

June 2010

The Messenger

"Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."
II Corinthians 2:14-15

It is the bottom of the ninth with two outs and the tying run is at third base. When the game is on the line the coach calls out for you to pinch hit. You have been chosen to replace the star of the team who just got hit in the head while in the on deck circle. It is not that you are a great hitter—you just happen to be the only player who has not already been put in the game. Whether anyone likes it or not—you are the next batter. All eyes are on you as you step up to the plate.

I don't know if this is the bottom of the ninth in the church, but I do know God has chosen you to enter the game. In this situation, God has chosen you—not out of desperation—but because he has given you unique gifts that can make a difference. The world may look at you and wonder—but not God. Do you believe that?

St. Paul wrote his second letter to the Corinthians in defense of his ministry. Some had claimed he was only in it for the money and while he had challenged the Christians of Corinth to change their lives—some said Paul would never come back—so why change anything. It was in the middle of this defense that Paul says we Christians are the aroma of God to the world around us.

God has put me in the game and sometimes I think I stink—but he believes in me. Sometimes I would rather sit on the bench—at least there I cannot fail, but God knows I can make a difference. God loves me and has chosen me to be the one to bring hope and life to the situations around me. I cannot do this on my own. God, please give me your strength. Fill me with your Spirit. Open my heart to become like yours. Make me smell good.

And he does!

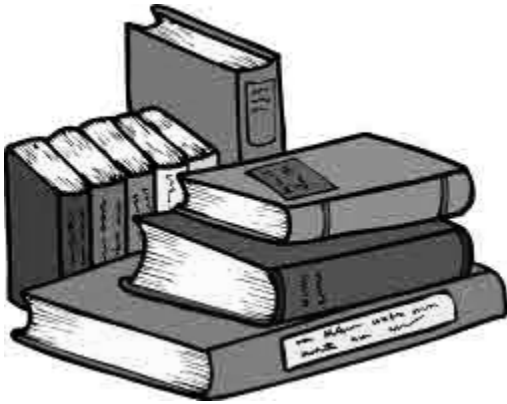
Blessings,
Pastor

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The End of Another Year



The big news for June is that school is done on Wednesday, June 9. We will end the year with a closing worship, picnic and games on that day. We invite the entire congregation to our closing day activities which begin at 9:15. Before that day we will do kindergarten and 8th grade graduation on Saturday, June 5. This year's kindergarten graduates are as follows:

- Robin Pittman-daughter of Lance and Lindsay Pittman
- Travis Schaub-son of Kendra Schaub
- Cohen Schroeder-son of Jacob and Julie Schroeder
- Sophie Schulz-daughter of Daniel and Anna Schulz
- Sheena Stock-daughter of Fred and Kerry Stock

Kaytlyn Asiala is our eighth grade graduate and she is the daughter of Doug and Sarah Asiala.

The 2009-2010 school year has been filled with many exciting and fun activities. One of the activities that the upper grade girls enjoyed in May was working with the quilting ladies on making a quilt. They were extremely proud of the quilt that they made. Thank you ladies for showing them how to quilt! We now have some future quilters in our school and they are looking forward to doing it again next year.

As we look forward to next year we will be offering three day and five day kindergarten (both full day). At this time we have five signed up for the three day program and three signed up for the five day program. We have room for more. Mrs. Kidder will be teaching this group as well as the first graders.

Preschool is almost full already. We can have 16 students with our current staff and as of this writing we have 15 signed up and paid for. Some of these will attend 3 days a week and some will attend 2 days. We give thanks for this great program and Mrs. Cathy Chambers who teaches the preschool assisted by Marion Koeppen.

One of our staff will be leaving us as Julie Johnson is retiring at the end of the year. We thank her for her years of faithful service to the school and wish her God's greatest blessings in her retirement.

The staff would like to thank the congregation for your continued prayerful and financial support as we continue to teach families and students about the love of Jesus.

SCRIP Fundraising

The basic SCRIP concept is retailers want to help with rebates. The only thing you need to do is plan your purchases and make them with gift cards instead of cash or checks. Everyone wins - the retailer, you and the school, church or whomever you have designated.

SCRIP is a dollar to dollar redemption. In other words, \$50.00 buys \$50.00. It actually is fun. You don't have to write a check or have cash every time you go to the grocery store, buy gas or go out to eat. You just need to plan ahead.

