings. Jesus calls and demands of us that we put our relationship with Him above all other relationships.

He doesn't call us to put Him first in our lives for nothing. He, as our creator and God knows what is best for us and for our lives. He is the one who has given us all and continues to provide for all that we need for the care of our bodies, lives and souls. He has provided for our greatest need of forgiveness through Jesus shedding His precious blood on the cross that we

might be forgiven and have the assurance of eternal life through Him. For all He has done and continues to do for us, we owe Him our thanks and praise.

We as God's people respond in faith to His love and with the Holy Spirit empowering us live for Him. He strengthens us through the Word in worship and devotions and through His the Lord's Supper. Jesus said, “Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” John 15:4

May we by His power let Him have his way with our lives that we faithfully proclaim the Kingdom of God to all and serve Him in thanks for His undeserved love. Jesus is the object of our faith and hope. We do not only hold on to Him for some future benefit. We love Him for Himself as our gracious God. We praise and worship Him who died for us. We thankfully dedicate our lives and all we have to Him who daily guides us and showers His blessings upon us. May His call to follow Him take priority over every other obligation in our lives. May we ever be empowered to put Him first! For our Lord says to us as well, “But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:60b (ESV)

In Christ,

Pastor Paul Crolius

MEMORIALS

Given in memory of Emily Rogers
St. Peter's School \$70.00
St. Peter's Church General Fund \$1,200.00
St. Peter's Cemetery \$10.00

FUNERAL

Marvin Tibbitts died on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, and was given Christian burial on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

WEDDING

Jeff Stevenson and Betsy VanEtten were united in marriage on Saturday, October 29, 2022.



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 1400.



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk you through one of life's most difficult experiences. GriefShare care group will meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Concordia Hall.

LWML

The ladies met on October 1. Julie Thompson opened with the poem "Autumn Glory". Char Hillman then led us in a Bible study titled "From Fear to Faith - The Reformation Story" with us reading Bible verses telling and reminding us that we have nothing to fear - God loves us and our faith in Him and His forgiveness is what gives us eternal salvation.

Our meeting continued with saying our League Pledge. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved. Committee reports: quilters had sewed 5 quilts, tied 5, and laid 2 together. Following the display of quilts on LWML Sunday, 28 quilts went to Orphan Grain Train and 10 to the Children's Hospital. There were no baptisms this last month.

Julie reminded everyone about the Fall Rally coming up Saturday, October 15, at 10:00. The Gifts of Love ingathering items needed will be to put layettes together which will then be shipped through Orphan Grain Train.

It was agreed upon to continue our mission support for the Kaisers and their work with Lutheran Bible Translators.

There were no October birthdays in our group so we sang our Happy Birthday song to Joanne Brandt and Julie Thompson who had birthdays in September.

Julie presented the mite devotion on the Mission Grant "Ends of Earth" Scholarships/MOST ministries for \$50,000.

We then enjoyed a delicious pumpkin dessert served by Char Hillman.

Our next gathering will be Monday evening, November 14, at 6:00 with a Bible study led by Joanne Brandt.

In Christ's Service,
Julie Thompson, Secretary



JOIN THE JOYFUL SINGERS

Throughout the year we will gather to sing at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter just to name a few. If you have always wanted to be part of a church choir, now is a great opportunity to sing your praises!!! Our next practices will be on November 9th and 16th at 7:00 pm.



SERVING ON A BOARD AT ST PETER'S is a great way to share your time and talent.

St. Peter's Church has many Boards that offer endless opportunities to gather together and share with members and those throughout the community. Each month we will feature a Board and what they do to support St Peter's Lutheran Church

Board of Trustees

The board consists of six members elected to serve a term of three years. The board is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the physical assets of the church, school, and parsonage. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees signs contracts such as insurance, loans, and other items related to the buildings and property. Trustees apply their talents to various tasks and projects related to the church. The board solicits contractors for major projects and presents their initiatives to the Voter's Assembly for final approval. Working on the board can be personally satisfying because the results of their efforts immediately effect the enjoyment of our facility.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Youth Nights

Jr Youth meets from 6:00 – 8:00 pm
November 9 & 30

Sr Youth meets from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
November 2 & 16

NO Youth on November 23



WINTER RETREAT

Sr & Jr Youth are invited to the Silver Birch Ranch Winter Retreat January 6-8th. Cost is \$125.00 which includes all activities, meals at the ranch, and transportation.

Activities include: tubing, broom ball, horseback riding, zip lines, climbing wall, and games.

You may sign up and pay for the retreat at the school office no later than November 15th.

If you have questions regarding youth activities, please contact Betsy VanEtten at 608-495-0990.



VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

Students and staff of St. Peter's School would like to extend an invitation to join us on Friday, November 11th at 8:15 a.m. in the school gym in honor of Veteran's Day. We would like to extend a special invitation to all the Veterans in our congregation to join as we honor you and your service to our country.

