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FROM THE PASTOR

*I thank him who has given me strength, Christ
Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful,
appointing me to his service.
1 Timothy 1:12*

Dear Friends in Christ,

That is impossible!! Have you ever used those words before? In the past, it was thought that man would never be able to fly. Now flights leave continuously throughout the day all over the world. This includes our St. Peter's LAMP-VBS Mission Team's flight which went from Winnipeg, Manitoba to Island Lake, Manitoba. This is a very isolated and difficult place to reach which now becomes possible in less than 2 hours. How often are we humbled by the power and work of God. Many things once thought impossible, now have been made possible by the Lord.

God's word in the life of Apostle Paul was an incredible and amazing story as well. One would have thought it would have been impossible. God took Saul, the former Christian hater and persecuter and by the power and grace of God, brought him to faith. The Lord transformed him into Paul, the great missionary of the Lord. Paul gave thanks to Jesus for the strength and faith to leave his former way of life and to believe and proclaim the saving love of Jesus. Now Paul, by God's power, relied on Jesus' strength through all the dangers and challenges he faced.

By bringing us to faith in Jesus, God has also accomplished what would have been impossible for us. All of us were born sinful, separated from Him. We daily sin much and fall short of the glory of God. WE would have been lost eternally if it weren't for the mercy and work of God. Jesus, through his death and resurrection, conquered sin, Satan, and death's hold on us. Jesus' powerful forgiveness daily cleanses us and empowers us to accomplish tasks that without Him would be impossible. In baptism, God cleanses us, makes us His own, and through worship and daily devotion strengthens and empowers us to overcome what seem to be impossible obstacles in our lives. We are also enabled to share with the world the hope, strength, and love we receive from God.

Thank you again for supporting our St. Peter's LAMP-VBS Mission Team. Without this and God's blessing we would not be able to share the love of the Saviour in Garden Hill. Thanks be to God, once again, the impossible is made possible!

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Crolius

BAPTISM

Ryley Elijah, son of Gary and Kristine (Kleeber) Daniels, was born on April 25, 2016, and was baptized on Saturday, July 23, 2016.

Kinsley Lyn, daughter of Matthew and Holly (Biesek) Meyer, was born on April 25, 2016, and was baptized on Sunday, July 24, 2016.

Corbin Eric, son of Eric and Amanda (Reimer) Wilkes, was born on April 24, 2016, and was baptized on Sunday, July 31, 2016.

FUNERAL

Carolyn Novak died on Thursday, July 21, 2016, and was given Christian burial on Sunday, July 24, 2016.

MEMORIALS

Given in memory of Julius Herrtiz
St. Peter's School \$300.00

GOLDEN AGERS

St. Peter's Golden Agers met on Monday, June 20th at the Reedsburg Country Club. Following our delicious meal, President Phyllis Schenck opened the business meeting with a reading "Moments". The secretary and treasurer reports were given and accepted as read. Our next meeting will be at the Pizza Ranch at 11:30 a.m. on September 19th. A gracious vote of thanks was given to Phyllis Scheck, President, and Irma Lowery, Secretary, for their past years of service. Election of officers followed: President - Dee Duley, Vice President - Gloria Kinast, Secretary - Lorna Slaney, and Treasurer - Eldarene Bowlin. Pres. Schenck closed the meeting with a reading "Summers Serenade". Bingo was enjoyed by all. We wish you a healthy and happy summer!!

LUTHERAN HOUR

You can enjoy the Lutheran Hour Ministry every Sunday at 7:00 a.m. on 1400 AM and again at 11:30 a.m. on 99.7 FM, WRPQ

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid members met at 1:30 p.m. July 6, 2016 in Concordia Hall, vice-president Lois Radtke presiding. Pastor Crolius' opening devotion reminded us that every day, living in this country is a blessing. But he also reminded us that Heaven is our home. The Lord is our strength and our salvation. We sang "God Bless our Native Land".

Lois introduced our guest speaker, Debbie Smalley, from Safe Harbor, a shelter for homeless women and children. This home, located on Webb Avenue, receives no government funding, but depends on donations from the community. Its goal is to break the cycle of homelessness by helping women find employment. It is not a permanent home, so they must take responsibility for themselves and their children. Ms. Smalley thanked Ladies Aid members for their donations of household items.

The business meeting was called to order. Minutes of the June meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted as read.

New Business - Ruth Reimer suggested that the Ladies Aid give monetary gifts to Safe Harbor and to St. Peter's Hardship Fund. Motions seconded and carried.

Our August meeting will be at the Pizza Ranch beginning at 11:30 a.m. Following the luncheon, we will play Bingo.

