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Dennis Andreasen, Principal
Cindy Nellesen, Administrative Assistant

FROM THE PASTOR

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many people have been affected by the rain recently. In Baton Rouge, Louisiana one of our LCMS Lutheran schools was able to begin the new school year. We give thanks to the Lord! However, there are teachers and many other families who have lost their homes from the flooding, but thankfully are still alive. Homes have burnt to the ground from California's wildfires. Lives are in turmoil. Recently a nephew of a member of our congregation was killed by a road side IED (Improvised explosive device) in Afghanistan. He was training and assisting Afghan soldiers in service to his country. A husband, family member and Green Beret soldier who was so alive and vibrant is no longer with us. Families' lives have been changed so quickly. Those affected by storms, trials, illnesses, accidents, disasters and the loss of loved ones have been left 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

MEMORIALS

Given in memory of Carolyn Novak
St. Peter's Foundation \$857.50
St. Peter's General Fund \$857.50



Back To Church Weekend

September 17-18

St. Peter's will participate in a world-wide Back to Church campaign. At the date of this writing 30,000 churches across the United States and 2000 churches across the globe will be participating. What is it? It 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, because it points us to the hope and comfort we have unconditionally through Jesus Christ. So come and be a part of this invite! It will be a great day!

LADIES AID

The August 3rd Ladies Aid meeting began with lunch at Pizza Ranch. Pastor Crolius' opening devotion was based on Isaiah, 41:10-13, "Do not be afraid, I am with you always". Companions who help us through life come and go, but God is with us always.

President Eldarene Bowlin opened the business meeting and we welcomed our guest, Phil Rogers. Minutes of the July meeting and treasurer's report were accepted as read.

Thank you letters were received from Safe Harbor for our cash donation and from Cal Maurer for the prayer shawl he received along with many get well wishes.

Our July funeral lunch director, Lois Radtke, reported lunches were served for the Kenneth Griep funeral and Carolyn Novak funeral. Funeral lunch coordinator for August is Ruth Reimer.

Birthday blessings were sung to Emily Rogers and Dee Duley.

The September 7th meeting will begin with the fall luncheon buffet at noon. Executive Board will be serving with all members bringing food.

The afternoon concluded with Bingo games. Prizes were donated by the Executive Board.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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

LWML

What, September is here? Where did the summer go?

That must mean that fall activities in and around St. Peter's are about to begin. St. Peter's LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is no exception and this group of mission minded women are gearing up for a new and exciting year of mission work. You are invited to join the LWML ladies on Monday, September 12th in Concordia Hall at six o'clock in the evening when this years activities will begin with the traditional potluck supper. On that evening you will also hear all about the mission opportunities that await you right here at St. Peter's. Opportunities such as growing in your faith through Bible study, helping as new quilts are designed, put together and tied before being given away to provide comfort and warmth to the needy, visiting shut-ins, keeping in touch with our 'college kids', contributing items for hygiene pails that are distributed throughout the community and contributing your coins and watching them grow into those Mitey, Mitey Mites.

You may even want to attend one of the LWML rallies or retreats that are held throughout the year. The first rally will be held at Trinity in the Dells on Saturday, October 8th, and will feature Doctor Chris Anderson as he shares his missionary journey through Clinics Abroad on their journey to Fiji.

Give any LWML member a call should you like to join us and need a ride.

LWML meets the second Monday of each month at six in the evening in Concordia Hall. We would be honored with your presence.

The harvest truly is plenteous.
Go quickly and tell!!



Welcome Back To Sunday School!!! I hope you all had a blessed summer!! Our first day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, September 11th and meets every Sunday from 9:15am-10:15am in the classrooms at St. Peter's Lutheran School.

On our first day, we will meet in the school gym to fill out paperwork, go over any announcements, and then we will direct the children to their assigned classrooms.

In Sunday School, we learn about Jesus, do fun crafts/activities, and play games. In the month of September, we will be learning about Joseph and his brothers, his troubles, and how he fed Egypt. Joseph's story teaches us so much about forgiveness! Please join us at Sunday School to hear all about how God worked in Joseph's life!

Please invite your friends to join you so they can hear as well!! If you have any questions about Sunday School, please contact me anytime at 608-477-1159 or email me at jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com

In Christ,
Jennifer Anderson
Sunday School Superintendent



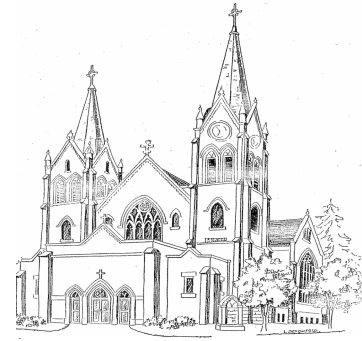
Welcome Back To School!!! I hope you all had an awesome Summer!! The LAMP Team and St. Peter's Youth worked together at the Badger Steam and Gas Show on August 19th - 21st, selling items such as brats, chicken sandwiches, sweet corn, slushies, soda, and water. Thank you to all who came out to help serve and support us!!

