



## June 2019 Newsletter

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE TIMES

Thursday @ 6:30 pm and

Sundays 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30 am

The CORE – Sunday, 3:30 & 5:30 pm

## Message from Pastor

### Jesus is...Son of God and Son of Man

Luke 1:35 - *"The holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."*

Matthew 20:28 - *"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

People spend a lot of time, money and effort to get a title after their name. Masters, doctorates and other post-graduate programs are in high demand. The appeal is understandable. Titles such as Doctor, Professor and a host of others provide opportunities to better ourselves and our circumstances.

There was one who had the highest of all titles already at his birth. The Bible describes it this way: *"The holy one to be born will be called the Son of God"* (Luke 1:35). Jesus is holy. He is the true Son of God. The titles "Holy One" and "Son of God" indicate that all power, wisdom and authority belonged to Jesus at birth because as true God he possessed them from eternity. His name is above every name and over every title and authority that can be given.

But that did not stop Jesus from seeking another title. This one was decidedly a step down. It did not require a four-year graduate program or many evening classes. Rather, it required humble service. The Bible teaches, *"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (Matthew 20:28). Jesus, who took the title Son of Man, did not come from heaven to earth to be waited on hand and foot. Rather, he came to take up our cause and to die a humble death on the cross—a death that should have been ours.

Give thanks that out of love for us, the one with the title Son of God was also willing to take the title Son of Man, in order to die for us on the cross. Our Savior Jesus is both true God and true Man. He is the perfect Savior we desperately needed—one who is holy and lived in our place and one whose innocent death counted for the whole world.

Because Jesus loved us enough to do that for us, now through faith in him we have been given a new title as well: Child of God! Bear that title proudly and live your life for the One who gave it to you.

*Pastor Jim Fleming*



***Fake News/Real Jesus:  
Finding the Real Jesus in a  
Fake News World***

In a world of spin, bias, and fake news, who can figure out what is truth and what is a lie? This series examines Jesus' identity from the words of his closest friend, John, introducing us to a real Savior who makes a real difference in our real lives.

**(Final Week) June 2** - John 4:1-26: The Water of Life — When a “bad Samaritan” met Jesus, she was shocked by his behavior. He engaged her, confused her, and then saved her, turning her into the Bible’s most unlikely missionary. This message reminds us that Jesus is still offering the water of life to the most unlikely people in the most unlikely places.



***God & Gender: Certain Truths in  
Uncertain Times***

**Summary:** In recent years, culture has turned the historic view of gender upside down. From gender identity to God’s masculine and feminine characteristics, everything that used to be certain is now questioned. This series forces us back to God’s timeless truth to find a rock-solid understanding of gender from the God who created chromosomes, children in the womb, and his one and only Son.

Weekly summaries: Dates: June 9, 16, 23, 30

**Week #1: Male & Female** - In the beginning, when everything was perfect, God created people. Not only did he create Adam and Eve “in his image,” he also “created them male and female.” This message lays the foundation for our faith when it comes to gender, a faith in the Father who loves every one of the children he has created.

**Week #2: Head of the House?** - Perhaps now more than ever, Americans find the idea of distinct gender roles as outdated, offensive, and oppressive. Much more preferable, many believe, is to recognize God-given gifts, regardless of gender. How does such thinking fit into the biblical view that Paul lays out in Ephesians 5 where husbands are the “heads” of their wives and wives are called to submit to their husbands? How do biblically-committed Christians winsomely explain these verses in our modern age?

**Week #3: Silence and Submission** - 1 Timothy 2 is a chapter many Christians wish was not written. The Apostle’s Paul’s words seem patriarchal and downright impossible. No braided hair? Or expensive clothes? Or women in church who are not “silent”? Really? This message seeks to faithfully explore Paul’s provocative words in context and the issue of men and women working together in the church.

**Week #4: lgbTq** - If God created us male and female, why have so many of God’s sons questioned if he actually created them to be his daughters? And why have so many Christian women wondered if they were really made to be God’s sons? Paul indirectly answered these questions when he wrote about the struggles of life in this broken world. This message intends to explain the transgender temptation and offer hope and encouragement to those facing it.



**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Swing for Success**

**Golf Outing – June 8, 2019**

**Irish Waters Golf Club, Freedom**

If still interested in donating a prize, please contact Tom Dietzler at (920)419-1010 or [tom.dietzler@922ministries.com](mailto:tom.dietzler@922ministries.com).



The July 12<sup>th</sup> WELS Night at the Brewer game bus is full. A reminder for anyone signed up for the bus to watch for an email with more details as the date gets closer.

~ When the enemy starts knocking on a door that you closed long ago, you just say, "JESUS, IT'S FOR YOU!!!"



### Annual Congregational Meeting - June 17th

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Monday, June 17th @ 6:30 in the worship space. Members from both campuses are invited to attend as we will give you updates on our ministry at both campuses, discuss the blessings of the past year, highlight the opportunities we see in the year ahead, and seek approval of our 2019-2020 unified budget for 922 Ministries. Please plan on attending as we appreciate the insight of all of our members and also long to be able to answer any questions you have regarding our ministry and the use of our resources.



### Outdoor Thursday Services for this Summer

Every year during the summer months we have a few outdoor worship services on Thursday nights. These are the dates that we are planning on for this summer: June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, and August 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. These will be held in the area outside the main entrance into the school building (door #1). Watch the monthly newsletter calendars this summer to make sure they have not changed. As is always the case, keep an eye on the weather report and bring your lawn chair and/or a blanket to sit on if you are able.



