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FROM THE PASTOR

"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
John 8:36

Dear Friends in Christ,

The "Star-Spangled Banner," written by Francis Scott Key in 1814, was adopted as the national anthem of the United States in 1931. Each of its three stanzas ends with this same line: "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave." Freedom for all was the foundation on which this nation was built.

Freedom is something we treasure in our land. It is what Independence Day is all about. The history of this country is a history of the struggle to guarantee to every citizen the freedoms many of us take for granted.

But no constitutional provision, presidential proclamation, or civil law can set us free from the passions, prejudices, pride and sin that enslave us. The anthem boldly declares in its third stanza, "And this be our motto, 'In God is our trust.'"

Only God can truly set free any man, woman, or child. And that He has done! He knew we have been enslaved by sin. His Son, Jesus, lived a perfect life in our place, died the death we deserved for our sin, and rose victorious to deliver us. In this act of grace we delight and depend and are truly free. For that act of grace we give thanks today and every day.

The problem is that we often take the blessings of God for granted. We often do not appreciate the freedoms that we have as Christians. At times, we don't take advantage of the freedom to read His Word and worship the Lord as often as possible. This is always a temptation for Christians when things are going well. Sadly, when the tougher times hit us we find ourselves running back to God for His deliverance and care.

We can truly thank God for the freedom He has given us in a free country. But may we most of all give thanks for the spiritual blessings that God has given us in Christ, namely the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ. He has given to us the greatest blessing of all that we have received through our Lord. Every day is a day in which we can praise God and thank Him for all His blessings. May we be empowered regularly through His Word and Sacrament to give thanks to our gracious God who loves us with an everlasting love and is most worthy of all praise and adoration. May He also empower us to share the hope and freedom we have in Jesus to the numerous people in our world who are still lost and enslaved to sin. God help us to be faithful in this loving task.

In His Service,
Pastor Crolius

FUNERALS

Erma Luetkens died on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, and was given Christian burial on Saturday, June 24, 2017

BAPTISM

Grant Donald, son of Edward and Amanda Dorow, was born on January 21, 2017, and baptized on June 4, 2017.

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid members met at 1:30 p.m. June 7, 2017 in Concordia Hall. Before the meeting was called to order, Candace Baumgart took the group picture for the new church directory.

President Eldarene Bowlin opened the business meeting. Following committee reports, Lorna Slaney introduced our guest speaker Linda Borleske, president of the Reedsburg Area Historical Society, who gave a most interesting talk about the history of the society and the Old Settler's Association. Both organizations are very active after all these years and new members are always welcome.

Committee-of-the-month for July:

Lois Radtke and Sandy Wrezenski

Serving Committee for July:

Vangie Berkhahn and Dee Bright

Program Chairman: Mae Vogel – Aging and Disabilities, Resource Center representative Cathy Bindl will be our guest speaker. Birthday blessings were sung to our member Betty Andreasen. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the table prayer.

A delicious lunch of ice cream, cake and cookies was served by Lorna Slaney and Eldarene Bowlin.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU from LWML and the Reedsburg Food Pantry and most of all Thank You from the families of the Reedsburg area for providing 60 jars of Peanut Butter and 31 jars of jelly. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver!!

LWML

The final meeting for the 2016-17 season was called to order by President Char Hillman. The first item of business was taking a group picture for our congregational directory. Our guest for the evening, Bev Hoege, presented a wonderful program on her mission travels to Tanzania. The ladies, along with a number of special guests, enjoyed her pictures and many souvenirs she had along with her.

In an abbreviated business meeting, it was noted that the quilters will meet on Wednesday morning. Dorothea Pepper is unable to continue sewing quilts and has Christmas fabric for sale. She can be reached at 608-415-5212 if you are interested.

Lynette reported that 60 jars of peanut butter and 31 jars of jelly were delivered to the Food Pantry. They were very thankful and grateful for our donation. They are also in need of volunteers at the Food Pantry.

The projects and servers lists were circulated for the 2017-18 year. Joanne announced the Fall Rally will be at Hillpoint on October 14.

Jim and Susan Kaiser will be in the Portage area October 7 and 8. President Char is checking with them on their availability to come to our October 9th meeting.

The ballot for the election of Vice-president and Secretary for the 2017-18 year was presented. Julie Thompson for Secretary and Mary Schwenkhoff as Vice-president. A motion by Lynette to close nominations and unanimously elect Julie and Mary to the respective offices. Motion carried.

The birthday song was sung to Ev Klitzke and Betty Andreasen. Thank you to Donelda Bright and Alice Hamburg for serving a delicious and refreshing dessert.