Youth Group starts back up this month and I am super excited!! The first night of Sr Youth will be on Wednesday, September 7th from 6:30pm-8:30pm and Jr Youth will meet on Wednesday, September 14th from 6pm-8pm. Every month, Sr Youth will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday and the Jr Youth will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. If there is a 5th Wednesday, it will be combined Sr and Jr Youth.

On Wednesday, September 28th, we will celebrate See You At The Pole. St. Peter's students will meet at the school flag pole at 7:15am to pray for our schools, families, community, and nation. There will also be a youth leader at the Webb Middle School flagpole and at the Reedsburg Area High School flagpole at that time to pray with students there as well. Donuts will also be provided. Later that evening on the 28th, all youth(Sr and Jr) will meet at Trinity Baptist Church from 7pm-8:30pm to celebrate the See You At The Flagpole event. This is a community youth event. We play games, roast hot dogs over a campfire, and sing songs. It is a blast!!

If there are any questions about any of these events, please contact me anytime at 608-477-1159 or by email at jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com.

In Christ Alone!
Jennifer Anderson
Youth Director



ST. PETERS' LUTHERAN CHURCH

1867 - 2017

The 150th Anniversary Committee met recently and had a great meeting. Here's what is already going on.

Dr. Dale Meyer is reserved for the weekend of November 18th & 19th, 2017. (November 16th is the actual date of the Anniversary.) He is the former Lutheran Hour speaker and currently serves as the President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. We will be having special worship services as well as a celebration banquet following the Sunday service in the school gym. On November 16th, we will also be having a talent show as part of our celebration.

The Board of Stewardship will be coordinating a new congregational pictorial directory. We need your help with the many plans. Give us your ideas of a theme for our celebration, help with the planning of the banquet or the talent show. You can help as we work on a new church directory or use your talents in the making of a church video.

May God unite us all together in celebrating His many blessings that He has showered upon us in the past and for the hope He brings for the future!

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

It is August 11 and I am beginning to write this article. It may seem a bit early but I am in the mode of getting everything ready for the upcoming school year. As I look at the calendar and all of the activities that are listed between today and September 1 when school begins, it tells me that I need to stay on top of everything or a deadline or two will come and go and I will not be ready for it.

On Monday, August 15, our teaching staff met to get everything rolling for another year. We had CPR training on August 17 and 24. All of our staff is required to take CPR training and renew it every 2 years. Dr. Chris Anderson, of Anderson Chiropractic, was our instructor this year. Dr. Chris is a former student at St. Peter's and he did this training at no cost to us. We thank him for his time and expertise.

The teachers have been busy out and about in our community visiting the homes of all of their students. We feel that this makes everything so much more personable and the teachers get to know the students and families so much better and this can make the education process so much more successful. They have also been busy in their classrooms decorating bulletin boards, preparing student help products, organizing their classrooms to be ready for the coming of the new school year, and just doing all the things that need to be done so that they are ready for the students on September 1.

PTL has begun planning activities for this school year. Back-to-School Night is on Monday, August 29, when all parents and students are invited to visit their classrooms, bring in their school supplies and enjoy a tasty hotdog!! PTL will also be on hand to sign up volunteers for several of the fun events that PTL will be sponsoring throughout the school year. MPS photographer will be taking school pictures throughout the evening.

I have referred to the open day of school on September 1 several times. We will have our opening service at 9 a.m. on that day. Anyone is welcome to come and worship with our school families.

Chapel services are held weekly throughout the school year with all of the offerings that the students bring in go to a specific ministry each quarter. Our 1st quarter chapel offerings will go to support the LAMP ministry of our congregation. This is for a local ministry. During the 2nd quarter our offerings will go to Camp LuWiSoMo, a state wide ministry. For our national ministry during the 3rd quarter, we have chosen Comfort Dogs, a ministry of Lutheran Church Charities. And for our last quarter Lutheran Heritage Foundation was chosen and we are excited about the possibility of purchasing an animal for an overseas mission.

One big change in our school calendar this year is our annual Spaghetti Dinner. It has been moved from the last week of January and will held on Friday, October 28, instead. There is less chance that we will be affected by winter type weather. Funds from this event go to support our teachers attending conferences and workshops as they will be doing October 13 - 15 when they attend the LEA Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The Board of Christian Education is reviewing the Calling Process for the Principal position. A new timeline and calling plan will be brought forward in the next 2-3 months.

