

The Messenger

To the Members of St Peter Lutheran Church,

It is with both joy and sadness that I announce that the Lord has led me to accept the call to serve as Senior Pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, KS.

I have mixed emotions because of the many wonderful relationships that my family and I have here at St. Peter Lutheran Church and the memories we have made together. Our children have grown here and gone to school here. We have payed off mortgages, started a migrant program, built a new playground, and hosted events with neighboring congregations; like the Answers in Genesis conference, and the hog roasts. In everything, St. Peter has stood by us, tolerated my eccentricities, and has allowed me to be its pastor. It would take me a long time to recount all of the blessings we have received together from our Father in heaven.

Quite honestly, one of the reasons that led me to accept this call is that I want another pastor to have the opportunity to serve the saints here at St. Peter. I think it would be selfish on my part to believe that I alone have all the gifts St Peter needs to form and thrive and I cannot keep such a great place to myself.

It is these exact things that also fill me with sadness. I love the people of St. Peter. We love this place with its peace and solitude. We have so many friends at this church. I feel like by leaving we will be deserting a part of ourselves, and tears have already been shed. I would not be the person I am without all of these dear friends and sheep whom I love with all my heart.

The reason I am able to accept this call to Our Redeemer is because I believe that God will bless our lives and work in Hutchinson just as He has blessed us in Riley. Our Redeemer is the only LCMS church in a city of 40 thousand, and they need the true Gospel. I could see a community that needs Our Redeemer to be actively engaged in the life of the people in that city.

I have every confidence that St Peter will be able to call a new pastor soon, and that they will be deeply blessed by him, and that he will be blessed by You. Please keep all of the flock at St. Peter and also at Our Redeemer in yours prayers. Please keep us in your prayers as we make this transition.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Quentin T. Nuttmann

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January Jubilee

On January 25th, 2019 we will be hosting the January Jubilee which marks the end of Lutheran Schools Week. Part of this event includes a Book Walk for children. I am asking for donations of books to use for our Book Walk. These books can be new or gently used for ages from preschool through the fifth grade. You can drop off the books at the church office indicating they are for the January Jubilee. If you have any questions, please contact me at 989-224-7106.

Charlene Kennedy, DVM

ATTENTION ALL ST. PETER VOLUNTEERS =

There will be a luncheon to thank all of you for everything you do at St. Peter.

It will be Sunday Oct 28 after the voters meeting in the fellowship hall. Please come - we want to thank you!

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL ST. PETER SCRAP METAL DRIVE will take place from **October 21st to October 28th**. This is a great time to clean out old washers, driers and other **METAL** scrap prior to winter. No televisions or plastics please. Drop off location is **6931 W. Parks Rd.** You may call **(517) 712-6230** for offloading assistance. Proceeds for this event will go to help pay down the primary mortgage. (Faith Family Forever).

In HIS service: Rex A. Mohnke

THANK YOU

Dear Friends @ St. Peter

Thank You for all the cards I received for my 90th Birthday & also for the cards from friends at St. Peter. Love, Lois Sillman



MINT CITY PARKING THANK YOU

I met a Lady that once said "many hands make light work" how true of a statement that is.

33 people made light work of a busy Mint Festival Parking Lot on : August 11th (Saturday). During our time frame of:


8:00 a.m.-8:00p.m. we made \$3056.00! What a Blessing!

I would like to Thank the following people:

Lori Klein, Taylor Klein, Harold Anderson, Judy Boettger, Barry Boettger, Evan VanBeelen, Lauren VanBeelen, Al Schmitzer, Renee Schmitzer, Matt VanBeelen, Paul Weismantel, Sandy Lockwood, Abi Heimsoth, Jeremy Heimsoth, Lou Favor, Karen Burgess, Deb Burgess, John Burgess (Coordinator), Bob Eaton, Lori Eaton, Roger Heathman, Jean Heathman, Tom Bond, Kathy Bond, Charlie Silm, Theresa Silm, Carl Jastram, Geri Jastram, Laurie Flegler, Earl Flegler, Larry Mohr, Pam Mohr & Rod Hayes.

I just want to Thank You all for your support.

