

The Messenger

The Call

I find myself in strange ground once again as I have received a call. So, for the benefit of myself and others it is both good and profitable to review, what is and is not to be considered in a divine call. The first thing to be considered what the Call is and what it is not. Receiving a call is not a platform for extortion. It is not about me and what I can get out of it as someone who's in demand.

The pastoral office is not about being the top man, as is a President or CEO, CFO. The pastoral office is an office of humble service. What it is, is an opportunity to serve at the behest of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. As an under shepherd then I answer to the Good Shepherd as he leads, in his word, the Bible and as explained in the Book of Concord.

So the pastor is to lead, feed, and protect the sheep, not according to some cool ideas, but by the faithful adherence to God's instructions. Thus Peter and the other apostles, at a time when the church was growing beyond their ability to administrate as CEOs stated,

Acts 6:1–4 (ESV): Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

The pastor then is to lead according to prayer and the ministry of the Word, not popular or contemporary philosophy, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Sure a pastor is still with and alongside the people, but not over above or to the neglect of the Word of God.) God has gifted His church with many other parts in the body to care for the earthly administration of worldly things. The pastor guides and educates these people according to God's instruction, not his own popular acceptance. A faithful pastor is all a congregation ever needs, because its people run the matters of the congregation according to the customs and norms unique to its own context. So the congregation is authentic to its context in outreach, stewardship, education and service native to its community. The congregation should not and cannot in any way rely on the pastor to build it and save it, because it only has one savior Jesus Christ. And the Christ in his wisdom has not given gifts to pastors only but,

Ephesians 4:10–12 (ESV): "He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things." 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ".

So the pastor is to take individuals and form the individual parts into a body, fit to serve.

1 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV): But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

As important as a pastor is he is never to think more highly of himself as he should, for he is always to be a servant, yet always to uphold the dignity of the office as the representative of the Good Shepherd. This tightrope the pastor is to walk, apt to serve and wash the feet of the down trodden as well as exercise authority over the lofty as the ambassador of Christ, this he is to do by Christ's command. Thus the Call is an ominous one to be considered soberly with great prayer. For a great example of the Call is found in Acts.

Acts 16:6–10 (ESV): And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. 8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So as it pertains to the Call, I do not yet know. So I shall pray, and I invite you all to pray, to inquire of Him what is His will, and to make it clear to all which way shall I serve.

In thankful service,
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Christian Day School News



Labor Day

What are you doing this Labor Day weekend? The original intent of Labor Day was to celebrate the working person and reward them with a day that recognized them and their work. Over time it has become the marking of the beginning of fall and the beginning of the school year. For many teachers it is a day to do the final classroom preparations, review their students and prepare for another year.

Each of us has multiple vocations. We usually think of our vocation as the job that gives us a paycheck or other income. However, we also have other vocations: father, mother, spouse, sibling, a role in our congregation, a role in a community organization, and the list could go on. In these other vocations we may not have a Labor Day vacation, our responsibilities are not set aside for a day. As Christian families we seek to find a balance in our multiple vocations and continue to look to our Christian values to achieve that balance.

Our children also have multiple vocations whether they realize it or not. Their first vocation is that of a member of a family, with this vocation comes the responsibility to share in the daily tasks of the household. They also may have the vocation of being a sibling where they interact with brothers and sisters in a manner that helps to achieve family harmony. They also have the role of student. At St. Peter we strive to help them grow not only intellectually but also spiritually while they are in our care. This is the true added value of a Lutheran education, that early on the balance of various vocations becomes a part of the daily experience.

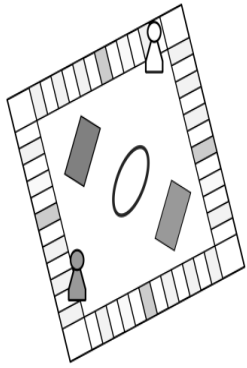
We as your staff, whether teacher, secretary, Pastor, or principal also have multiple vocations. For most of us Labor Day is a day of labor. There are a multitude of beginning of the year details that need to be addressed. We ask that you keep all of us in your prayers as we too struggle to balance our vocations.

Finally, on this Labor Day weekend we need to be reminded that God in creation already established the need for a day to rest. We pray that each of us will find some time to rest, enjoy our families, and get recharged for the new school year. One of the best ways to find that rest and recharging is by joining your fellow believers in worship. We pray that not only on Sunday of this Labor Day weekend, but every Sunday you and your family will get the rest provided by the Word and the Sacrament.

His Servant,

Paul Weismantel, Principal





You Won't Want to Miss This!

Saturday, September 22nd

**Come with me to a place you'll see, the big rock
candy mountain!**

This year for life size game day we are playing "Candy Land"! Now don't think this is a kid's game. This is life size, larger than life, full size candy bar, candy land!

Grab some friends! Grab some family! Bring them all with you **Saturday, September 22nd from 1:00pm until 4:00pm.** We will have prizes, snacks, and fun together.

I cannot wait to see you there.
Jeremy Heimsoth

Calling ALL Ladies!