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 24, 9:00 a.m.



We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Reedsburg Food Pantry at the

Thanksgiving Services on Wednesday, November, 23rd and Thursday, November 24th. Your donations are appreciated and will greatly help those in need during the holiday season.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Board of Missions and Congregational Services will be hosting the annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 20, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Concordia Hall. The board will be serving turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, and dinner rolls. Everyone is invited to attend! If able, please bring a salad or a dessert to help complete our meal. Thank you so much for your help with this and we hope to see you there! Please bring family and friends!

Thank you! I would like to thank you for all your cards, cake and gifts given to me for pastoral appreciation month. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are truly appreciated. It truly is a privilege to serve our gracious Lord and His people at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

In Christ, Pastor Crolius

St. Peter's Lutheran Church September 25, 2022

A special vote was held on Sunday, September 25, 2022, to vote for a delegate to represent St. Peter's at the Circuit Forum. Motion was made by Tim Brandt to nominate Don McCauley as the St. Peters representative Second by Charlie Backeberg, motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Vethe, Secretary

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Special Voters' Meeting - October 5, 2022

A special voters' meeting was held for the purpose of calling a DCE (Director of Christian Education). The meeting was called to order by Matt Dehn and opened with a devotion and prayer by Pastor Crolius. Words of thanks were extended to the committee, which included high school students, for their work in seeking nominations for this position.

The candidate being recommended for the call is Mark J. Sperry from DeWitt, IA. After discussion Don McCauley moved, Gil Biskupski second to extend a call to Mark Sperry to serve as the DCE at St. Peters

Carried by unanimous voice vote. There being no further business Gil Biskupski moved, Phil Rogers second to adjourn. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Vethe, Secretary

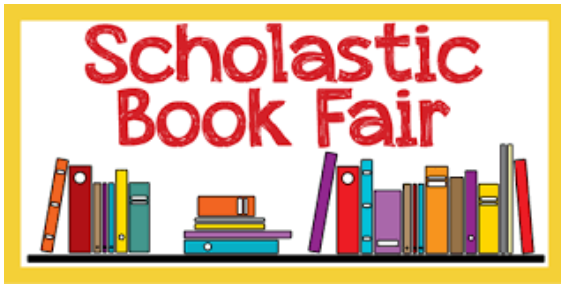
RESPONSE TO CALL

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church

I am writing this letter to let you know that after much prayer and seeking to discover God's will for myself and family, I have come to a decision regarding the call to serve as Director of Christian Education at St. Peter's.

Throughout the entire process, I have been humbled when I consider not only my role in full-time professional church work, but specifically the possibility of my serving there at St. Peter's. As we prayed about this and looked at where God could best use us for His will, it became increasingly clear that there is still work for us to do here at Grace and in DeWitt and the surrounding communities. Having said that, I must respectfully decline your congregations call and return the call documents to you. Please know that I will continue to keep yourself, the staff, the call committee and all the members there at St. Peter's in my prayers. Thanks again for the opportunity to discuss ministry possibilities and may God bless all of us as we seek to do His will.

In Service to Christ,
Mark Sperry



Scholastic Book Fair is being held in the school gym, October 31 – November 4. Students and teachers will make their wish lists to make your shopping easier.

Mon. 10/31	3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Tues. 11/1	7:40 to 8:30 a.m. 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Wed. 11/2	7:40 to 8:30 a.m. 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Thurs. 11/3	7:40 to 8:30 a.m. 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Fri. 11/4	8:00 a.m. to Noon



TASTY TREATS FOR SALE!!

Students at St. Peters are selling delicious Butter Braids (\$16 each) in a variety of flavors. A great warm and tasty treat to have at any time. Orders may be placed with the students or at the school office. Deadline to place your order is November 3, with delivery November 17. Funds raised will go into each classroom accounts.



What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they, His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also, our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It's the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

by Mr. Tessendorf, Principal

The 2022-2023 school theme
"Making Disciples for Life"
Matthew 28:19-20

Making Disciples for Life reminds us to evangelize the lost, retain the faithful, strengthen our faith and spread the Good News.

St. Peter's is a great place to be, but you don't need to take my word for it. Here are some comments from the most recent survey:

Students in Grades 1-3:

- It's nice at St. Peter's Lutheran School
- I learn a lot
- It is fun at St. Peter's

Students in Grades 4-8:

- The teachers are fun
- The teachers encourage us in their faith
- The teachers teach students about God and make it fun
- The teachers make leaving fun

Parents:

- The staff is wonderful and truly do care about my children.
- We absolutely love this school
- The teachers have high expectations and prepare kids for high school and the real world.
- I love that the school has stayed strong during covid times and I do not feel my children's education has suffered during this time. Staying in-person for instruction is priceless. Thank you!
- Memory work is awesome and so important for writing God's Word in the hearts and minds of our children.