It's easy:

You know your spending patterns, so jot them down, and total them up.

Example:

Food at \$75.00/week x 4 =	\$300.00 a month
Gas at \$25.00/week x 4 =	\$100.00 a month
Clothing	\$ 50.00 a month
Dining Out	<u>\$ 50.00 a month</u>
Total	\$500.00 a month

Now write a great big 5% on your paper. That's the average portion of each SCRIP purchase that is earned by an organization with every SCRIP purchase. Then write a huge \$300.00 on your paper. That's the amount an average family, using these modest spending levels could earn easily each year and all they had to do was make their same purchases with gift cards. IF WE COULD GET 100 FAMILIES to do this that is \$30,000 worth of donations per year and just from regular shopping. COME ON! WON'T YOU GIVE IT A TRY!

Sunday School Team

What an awesome job our St. Peter Sunday morning staff has done this past year! We do not always see those who are serving us. As we come to the end of the year I would like to lift up with gratitude and appreciation all who served in this valuable ministry:

Pastor	adult Bible study
Mark Werner	adult Bible study, High School, Children's Ministry staff coordinator
Laurie VanBeelen	Junior High, young adults
Erika Brown	Junior High
Cindy Werner	3rd grade Bible presentation
Nancy Heimsoth	adult study "Making the Bible Yours", Children's Ministry
Sarah Bloom	nursery

Preschool Team Leader

Tina Gust

Preschool Station Leaders

Kelly Aves

Eva Luce

Station Leaders Grade K through 5th:

Manning and Jennifer Larson Liz Webster

Leslie Stewart Tammy Hartner Dick Stout

Crew Leaders for Grades K through 5th:

Bill Horman Deb Pytlowanyj Brian Stewart

Jeff and Christy Smith Amanda Ingleright

Jaymie Cardenas

Ladies Aid News

At our regular quilting, we experienced an awesome time; our school's 7th & 8th grade girls came to quilt with us. How wonderful to join young & old; and to have the girls hear what the Ladies Aid is about.

We will be participating in the St. Johns Famers Market one Saturday every month starting June 19th; if you would like to volunteer to work call Jeanette Mehney or Virginia Davis.

We received a update letter from Eric Rapp, our Seminary Student; keep Eric in your prayers.

I will be the delegate to the Mich. District LWML Convention in Dearborn in July. The Ladies Aid will be paying the expenses; thank you very much ladies. I will be handing out to anyone the Mite Grant Proposals I will be voting on, I hope you will want to choose which ones I should vote on. I want to vote as you want for I am representing our church, they will be in the Narthex. Take one, choose the missions you favor & return to me.

We will keep a basket of thread in the Ladies Aid Room for anyone that sews on the quilts, come & help yourself; so if you have extra thread to donate, please do.

Reminder of our Rada Cutlery that the Ladies Aid continually sells, the display case is in the hallway in the Fellowship Hall.

As you are out & about going to Yard Sales, look for the items that are included in the Layette Sets that we send to Lutheran World Relief; receiving blankets, undershirts, gowns, sleepers, cloth diapers, sweaters, baby washcloth, baby soaps, diaper pins.

Kathy Bond
Pres. of Ladies Aid

**If anyone has our old carousels with slides of church activities or the projector that plays these carousels, call Diane Hart.

**The Newsletter will again be sent in the mail starting in July. The Ladies Aid is paying the price of the bulk mail.

Entrusted with Ministry of His Church

By the time this newsletter is read major decisions will probably have been made by the voters of St. Peter. God has placed the ministry of this His church into our hands. May 23 is the day the voters are acting on the Council's recommendation to eliminate one staff position, the Director of Youth Ministry. Not knowing what will happen on that day as I write this, I offer the following thoughts:

The ministry must be our focus in making decisions and following up on them.

Ministry is always about people—when we forget that we fail in ministry.

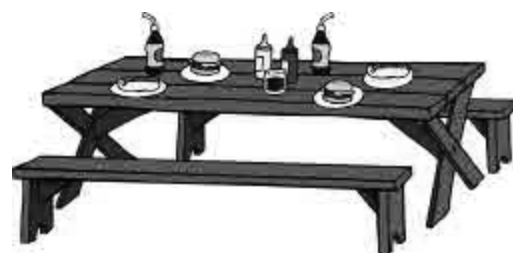
If there is a cut in staff we will have to be that much more unified to be successful.

