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FROM THE PASTOR

“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ¹³For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NIV)

Greetings in Christ,

Workers were putting the finishing touches on a new church when a visitor walked in. The high wall behind the altar caught his attention. There an artist was working on a mural of Christ. Only the head and shoulders of Christ were visible in the mural. You could not see the rest of the body. The visitor asked, “Will you finish in time?” “Oh, I am finished replied the artist. “The rest of Christ’s body won’t be on the wall. His members-His arms, hands, legs and feet-will be sitting in the pews.

Scripture definitely agrees with that artist. The illustration of the human body was a favorite as the Lord led the Apostle Paul to write in 1 Corinthians 12 and other places of Scripture as well. Paul writes of the church and its people with varied gifts and abilities-each one important and unique, and all of them functioning together, with Christ, the Redeemer, as their head. Paul also mourns when we as individual members do not function as Christ intended or when there is strife

between them. God calls us to unity in Christ in faith and service to our Lord.

We were called by God to be in His church. In our baptism, God claimed us and made us a member of His body, His people. It was in our baptism that God rescued us from sin, death and the devil. The Holy Spirit has given us the gifts Jesus won for us on the cross and empty tomb which is forgiveness, life and salvation. He also makes us children of God and heirs of the Kingdom. God endows us with talents, abilities, our lives and all we have been given to be used for the glory of God, the furthering of His Kingdom, and for the building up and good of the whole church. In His church, He holds us, strengthens us through His Word and Sacrament and sends us out to be His light of the love of Jesus to our world in darkness. We, His body, He sends out empowering us with the same power He displayed in raising Jesus from the dead.

How awesome it is that God redeems us and makes us to be His own and sends us out that our lives can be lived for Him! As Scripture declares, “We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 (NIV) How important it is that we complete the picture of Christ as we take our place in worship, service, giving and living for our Lord Jesus Christ!

In His Service,
Pastor Crolius

FUNERALS

Elmer Tyler died on Friday, July 17, 2010, and was given Christian burial on Wednesday, July 21, 2010.



Our Bible Studies Continue...

Augusts' Question – The wise man built his house on _____ and the foolish man built his house on _____.

Julys' Question – In what book of the Bible do you find the words, "There is no new thing under the sun"?

Julys' Answer – Ecclesiastes 1:9

LADIES AID

Members came together on Wednesday, July 7 at 1:30 p.m. for a picnic lunch. There were 22 members present. The meeting was opened at 2:10 p.m. by President Vangie Berkhahn with Pastor Klingbeil leading the ladies in an opening devotion on 1 Peter 2:9.

Minutes were read and accepted. Thank you notes were received from Camp Lu WiSoMo, Ethel Byer from Minnesota for a prayer shawl given to her, and from Marge Haase. Treasurer's report was read and filed for audit.

Sunshine committee visited 24 people with get well and sympathy cards being mailed.

Ladies Aid adopted seminarian student Andrew S. Gerike informed us that he plans to be married August 14. A gift and card will be sent after the August meeting.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4 at Pizza Ranch. Reservations have been made by Irma Lowery. Members may arrive at 11:30 a.m. and go to designated reserved area. Bingo will be played afterwards with prizes given. Mark your calendars now and come join in the fun.

QUILTING NEWS

Ladies have been meeting the second and fourth Wednesday as they continue to ready more quilts for the LWML International Friendship Weekend.

A special quilt was made and given to Camp LuWiSoMo for its fund raising auction.

Several children size quilts have been finished. We have many quilts in different size and lots of colors, come and help finish them up for giving. We will be meeting August 11th and 25th from 8:30 to noon. Come when ever you can for as long as you can.

THANK YOU

Thank you to my church family for all the acts of kindness shown to me while in the hospital and recovering at home, especially the prayers. To all the pastors for their visits and words of encouragement. All is greatly appreciated. God's blessings, in friendship and love.
Alice Hamburg

JCPlayZone – A website for Children!!