Remember as we celebrate our countries independence this Fourth of July to offer a prayer of thanks to our Heavenly Father for the gift He has given us to live in this country and another prayer for the many men and women in uniform that so unselfishly have chosen to defend it.



FREEDOM FEST FUNDRAISER - July 4th

All youth are invited to help with this fundraising event which is held at Nishan Park. The two shifts that youth can sign up for are the 2pm-6pm and 6pm-10pm. We will be serving pizza and slushies again this year. Please contact me and let me know which shift you would like to help. Reminder to Sr Youth: The hours worked at this fundraiser will count towards your community service hours needed for high school.

LIFEST IN OSHKOSH - July 6-9th

We will be attending this Christian music festival with live bands, good food, and a ton of fun and fellowship! This is a community youth event. **The artist lineup is awesome this year!! Some of the artists that will be performing are: Skillet, Newsboys, Michael W. Smith, Matthew West, Tenth Avenue North, Hawk Nelson, Ryan Stevenson, Remedy Drive, and Sidewalk Prophets!!** This is going to be such a fun event and we are super excited!!

BADGER STEAM AND GAS SHOW **Aug 18-20th**

The LAMP Team and St. Peter's Youth will be working together again at the Steam and Gas Show this year. 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 will be a sign up sheet placed in the narthex of the church on July 29th for the youth and adult helpers to sign up or you can contact me and I will add your name to the list.

If you have questions, please contact me anytime at [608-477-1159](tel:608-477-1159) or at jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com

In Christ,
Jennifer Anderson, Youth Director



The following Bible Studies are beginning. Choose one or all that you will enjoy and fit your schedule.

“The Journey of Paul” led by David Dietz. This group will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at Dietz Kitchen Gallery on Main Street.

“Christian Family Related” led by Shane Anderson. This will be a family Bible study, children are welcome. We will meet the 1st & 3rd Monday, at the Anderson home, 1152 15th Street, Reedsburg.

“Equipped: A Bible Study for Men” led by Kevin Hahn. Men, we have a job to do. Let’s hear what God has to say about who we are, what we need to do, and how our Lord gives us what we need to do it. We will use Luther’s Large Catechism as the framework for this study of God’s Word. We will meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the monthly at the Hahn’s home, 644 N. Park St.

“A Work in Progress” led by Carl Baumgart. A lawful “what we should do and how we should act,” coupled with a focus on Jesus’ love and forgiveness for our human shortcomings. Participants hear God’s desire for our actions and realize the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Each lesson also reveals the ways God shows His character traits to us. Call Carl or Candy for dates and times of the next meeting, 963-4099.

Tuesday 1:30 pm Bible Study in Concordia Hall is led by Pastor Crolius and Pastor Anderson. “Power for Daily Living” is the current Bible Study.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ted Gerike.



“I will bless you . . . , so that you will be a blessing” (Gen. 12:2). The Lord blessed Abraham so that he would be a blessing. How did He bless Abraham? He promised that

from His seed would come the savior of the nations. And Abraham believed that promise, trusted that the Lord would provide it just as He had promised. Thus, everything Abraham did was colored by that promise. He willingly gave of himself and his household in service to the Lord in view of that promise.

Our Father in heaven has richly blessed us. Not only has He given us everything that we need to support this body and life, but He has also provided, that promised seed in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the savior of the nations. He is the redeemer of the world. He is the one who has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Just as we are richly blessed, we are also thereby freed to be a blessing. Since God has endowed us with His gifts, we are set to endow others. Thus, we give of the blessings we have received so that others may be blessed. We do this in our homes, our communities, and our churches. We press the blessings God has lavished upon us in service to those around us. We use our time, our talents, and our treasures to be a blessing even as they have been a blessing to us.

The Lord blesses us. And He enlists us to be a blessing to others. So, whenever you put that envelope in the collection plate, when you set out to serve at the local food pantry, when you sit down to help your kids with homework, think of this: The Lord has blessed you, so that you will be a blessing.

SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY

Barb Knopf, from the Veterans Equine Trail Services will be our guest speaker between services on Sunday, July 16th. You won't want to miss this special presentation.



EXCEPTING SMART PHONE DONATIONS!!

Google Expeditions is a brand new virtual reality experience that is available to schools interested in exploring virtual field trips as a way to enhance teaching and learning.

St. Peter's would like to begin using this program next year, and we are looking for donations of old smart phones. The phones will be used as a screen connected to Google Expeditions only, and not for calls, texts, or internet access.

If you would like to donate towards this program, please bring in your old **smart phone and power cord** to the office.