John Burgess (Coordinator)



Christian Day School News

FALL

Children are back in school and parents are either relieved or are suffering from "empty nest syndrome." We also become aware of the changes in the world around us we wake to cool mornings and shorter days.

Fall – why the name. Many say it is because it is the time of the year when the leaves begin to fall. There are also those who say that it is because the sun is lower in the sky as the season progresses.

As we see the leaves begin to fall, we admire the beautiful colors but also know that it means work. Leaves will need to be raked from the lawn and dug out of shrubs and plantings. The eaves will collect leaves and will need to be cleaned so as not to have problems this winter.

I would ask you to also think about "The Fall." Adam and Eve decided not to take God at His word, but instead listened to the serpent. The consequences of this were much worse than the fall clean up of our yards and homes. How could the mess created by "The Fall" be cleaned up? God had the answer. He would send us His Son to suffer the consequences of this sin and all sin of all people.

The children whom God has given us to care for as parents and as a school have also suffered the consequences of "The Fall." When our children disobey or show poor judgement they also suffer consequences. This may be in the form of guilt or shame or in consequences that we as parents or the school impose. Sometimes we or our children will try to fix the mistakes that we make, but the consequences remain. The good news is that we can't fix our sins, Christ has taken care of the clean up job through His suffering and death on our behalf.

Our theme for this school year is, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1 This theme will help to keep us focused on where the cure for "The Fall" is. During the year we will also remind the children and ourselves of our baptism. We were all filthy with our sin, but this washing has made us clean and has rescued us from "The Fall."

His Servant,
Paul Weismantel, Principal



MICHIGAN LWML CONVENTION

I attended the convention in July in Port Huron. Our Ladies Aid paid for a part of my expenses, I'm very thankful.

A reminder of the LWML Mission Statement: To assist each woman of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

On Friday the Servant Events Projects were worked on Rolling Bandages from white sheets, making Sleeping Mats from cut up plastic bags, trimming Stamps for Missions, making Heart Pillows from fleece, and creating LWR Personal Hygiene Kits.

My Bible Study was with Pastor Cullen, our Mich. Dist. Pastoral Counselor, "Encouraged to Celebrate God's Gifts". We studied in Romans, to encourage us to use our gifts every day to "Shout for JOY to God".

Friday night was our Opening Service, was attended by about 800 with our worship proclaimer Pres. David Maier of LCMS MI Dist. He pointed out the 3 R's from Romans 5: Receive God's unlimited grace as free gift, Rejoice in God's grace "Shout for Joy to God", Rely on God's grace as our strength & our foundation on which we stand. God's grace is enough and the best is yet to come! The offering of \$4,832 went towards the Mite goal for 2018-2020.

Our congregation gave enough for me to purchase WalMart gift cards amounting to \$150 to be given to St. Louis & Ft Wayne Seminaries, I was very proud to donate from St. Peter. Sat. Our keynote speaker was Rev Les Stahlke, Luth. Assoc. Of Missionary Pilots (LAMP) serves in Canada.


There were 294 delegates prepared to vote for the Mission Grants, they will be in our bulletins on LWML Sunday in Oct.

Missionary Tim & Beth Heiney in Ghana and moved to Guinea. Another missionary was Cynthia Khan, POBLO; she assists people that have come to Jesus and come to U.S.

I want to share what St. Peters Mites offering for 2016-2018 was \$1617.21, very proud of that.

We all returned to our homes to "Shout for JOY to God".

God's servant, Kathy Bond





God's Gardeners

You probably noticed the flower bed in front of the preschool room has been planted. Many thanks to Diane, Janet, Judy, Kathy, Deb, Barry, Frank and anyone else who I've forgotten. If you see Lyle Auten, please give him a BIG thank you for donating and delivering the topsoil and also for delivering the bark. Also the Wednesday morning crew for running the hose for watering and Liz for her willingness to keep the plants watered. Praise God!! Sandy Lockwood



Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call Liz in the church office (989) 224-3178 during office hours. If in the evening or weekend, please call Pam Mohr (989) 292-1686.



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible: Psalm 23.