Lutheran Hour Ministries interactive Web site for children, is helping kids build a foundation of faith and strengthen their knowledge of the Bible. These new enhancements will keep kids coming back. New games such as the "12 Apostles Quiz" and matching games "Bible Baffle" and "Fill in the Blanks" have been added to the lineup of other favorites like "Leopardy," "Dino Drop," "Bramble Ramble," and the "Spanish Matching Game." "The Power of Prayer," is a fun, animated video that teaches kids about how Jesus answers our prayers.

New devotions, Bible stories, Christian music, games, crafts, recipes, activities, coloring pages, and e-cards are regularly added to the site. Let your children or grandchildren know about this exciting online resource. Visiting www.jcplayzone.com is a great way to spend quality family time together.



St. Peter's School News

Beth (Degler) Utech will be leaving us this summer. She and her husband Aaron will be relocating to Manitowoc where his work is located. We thank Beth for her years of service and ministry to our children here at St. Peter's. There will be a farewell reception for her between services on August 1st. Please come and join us as we wish them God's richest blessings as they start their lives together as husband and wife.

The Board of Education is working to quickly decide how to best cover Mrs. Utech's vacancy for this school year. Please keep the Board and their work for St. Peter's in your prayers.

Registration days for school are August 4-5 from 8am to 6pm. We ask that you continue to promote the quality Christian education we offer here at St. Peter's. Your endorsement to friends, neighbors and family really does make a difference.

Teachers return to school for in service on August 16. We will have SMARTBoard and CPR training over part of that time as we meet to gear up for the new school year.

Education Sunday for teacher rededication will be August 22nd at the 10:30 service.

August 31 is PTL "Back to School Night" from 5:30 – 7:00pm. The first day of school is September 1, so mark your calendars and get ready for another great school year!

We will have completed the installation of SMARTBoards in all grades K – 8 this summer, with the teachers having ongoing training to best use them. These tools will allow us to expand the ways we are able to reach children during the learning process.

Mr. Sass continues to prepare for the upcoming sports seasons. There will be more information from him regarding the start of volleyball and other items he has on tap for the coming year.

Phillip Rogers, Principal



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 at the school office or in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your help.

- 12" Ruler with metric
- 4oz. white glue-no gel glue
- 8 Crayola Crayons (thin)
- Blue or Black Pens
- Compass - Protractor (Transparent)
- Book bag or back pack
- Colored pencils
- Crayola Markers-regular basic
- Crayola Markers-thin basic
- Crayons (24 or more)
- Double pocket folder
- Eraser - Glue Sticks - Highlighters
- Large box of tissues
- Loose-leaf paper
- Colored Dry Erase Markers
- Play-doh
- Pocket folders
- Red ink pen or pencil
- School box with snap lid
- Scissors
- Spiral notebooks wide rule
- Watercolor paints (8 colors)
- Wide lined paper
- Zipper pencil case
- Paper Towel - Hand Sanitizer



PAINTERS NEEDED

The Board of Trustees is looking for volunteers to lend a hand in the painting of our school's classrooms over the next couple of weeks. It takes just one day of your time to paint an entire classroom. Everything you need, paint, brushes, etc. will be provided, we just NEED YOU!!! Please call the office at 524-4512, ext. 1 to sign up for a time that is convenient for you. Thank you in advance for your help.

Thank you, Justin Andresen for painting our 1st

grade classroom!!!!

“Alternative Proposal”

Lord Jesus, you have told us to take your Gospel to all peoples of all lands, but we find this hard ! It means leaving our families, friends, and culture to tell your message in a foreign land and language to an alien people.

Many of them already have a religion which is interwoven into their whole culture and daily lifestyle. Besides, we Americans are not welcome in some parts of the world, and are even forbidden to talk openly about you in certain countries. And the cost !! If we really tried to reach the world in this generation, it would bankrupt us all.