There is a women's morning Bible study in the making! We will meet at the Fellowship Center library on **Wednesdays beginning September 12th from 10:00am to 11:15am.** Marion Koeppen has graciously offered to lead the study. Please consider coming together with your sisters in Christ to learn, share and fellowship TOGETHER! If you have any questions, please call Marion Koeppen (517) 626-2278 or Diane Thurston (989) 593-2480.

Heart Sisters

We have gathered a few time times this summer for fellowship and it has been great! But, now we begin meeting regularly on **Monday, September 10th** from 9:00 to 11:00am. So bring that yarn and needles and we'll get started. Many of us knit and crochet hats for cancer patients and preemies but there are some who join us and have other projects they work on at home. We have become a close "knit" group of ladies who LOVE to serve the Lord! ALL are welcome. Any questions, call Diane Thurston at 989 593-2480 or 989 388-2069

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		
	September 2018	
09/02/18	Shirley & Lyle Huguelet	Ann Shellito
09/09/18	Judy & Barry Boettger	Debbie & Holden Schrader
09/16/18	Connie & Dale Martens	Jackie & Mark Zamarron
09/23/18	Lori & Taylor Klein	Carleen Eaton & Marilyn Richmond
09/30/18	Sandy & Gary Lenneman	Laurie & Earl Flegler
	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



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.

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.

*Thank
You*

Charlene Kennedy, DVM

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 them off 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

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



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ATTENTION: It is our desire to keep our military roll up to date. If you are aware of ANY member of the congregation that is not on one of our plaques and has served our country, we would like to know. Please give this information to Judy Boettger or drop it off at the church office ASAP.

Thank you for your help!

September 29 - Medication Collection

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Community Health Fair in St. Johns
Only pills, tablets and liquids accepted – no needles please.

September 15 - Free For Fall Event

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Granger Facility, Wood Rd, Lansing
No appointment required – open to Clinton County residents only.
Recycle books, reusable household items & clothing, reusable building materials, electronics (\$10 fee for monitors and TVs), household hazardous waste such as oil based paint, unwanted medications (including sharps), yard chemicals and used oil.

December 14 - Medication Collection

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sparrow Clinton Hospital Pharmacy
Only pills, tablets and liquids accepted – no needles please.

Happy recycling,

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SOUP KITCHEN

Saturday, September 15th

We will host the Soup Kitchen at Christ Lutheran Church (now St. Luke)
122 S. Pennsylvania Ave. (opposite corner of Sparrow Hospital) in Lansing.

This is a Great Opportunity to help people in need.
They are very appreciative!

- * We would like you to arrive @ 9:15 a.m.
- * We will need people to put up tables and chairs, set the place settings on the tables in the dining room , and people to prepare the planned meal of the day. If you work in the kitchen, you will need to wear a ball cap or a hair net.
- * As people sit down, we will also need servers to serve their individual meal, beverage, salad, and dessert.
- * Then we clean-up, and generally we will be done around 1:15 p.m.
- * We would really like to see you there!!

If you would like to help or have any questions, Please Call Al & Renee at 989-224-8663. Thanks!



Join Pastor Nuttmann on Tuesday's at 10:00am in the library for historic opportunity to learn ancient languages. For more information contact Pastor Nuttmann at 989-640-7004 or pnuttman@stpeterriley.org





**Our
Church
Mission**

*“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



**NEW!
WEBSITE!**

Check out our new website!
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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.





- 9/3/18 No School-Labor Day
9/4/18 School Board Meeting 6:30pm
9/4/18 Elder Meeting 7:00pm
9/5/18 Bible Studies and Mid Week Worship Service
9/6/18 Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
Ladies Aid 12:00pm (Library)
9/7/18 Over 50's 6:30pm (Gym)
9/9/18 Sunday School Kickoff 9:15am
9/10/18 PTL Meeting 4:00pm (Library)
First day of Pre-School
9/11/18 Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
9/12/18 Bible Studies and Mid Week Worship Service
9/15/18 Soup Kitchen (Arrive @9:15am)
Newsletter deadline
9/16/18 Deadline to register for golf scramble
9/17/18 Heart Sisters 9-11am
9/18/18 4H 7:00-8:30pm (Gym)
9/19/18 Bible Studies and Mid Week Worship Service
9/22/18 Life Size Game Day 1:00-4:00pm
9/25/18 Pastor teaching ancient languages 10:00am (Library)
9/26/18 Bible Studies and Mid Week Worship Service
9/29/18 St. Peter Lutheran Golf Scramble @The Emerald Golf Scramble
9am shotgun start
9/30/18 Mites Sunday

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of

Louis Shellito \$810

Ed Mikula \$500



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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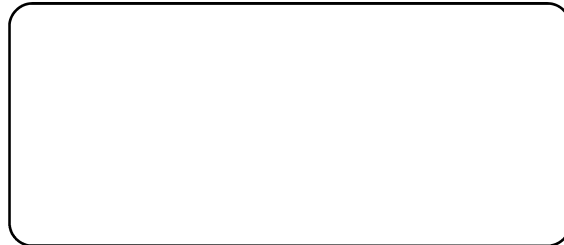
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