Difficult decisions concerning staff always threaten unity and ministry focus.

Dear God, help me to be faithful—as I nurture the faith you have given me through your Word and as I build up those people you have placed in my path today. May I never lose heart; may you fill me with yours.

Band of Brothers/Sisters Picnic

Wednesday, June 16 all the Brothers/Sisters are invited to the home of Pastor and Nancy to celebrate one another — and the blessings God has provided to/thru you. We will begin the party around 6:30pm or whenever you arrive. There will be a picnic meal provided with a little basket available for those who want to help cover costs. Thanks for being YOU!



Memorials/Gifts

In Loving Memory:

Marcella Kloeckner (Rollie Kloeckner's mother) \$50.00

To honor her birthday, we wish to make this donation To St. Peter Ladies Aid Society to help in purchasing supplies for the upkeep of the church grounds.

We miss you greatly.

Rollie & Marilyn Kloeckner

To honor the confirmation of Chelsea Clark & Megan Larson \$50.00

From their grandparents,

Bill & Sarah Boik

To Building Fund In Memory of Eric Fox \$25.00

To Building Fund In Memory of Doug Hull \$ 5.00

News & Announcements

Directory Updates

Change of Address:

Heather Gibbons
455 Divine Hwy.
Portland, MI. 48875

Stephen Speerbrecker
#757729
Saginaw Correctional Facility
9625 Pierce Rd.
Freeland, MI. 48623

Email Address Change:

Renee Terpening: reneeterpening@gmail.com

Congratulations 2010 St. Peter Lutheran High School Graduates We are very proud of you!



Adam Baltimore, Fulton HS
Michael Gorby, SJHS
Annie Lenneman, SJHS
Ryan Priess, SJHS
Jennifer Taylor, SJHS
Nate Werner, SJHS

SUMMER GARDENING MAINTENANCE AND GREETERS

If you have a scheduling conflict and need to switch with someone, please let the church office know so they can make the changes in the bulletin.

2010 Golf Outing

Mark your calendars! The 2010 St. Peter Lutheran School Golf Outing will be held September 11th at Highland Hills Golf Course. Anyone and everyone is welcome to help out with this fundraising event. The “old timers” of this committee are gathering together once more to organize this event, but we would love to have some “newbies” join us to learn the in and outs of how well organized and easy this fundraiser actually is. This year I think it would be great if some of our talented students could make a few items to donate for either raffle or door prizes. Some duties we need assistance include, but not limited to: someone to contact the newspaper, someone to develop the registration form, someone to put the registration form on the St. Peter website, people to get donations for raffle/door prizes and someone to organize the student donations. If you have any questions or want to help please call Sandy Henry at 517-515-6095.



News & Announcements

Thank you sisters and brothers at Saint Peter for electing me to serve as the Outreach Coordinator for these last 2+ terms. I count it all joy to have been able to carry out God's Great Commission with so many of you helping with events like Festival of Lights, Festival of Human Lights, Mint Festival Floats and Parades and Children's Pavilion, and Vacation Bible School. Most of all, I want to encourage each of us to continue living out our faith so that others will see the joy of Jesus Christ in us. There have been many character-building experiences, struggles, laughs and triumphs over these four + years. I am so thankful for the hundreds of volunteers and servants who have helped over this time, and I'm encouraged to see the strengthening of our council and a new council to be elected soon. Thank you for praying for me and our church leaders. I thank each of the council members, our ministry and school staff, and our board leaders who serve our Lord and this congregation and continue to serve God with vigor. I pray for blessing and a humble spirit for these leaders, so they may continue to do our Master's work while filled with His Spirit. For the future, I believe God is leading me to continue and complete the work on the Endowment, and I am pleased to have anyone who would like to help get it launched into action to contact me at 989-534-1112.

Your brother in Christ,

John Ingleright
Outreach Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in the Kids for Christ (KFC) Choir. It has been an honor to direct such a unique and talented group of girls. I would also like to say Thank You to the dedicated parents. Without their support this would not have been possible. Although this has been a pilot program, I look forward to continuing this service.

In His Service,
Ann Stout

Thanks, Ann, you did a terrific job!

Thank you to the helpers who cleanup and maintain the gardens. Also to those who bought plants or donated money toward plants, mulch, supplies, etc. Thank you to God for providing the conditions for the gardens to flourish.

Sandy Lockwood
(517) 669-8813

THANK YOU!