In His Service

Mr. Dennis Andreasen, Principal

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!!!





The devil, though defeated by the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus

Christ, remains a very capable and clever foe. He is smarter than we are. He's been watching us and taking notes for a very long time. He knows what we want, and he knows how to lure us away. And he does this by telling us what we want to hear. That's what makes it so difficult.

To us who are greedy, he says: "You are not greedy. You are prudent. You are frugal. You are a good steward with your money. God doesn't want you not to have all the things you want. He wants you to be happy. He wants you to have the latest and greatest toys for both young and old." So if you consider yourself to be wise in the way of money and finances, beware of who just might be telling you these things.

Satan is a liar. He tells us what we want to hear. He lures us away from repentance and confession and faith, so that we harden our consciences and place our souls in peril. We must not underestimate the enemy. We have all taken his bait. We have all failed in this. None of us can say that we have fought this temptation to hold back with everything we have and won.

And we must repent. Yes, God wants us to be happy. But this happiness is never at the expense of faithfulness. We have a calling. We are a member of His family, the church. That relationship places a duty upon us: to give a generous proportion of the first fruits of the income He provides.

Only God is true to His Word. Only God is true to His promises. His promises never fail. His Word endures forever. His mercies are new every morning. He is faithful. He provides everything that we need. He provides food and clothes, house and home, everything that we pray for in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer.

There are a whole host of things that we have that we do not need. The question that we need to ask ourselves is whether these have come at the expense of our faithful, generous proportion of the first fruits of our income. If they have, then we must repent, turning away from our selfishness to Him who is faithful by giving His Son into death so that we are reconciled to Him and justified in His sight.

The devil will always tell you what you want to hear. But God tells us and gives us what we need to hear. With law and gospel, he cuts us to the heart, so that we will repent and believe His Word and promises. He is faithful. He is good. He will not forsake you, or leave you destitute. So believe and trust in Him. And you will not only be happy. You will be blessed.



The 2016-2017 School Year is ready to go and so is the fall sports season.

The Lady Tiger Volleyball will be led by returning Coach Sarah Schrank who is in her 8th year of leading our Tigers to victories including an impressive championship to end last season in Janesville. She will be joined by Coach Emily Herrtiz. There are 20 girls who will be ready to bump, set and spike when they play their opener at home against Sacred Heart on September 12th at 5:00. Other games for the month of September include the 15th home vs St. Mary's Portage, 19th at St. Mary's Richland Center, 22nd home vs St. Pats Mauston, 26th home St. Joes Baraboo and the 29th at St. Johns Baraboo.

In their second year the Sacred Heart-St. Peter's Cross County Co-op will be lead by Coaches Aaron Roden, Jen Schneider, Melissa Brandt and Kim Brekke. There are 20 boys and girls who have hit the trails already with conditioning and running. The first meet will be held September 10th at River Valley. Other meets in September occur on the 24th at the Harjte Center, 26th at Mauston and the 27th at Portage.

Please take time to check out a match and a meet and cheer and encourage our young athletes. We are very blessed to have such wonderful student athletes, coaches and parents who support our school and church. We hope to see you there!



ANTOINE, BRYAN	9/1
FINNEGAN, CARRIE	9/1
HATFIELD, DINAH	9/1
RAY, BLAKE	9/1
WEBER, GRANT	9/1
COOK, NANCIE	9/2
KNUTH, LANDEN	9/2
KNUTH, RYLEN	9/2
VOGEL, KURT	9/2
BRAUN, NATHAN	9/3
MCCAULEY, CAROLINE	9/3
THOMAS, EMILY	9/3
THOMAS, KATHERINE	9/3
PARCE, SHAWN	9/4
SCHROEDER, EMILY	9/4
SCHULTZ, DAYNE	9/4
SWANSON, JENNIFER	9/4
ZIMMERMAN, GABRYEL	9/5
GADE, ANGELA	9/6
MILLER, THOMAS	9/6
ROCKWEILER, KRISTIE	9/6
MCPHERSON, RICHARD	9/7
ABBOTT, HUNTER	9/8
FRY, LORI	9/8
MCCAULEY, CYNTHIA	9/8
MILLER, RENEE	9/8
MINOR, SIDNEY	9/8
SCHMIDT, GIANNA	9/8
SCHUPPNER, KAREN	9/8
STEINHORST, GWEN	9/8
WESTPHAL, EMILY	9/8
BERBERICH, MARK	9/9
BRAUN, JANICE	9/9
ELY, GREGG	9/9
SACRE, REBECCA	9/9
SANDERS, MARSHA	9/9
ZIRNGIBLE, CINDY	9/9
HAHN, DANIEL	9/10
JOHNSON, LINDA	9/10
COOK, JESSICA	9/11
HEUER, JUSTYN	9/11
THOMPSON, JULIE	9/11
CURTIN, CALLIE	9/12
CATTLE, DOUGLAS	9/13
FEDDERLY, CLAIR	9/13
HENDRIKSON, KARLA	9/13

