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FROM THE PASTOR

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Wow, what a broken world we live in! Lives are in turmoil. There are those who have been affected by storms, trials, illnesses, accidents, disasters, discord and the loss of loved ones have left people with a big gap in their lives. In these times, we wonder what endures. If everything, we have built our hope on is gone, on what can we depend?

In Ecclesiastes 3:14, we are encouraged, “That whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it.” These words show us where our true hope and help lies. Our lives and the lives of our loved ones may be lost. Our possessions may be lost, destroyed, or taken from us, but God’s Word and work endure. We may lose our jobs or become ill, but Jesus Christ never changes. His Word, His work, His promises endure. He gives us real hope that never fails.

Our hope in all times is found in our living and victorious Savior and God. Our Lord who suffered and died for all has risen and conquered our sin, satan and death itself. He has overcome all and through Him we overcome all. Our baptism joins us to our living Lord Jesus. His Word in worship and devotion strengthens our faith and is our anchor in life. He nourishes and fuels our God

given faith through Holy Communion. He won victory for us through His death on the cross and freely gives us salvation and eternal life. This living hope does not depend on our circumstances or our good deeds, it comes to us from God’s undeserved mercy and grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. We can count on God’s love. His love endures!

We give thanks to our Lord who is with us and upholds us through all times, trials, and circumstances. He gives us hope with His enduring love and care. Our Lord also lifts us out of our pits, whatever they may be, to do for us “far more abundantly than all that we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). This promise we have in our risen Lord. There is no difficulty or pit deeper than the pit Christ entered and the agony he endured on the cross for us. By His resurrection and grace, He is always raising us out of the depths, giving us forgiveness, life, hope, and the assurance of our salvation. Our hope is always found in our risen Lord and His amazing love that always endures.

May this be our strength in all circumstances. May He keep us ever rooted and strengthened in these wonderful assurances given in Christ through His Word, worship, and His Holy Supper. May we also share and declare this hope and enduring love to everyone we meet.

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Crolius



**Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**
**Bible Class will
resume at 10:15 a.m.
on September 18.**

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. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13.

LWML

Ladies, our new season starts Monday, September 12, at 6:00 with a potluck supper in Concordia Hall. After some good food, we will be tying quilts and we'll hear about the highlights of the LWML District Convention that was held in June. We would love to see some new faces; please come and join us!



JOIN THE JOYFUL SINGERS

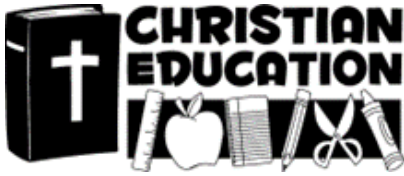
We are looking for those who would like to gather to sing at special services throughout the year. The first service will be Reformation Sunday, October 30 at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Practices will be held on October 12 & 19 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!!!



Thank you to all those who generously donated school supplies to our students at St. Peter's School. This allows many of our students to have all that is needed to begin another great school year. It also allows many of our students to replenish their notebooks, pencils, etc throughout the year. Thank you again for your generosity!!!



GIVE THE GIFT OF A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have been so blessed with our continued growth and the opportunity to bring the Word of God to children each and every day. Please consider contributing to the St. Peter's School Sponsorship Fund which helps aid those families who might otherwise not be able to afford to send their children to St. Peter's. If you would like to sponsor a particular child or family, with tuition assistance or maybe a deposit to their lunch account, that would also be a wonderful gift. Please feel free to contact the school office at 524-4066, ext. 1, with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continuing support of our wonderful school.



STRONG TOWER PROJECT GOAL

\$140,000.00

Correct fund Balance
\$ 136,826.00

TOWER PROJECT UPDATE

Pressure washing, tuck pointing and seal coating has been completed. It was discovered that there is damage to the timbers inside of the towers that will need to be repaired before the previously scheduled interior work can be completed. Two companies are providing estimates for the timber work. A maintenance schedule will be set up so that routine inspections are done on a regular basis in the future.



We need your help to make this happen!

