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FROM THE PASTOR

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

In my small home town of Jackson, Minnesota, we were fortunate to have two elderly men who were eccentric and pinched their pennies all their life. When they died, the town found out that a million and a half dollars was left by the two brothers for the town. It was nice for the town because the money helped to finance a new High school and swimming pool that Jackson desperately needed.

However, one has to wonder at the foolishness of saving all that money and then dying without using it themselves. Every once in a while, in the paper you will hear stories where someone dies of lack of care for themselves while they are surrounded by a wealth of money. At this type of thought we might shake our heads and wonder. Money is to be spent purposely. Depriving oneself of bodily needs to obtain it is complete foolishness.

I thought that this would be a good illustration to tie into the wonderful treasure of the message of Christ. Our Lord has come down from heaven and taken our sins upon Himself and paid for them on the cross. Now through faith in Christ, forgiveness of all our sins and eternal life is ours. This is an even greater worth than any gold or silver. It is such a treasure and wonderful news that it would

be utter foolishness if we kept the message of Jesus to ourselves.

However, there may be times that we may keep this treasure to ourselves. We may get so caught up in our daily lives that we have little or no concern for our neighbor and their spiritual welfare. We may hold angry feelings toward someone who has done something or said something to us and withhold forgiveness. But the message of Christ and His forgiveness is not to be kept to ourselves. It is something that needs to be shared with one another. God forgives us for Jesus sake that we might forgive others and share His love with all people.

All believers in Christ have received such a wonderful gift of eternal life and forgiveness through His death and resurrection. This is such a treasure. It would be truly foolish and a complete shame if we did not share this joyful message with all people. Our Lord calls us to "let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." This is the task God had given to us as a church and also as individuals.

May the Lord use us as an instrument to be faithful in sharing the treasure of His love with all people in word and deed.

In His service,

Pastor Paul Crolius

FUNERAL

Ella Zimmerman died on October 2, 2016, and was given Christian burial on October 7, 2016.

Caroline Held died on October 8, 2016, and was given Christian burial on October 12, 2016.

David Zimmerman died on October 11, 2016, and was given Christian burial on October 15, 2015.

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid members met at 11:15 in Concordia Hall. Following Pastor Paul Crolius' opening devotion, President Eldarene Bowlin announced we would leave for the guided tour of the Reedsburg Fire Department which Lois Radtke had arranged with Randy and Brenda Hoege. Together they explained the intensive training required of each volunteer, the variety of fire trucks, and the protective clothing they must wear. Randy stressed the importance of the rule that no fireman enters a burning building alone. They always work as a team. The opportunity to actually see what these volunteer firemen are doing for our community makes us realize how blessed we are. We thank them all!

Because of the time we returned to Concordia Hall President Bowlin announced our regular business meeting would be postponed until November 2nd. Birthday greetings were sung to Audrey Westedt. We joined in the table prayer. A delicious lunch of hot barbeques, chips, and plates of bars were served by Vangie Berkhahn and Donna Fae Schulte. Serving Committee for November: Lorna Slaney and Mary Schuette. Committee-of-the-Month: Eldarene Bowlin. Program Committee: Shirley Mauer.

Mae Vogel, Secretary

LWML

It was only 'A Stitch in Time' that allowed the ladies present at the October LWML meeting to complete approximately twenty quilts and get them ready to be sent on their way to spread a little love and joy to His children throughout the world. While working on the quilts the sound of chit-chat filled the air mixed with the occasional ..."wow, this quilt is sure pretty", "I wonder where this one will go" "should we put a tie in every square?" ... or "won't some little child at children's hospital be thrilled to receive this?"

Coming up the weekend of November 12 & 13 is the annual Mitey Muffin Sunday. These little muffins will be handed out after each service on this weekend. The muffins will be nut free and are sure to be a tasty delight. Any donation you give will go into the Mite Box and will be used for one of the LWML's many mission grants. Check out what both the 2015-2017 Biennium Mission Goal of \$2,000,000 and the South Wisconsin Districts goal for 2016-2018 are on the newly laminated and posted signs on the churches bulletin board, or go on line at LWML/swd.org and check out other exciting things the LWML has in store for you.