GROSKREUTZ, JOEL	9/14
MILLER, AVERY	9/14
WILSON, CHARLES	9/14
HALVENSLEBEN, SUSAN	9/16
SPEICH, AMY	9/16
DICIOCCIO, SUZANNAH	9/17
HILLMAN, LYNETTE	9/17
KUEBLER, WILLIAM	9/17
MAURER, SHIRLEY	9/17
PURANEN, CLARENCE	9/17
CRISAFULLI, KRISTINE	9/18
HAHN, ANNA	9/18
REIMER, WESLEY	9/18
SMITH, DEBRA	9/18
HILLMAN, KRISTA	9/19
KRUEGER, HAYDEN	9/19
MINOR, SCOTT	9/19
SCHARA, RITA	9/19
SZOPINSKI, LUCAS	9/19
BEHN, WILLIAM	9/20
DIETZ, JOHN	9/20
RYCZEK, ARDITH	9/20
SCHIEFELBEIN, JAMES	9/20
CROLIUS, MICHELLE	9/21
SETTERBO, CHAD	9/22
CASTILE, MALINDA	9/23
DANIELS, GARY	9/23
FINKEL, AARON	9/23
KOCH, CARLA	9/23
STOLTE, JONATHAN	9/23
FEDDERLY, STUART	9/24
FILUS, MATTHEW	9/24
RADTKE, LOIS	9/24
REINKE, GAIL	9/24
REUTER, JENNIFER	9/24
THOMPSON, LIANNA	9/24
IMHOFF, JEFFREY	9/25
ZIMMERMAN, THOMAS	9/25
CRAKER, CALVIN	9/26
KLINGENMEYER, GERALDINE	9/26
KNITT, TINA	9/26
HALVENSLEBEN, MAKENNA	9/27
IMHOFF, JAN	9/27
KLITZKE, CADENCE	9/27
KRUEGER, RONALD	9/27
MCPHERSON, GEORGE	9/27
CRISAFULLI, BRENDA	9/28
KNIPFEL, CHRIS	9/28
KRAUS, BROOKE	9/28
MEYER, RYAN	9/28
PATTERSON, MAXIMILIAN	9/28
SCHROEDER, DARCY	9/28
ALBRECHT, JACKOB	9/29

EVEN, MELLISA	9/29
HALVENSLEBEN, ELLA	9/29
KRUSE, JAELYN	9/29
KRUSE, SOPHIA	9/29
NACHREINER, BEN	9/29
NACHREINER, LEE	9/29
STANDO, SUSAN	9/29
STRUCK, JOY	9/29
BRANDT, JOANNE	9/30
BRANDT, TIMOTHY	9/30
JOHANSEN, NANCY	9/30
KLITZKE, LORI	9/30
NELSON, BRITON	9/30



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



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.

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters' Meeting
July 28, 2016 - Concordia Hall 7 pm**

Meeting called to order by Tim Brandt. Scripture reading and prayer led by Mr. Andreasen

Request that all has signed attendance sheet by Tim Brandt.

Gil Biskupski made motion to approve meeting minutes. 2nd by Betty Andreasen

Pastors report presented by Phil Rogers. Motion to approve membership changes made by Phil Rogers, 2nd Ted Gerike.

Principles report presented as written by Mr. Andreasen. Treasurer's report presented by Nathan Braun as written. Foundation report presented by Linda Biskupski.

Recommendations through Church Council

Board of Elders, Mr. Rogers: Request of a second reading of the proposed amendment to the Church Constitution, Article V, Section C, D. Any other office exercising authority over men to be changed to read as follows: *Any other office exercising Pastoral Authority over men.* Moved to adopt by Phil Rogers, 2nd by Gill Biskupski. Passed but not unanimous,

Board of Trustees: Kevin Shanahan made motion to install a new vent fan in parsonage and insulation in attic. Funds to come from the property improvement fund in the amount of \$1,100. 2nd by Phil Rogers. Motion passed.

Motion made to pay \$900 to Carpets Elite Cleaning for the church basement and stairs carpet cleaning. Funds to come from general fund. 2nd by Gil Biskupski. Motion passed

No old business. No new business.

Motion to Adjourn Gil Biskupski, 2nd by Matt Dehn. Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Lynch