Sunday School will tentatively begin Sunday, October 2. BUT, we need your help. We are in need of 3 teachers and those who might like to sub teach when needed. Sunday School will not happen without your help. Please prayerfully consider sharing you time and talents in this special way. Please contact Pastor Crolius at 524-4512, ext. 2, Kathy Corey at 608-901-8975 or Janet Gasser at 524-9008.

Thank you.

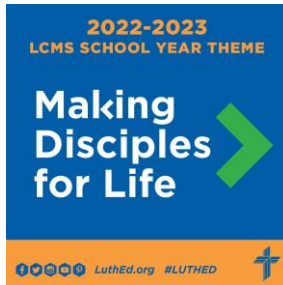


SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2022

Back To Church Weekend

Invite your family & friends

See you there!!



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.

ENROLLMENT

St. Peter's is blessed to serve 196 school children in 3-year-old Pre-Kindergarten thru 8th grade. We also serve an additional 40 children in our Daycare. We are blessed to have the opportunity to serve these children and their families.

NEEDED – SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The school is in need of substitute teachers. Requirements are a four-year Bachelor degree from an accredited college. Please contact the office or Mr. Tessendorf if you are interested or know of someone who would consider this opportunity.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

MINISTRIES COORDINATOR We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Beth Lynch who will be taking on the position of Ministries Coordinator. Mrs. Lynch will be training with Mrs. Nellessen over the next year in preparation for the transition as Mrs. Nellessen will be retiring in July 2023.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER We are pleased to welcome Janet Hanold to the ministry team at St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School. She will be serving as the kindergarten teacher at St. Peters. Mrs. Hanold has taught PK3, PK4, Kindergarten and Second grades. We look forward to her service as we start the 22-23 school year.

LUNCH ROOM ASSISTANCE Those helping to serve the tasty hot lunch will be Mrs. Linda Biskupski and Mr. Josh Carmichael. Thank you!!!

LEGOS CLUB

St. Peter's Lutheran School will have a LEGOS (Let Everyone Glorify Our Savior) next school year. **What is a LEGOS Club?** It is an opportunity for students in Grades K-4 to be inspired by God's Word, through a devotion shared by Mr. Tessendorf, and then create something with LEGOs based on that devotion. **How can you help?** Through the generosity of many families, we had a good supply of Legos last year. However, there is always room for more, especially more Lego People. Please consider donating any LEGOs you no longer play with or need. Or perhaps you may find a good deal on LEGOs at a garage sale and be moved to donate them to the St. Peter's LEGOS Club. Thank you for your consideration. **In addition**, I am looking for someone to periodically clean and disinfect our LEGO Collection. Please contact Mr. Tessendorf or the Office if you are interested in helping in this important way.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters' Meeting – July 28, 2022

Meeting was opened by Congregational President Matt Dehn. Devotion and prayer led by Pastor Crolius. Matt called for everyone to sign the attendance sheet. April '22 Voters' Meeting Minutes were presented. Motion by Gil Biskupski to approve, second by Don McCauley, carried by voice vote.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Crolius reported that the Grief Share group has been meeting two times a month with 2 - 3 meetings left in this session. "Back to Church Weekend" will take place on September 10 - 11 with a Meet & Greet for our newest members following the 9:00 a.m. service on September 11. Vacation Bible School will be held August 8 - 12. There continue to be many requests for assistance. The call committee for a new DCE is working on a list of names of potential candidates. Pastor shared the membership changes with two additions: Ryan Gates and Daniel Berberich were received by Confirmation. Moved by Pastor Crolius to approve, second by Mark Meyer, carried by voice vote.

Principal's Report, Roger Tessendorf - The 2022 school theme is "Making Disciples for Life". Enrollment numbers are still changing but currently there are 192 enrolled; 30 are new students and 54 are "School Choice", there are 5 on the waiting list. Congregation members are asked to continue to recommend St. Peter's to those looking for a school. Several activities/events will be returning this year including children's choirs, musicals, plays, Chapel Buddies and LEGOS Club - LEGOs are needed if anyone has some to donate. The school is looking for an assistant cook for this school year, contact the office if interested. Library volunteers are needed, contact the office or Miss Erdman. New textbooks: English Language Arts were purchased in 21-22, Social Studies & Science will be purchased this year, Math in 23-24. Mrs. Beth Lynch as accepted the position of Ministries Coordinator, she will train with Cindy this school year.