SO WE PROPOSE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN:
You send the people to us. Have them come at their own expense - and learn English before they come. Make them hungry for our friendship and willing to go to church with us. Send the young, teachable ones. Send those who are bright and vigorous, who will someday be leaders in their home countries. Arrange for them to stay for several years so we can win a hearing for the Gospel and have time to teach them after they become believers. Send many from places where missionaries are forbidden to go such as Iran, Saudi Arabia and China. How many Lord? Oh, say 445,000 well distributed around the country so that lots of churches and individual Christians can take part.

If You will do this, then we promise to make sharing our lives and our faith with these people a priority. We will get to know them, offer them our friendship, and try to learn how to explain your Gospel to them clearly.
This all sounds like a lot to ask, but You can do it, can't You?

(Written by Marcia Mittwede, ISM, Inc. president)



Mission Field coming to St. Peter's, October 9 & 10th. Plan now to share the Savior's love by having an International students from UW-Madison join

your families activities for one short day. Look for more information in September's messenger.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are looking forward to the start of Sunday School in September. In preparation, we are looking for some assistance to help with Team Teaching in pre-school, kindergarten, first, second, third and fourth grades, as well as a sixth grade teacher.

If you would like to be a Team Teacher or would like to help in anyway, please give me a call at 608 467 0110 or 608 495 0586, or you may email me at sandy.sundayschool.wrezenski@gmail.com
If you would like to help but are not able to commit for the entire time, please give us a call and we will find what works best with your schedule.

There will be a picnic- meeting sometime during the month of August to assign the Team Teachers and Teachers, as well as go over the plans for the upcoming Sunday School year.

On the last page of this Messenger you will find a Sunday School Registration Form. Please complete the form and drop it off in the box in the narthex or at the church office. This will help us to better prepare our materials for Sunday School.

Sunday School is for all children from the ages 3 through 6th grade. There is also Junior (7-8th Grade) and Senior (9 – 12th Grade) Bible Class.

We look forward to seeing many new faces in Sunday School this year. We hope to also see more of the students who attend St. Peter's School coming to Sunday School. There will be a prize for the Sunday School Class, as well as the student who brings the most new students to Sunday School during the month of September, 2010.

We look forward to seeing all of Jesus Little Lambs at Sunday School.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sandy Wrezenski
Sunday School Superintendent

Stewardship—The Believer’s Whole Life

When the concept of stewardship is enveloped in its total New Testament context it implies even more than trusteeship and responsibility. It contains the idea of partnership. The relation between master and servant gives way to the relation between friends working together for the realization of a common purpose. Thus in speaking to his disciples about their stewardship responsibility of fruitful service our Lord says, “No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:15)

And Paul ascribes to Christian stewards the dignity of being God’s fellow-workers. (1 Corinthians 3:9) This partnership is furthermore the partnership of father and son: “You are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.” (Galatians 4:7)

Christian stewardship is a family affair. Not merely to work for God as his agents and administrators of his property, but to work with him as his children, sharing his purposes, his resources, his very nature—such is the high status of Christian stewards. [Kantonen, T. A. A *Theology for Christian Stewardship*, Chapter 1, p2]

God’s children are stewards or managers of the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. Stewardship is not meant to be an oppressive response to God’s grace and goodness, but rather a joyful response. In our church we have defined stewardship this way: “***Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.***” What a beautiful definition for our Christian stewardship!

Dear Members and Friends of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church

The weekend of September 18th and 19th, is our congregation’s consecration Weekend, with the overall theme ***Christian Stewardship: A Way of Life***. We urge you now to mark this weekend on your calendar. Also, we encourage you to partake

of the Bible Studies the two weekends prior to our Consecration Weekend. During these times we will be studying two statements:

- I. God’s Stewards are **God’s** Stewards.
- II. God’s Steward are Managers, Not Owners.

And one final note, our guest pastor for this weekend is our District President, Rev. John Wille. More information will be forthcoming regarding the service, Bible studies and the fellowship meals.

Please keep this in your prayers that God will bless it as a time of growth and maturing in the faith.

Cordially,
The Board of Stewardship.