The parents of and the confirmans: Kaytlyn Asiala, Chelsea Clark, Morgan Larson, Alicia Stock and Ashley Terpening would like to thank the congregation for attending their party. It truly was a joy to share their special day with the family of Christ. It is a day the girls will remember for a lifetime.

I would like to thank the Pastor and all the members for their prayers, cards and visits during my long recovery. You are one of God's many blessings and it gave me the strength to keep in there fighting. God's Blessing to all!

Sister in Christ,
Linda Davis



Vacation Bible School Registration Form August 16 - 20

Please help us to plan more effectively by completing one registration form per child. Children ages 3 years (potty-trained) through 5th grade are eligible. Return completed forms to the church office as soon as possible.
THANK YOU!!

Child's Name: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Last School Grade Completed: _____

In Case of Emergency, Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Allergies or medical conditions: _____

Special Needs: _____

Home Church _____

*Join us as we set sail for VBS fun and experience
the deep, rolling waters of God's love!*

June 2010

GREETERS:

06	Dick & Norma Crowell	8:00
	Jacob & Julie Schoreder	10:30
13	Glen & Jean Bennett	8:00
	Earl & Laurie Flegler	10:30
20	Ethel Flegler & Jean Dilts	8:00
	Tammy Hartner & Jean Heathman	10:30
27	Dave & Marsha Bremer	8:00
	Mike & Sandy Henry	10:30

ELDERS:

05/06	Brian Bloom
12/13	Charlie Silm
19/20	Louis Shellito
26/27	Howard Heyboer

ALTAR GUILD:

Janice Auten and Kathy Bond

ALTAR FLOWERS:

06	Larry & Mary Grennell
13	Jan & Don Maynard
20	Fitzpatrick
27	Charlie Silm

COOKIE MAKERS:

*No Cookie Makers For June
(Leftovers)*

COFFEE MAKER:

Mike and Sandy Henry

SUMMER GARDENING MAINTENANCE:

06	Sally Pontias
13	Deb Pytlowanjy
20	Jean Heathman
27	Judy Boettger

USHERS:

Early *Lee Chant Team*

(Carl Jastram, Gary Lenneman and
Tony Lenneman)

Late *Bob Reust Team*

(Bruce Bond, Kenny Bond, Lyle Huguelet
and Jordan Reust)

Saturday

06	Harry Schaub
13	Lyle Auten
20	Harold Anderson
27	Mark Witt

Birthdays:

04	Marvin Sperry	14	Sean Besemer
05	Jessica Smith	15	John Burgess
	Mark Martens		Jerry Roberts
06	Daniel Clothier	16	Michael Gorby
	Megan Gust	17	Jennifer Eaton
07	Stephen Speerbrecker		Jacob Eaton
08	Clair Terpening		Brian Smith
09	Devin Bengel	18	Ann Stout
	Theresa Dilts		Lucas Sillman
11	Kerry Stock		Natalie Sillman
12	Parker VanBeelen	19	MariLou Schrader
13	Scott Sperry		Tracy Dunn
	Andrew VanVleet		
	Jack Bremer		

20	Don Schrader
	Hannah Luce
	Hannah Kayser
21	Harlee Foster
22	Krista Mohr
	Dustin Pung
23	Jim Mehney
	Lauren Wohltjen
24	Rita Hollis
25	John Schumaker
	Matthew VanBeelen
	Jim Fyvie

26	Lona Silm
27	Shirley Hayes
	John Eaton
	Makayla Flegler
	Elaine Sevenski
28	Roland Kloeckner
	Ross Myers
29	Shelly Henning
30	Trevor Gregory
	William DeGrandchamp

Anniversaries:

02	Mark & Trish Martens
03	Brian & Keisha Smith
05	Frank & Diane Hart
	David & Marilyn Richmond
07	Charles & Theresa Silm
08	Fred & Kerry Stock
11	Larry & Mary Ann Grennell
12	Roger & Bonnie Gregory
14	Tom & Sue Bourdon
15	Ralph & Olga Matteson
	John & Amanda Ingleright
18	Dave & Linda Fountain
20	Bruce & Norma Fitzpatrick
21	Pastor & Nancy Heimsoth
23	Al & Renee Schmitzer
25	Albert & Neva Flack
26	Lynn & Joann Webster
27	Daniel & Barbara Clothier
28	Rick & Noel Houghton