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FROM THE PASTOR

“Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ.” Ephesians 4:15

Bodybuilding calls for intense discipline and consistency in exercise. Bodybuilders are dedicated to developing the most muscular, well-defined, and symmetrical physiques possible. To attain that goal, proper nutrition and frequent intense exercise are necessary.

We are part of a very special and more important body. As the Apostle Paul writes inspired by the Holy Spirit, “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)” All who have received saving faith in Jesus are part of the body of Christ, the church.” As his children, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, we are to “grow up into Him [Christ],” that is, to know Christ better, serve Him more faithfully, and glorify Him always. The Holy Spirit empowers us to grow in faith as we abide in Him and He in us. This growth is accomplished through proper spiritual nutrition: regular worship in the communion of saints, where God’s Word is preached and the Lord’s Supper is served; daily study of the Scriptures and prayer; and frequent, intense exercise of our faith despite difficulty or

persecution, including bold witnessing to the Savior.

Jesus’ life, death, and physical resurrection created the church and are her foundation. The continuing presence of our risen Lord empowers us, as members of His body, to keep growing. “From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work” (Ephesians 4:16).

We pray that the Lord may help us all to grow stronger in faith so that all of us together may contribute to the building up of the body, the church. This is so that our gracious God may be honored and that He may further His Kingdom that the body may grow in faith and souls.

God’s richest blessings in Christ,
Pastor Paul Crolius

MEMORIALS

Given in memory of Myrtle Muchow
Radio Broadcast Fund \$ 365.00

Given in memory of Vickie Gerike
Emily Gerike Fund \$200.00

BAPTISM

Knox Daniel, son of Trent and Ashley
(Groskreutz) McCool, was baptized on
September 7, 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 approx. 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

Our first gathering of this 2022/2023 season for Lutheran Women in Mission was held on Monday evening, September 12, 2022, at 6:00. We began the evening with the common table and thank you prayers. We enjoyed a delicious potluck supper and some lively conversation.

We then got right to tying quilts and talked over business while we tied. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read. Betty Andreasen reported we sent a gift of \$60 to Lutheran Bible Translators to help them further their work. The total for mites we collected last year was \$1,122.03 to help support our mission grants and spread the Gospel.

Committee reports - baptism quilts were given to Max Gunther and Knox McCool. A thank you note was received from the Gunther family for Max's baptism quilt.

LWML Weekend will be October 1 & 2 for which we made plans, including setting quilts out on the pews.

Our next LWML meeting will be October 10 at 6:00 p.m.

The Fall Rally will be at Zion, LaValle on October 15 starting at 10:00.

By the time we were done discussing things, we had tied 6-7 quilts and our quilting ladies were going to continue working on quilts the following Wednesday morning.

It was a wonderful evening, enjoyed by all.

In Christ's service,
Julie Thompson, Secretary

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid will be meeting on Wednesday, October 5th, at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Ranch. We look forward to seeing you for lunch.



JOIN THE JOYFUL SINGERS

We are looking for those who would like to gather to sing at special services throughout the year. The first service will be Reformation Sunday, October 30 at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Practices will be held on October 19 & 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

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!!!



Sunday School begins Sunday, October 2, following the 9:00 am service at 10:15. We will begin by gathering in the school gym.

We give many thanks that we have had teachers and substitutes step forward to fill these positions, so we can continue to have Sunday School. See you at Sunday School!



STRONG TOWER

FUND BALANCE

\$ 141, 075.00

TOWER PROJECT UPDATE

The restoration of the exterior brick on the church towers is complete as of the end of August. As the masons from Building Restoration Company replaced bricks toward the upper reaches of the towers, they encountered water damage penetrating all three or so layers of tower brick in some limited areas. Completion of the full tuckpoint and replacement of damaged exterior bricks relieves us of the need to immediately address brick damage further at this point.

This damage, which took place over many years, is also evident in the wooden support beams in both towers. The complete structure of the towers including wood and bricks is more than adequate for its continued reliability. Of course, rain and ice continue to percolate through the aging steeple roof work.

In consideration of a quotation from Krause Konstruction Company, the Church Restoration Committee is proposing that we continue with the Strong Tower Project to the point where we have addressed both the present steeple roof leakage and bolstered the structural integrity of the wooden beams and columns in the towers. At the October 27th Voter's Assembly Meeting, the committee plans to propose to complete this project by March 2023 with some \$38,000 being raised from direct donations, and underwritten by the Foundation. This proposal does not include the complete re-roofing of the steeples which may be required in a five-to-ten-year timeframe.