Birthday blessings were sung to Viola Lueck who will be celebrating her 95th birthday on July 7th.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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| Board of Elders | 2nd Thursday @ 8:00 pm |
| Board of Education | 2nd Monday @ 7:00 pm |
| Congregational Services | 2nd Thursday @ 6:30 pm |
| Board of Stewardship | 2nd Thursday @ 6:00 pm |
| Board of Trustees | 2nd Thursday @ 6:30 pm |
| Board of Outreach | 1st Wednesday @ 6:30 pm |



National Youth Gathering 2016 in New Orleans was amazing!! This was an awesome opportunity and everything we hoped it would be!! We went on a Swamp Tour, ate amazing food, served by painting a classroom in a charter school, played awesome games, attended seminars that challenged us to think about our lives and who we want to be in Christ, and we laughed so hard at performances by Skit Guys and 321 Improv! We experienced so much together as a group and we are so thankful for the opportunity. The youth were amazing in the way they followed directions, participated, and interacted with others including police officers where I watched our youth often reach out their hands and shake the New Orleans Police officers' hands or say thank you for their service as we walked by. At the mass events, the youth learned to be an echo of Jesus in this world and I truly experienced that with them during our time together in New Orleans. It is my hope that they remain echoes of Jesus to a world that so desperately needs Him. I just want to say thank you to all the youth and all the adult leaders for your help and for making this trip so awesome!! Thank you Dave Dietz for driving us to the Milwaukee airport and picking us up to bring us home!! I also want to thank all of you who helped support our trip this last year!! We appreciate you so very much!!!

The LAMP Team and St. Peter's Youth will be working together at the Badger Steam and Gas Show on August 19th - 21st. We will be selling food items such as brats, chicken sandwiches, sweet corn, slushies, soda, and water. I am looking for youth to sign up to help with this event. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex of the Church or you can contact me and I will add your name to the sign up sheet. If there are any questions about this event, please contact me anytime at 608-477-1159 or by email at jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com.

In Christ Alone!
Jennifer Anderson, Youth Director



**Sunday, September
11th!!!**

Sunday School meets every
Sunday morning
at 9:15 a.m. in the school classrooms.

*A Special
THANK YOU*

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Ruth Sorge Memorial Scholarship! I will be attending UW-LaCrosse on a pre-physical therapy track. It is an honor to have my future education supported by this great scholarship.

Thanks again,
Brianna Schyvinck

Thank you for your generous donation of \$3,500 to support the Military BibleStick program, making God's Word available to our brave servicemen and women. As we remember those who have given their lives to serve this country, it is such a blessing to know that people like you are helping to provide the peace and comfort found only in God's Word.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

The summer break will soon be over. August will move by and the new school year will begin on September 1. But before the school year begins, there is a lot that needs to happen.

For our teachers, everything will officially begin on Monday, August 15. That is the day that we will meet to begin the new school year. The work that has been done throughout the summer will be shared. Class lists will be passed out. Home visits will be planned and the new materials that have been ordered for the new school year will be moved to the classrooms if they have not already been moved. An overview of the new school year will be looked at and a plan for working on the curriculum mapping process will be set up. This is just some of what will happen in our August meeting.

One year ago we were happy that we could share about the installation of the new gym floor and the new bleachers. That has been and continues to be a wonderful blessing for our school. Now we can be proud of our new lighting throughout the entire school. All of the lighting, including exit lights, in the entire school building has been changed. The fluorescent, the incandescent, and the mercury vapor lights in the gym have all been changed over to LED lights. The LED lights are brighter and much more efficient to operate. An example of one change is that the four 300 watt incandescent bulbs in the gym were replaced with 18 watt LED bulbs. A savings of about \$5000 a year will be realized on the cost of electricity as we move forward. This process was paid for with funds from the Foundation.

Another new and wonderful addition is in the area of technology. Through a very generous gift we have been able to purchase 60 Chrome Books, a form of hand held computer. Chrome Books are used at Reedsburg Area High School so our students will be able to move right into the use of them as they move into high school. Each of our classrooms will have 2 of the new computers all the time and the others will be in two portable carts that will move from room to room so that all students in the school will have access to them.

A few laptops will be kept to be used for special purposes in the various classrooms.

On August 28, during the 8 a.m. service, the teachers will be re-dedicated to the wonderful ministry that we are blessed to be part of at St. Peter's Lutheran School. At this time we will have the same teaching staff in all grades as we had the past two years. It is good to have stability. The only question is in the administrative position as Mr. Meyer has not made his decision about accepting or declining the call that was extended to him. We anxiously await his decision.