ST. PETER’S VOTER’S MEETING July 22, 2010

Membership Changes

Received by Baptism

Makenzie Brothers Lawrence Rupinski
Joyce Strampe

Transferred to the Church Triumphant

Herbert Lehman Betty Oetzman
Ruth Schuck Elmer Tyler

FOR APPROVAL BY VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Received by Adult Confirmation

Christopher Coleman Zach Dallman
Jake Strampe Starra Strampe

Received by Profession of Faith

Erick & Darlene Grieves (Selene & Angelene)

Transferred Out

April Jones to Messiah Lutheran Church , Weldon Springs, MO
Michelle Gee to Trinity Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI

Released at their own request

David Herritz to St. John, Reedsburg

BADGER STEAM & GAS SHOW



AUGUST 20 - 22, 2010

COME OUT AND ENJOY THE SHOW
AND
SUPPORT THE
ST PETER'S YOUTH AT THEIR
CONCESSION STAND

BRATS
CORN ON THE COB
SLUSH PUPPIES
SODA & WATER

ADDITIONAL HELP AT THE
CONCESSIONS STAND IS ALWAYS
WELCOME.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 524-
4512, EXT. 1

TO SIGN UP IF YOU ARE ABLE TO
HELP.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF OUR YOUTH!!



St. Peter's
Preschool program
still has a few
opening left in their 4 year old
program. Don't wait, call now to
register!!!!

524-4066, ext. 1

2nd Quarter Report

We have reached mid-year of our current Church & School Budget cycle. The FMC begins to plan for the next years budget by reviewing our financial status through the first 6 months of the year. We review statistical data which tracks past performance and predicts future income and expense. Although this process is inexact, it is a very helpful tool in estimating future income & expense. Some important points to consider are:

- FY 2010 Budget indicates that we will need to borrow about \$10,000 per month to cover operating expenses. This is proving to be accurate.
- We have used \$76,941 of our current \$100,000 line of credit at Harris Bank. We will have exhausted our credit line by October or November and could begin FY 2011 with insufficient funds to cover normal operating expenses. As of this writing (7/16/2010), our Church Council has moved to **apply for a loan** through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. By the time you receive this Messenger, the request to **apply for a LCEF loan** will have been acted upon by the Voters in our July Quarterly Meeting. If the request to submit an application has been approved by the voters, the application will have been submitted and we will be awaiting approval by LCEF. If our application is approved, a Special Voters Meeting will be called to **approve additional borrowing** in an amount to be determined by FMC/Church Council. We may be required to collateralize some assets, i.e. mortgage, or some other financial instrument, to obtain this loan. These

details will be worked out as we go through the application process.

Your comments and ideas are always welcome, you may call John Dietz, Chairman FMC, talk to any member of the FMC, or leave comments at the office or put a note in an envelop and place it in the offering plate addressed to FMC. As Treasurer, Cindy Nellessen works directly with the FMC and she can answer many of your questions, please contact her during her regular office hours. Cindy will pass on your message to the FMC



ALBRECHT, AVALYN	8/1
GENZ, GRACE	8/1
MORTIMER, JUSTIN	8/1
MUELLER, REBECCA	8/1
WHITEHURST, CASON	8/1
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
MEYER, REBECCA	8/4
PERTZBORN, LISA	8/4
COOK, STEPHANIE	8/5
GADE, DAVID	8/5
HACKBARTH, DONALD	8/5
JOHANSEN, AIDEN	8/5
JOHANSEN, CONNOR	8/5
SASS, ARLENE	8/5
BAGENSKI, KEVIN	8/6
COLEMAN, JACOB	8/6
DURAND, CHRISTA	8/6
LOOMANS, DALE	8/7
LOOMANS, SCOTT	8/7
MACHMUELLER, IVAN	8/7
MCPHERSON, NICHOLAS	8/8
STAGE, NICHOLAS	8/8
ZIMMERMAN, KAREN	8/8
BRANDT, DAWN	8/9
DULEY, DOLORES	8/9
GROSS, RICHARD	8/10
MCMILLEN, ALLISON	8/10
MCMILLEN, PENNY	8/10
PARK, DANIEL	8/10