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

The Board of Missions and Congregational Services is a group of 9 women and/or men, each elected to a 3-year term. We generally meet the first Thursday of each month. We work closely with the Pastor and DCE and/or Youth Director. We assist with finding speakers for mission services and teachers for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. We serve refreshments at various functions and help with the planning of the church picnic, Butterfest float and Thanksgiving dinner, etc. We enjoy sending devotions and cards to the shut-ins.



YOUTH & FAMILY
MINISTRY

Sr Youth	October 5	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Jr Youth	October 12	6:00 – 8:00 pm
	October 26	6:00 – 8:00 pm

Youth groups will meet in the school gym.

Betsy VanEtten will be the main leader of the youth groups.



SPECIAL UPCOMING MISSION
WEEKEND!

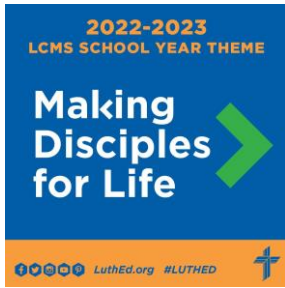
Lamp Weekend, October 8 & 9, with speaker Rev. Steve Schave.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in Concordia Hall. When our Lord says, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10), what does He mean? God's Word promises that in whatever kind of storm we find ourselves in, Jesus always comes to us. In "Be Still and Know", we unpack the promises of God that are fulfilled in Christ. We will be studying narratives from the Gospels as Jesus meets various people who are experiencing their own storms and explore the perspective of each person as He provides refuge, strength, help, and hope. In the midst of today's storms, may God reveal His refuge for us in Christ, the one who has overcome the world. Please join us!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

A special Voters' Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Concordia Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to Call a DCE (Director of Christian Education). The three candidates to be presented to the congregation are: Mark Sperry from De Witt, IA, Steven McCarthy from Durham, NC, and Dr. David Rueter from Livermore, CA. There is information on the table in the narthex on the candidates.



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.



First Quarter Chapel Offerings The school chapel offerings for the first quarter are being donated to the St. Peter's LAMP Team. Our goal this quarter is to reach \$500.00.

LEA Convocation

School is closed October 6 & 7 as our teachers travel to Milwaukee for the Tri-Annual LEA Convocation. The entire faculty are able to attend this uplifting and informative event through the generous support received through the Spaghetti Supper and Title funds. Many Lutheran Schools are unable to send their entire teaching staff as it is cost prohibitive to do so. Thank you for your support to provide this valuable experience for ALL of our teachers!



Theme foundation is Ephesians 2:19-22. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

LEGOS Club

The LEGOS Club has stated. A total of 44 children have registered for the club. Samples of the creations made will be on display in the school trophy case. I invite you to come and view the creations. The LEGOS Club is in need of more LEGO People.





The fall sports season has begun with great wins on the volleyball court and a successful Cross Country meet completed by our runners. Check out our school calendar online at www.stpetersredsurg.com for a list of upcoming events.

Cross Country Runners coached by Dennis Lichte

George Maxwell
Dayne Schultz

Emily Thomas
Ethan Braun

Mason Molitor
Will Burton

Jake Lichte

B-Team Volleyball coached by Brandi Marvici and Monica Haefer

Emma Miller
Cheyenne Haefer

Karlee Smith
Ashlyn Brandt

Tiana Bachmann
Josie Marvici

Hailey Schwartz
Kaelynn Haase

A-Team Volleyball coached by Jessica Hart

Grace Abbott
Kinley Skinner

Gracie Roloff
Lindsey Lichte

Emma Schmidt
Grace Thomas

Lainee Skinner

**ST. PETER'S SPAGHETTI DINNER
& SILENT AUCTION**



Friday, October 28, 2022
4:30-7:00 PM

Advance Ticket Price: \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5 - 12 years old,
Children 4 and under are FREE.

Tickets will be \$1.00 more at the door

Carry-outs are available.

Tickets are available from any St. Peter's Family and also at the school office.

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT DRIVE The Board of Missions and Congregational Services is asking for donations of feminine hygiene products to help young girls in need. Donations can be placed in the collection boxes in the lower narthex on the weekends throughout October. Items needed are shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, tampons, and panty liners. Donations will be given to the Reedsburg Area High School and St. Peter's School. Thank you for your generosity



What is Stewardship?