In Christ,
Dennis Andreasen, Principal

TIME TO ENROLL FOR 2016- 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

It is that time of year again when we start making plans for yet another school year. St. Peter's School is taking applications for Pre-Kindergarten – 8th grade. We believe that at St. Peter's Lutheran School, our many years of experience in a loving, Christian environment is the best choice for your child's education. If you or someone you know would like information you may stop in and visit or give us a call at 524-4066. You can also learn more about us at www.stpetersreedsburg.org

GIVE THE GIFT OF A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The enrollment at St. Peter's Lutheran School continues to increase each year. 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, 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.



Would you like to help in supplying our students with school supplies? Below is a list of the most used items. Donations may be dropped off throughout the summer at the school office or in the entrance of the church. Thank you!

12" Ruler with metric
4oz. white glue-no gel glue
8 Crayons (thin)
Blue, Black & Red Pens
Compass - Protractor (Transparent)
Colored & regular pencils
Markers-regular & thin basic
Crayons (24 or more)
Double pocket folder
Eraser - Glue Sticks - Highlighters
Large box of tissues & disinfecting wipes
Colored Dry Erase Markers
Pocket folders
School box with snap lid
Scissors
Spiral notebooks & loose leaf paper - wide rule
Watercolor paints (8 colors)

Thank you to the many people who donate supplies to our school at this time of year. These gifts to our students are greatly appreciated by children, moms and dads!! With your wonderful generosity we are able to keep supplies on hand throughout the school year for ALL students whenever they have a need. Thank you!!!



Merle and Lorena Groener will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on August 4th. They would be honored by your presence at an open house from 2-4 pm at Casa De Oakes, 1130 Bindl Drive, Reedsburg. No gifts please.

BADGER STEAM & GAS SHOW

AUGUST 19-21, 2016



Come out and enjoy the show and support the St. Peter's Youth and the L.A.M.P. VBS Mission Team at their concession stand.

BRATS
CHICKEN BREASTS
CORN ON THE COB
SLUSHIES AND MORE !!!!

Additional help at the concession stand is always welcome. Please call the church office to sign up to help.

Thank you for your continued support of our Youth and the LAMP Mission Team!

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH VOTERS' MEETING - July 28, 2016

Membership additions and changes approved by the Voters' Assembly.

Received by Baptism

Hudson Kraus Alaena Georgeson
Kinsley Meyer Ryley Daniels

Transferred to the Church Triumphant

Milda Luetkens Kenneth Griep
Julius Herritz Jean Amborn
Carolyn Novak

Received by Adult Confirmation

Jamie Georgeson laura Molling
William Skinner

Received by Re-Affirmation of Faith

Gregory & Sarah Johnson (Amalie Johnson)

TO BE REPORTED TO THE VOTER'S
ASSEMBLY

Transferred Out

Loretta Christian to St. Paul's, LaValle

Released at their own request

Kristina D'Ambrosio (Isabella & Kai)



“Thanks be to God for His
inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)!
This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon

hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the Church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthian’s joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything—life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance—be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

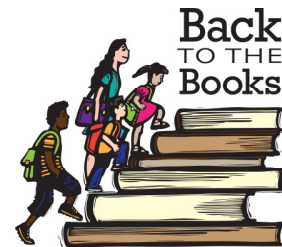
For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For we who believe in Christ, it means forgiveness, life, and salvation in the face of sin, death, and the power of the devil. Here in the church we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

It won’t be long and your college student will be heading off to school.

Please provide us with their address and email so that we can keep in touch.

Information may be emailed to stpetersreedsburg@gmail.com



**St. Peter’s Lutheran School
Opening Chapel Service
at 9:00 a.m.**

Thursday, September 1

Are you busy with your summer activities?

Would you like to learn more about St. Peter’s and enrolling your child?

Did you know school starts in less than 1 month?

Registration information packets have been mailed.

Volleyball information is available to pick up at the school office.

Stop by the school office and learn all you need to know about beginning the new school year!!!