PTL Family Movie Night was hosted by St. Peter's PTL on Friday, October 21. Everyone enjoyed **Sing 2**, and refreshments were available through the St. Peter's Athletic Department.



**Voted Best
Costume!!**



The Reedsburg Fire Department is running a program for 3rd graders throughout the Reedsburg School District. Students were asked if they have emergency escape plans, know how to make a 911 call, and check to make sure all smoke detectors are functioning properly in the home. If needed, the fire department will give out batteries and one free detector. Any student who returned their homework gets a Scoopy Culvers token. Then, if the whole class gets it turned in, they will be entered to win a pizza party from Pizza Ranch.

Thank you to the Reedsburg Fire Department for bringing this program into our classroom and to Covenant Financial-Thrivent for helping to sponsor it.



Thank you, Assistant Fire Chief, Steve Dempsey, for teaching us fire safety for our safety and for our family.

St. Peter's Third Grade



Mrs. Crolius and 1st grade class explored the Reedsburg Fire Department

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!!

NANCY	RICH	1-Nov	DEREK	HALVENSLEBEN	15-Nov
HOPE	ELY	2-Nov	WESLEY	OTT	15-Nov
COOPER	HENKE	2-Nov	LISA	RAY-LIETZ	15-Nov
OLLIE	SCHULENBURG	2-Nov	MICHAEL	SZOPINSKI	15-Nov
CHLOE	SCHULTZ	2-Nov	EMMA	WILLIAMS	15-Nov
LARRY	BUROKER	3-Nov	VICKI	ZIMMERMAN	15-Nov
CAMERON	MUELLER	3-Nov	SANDRA	WREZENSKI	16-Nov
TYLER	MURRAY	3-Nov	DALE	CRISAFULLI	17-Nov
ZACHARY	HOEGE	4-Nov	SAUNDRA	HOFF	17-Nov
DIANNE	SCHULTZ	4-Nov	CHARLIE	REIMER	17-Nov
KATHYRN	BALSANO	5-Nov	JODI	VOGEL	18-Nov
CORY	DUERR	5-Nov	JAMES	BRANDT	19-Nov
CHELSEA	HANSEN	5-Nov	BRAD	GLEASH	19-Nov
KAREN	SCHROEDER	6-Nov	SANDRA	GOLDMAN	19-Nov
SHANNA	STODDARD	6-Nov	ALICE	HAMBURG	19-Nov
JAMES	HEUER	7-Nov	DALE	JOHNSON	19-Nov
ZOEY	ROECKER	7-Nov	ZANDER	ADKINS	20-Nov
JAY	NEISES	8-Nov	PATRICIA	LANGE	20-Nov
PEGGY	SCHAFFER	8-Nov	CHARLES	MEYER	20-Nov
ADAM	ZIMMERMAN	8-Nov	AURORA	MURPHY	20-Nov
BREA	BEHN	9-Nov	MASINA	REUTER	20-Nov
DONELDA	BREIGHT	9-Nov	BIRDELLE	SCHRANK	21-Nov
STEVEN	MEYER	9-Nov	MONTANA	SOBECK	21-Nov
PAULA	BRANDT	10-Nov	KATIE	LEAK	22-Nov
WESLEE	PELTON	10-Nov	ELIJAH	OTT	22-Nov
BROOKE	KLEMM	11-Nov	MATTHEW	REINFELDT	22-Nov
JESSICA	MURRAY-BREUNIG	11-Nov	AVERY	BRANDT	23-Nov
CAROL	NOWACK	11-Nov	ETHAN	CRAKER	23-Nov
JAMES	ZIMMERMAN	11-Nov	JACOB	WUNSCH	23-Nov
CALVIN	MAURER	12-Nov	ALEXANDER	MARKUNAS	24-Nov
LAVONNE	REINECKE	12-Nov	ADDISON	SCHULTZ	24-Nov
CLAIRE	SIEMANDEL	12-Nov	LYNN	SUKUP	24-Nov
THOMAS	BRAUN	13-Nov	WENDY	CURTIN	25-Nov
SETH	KOCH	14-Nov	JOHN	HAGEN	26-Nov
DERRICK	MEYER	14-Nov	JANE	PRELL	26-Nov
LOUIS	MILLER	14-Nov	KATHY	RAUPP	26-Nov
MAKAYLA	SCHAFFER	14-Nov	JODI	SKINNER	26-Nov
SARAH	SPEICH	14-Nov	AIZIK	KENYON	27-Nov
LINDA	TOURDOT	14-Nov	AMANDA	BRANDT	28-Nov
HENRY	ARNDT	15-Nov	SALLY	MILLER	28-Nov
DIANA	BOLT	15-Nov	ERIN	BROWN	30-Nov
LOGAN	BROWN	15-Nov	KAILEIGH	KOCH	30-Nov
KRISTOPHER	FARBER	15-Nov	RENEE	REUTER	30-Nov
THOMAS	GRAMS	15-Nov			