“We Are All Beggars”

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: “We are all beggars. This is true.” And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

Ironic, isn't it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't like being in someone's debt like that.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn't because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn't because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled “We are all beggars. This is true.” We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

MEGAN	MEYER	1-Oct
STANLEY	ALBRECHT	1-Oct

JOSEPH	PATTON	2-Oct	IMOGEN	O'BRIEN	17-Oct
DENNIS	ANDREASEN	2-Oct	DENNIS	SCHRANK	17-Oct
CARL	BAUMGART	2-Oct	BRUCE	BALL	18-Oct
DOUG	KRYDER	2-Oct	LANDON	CHURCHILL	18-Oct
PENNY	SCHRANK	2-Oct	AXEL	HANKE	19-Oct
BRYSON	KLITZKE	3-Oct	JOHN	THOMPSON	19-Oct
ALEX	SCHMITT	4-Oct	BRETT	BOLT	20-Oct
JOY	TESSENDORF	5-Oct	JASON	DOROW	20-Oct
SCOTT	KAUTZ	5-Oct	DON	HULL	21-Oct
JAMES	METCALF	5-Oct	MARCIA	SONNENBERG	21-Oct
PATRICK	WHITEHURST	5-Oct	ANNA	MEYER	22-Oct
KAREN	WITTEW	7-Oct	SHIRLEY	CRAKER	22-Oct
BRANDON	BIRDSILL	7-Oct	Jolie	HUCK	23-Oct
CLAYTON	MEAD	7-Oct	BRIAN	ALBRECHT	23-Oct
ISAAC	BAUER	8-Oct	RAYMOND	BERLIN	23-Oct
NATHAN	CROLIUS	8-Oct	CLINTON	BEYER	23-Oct
ELLIS	REUTER	9-Oct	TANNER	KEEL	24-Oct
ALEXANDER	OTT	9-Oct	REAGAN	KNODEL	24-Oct
ANGELA	FRY	10-Oct	STARRA	STRAMPE	24-Oct
THOMAS	GILLIS	10-Oct	CHRISTINA	HAGEN	25-Oct
COREY	LYNCH	10-Oct	ROGER	FRIEDE	25-Oct
MELANIE	BAUER	11-Oct	MADDIE	RAMSEY	25-Oct
LUKE	BRODT	11-Oct	BRUCE	SUMTER	25-Oct
TRIPP	FEATHERINGILL	12-Oct	GRACE	ABBOTT	26-Oct
BRIAN	HARMS	12-Oct	MELANIE	DEMARS	26-Oct
PAUL	LUEPKE	12-Oct	PAUL	HAGEN	26-Oct
RYAN	JOHANSEN	12-Oct	CARSON	MCCAULEY	26-Oct
CHRISTOPHER	SCHULTZ	12-Oct	BRETT	SCHUPPNER	26-Oct
MASON	HIGGINS	13-Oct	JOSHUA	HOEGE	27-Oct
WILL	MICHEL	14-Oct	ANDREW	WEBER	28-Oct
AMY	PELTON	14-Oct	VICKI	SCHULENBURG	29-Oct
KOLBE	ROGNRUD	14-Oct	RYNAE	STEFAN	29-Oct
NATHAN	HARMS	14-Oct	BRIEANA	HUCK	30-Oct
PHOENIX			KAREN	ASLESON	30-Oct
PARK	PARK	14-Oct	DONALD	HARMS	30-Oct
RUSSELL	REIMER	14-Oct	RUTH	MONTGOMERY	30-Oct
LANDON	BROWN	15-Oct	BRAXTON	STOWERS	30-Oct
BRIAN	MICHEL	15-Oct	VINIENNE	TOWNSEND	30-Oct
DURRELL	NAQUIN	15-Oct	MICHAEL	GLICK	31-Oct
LUCAS	SCHRANK	16-Oct	ASHLEY	MEYER	31-Oct
IVERSON	ROSS	16-Oct	CAROLYN	BELL	31-Oct
TINA	GOODMAN	17-Oct	SUSAN	LINDLOFF	31-Oct
TONYA	ZIMMERMAN	17-Oct	FELICITY	MOSS	31-Oct
JOSEPH	CRAKER	17-Oct			
DANIEL	ELY	17-Oct			
RONALD	HARMS	17-Oct			
ROBERT	MCWILLIAMS	17-Oct			