It may seem that Christmas is a long way away but your LWML is looking ahead to the joyous Christmas season when they will once again fill boxes full of hygiene items such as bath soap, hair spray, shampoo, deodorant, wash cloths, shaving cream, hand lotion, combs etc. and present these little items of love to Reedsburg's Head Start program to be distributed to the needy in the area. Look for a message to come your way soon informing you that you, too, can contribute to this mission project, a message that will inform you where containers for these gifts will be placed. St. Peter's school children will be joining us in this special mission project and together we hope to touch many, many, lives with Christmas JOY !!

Join us on Monday, November 14, at six in the evening in Concordia Hall when Joanne Brandt will lead us in a Bible Study entitled "A Fountain of Blessings".

Count your blessings name them one by one.
Count your many blessings See what God has done !!



Sunday School Lesson for November

- Crossing the Red Sea
- God Provides Manna, Water, and Quail
- The Ten Commandments
- Worship in the Tabernacle

All children are invited to join us on Sunday mornings and please invite your friends to join you so they too can hear about Jesus!

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

In Christ,
Jennifer Anderson
Sunday School Superintendent

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT IS NEEDED

The Board of Congregational Services is seeking an individual who may want to give of their time and talents as volunteer Sunday School Superintendent. This position is responsible for overseeing the Sunday School program thru leadership, coordinating teachers, the ability to adjust to changing schedules and the joy of working with children of all ages. If interested, please contact Scott Peterson at 608-963-6433 or the church office at 524-4066.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNET

The size of the magnet is 6.25" X 7". They are made of a magnetic rubber material, similar to the ribbon magnets you see on many cars and attaches to metal surfaces.

Magnets are \$5.00 each. Proceeds from the sale of the magnets will go toward making safety upgrades in the school building including updating the PA system for emergency notifications. Please stop by or call the office to make your purchase.

GOLDEN AGERS

St. Peter's Golden Agers met October 21st, at 11:30 am at Pizza Ranch. After giving thanks for our delicious meal, Dee Duley opened our business meeting by reading a beautiful poem title "Let Me Be". The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted. A memorial was sent in memory of Carol Held. Motion made and 2nd to close the meeting. We will meet again on November 21st, at 1130 am at the Family Restaurant.

QUILTING

The Quilting ladies were pleased to have their quilts on display on LWML Sunday. As the quilts were packed in boxes 36 quilts were given to Orphan Grain Train, 47 children's quilts to Madison Childrens' Hospital and 12 were given to the county nurses.

We plan to meet on Wednesday, November 9th from 8:30 a.m. to noon to continue our work and will be our last quilting day for this year. We will meet again on January 11, in the new year. Come and join us as we work on making more quilts for those in need.

THANKSGIVING DINNER



The Board of Mission and Outreach will be hosting the

annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 20, 2016.

We will start serving the meal following the 10:30AM service in Concordia Hall. The board will be serving turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, and dinner rolls. Everyone is invited to attend! If able, please bring a salad or a dessert to help complete our meal. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex of the Church in early November. Thank you so much for your help with this and we hope to see you there! Please bring family and friends!



We are having such an awesome time at Youth!! Jr Youth has about 35 in attendance and Sr Youth has doubled in size since last year with about 20 youth in attendance. So many blessings and so much to be thankful for!!

- Sr Youth – November 2 & 16th
6:30-8:30pm
- Jr Youth - November 9 & 30th
6:00 – 8:00pm
- THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH
ON NOVEMBER 23RD

SR YOUTH DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

Sunday, Novemebr 13, at St. John's Lutheran Church with shows beginning at 5pm and at 6:30pm. This is a community youth event.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Adults \$10, Children 12 - 5 \$5, and children 4 and under are free.

You will be enjoying - Grilled Brown Sugar Pork Chops, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, and Dessert. Bring the family out for dinner and watch our local Sr. Youth show off their amazing talents!!

Sr Youth, if there is a talent that you would like to share on that evening, please let me know and I will add your name to the list. Helpers are also needed so please let me know if you are able to help serve the meal or help in the kitchen for this event.

SR YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

December 30th - January 1st at Silver Birch Ranch in White Lake, WI.

This is a community youth event and we will be doing activities like tubing, cross country skiing, horseback riding, and many

other fun winter activities! The total cost for the trip is \$125 and this includes lodging, food, activities, bus transportation, and a T-shirt. That is such an awesome deal!! If you are interested in attending, a \$50 deposit is due now and will be applied towards your trip cost. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us on this exciting trip!!

In Christ,
Jennifer Anderson - Youth Director
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FOOD PANTRY OFFERING



We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Reedsburg Food Pantry at the Thanksgiving Services on

Wednesday, November, 23rd and Thursday, November 24th. Your donations are appreciated and will greatly help those in need during the holiday season.

VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY



Students and staff of St. Peter's School would like to extend an invitation to join us

on Friday, November 11th at 8:15 a.m. in the school gym in honor of Veteran's Day.

We would like to extend a special invitation to all the Veterans in our congregation to join as we honor you and your service to our country.



TASTY TREATS FOR SALE!!

The 6th & 7th grade students are selling delicious Butter Braids (\$12 each) in a variety of flavors. A great warm and tasty treat to have at any time. Orders may be placed with the students or at the school office. Deadline to place your order is November 7th, with delivery on November 14th. Funds raised will help to fund their 2018 class trip to the Creation Museum in Kentucky!!

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

The first quarter of this school year is almost over. It will end on Friday, November 4. It has been a busy quarter with lots of events and happenings. We had our Volleyball season come to an end. Our cross-country team competed in several meets. A variety of educational field trips were taken by all of the classes in school. We had our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Our chapel offerings were designated for our LAMP ministry. Our teachers attended the LEA Conference. And we could certainly add more events and happenings to this list. Yes, the first quarter has been busy.

Now the second quarter of the school year will begin. We can look forward to two vacations, one at Thanksgiving and one at Christmas. These breaks are valuable as the opportunity for special family time and a change of routine can create some real rejuvenation time. We will also have the basketball season begin and this will be totally different from the past as the boys will have basketball in November and December and the girls will have basketball in January and February. This will alleviate the issues of a family having to decide if they will support their son or their daughter on a given day when both girls and boys would play. Our first home game will be on November 10 as our boys will host St. Joseph of Baraboo.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held in November. This gives a special time for teachers and parents to meet and share valuable information about a student's progress. A sharing of ideas and strategies can be an invaluable process. Right along with these conferences, one of our annual Book Fairs will be held. Watch for details in the bulletin and Tiger Print.

We have received our first deposit of School Voucher Funds from the State of Wisconsin. Just over \$21,000 was deposited into our school bank account in late September.

Another deposit in the same amount will occur in November followed by 2 more deposits after the first of the year. We have 12 students who are attending our school on this program this year and several more have contacted us and are hoping to enroll for next year in this program.

Our Board of Christian Education is busy working on the Principal Calling process. Several names have been shared from our District Office. They have been reviewed and some candidates are being contacted about their willingness to consider a Call to be our Principal. A Call Meeting will be scheduled when the list of candidates has been finalized. A big event in December will be held on Saturday, December 17, when the school children will again share the wonderful Christmas Story as part of the regular Saturday evening worship service. We look forward to having our church overflowing with worshipers on this special occasion. Our chapel offerings for the second quarter will go to Camp Lu Wi So Mo. During the first quarter we supported a local ministry. During the second quarter we will support a State Ministry. In the 3rd quarter our support will go to a National Ministry followed by an International Ministry in the 4th quarter.



**The Scholastic Book
Fair is coming
to
St. Peter's School**

November 13 – 18th

Sunday: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Monday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:30-8:30 a.m. & 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:30-8:30 a.m. & 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 a.m. & 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon.



“O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever” (Psalm 136:1). The love of the Lord does endure forever because the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, is risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity. He was crucified for our transgressions, but He is raised and lives forever for our justification. We are acceptable to God in Christ Jesus.

This is indeed something for which we give thanks. We give thanks in our prayers. We give thanks in the hymns we sing in church. We give thanks by talking about it with our friends and neighbors and teaching it to our children and grandchildren. And we give thanks by giving to the church a generous, first-fruits portion of the income He provides us.

Giving is giving thanks. It is one of the concrete ways in which we thank God for all He has done for us. This includes not just what He has done for us here in time, but what He does for us for all eternity. He provides for all that we need in both body and soul. He is more ready to give than we are able either to receive or even ask. That is who He is. That is His character. He is good and His love endures forever.

