

## Mission Statement

St. Peter's Lutheran School exists to provide a nurturing, Christian educational environment which assists families in their God-given responsibility of preparing children for an earthly life of Christian witness and eternity with their Lord and Savior.

## November 21, 2017

Wednesday - Friday		NO SCHOOL – NO YOUTH	
		HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
Monday	27	Mrs. Raupp Day – BLUE Day!!	
Tuesday	28	5/6:00 pm	Boys' Basketball @ St. John's, Portage
Wednesday	29	8:20 am	Chapel
		5:30 pm	Chimes
		6:00 pm	Sr & Jr Youth
Thursday	30	5/6:00 pm	Boys' Basketball home vs. St. Mary's, Portage
			GR2 @ Wagner Tree Farm

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE



Church attendance among our students is important for their spiritual growth and witness. Please make weekend worship part of your family life and invite others to join you. It will be here that you will find how each class is doing to reach a 100%!!

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73%	83%	72%	73%	71%	77%	63%	50%	72%	71%



December 3	8:00 am	Children's Choir
10	10:30 am	Jr Choir
16	5:00 pm	Children's Christmas Service

Children are asked to arrive 15 minutes before service.

Cherub Choir: Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade      Children's Choir: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade      Jr. Choir: 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT JESUS

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Hebrews 13:8

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
FROM  
ST. PETER'S FACULTY & STAFF



## YOUTH NEWS...

November 22 – NO YOUTH – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!  
November 29 - SR AND JR YOUTH - 6:00-8:00 pm

### PUMPKIN PIES FOR SHUT-INS

November 21 - All Youth are invited to help bake pies for our shut-ins on Tuesday, November 21st at 5:30pm in the kitchen at the school. We will then meet in the school parking lot at 9am on Wednesday, November 22nd to deliver the pies to the shut-ins. Parents, I will need your help to drive and help deliver the pies on Wednesday morning. Please let me know if your youth will be helping with the baking/delivering and please let me know if you will be able to help drive/deliver as well. Thank you so much!

If there any questions about any of these events, please contact me anytime at [608-477-1159](tel:608-477-1159) or by email at [jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com](mailto:jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com)

### LET'S SHARE OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY – HYGIENE DRIVE



We will be collecting hygiene items to be given to Head Start families throughout the Reedsburg Community. Student Council is asking for your help by bringing items in between November 27 – December 7th. Collection boxes will be placed throughout the school for your donations. Those items needed are:

Deodorant  
Combs

Shampoo  
Hand lotion

Body Wash  
Shaving cream

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes



I was walking through the halls during conferences and saw all our middle school teachers praying with some parents. How wonderful to witness everyone involved in the conference with heads down, folded hands and praying together was an AWESOME sight to see.

After talking about veterans and watching a video about the Vietnam Memorial, the teacher noticed one boy rubbing his eyes. When asked if his eyes hurt, he said, "No, I just thought about the veterans and what they did for us and my eyes started to have tears."

Each day as 8<sup>th</sup> graders are waiting in line for lunch, the kindergartners are getting ready for noon outside recess. Without prompting, older students are helping zip coats and put on gloves and mittens for the kindergarten children!! Mrs. Hillman is grateful for their assistance!!

# **PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST**

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America's Gift to My Generation  
by Grace Rogers

America has given me a lot of rights and freedoms that other countries may not have. I do not really think about them most of the time, but when I take the time to look at them for what they are and what they do for me, I am very thankful for all of them. Here are some gifts America has given to me.

An important gift for me is the right to play sports. I play volleyball, and knowing that there are countries where you can't play sports, or maybe only boys can play sports, makes me very thankful I have the choice to play any sport I want, without limits to boys or girls.

Another right I am beyond thankful for is the right that men and women can do whatever they want in their careers, their schooling, and be regarded the same way. In many countries, women are ranked much lower than men, sometimes even animals have more rights than women. This makes me very thankful that I live in a country where women and men are treated equally.

Another freedom that I am very thankful for is the freedom of religion. The freedom of religion gives us the right to practice your chosen religion, whether it's Christianity, Islam, Hindu, Jewish, or any religion. It allows you to worship freely, to believe in what you want, if anything, without persecution. Being Christian myself, this right has a big impact on me, because I can now go out into the world and praise God without fear of being thrown in prison or worse.

These are just a few of the many gifts America has given to my generation. Many of these rights and freedoms are taken for granted everyday, but they really are a gift and we should never forget that. If even a few of these rights were taken away mine and many others lives would be greatly impacted. I truly am very thankful for all of these rights and freedoms and I hope that you are too.

America's Gift to My Generation  
by Nathan Gasser

Some people say that not a day goes by without them remembering what sacrifices the country has made for them, but for me it's taken for granted. There are holidays for veterans, but other than that I forget the spoils that I have every day. Although freedom of speech and religion may not be what I think about right now, there are still freedoms I have as a kid.

I still have a good Christian school, the choice of colleges, and a future of whatever I want to be, as long as I work hard for it. One thing I don't have to live with is fear. Fear of a communist government. Fear of people punishing me for my religious beliefs. Fear of not having food on the table. Fear of not making it to tomorrow. These are real world situations, and I'm thankful I don't live in these conditions. Instead I live in freedom. But that freedom did cost a heavy price. Lives. People who had parents and dreams and lives were ended by politicians and governments waging war to settle their problems. The people you can't and never will see or know are the reason I can go to church.

You see people kneeling before the national anthem. You may think they are doing something inappropriate, disrespecting the flag but, rough or not, it is their decision to make. That's why blood was shed. To make decisions, right or not, it's theirs to make. It is our judgment to do right by that freedom. When I'm older I'll use my freedom because it's mine. I'll never repay the cost of what those who have gone before did for me, day after day, and continue to do on a day to day basis. However, I will be thankful that they made those sacrifices for me.

Yes, this is coming from a twelve-year-old kid who doesn't know or understand what freedom really is and the real cost, but I'm still grateful for the freedom I have and enjoy.