She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse.

Little Bobby was excited about the task.

But, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd and that's all I need to know."





WORSHIPING TOGETHER

Can you be a Christian and not go to church? I've heard many people say they are good Christians even though they do not go to church. Some say that their church is on the river, on the golf course or just being outside enjoying God's creation. The Book of Acts, chapter 2 from God's Word shows us that it is not about how one Christian lives, but about how all Christians live together in fellowship. Acts 2:42 – “And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers.”

Christian worship is always in fellowship and it sustains the life of the Body of Christ – a Body made up of many members supporting and carrying one another. We come to church to hear God's word, partake in the Lord's Supper, confess our sins and receive forgiveness. Of course you can be a Christian without going to church but then it is very difficult to be fed and nourished in your faith.

I have had health issues lately and couldn't worship with my church family. I can't believe what a void that left in my life. I venture to say that if you asked shut-ins what things they miss most – not being able to worship with their church family would be one of them. We are all the St. Peter Lutheran Church family and when someone is absent, they are missed! Who do you know that you would like to have in our church family? Invite them sometime.

Heavenly Father, draw us into fellowship with You and with each other, with your Son at the center. Amen

Stewardship, Jan Maynard



Greeters: It's nice to be greeted when entering church each Sunday. Thanks to those who continue to serve in this capacity. NOTE: If you are unable to greet the date scheduled, please attempt to switch dates with someone else. If that doesn't work, please call me and I'll attempt to get a replacement. We're always looking for new faces, warm handshakes or hugs. Please let me know if you'd like to be put on the Greeter schedule. Currently it's about every 4 months.

Blessings, Sandy Lockwood
(517) 669-8813

2018 GREETER SCHEDULE		
	October 2018	
10/07/18	Olga & Ralph Matteson	Hartner Family
10/14/18	Sandy Lockwood & Bill Caruss	Renee & Al Schmitzer
10/21/18	Jan & Jim Mehney	Jan & Don Maynard
10/28/18	Linda & Lee Chant	Theresa & Charlie Silm
	November 2018	
11/05/18	Lorna & Keith Kirschenbauer	Bonnie & Roger Gregory
11/12/18	Jeanette & Bruce Mehney	Norma & Bruce Fitzpatrick
11/19/18	Ilene Gibson & Marion Koeppen	Michelle & Tom Gorby
11/21/18	Diane & Frank Hart	Thanksgiving
11/26/18	Judy & Dave Bengel	Kathy & Bruce Bond

Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin:



God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)
Then He washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all
the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, fear, hate, and greed.
(Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face.
(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts his light inside of you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

SCRIP cards can be purchased on Sundays during Bible Study from Pam Mohr. Orders can be dropped in the black Scrip box outside the office any time. Please contact Ann Shellito at 517-626-2302 with any questions.

*Thank
You*

HOG ROAST!!

Thanks to everyone who make our Hog Roast such a success. We enjoyed great food and fellowship with friends from St. Paul, Fowler, St Johns, St. Johns and St Andrews, Portland. Bingo was a great time with many wonderful prizes including homemade cookies, candy bars, dish cloths, T shirts and a state of Michigan wall hanging. Children enjoyed our new obstacle course and games with great prizes including books, T shirts, cookies, candy and colored pencils. Thank you to all the many helpers from St Peter whose help made this a great fun day for all. Charlene Kennedy DVM

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I would like to introduce myself, Sally Pontius, as your Director of Christian Education. I am excited to take on this responsibility and share with you our resources to enrich your knowledge of the word of our Lord. St Peter offers several ways to accomplish this. Three different bible studies, Sunday school, our library and vacation bible school. Shirley Huguelet has graciously offered to head up Sunday school. If you would like to volunteer and help, her number is 517-582-1612. If you would like to help in any other way, contact me at 517-204-7991 or gspontius@aol.com.