Financial Management Report was given by Cindy Nellessen.

Foundation Report was given by Brett Schuppner.

Old Business: Mark Meyer reported that the LAMP trip for this year was canceled due to lack of help, they will try to go again next year. St. Peter's Youth Group can use some help with the food booth at the Badger Steam & Gas show in August, they are also planning to have a stand at next year's Farm Progress Days and will be looking for help with that.

New Business: Dennis Koppen reported that our insurance policy has changed and it has been recommended that we carry additional medical coverage for the school and daycare staff and students at an estimated cost of \$800 - \$1100 per year. Dennis moved to purchase the coverage with a price of no more than \$1,500 for the year. Motion was amended to read purchase at a cost less than or equal to \$1,500 for the year. Gil Biskupski second, carried by voice vote. Dennis Koppen gave a towers update: Pressure washing, tuck pointing and seal coating will be done before school starts. It was discovered that there is damage to the timbers inside of the towers that will need to be repaired before the previously scheduled interior work can be completed. Two companies are providing estimates for the timber work. A "maintenance schedule" will be set up so that routine inspections are done on a regular basis.

Nate Braun reported that the Nominations Committee will be making calls to fill board and committee vacancies. Matt Dehn mentioned that the Youth Gathering was an excellent experience for all involved and extended thanks to the congregation for their financial help with the trip.

Motion made by Gil Biskupski to adjourn, second by Nate Braun, carried by voice vote.
The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Vethe, secretary

What is Stewardship?



What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: "A manager." That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn't belong to Him. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13). So, let's dive into the God's Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.



LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

LEAH	ANDERSON	1-Sep	JUSTYN	HEUER	11-Sep
BRYAN	ANTOINE	1-Sep	JULIE	THOMPSON	11-Sep
CARRIE	FINNEGAN	1-Sep	CALLIE	CURTIN	12-Sep
DINAH	HATFIELD	1-Sep	KARLA	HENDRIKSON	13-Sep
BLAKE	RAY	1-Sep	JOEL	GROSKREUTZ	14-Sep
ERIK	REIMER	1-Sep	ep AVERY	MILLER	14-Sep
DEBBIE	TROXEL	1-Sep	CHARLES	WILSON	14-Sep
GRANT	WEBER	1-Sep	Taliyah	SCHARA	15-Sep
NANCIE	COOK	2-Sep	ASPEN	DANKERT	16-Sep
LANDEN	KNUTH	2-Sep	SUSAN	HALVENSLEBEN	16-Sep
RYLEN	KNUTH	2-Sep	AMY	SPEICH	16-Sep
JOSIAH	SCHULTZ	2-Sep	SUZANNAH	DICIOCCIO	17-Sep
KURT	VOGEL	2-Sep	JETT	HALL	17-Sep
NATHAN	BRAUN	3-Sep	JOEY	HALL	17-Sep
EMILY	THOMAS	3-Sep	SHIRLEY	MAURER	17-Sep
KATHERINE	THOMAS	3-Sep	CLARENCE	PURANEN	17-Sep
SHAWN	PARCE	4-Sep	KRISTINE	CRISAFULLI	18-Sep
EMILY	SCHROEDER	4-Sep	WESLEY	REIMER	18-Sep
DAYNE	SCHULTZ	4-Sep	DEBRA	SMITH	18-Sep
JENNIFER	SWANSON	4-Sep	KRISTA	GUNTHER	19-Sep
GABRYEL	ZIMMERMAN	5-Sep	HAYDEN	KRUEGER	19-Sep
ANGELA	GADE	6-Sep	SCOTT	MINOR	19-Sep
THOMAS	MILLER	6-Sep	RITA	SCHARA	19-Sep
KRISTIE	ROCKWEILER	6-Sep	LUCAS	SZOPINSKI	19-Sep
RICHARD	MCPHERSON	7-Sep	WILLIAM	BEHN	20-Sep
HUNTER	ABBOTT	8-Sep	JOHN	DIETZ	20-Sep
LORI	FRY	8-Sep	ARDITH	RYCZEK	20-Sep
CYNTHIA	MCCAULEY	8-Sep	JAMES	SCHIEFELBEIN	20-Sep
RENEE	MILLER	8-Sep	MICHELLE	CROLIUS	21-Sep
SIDNEY	MINOR	8-Sep	CHAD	SETTERBO	22-Sep
GIANNA	SCHMIDT	8-Sep	SOPHIA	WUNSCH	22-Sep
KAREN	SCHUPPNER	8-Sep	MALINDA	CASTILE	23-Sep
EMILY	WESTPHAL	8-Sep	JONATHAN	STOLTE	23-Sep
MARK	BERBERICH	9-Sep	TYLER	ARCHAMBO	24-Sep
JANICE	BRAUN	9-Sep	MATTHEW	FILUS	24-Sep
GREGG	ELY	9-Sep	ISABELLE	MILLER	24-Sep
REBECCA	SACRE	9-Sep	LOIS	RADTKE	24-Sep
MARSHA	SANDERS	9-Sep	GAIL	REINKE	24-Sep
CINDY	ZIRNGIBLE	9-Sep	JENNIFER	REUTER	24-Sep
DANIEL	HAHN	10-Sep	LIANNA	THOMPSON	24-Sep
LINDA	JOHNSON	10-Sep	THOMAS	ZIMMERMAN	25-Sep
JESSICA	COOK	11-Sep	CALVIN	CRAKER	26-Sep
			GERALDINE	KLINGENMEYER	26-Sep
			TINA	KNITT	26-Sep
			MAKENNA	HALVENSLEBEN	27-Sep
			JAN	IMHOFF	27-Sep
			CADENCE	KLITZKE	27-Sep
			RONALD	KRUEGER	27-Sep