GADE, WILLIAM	8/11
KRUEGER, KRISTIN	8/11
REINECKE, FREDERICK	8/12
REINECKE, SPENCER	8/12
RYCZEK, KATHY	8/12
BREIDENBACH, HAYLEE	8/13
REINECKE, MARCUS	8/13
SCHARA, DEANNA	8/13
STRUTZ, FRED	8/13
SUKUP, ERIC	8/13
KLINGENMEYER, DENNIS	8/14
SCHENCK, PHYLLIS	8/14
WUNSCH, CJ	8/14
FAUERBACH, JOLYNN	8/15
GROSKREUTZ, BRENDA	8/15
KLITZKE, TODD	8/15
SYLVANDER, RHIANNON	8/15
CABALLERO, DALICIA	8/16
KAUN, ARLEE	8/16
KLEEBER, KASSIDY	8/16
OBERMAN, AARON	8/16
SCHNELLER, TERESA	8/16
THOMPSON, SHANNON	8/16
COLE, DAVID	8/17
KLINGBEIL, HANNAH	8/17
LIVINGSTON, EMILY	8/17
STRUZYNSKI, BRITTANY	8/17
GILLIS, LOGAN	8/18
JOHNSON, ANDREW	8/18
MEYER, MICHAEL	8/18
PETERSON, DELPHINE	8/18
ROBINSON, TIMOTHY	8/18
SCHARA, COLTON	8/18
SCHULTZ, CASEY	8/18
THOMAS JR, TIMOTHY	8/18
DEMARS, MARCIE	8/19
FARBER, DONALD	8/19
KALEPP, JESSE	8/19
LICHTE, DONA	8/19
MAIER, ANTHONY	8/19
MCDONOUGH Jr., JOHN	8/19
SCHYVINCK, BROOKLYN	8/19
ROSE, GARY	8/20
SCHULENBURG, CHELSEY	8/20
MEYER, MERLIN	8/21
MYERS, JACOB	8/21
SWANSON, REESE	8/21
BEYER, JODI	8/22
GRUNDAHL, JEREMIAH	8/22
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
LEHMAN, HAZEL	8/24
RADTKE, ROGER	8/24
BROTHERS, MAKENZIE	8/25
CORNWELL, TRACY	8/25
PARK, JARED	8/25
HARRISON, WILLIAM	8/26
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KLINGBEIL, OLIVIA	8/27
LAUKANT, CHARLIE	8/27
LEMOINE, LYLE	8/27
FEINE, ISAIAH	8/28

GRUNDAHL, CHEYANNE
SHEPARD, DEENA
STRAMPE, SHAUNA
STRUTZ, JAMES
BELL, ANITA
DIETZ, CHARLES
IMHOFF, TARA
MICKELSON, DEANNA
PARADIS, WILLIAM

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BRANDT, KEVIN
BUELOW, CANDICE
DOROW, JAMES
HOEGE, RANDY
KOCH, LAURA

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**St. Peter's Sunday School
Enrollment Form
2010-2011**

Full Name of Student/Students:

_____ **Birthday:**_____

_____ **Birthday**_____

_____ **Birthday**_____

Home Address:_____

Father or Legal Guardian:_____

Mother or Legal Guardian:_____

Address if different from home address:_____

Home Phone Number:_____ **Alternate Contact Number:**_____

E Mail Address:_____

Any allergies to food_____

Medical Conditions we need to be aware of:_____

I would be willing to help with Sunday School by:

Assisting in classroom_____ **Team Teaching**_____ **Substitute Teacher**_____

Craft Projects_____ **Christmas Program**_____ **Family Events**_____

Other ways I can help_____

In Case of Emergency-----Contact Information

Name_____ **Relationship to Child:**_____

Phone Number: _____