In His Service,
Sally Pontius

LADIES AID NEWS

Ladies Aid: The oldest organization of our congregation is the Ladies Aid Society, having organized in 1914. The Ladies Aid has been supporting the congregation in many different projects, the latest being two new kitchen stoves, we also donated \$300 to the new printer in the office recently. We give at Christmas \$25 each to around 10 charities, also to our secretaries & pastor; also support a seminarian with \$500 and a gift @ Christmas. Also purchase roasters and crock pots, silverware when it runs short for our kitchen. We pay \$40 to the Capital Zone LWML for assessment fee. We are not bragging just informing St. Peter what the Ladies Aid does.

The Lutheran Women Missionary (LWML) this organization is world wide and supports missions all over the world. We at St. Peter make about 100 quilts and little girl dresses for Lutheran World Relief each year. About 50 quilts are given to Safe House in St. Johns, also any place where there is a need.

Every woman of St. Peter is a member of the Ladies Aid and LWML, so there are ways you can help either at the hall or at home. At home you can cut squares of material or sew squares together; we will show anyone. It is very simple. At the hall we tie quilts, iron sheets, or cut elastic out of fitted sheets, plus other things. We could use a good running sewing machine (please call us first before bringing, we only need a couple) also need rotary cutter & cutting mat (call us before bringing, only need a couple). Always need good cotton material and sheets of any size. The Ladies Aid meeting is the first Thursday of the month with working in the morning, potluck lunch and following with meeting.

Many blessings from God,

Kathy Bond, Diane Hurt, Janet Lyon

Capital Zone LWML Rally at St. John's, St. Johns on Sat., Oct. 13th; starting at 845 a.m.

The speaker will be Cynthia Kahn from POBLO and girls that were Muslim and are now Christian; they will tell their stories. In gathering for the Rally is baby items & diapers for St. Johns Congregation Church Baby Pantry.

If you have questions call Kathy Bond.



*“Laying the Foundation to Build on the Rock of Christ.
Study the Word, Seek the Lost, and to Serve our Neighbors”*

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesdays: Chapel 9:00am
Bible Study 6:00pm-7:00pm
Mid Week Worship Service 7:00pm

Ladies Morning Bible Study 10:00am-11:15am

Sundays: Worship Services 8:00 am & 10:30am
Bible Study 9:15am



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- 10/1/18 School Board Meeting (@ 6:30 pm (Library))
- 10/2/18 Elders Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 10/3/18 Ladies Bible Study from: 10:00—11:30 am (Library)
- 10/4/18 Ladies Aid Quilting @ 9:00 am
Ladies Aid Meeting @ 12:00 pm (Library)
- 10/5/18 Over 50's Group @ 6:30 pm
- 10/6/18 Church reserved from: 3:00-7:00 pm
- 10/7/18 Church @ 8:00 & 10:30 am - Sunday School 9:15—10:15 am
- 10/8/18 PTL Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- 10/9/18 Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 10/10/18 Ladies Bible Study from: 10:00 11:30 am (Library)
- 10/11/18 Ladies Aid Quilting @ 9:00 am
- 10/12/18 St. Johns Homecoming Parade
- 10/14/18 Baptism's @ 8:00 Gabriella Sills & 10:30 Lucas & Levi Bond
- 10/15/18 Newsletter Deadline
- 10/17/18 Ladies Aid Bible Study from: 10:00-11:30 am (Library)
- 10/18/18 Ladies Aid Quilting @ 9:00 am
- 10/20/18 Hoy/Hart Wedding - Church, Hall, Library, Reserved
- 10/22/18 School Picture Day (Gym)
- 10/24/18 Ladies Bible Study from: 10:00-11:30 am (Library)
- 10/25/18 Ladies Aid Quilting @ 9:00 am
- 10/26/18 Trunk or Treat 6:00—8:00 pm
- 10/28/18 Voter's Meeting with Luncheon
- 10/31/18 Ladies Bible Study from: 10:00-11:30 am (Library)

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of

Louis Shellito \$50.00



Shut In Visit List Weekly Visits

Week 1

Bill & Sherri VanBeelen

Week 2

Mel Sehlke

Lois Sillman

Shirley Edwards

Week 3

Week 4

Ken Mohnke

Ethel Flegler

Gordon Schrader

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in God alone, my soul,
for my hope comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold; I will not be shaken.

Psalm 62:5-6 CSB