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| GENZ, GRACE | 8/1 |
| WHITEHURST, CASON | 8/1 |
| BUDNIK, KELLEY | 8/2 |
| DRAKE, NICHOLAS | 8/2 |
| KLINGBEIL, NOAH | 8/2 |
| KLITZKE, SALLY | 8/2 |
| NAQUIN, JAMES | 8/2 |
| STODDARD, WYATT | 8/2 |
| WOOD, TROY | 8/2 |
| ZIECH, SUSAN | 8/2 |
| CRAKER, DARIAN | 8/3 |
| CURTIN, JEREMY | 8/3 |
| KRUSE, JILLIAN | 8/3 |
| KRYDER, LAURIE | 8/3 |
| ROGERS, EMILY | 8/3 |
| LYNCH, ANDREW | 8/4 |
| MEYER, KAIDEN | 8/4 |
| MEYER, REBECCA | 8/4 |
| PERTZBORN, LISA | 8/4 |
| STEFAN, TREVER | 8/4 |
| COOK, STEPHANIE | 8/5 |
| GADE, DAVID | 8/5 |
| KNIPFEL, HARPER | 8/5 |
| ALBRECHT, KATELYNN | 8/6 |
| COLEMAN, JACOB | 8/6 |
| SKINNER, KINLEY | 8/6 |
| LOOMANS, DALE | 8/7 |
| DONAHUE, COTEY | 8/8 |
| ZIMMERMAN, KAREN | 8/8 |
| BRANDT, DAWN | 8/9 |
| DULEY, DOLORES | 8/9 |
| HANKE, TANNER | 8/9 |
| KALEPP, PENNY | 8/10 |
| MCMILLEN, ALLISON | 8/10 |
| PARK, DANIEL | 8/10 |
| SCHAFFER, JOSEPH | 8/10 |
| GADE, WILLIAM | 8/11 |
| GRIEVES, SELENE | 8/11 |
| KRUEGER, KRISTIN | 8/11 |
| REINECKE, FREDERICK | 8/12 |
| REINECKE, SPENCER | 8/12 |
| SCHULENBURG, GAIL | 8/12 |
| BREIDENBACH, HAYLEE | 8/13 |
| REINECKE, MARCUS | 8/13 |
| STRUTZ, FRED | 8/13 |
| SUKUP, ERIC | 8/13 |
| KLINGENMEYER, DENNIS | 8/14 |

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| SCHENCK, PHYLLIS | 8/14 |
| WUNSCH, CJ | 8/14 |
| FAUERBACH, JOLYNN | 8/15 |
| GROSKREUTZ, BRENDA | 8/15 |
| KLITZKE, TODD | 8/15 |
| BUDNIK, ASHLYN | 8/16 |
| KLEEBER, KASSIDY | 8/16 |
| NEUMANN, SHANNON | 8/16 |
| SCHNELLER, TERESA | 8/16 |
| COLE, DAVID | 8/17 |
| KLINGBEIL, HANNAH | 8/17 |
| MATHEWS, ELIZABETH | 8/17 |
| JOHNSON, ANDREW | 8/18 |
| MEYER, MICHAEL | 8/18 |
| PETERSON, DELPHINE | 8/18 |
| ROBINSON, TIMOTHY | 8/18 |
| SCHULTZ, CASEY | 8/18 |
| THOMAS JR, TIMOTHY | 8/18 |
| DEMARS, MARCIE | 8/19 |
| GLEASH, MATTHEW | 8/19 |
| MCDONOUGH Jr., JOHN | 8/19 |
| SCHYVINCK, BROOKLYN | 8/19 |
| ROSE, GARY | 8/20 |
| SCHULENBURG, CHELSEY | 8/20 |
| MEYER, MERLIN | 8/21 |
| MICKELSON, CATHERINE | 8/21 |
| SWANSON, REESE | 8/21 |
| KOCH, KEITH | 8/22 |
| MEYER, MARTHA | 8/22 |
| SCHULTZ, LARRY | 8/22 |
| SIEMANDEL, JEFFREY | 8/22 |
| BACKEBERG, CHARLES | 8/23 |
| KLEEBER, CHERYLE | 8/23 |
| MILLER, LOGAN | 8/23 |
| WREZENSKI, SCOTT | 8/23 |
| RADTKE, ROGER | 8/24 |
| DEITELHOFF, TRACY | 8/25 |
| PARK, JARED | 8/25 |
| THOMPSON, TUCKER | 8/25 |
| HARRISON, WILLIAM | 8/26 |
| GLICK, JAROLD | 8/27 |
| KLINGBEIL, OLIVIA | 8/27 |
| LEMOINE, LYLE | 8/27 |
| STRAMPE, SHAUNA | 8/29 |
| BELL, ANITA | 8/30 |
| IMHOFF, TARA | 8/30 |
| MEYER, KATHERINE | 8/30 |
| MICKELSON, DEANNA | 8/30 |
| PARADIS, WILLIAM | 8/30 |
| BRANDT, KEVIN | 8/31 |
| DOROW, JAMES | 8/31 |
| HOEGE, RANDY | 8/31 |
| KOCH, LAURA | 8/31 |