THANK YOU!!!



St. Peter's LAMP Mission Team will be leaving Friday, July 21st, for Garden Hill, Manitoba, Canada and will be returning July 28th. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel to Canada to share the love of Jesus during a week of Vacation Bible School. Thank you from the LAMP Team for your support and prayers.

Mark and Marti Meyer, Anna Meyer, Shane Anderson, Connie Meyer, Julie and Summer Thompson, Ken Baunman, Matthew Dietz, Aaron Finkel, Lindsay Meyer

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

This is it. This will be the last School News article that I will be writing for St. Peter's monthly Messenger. I hope that my articles the past 3 years have kept you informed about what is happening in your school and I am sure that Mr. Tessendorf will continue to keep you informed about what will be happening. Continuing to work together as a church and school is vital to the continued success of both the church and the school in sharing the wonderful message of salvation.

As we move into the month of July, there are fewer activities going on at school. The Day Care, of course, continues to serve lots of families throughout the summer. They expect to serve, on average, about 70 children each day and will have about 100 different children being served throughout the summer. The Day Care staff, both fulltime and part-time workers, numbers 18 persons.

The installation of the new playground will be occurring on August 7 – 9. However, before that can be done, a lot of other work will need to be completed. All the wood chips need to be dug out and hauled away. All the fencing around the exterior of the play area will stay in place but some that is in the interior will be removed. The tree stump and roots will need to be dug out so there is no possibility of growth into the new playground base. It will be an exciting time for the Day Care and Day School students to have this new playground available for them.

Our school will be continuing in the Wisconsin School Choice Voucher program for the 2017-2018 school year. Last year we had 12 students who qualified and were part of the program. We received \$84,214.52 from the State of Wisconsin to support the education of these 12 students. For next year, we have 24 students who have applied and are qualified to be enrolled at St. Peter's in the School Choice Program. The total number of Choice students enrolled and the amount of funds we can expect to receive will be finalized during the summer. We do know that we will have some new students who will be able to receive a

Christian education and learn about Jesus Christ because of this program. What a blessing!

Mr. and Mrs. Tessendorf have moved into a home that they purchased on Doris Road in the northwest part of town. Mr. Tessendorf will begin his duties on Monday, July 3. Mrs. Tessendorf has received and accepted a call to be a teacher at St. John's Lutheran School in Portage. We extend to both of them God's Richest Blessings as they continue in the Lord's Ministry here at St. Peter's. Mr. Tessendorf will be officially installed as Principal on Sunday, August 27, during the 8 a.m. service. Finally, I want to take this opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU** for the opportunity that you gave to me these past 3 years to serve as your Principal. I praise God that I was able to fill in during this time of need. Now the Lord has other plans and the school ministry will continue to grow and prosper under new leadership. Your continued support of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School is so important and so much appreciated. I pray for continued growth as the Lord continues to bless us all. We are all in the Lord's hands.

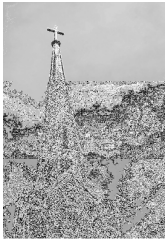
In His Service,
Dennis Andreasen



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.



TUCK POINT PROJECT HAS BEGIN!!

The Voters' Assembly recently approved the tuck point project on the church. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping support this wonderful project and contribute to the upkeep and repair of God's house.

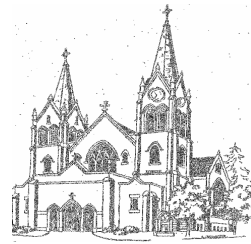
The current fund balance is \$131,713.00



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!!!



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

1867 - 2017

150 Years of Blessings Built on the Rock of Christ

"I love you, O LORD, my strength. ² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:1-2 (ESV)

July – Honoring our Military

- ✠ July 8 & 9 - Rev. Dennis Hipenbecker
- ✠ July 16 – V.E.T.S. Presentation
- ✠ July 30 – Donuts with the Military

August – Missions Here & Abroad

- ✠ August 12 & 13 - Rev. Kevin Kohnke
- ✠ Orphan Grain Train

September – Celebrating our History

- ✠ September 2 & 3 - Rev. Robert Grimm
- ✠ Church/Cemetery tours

October – Reformation Celebration

- ✠ October 28 & 29 - Rev. Aaron Koch
- ✠ 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

November – 150 Years of Blessings

- ✠ November 18 & 19 - Dr. Dale Meyer
- ✠ Meal of Thanksgiving
- ✠ Jennie Williamson Concert

December – the Celebration Continues

- ✠ December 9 & 10 – Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher
- ✠ Live Window Display