Let us then give thanks in all these ways, not in one way or the other. But rather in all things, everything that we do and say, whether it be in word or deed, in prayer and praise, in teaching and giving, let us give thanks to God for He is good.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH VOTERS ASSEMBLY – October 28, 2016

Membership changes - July - October 2016

Received by Baptism

Aubrey Buelow	Tanya Carroll
Verity Johnson	Elizabeth Meyer
Elliot Patton	Mallory Reusch

Transferred to the Church Triumphant

Carol Held	Ella Zimmerman
David Zimmerman	

FOR APPROVAL BY VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Adult Confirmation

Eric Hineman

Transferred In

Seth and Debbie Troxel from The Church -LCMS,
Madison, WI
Robert and Cindy Dries (Emma) from Our
Redeemer Lutheran, Wauwatosa, WI
Zachary Verch from Zion Lutheran, LaValle, WI

TO BE REPORTED TO THE VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Transferred Out

James Fry to Trinity Lutheran, WI Dells

Released at their own request

Chris and Tina Knipfel (Harper & Jacob)
Nicoel Campbell
Jeremy & Janell Curtin (Trenton, Treynor, Trenna)



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

LUETKENS, ERMA	11/1
RICH, NANCY	11/1
ELY, HOPE	11/2
HENKE, COOPER	11/2
SCHULTZ, CHLOE	11/2
BUROKER, LARRY	11/3
MUELLER, CAMERON	11/3
MURRAY, TYLER	11/3
HOEGE, ZACHARY	11/4
SCHULTZ, DIANNE	11/4
BALSANO, KATHYRN	11/5
DUERR, CORY	11/5
HANSEN, CHELSEA	11/5
SCHROEDER, KAREN	11/6
STODDARD, SHANNA	11/6
HEUER JR, JAMES	11/7
SCHAFFER, PEGGY	11/8
ZIMMERMAN, ADAM	11/8
BEHN, BREA	11/9
BREIGHT, DONELDA	11/9
MEYER, STEVEN	11/9
BRANDT, PAULA	11/10
KOCH, WILLIAM	11/10
MONTGOMERY, FREDERICK	11/10
KLEMM, BROOKE	11/11
MURRAY, JESSICA	11/11
ZIMMERMAN, JAMES	11/11
MAURER, CALVIN	11/12
REINECKE, LAVONNE	11/12
SIEMANDEL, CLAIRE	11/12
BRAUN, THOMAS	11/13
KOCH, SETH	11/14
MILLER, LOUIS	11/14
SCHAFFER, MAKAYLA	11/14
SCHULZ, GILBERT	11/14
SPEICH, SARAH	11/14
TOURDOT, LINDA	11/14
ARNDT, HENRY	11/15
BOLT, DIANA	11/15
FARBER, KRISTOPHER	11/15
HALVENSLEBEN, DEREK	11/15
OTT, WESLEY	11/15
RAY-LIETZ, LISA	11/15
SZOPINSKI, MICHAEL	11/15
WILCOX, JESSICA	11/15
WILLIAMS, EMMA	11/15

ZIMMERMAN, VICKI	11/15
WREZENSKI, SANDRA	11/16
CRISAFULLI, DALE	11/17
HOFF, SAUNDRA	11/17
VOGEL, JODI	11/18
BRANDT, JAMES	11/19
GLEASH, BRAD	11/19
GOLDMAN, SANDRA	11/19
HAMBURG, ALICE	11/19
JOHNSON JR, DALE	11/19
ADKINS, ZANDER	11/20
COLEMAN, JOSEPH	11/20
GAWRONSKI, BRADLEY	11/20
LARRABEE III, JERRY	11/20
MEYER, CHARLES	11/20
REUTER MALAKI, MASINA	11/20
SCHRANK, BIRDELLE	11/21
JAECH, MERV	11/22
LEAK, KATIE	11/22
REINFELDT, MATTHEW	11/22
STEINWEG, ARLENE	11/22
BRANDT, ARLENE	11/23
BRANDT, AVERY	11/23
CRAKER, ETHAN	11/23
GRITT, WENDY	11/23
TESKE, JULIANNA	11/23
WUNSCH, JACOB	11/23
MARKUNAS, ALEXANDER	11/24
SCHULTZ, ADDISON	11/24
SUKUP, LYNN	11/24
CURTIN, WENDY	11/25
HAGEN, JOHN	11/26
PRELL, JANE	11/26
RAUPP, KATHY	11/26
SKINNER, JODI	11/26
KLITZKE, KAY	11/27
MILLER, RYLIN	11/27
BERNING, ALLISON	11/28
BRANDT, AMANDA	11/28
MILLER, SALLY	11/28
SUMTER, MORGAN	11/29
BROWN, ERIN	11/30
KNODEL, KELLY	11/30
KOCH, KAILEIGH	11/30
REUTER, RENEE	11/30