GEORGE	MCPHERSON	27-Sep	BEN	NACHREINER	29-Sep
BRENDA	CRISAFULLI	28-Sep	LEE	NACHREINER	29-Sep
BROOKE	KRAUS	28-Sep	SUSAN	STANDO	29-Sep
RYAN	MEYER	28-Sep	JOY	STRUCK	29-Sep
JULIA	NOLDEN	28-Sep	JOANNE	BRANDT	30-Sep
MAXIMILIAN	PATTERSON	28-Sep	TIMOTHY	BRANDT	30-Sep
DARCY	SCHROEDER	28-Sep	GAGE	DOROW	30-Sep
JACKOB	ALBRECHT	29-Sep	NANCY	JOHANSEN	30-Sep
MELLISA	EVEN	29-Sep	LORI	KLITZKE	30-Sep
ELLA	HALVENSLEBEN	29-Sep	BRITON	NELSON	30-Sep
JAELYN	KRUSE	29-Sep			
SOPHIA	KRUSE	29-Sep			

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH

September 10 & 11

Mark your calendars! St. Peter's will again participate in Back to Church Weekend on September 10 & 11 with a special Meet & Greet event on Sunday, September 11.

Back to Church Weekend is a campaign to touch hearts, increase hope and strengthen the members of our faith community through the living Word of God. It is a campaign to encourage people to "try church again." You see God gives us this incredible promise that His Word works. It does not necessarily change the situation we are in, but it does change our outlook and give us peace and strength, because it points us to the hope and comfort, we have unconditionally through Jesus Christ. So, invite someone you know to come to church with you and join us in worship. It will be a great celebration! Please enjoy some refreshments in the entrance of church.

Following the service on Sunday, September 11, we will gather in the sanctuary following the 9:00 a.m. service to Meet and Greet our newest members. We will have an opportunity for pictures to be taken.

Please plan to join us and take the opportunity to say hello. Boards and organizations will be sharing information about what St. Peter's is all about. Great information for old and new members alike!!