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

BAUER, LISA	7/1
BELL, JASON	7/1
CRAKER, RUTH	7/1
FINNEGAN, SARA	7/1
STOLTE, ALEX	7/1
STOWERS, BRITTNEY	7/1
BENSEMAN, LOGAN	7/2
D'AMBROSIO, JAMES	7/2
GRAMS, LINDA	7/2
KUEBLER, PATRICIA	7/2
MARSTON, KENDALL	7/2
MCCLURE, STACY	7/2
MORTIMER, JENNY	7/2
THOMAS, JOSHUA	7/2
BENSON, ROBERT	7/3
BOWLIN, ELDARENE	7/3
HEUER, PATRICIA	7/3
KALEPP, DAVID	7/3
D'AMBROSIO-SCHULTZ, JULIE	7/4
SCHAFFER, NICOLE	7/4
BAUMGART, CANDACE	7/5
BEHN, AUDREY	7/5
MOSS, LEIGH	7/6
SCHULTZ, TENLEY	7/6
ARCHAMBO, MATTHEW	7/7
MEAD, MARK	7/7
NAQUIN, CAMBRIE	7/7
DIETZ, THERESA	7/8
HELM, KELSEY	7/8
REINECKE, DOUGLAS	7/8
WOLLIN, SKYLER	7/8
BERKHANN, LAVANGE	7/9
FAUERBACH, NICHOLAS	7/10
RAHLU, KELSIE	7/10
WILSON, CHRISTA	7/10
BERLIN, ROBIN	7/11
CRAKER, DELVIN	7/11
SWANSON, KEVIN	7/11
TROXEL, SETH	7/11
KILLMAN Jr., GARY	7/12
WEIDLING, ABIGAIL	7/12
ZIMMERMAN, JASON	7/12
BEHN, ADAM	7/13

LYNCH, BETH	7/13
MEYER, KAYLEIGH	7/13
DIETZ, MELISSA	7/14
RANGLES, MARK	7/14
TAYLOR, BRANDON	7/14
ABBOTT, JESSICA	7/15
BUELOW, DAWN	7/15
IHLENFELD, RUSSELL	7/15
KLINGBEIL, ZACHARIAH	7/15
MAURER, ELIZABETH	7/15
TODD, BRAYDEN	7/15
WILCOX, JEFFREY	7/15
KRUEGER, CARL	7/16
MILLER, EMILIE	7/16
REUTER, KATHLEEN	7/16
KLITZKE, AUSTIN	7/17
BRANDT, AUBREY	7/18
SCHRANK, RICHARD	7/18
TODD, AMBER	7/18
BUELOW, JEFFREY	7/19
GRACE, MIRANDA	7/19
PARCE, MALLORY	7/19
ROBINSON, THEODORE	7/19
ADELMAN, KYLE	7/20
DIETZ, MATTHEW	7/20
NOLDEN, PEGGY	7/21
BUDNIK, GAVIN	7/22
KENYON, DESTYNI	7/22
ANDERSON, SHANE	7/23
SCHNEIDER, KARTER	7/23
SCHRANK, CODY	7/23
KRAUS, CHARLOTTE	7/24
SCHROEDER, EDWARD	7/24
BUDNIK, RYAN	7/25
CATTLE, JODY	7/25
COLE, ERVIN	7/25
KENYON, ABREANNA	7/25
REINFELDT, JOSEPH	7/25
SCHULTZ, CORY	7/25
SCHULTZ, HENRY	7/25
SCHUPPNER, QUINN	7/25
FRIEDE SR, ROGER	7/26
KLITZKE, CHLOE	7/26
OAKLEY, MARILYN	7/26
BRANDT, ASHLYN	7/27
MORTIMER, MELYNDA	7/27
MORTIMER, MELYSSA	7/27
MEYER, CRAIG	7/28
OTT, MATTHEW	7/28

PETZKE, GERALD	7/28
STANDO, REBECCA	7/28
LABANSKY, PAULA	7/29
MEYER, DUANE	7/29
REUSCH, MALLORY	7/29
SCHULTZ, GARY	7/29
ESTES JR, DAVID	7/30
JASPER, REBECCA	7/30
SCHAFFER, MINDY	7/30
CAPRIO, LORENZO	7/31
METCALF, TAMMY	7/31
MICHEL, LESTER	7/31
REUTER, RUSSELL	7/31
TAYLOR, LINDA	7/31

PLAYGROUND TO BE INSTALLED!!!

The removal of the old playground equipment will begin the week of July 17th. Several volunteers will then begin removing the old ground cover and preparing the space for the installation of the new playground the week of August 7th.