### Wichman Farm Retreat - August 2, 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin & Lori Wichman have again graciously offered up their farm & hall for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and High School students to enjoy playing games, swimming, grilling out and Christian fellowship. This is an overnight retreat: Friday/Saturday for students going into 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and Saturday/Sunday, students going into 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade. If you haven't had a chance to send your child on this retreat, we hope you can this year. Look for more information in June on how to register. We also will be looking for enough adult chaperones to help with transportation and ensuring everyone has a safe time away! You may contact Zach Flunker with any questions at zach.flunker@922ministries.com.



Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Glow Run 5k event on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm!

This race for all ages will take you through the country roads of North Appleton, starting and ending through the Neon-Lit campus of St. Peter! This is a stroller-friendly course, so families are encouraged to attend! Join us for the AFTERGLOW party. This party atmosphere will be complete with a DJ, bounce houses and Food Trucks for your enjoyment! Make sure you are wearing everything NEON or GLOW IN THE DARK! Registration opened May 20<sup>th</sup> at <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Appleton/5kreadysetglow>. If you have any questions or would like to become a race sponsor, please email 5kreadysetglow@gmail.com.



### Quilting Day - Saturday, July 13th from 9 am – 1 pm

Individuals needed to cut, iron, and sew. Call or text Rachel Fowler at (920) 279-1130, if interested. Baby quilts are given to members of St. Peter and The CORE to welcome their new baby.





### Make your VBS the mane event!

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School on July 8 – 11 from 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm.

Cost is \$10/child, no more than \$15/family. VBS is open to young ones 3K-4th grade. Please keep in mind that all participants must be potty trained.

If your young one does not have much experience in group settings or being away from mom, please consider if it is best for your child to attend or not. Registration is now open: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/922ministries>.

We will also be looking for any volunteers interested in helping us make VBS a big success. Sign up at the link above. The link can also be accessed from <http://922church.com>. See you there! Any questions, please contact Zach at 920-739-2009 or [Zach.flunker@922ministries.com](mailto:Zach.flunker@922ministries.com).

### SCRIP doesn't go away in the summer!

We will begin selling again, for the 2020-2021 school year, on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Summer Hours:

Monday & Friday 8:00-9:00 am in the school office.  
Sundays in the Gathering Area in church from 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am.

Any questions, please contact Rhonda Van Vreede at 920-740-3428 or email [stpeterscrip@922ministries.com](mailto:stpeterscrip@922ministries.com).



### What's a "Summer Sunday"?

For the last four years, the evangelism team has been encouraging you to put into practice one of the St. Peter's "5-G's". That, of course, would be...

"GO"!!! Each month on the third Sunday after the 9 and 10:30 am services, we will be offering a treat – like brats and hot-dogs or a root beer float. These Sundays are set aside for YOU to reach out to your Friends, Relatives, Associates & Neighbors and ask them to come with you to St. Peter.

Think of someone you know that you have wanted to bring to this wonderful facility and see why St. Peter is so special to your life. It's that sweet message of Jesus our Savior and our promise of eternal life. Make this the summer that you share God's love with someone you know.

Everyone likes a hug, right?!? Imagine your friend giving you a HEAVENLY hug! A thank you that can't be expressed in words. Plant that seed this summer and see what grows!

Those Sundays are June 16 (RB Floats), July 21 (Brats & Hotdogs) and August 18 (Picnic).

*SPEC (St. Peter Evangelism Committee)*

### Message concerning St. Peter's Paper Drive Status



Please note that St. Peter's Paper Recycling Fund Raiser has been discontinued due to the vendor not providing this service to us any longer.



### SAVE THE DATE:

The St. Peter Picnic - August 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Further details to follow!



The following are some especially needed items for June: Personal hygiene products, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce & spaghetti noodles, pasta in a can, all canned meats such as tuna, salmon & beef, Hamburger Helper, jam/jelly, rice, boxed potatoes, cake mix & frosting, all crackers, toilet paper and paper toweling. *Please no expired or perishable items.*  
**Collection will be Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Please bring your pantry items to the church kitchen. Monetary donations can be placed in the donation box on the counter in the church kitchen and are used to purchase gift cards to be given to families to purchase perishable items. Please make your checks payable to: *Apple Valley Food Pantry.*



**Teen Fuel coming this summer:**  
 Start summer off right with fuel for the body and fuel for the soul! Join us in the school commons for breakfast and time in God's Word

on these four Tuesdays: May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, and June 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am. Join for one or join for all of them. Breakfast is free, but sign-up is required for each date in order to receive an accurate food count. Sign-up in the back of church or text/email Zach at 920-716-0407 or Zach.flunker@922ministries.com.



**Fellowship Motorcycle Ride –**  
 Rev up your ride and join us for the first fellowship ride of the summer on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 pm.

Please meet in the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot (407 Oak St., Neenah) where route information will be shared. For questions, contact Pastor McKenzie at 722-6712.



**Special birthday wishes to the following members who are 70+ years this month!!**

- Ron Peters (06/09)
- Bob Sengstock (06/09)
- Jean Rahmlow (06/12)
- Diane Peters (06/13)
- Gene Peters (06/13)
- Judy Siewert (06/14)
- Renate Ash (06/15)
- Paul Krueger (06/21)
- Sharane Wiedenhoef (06/23)
- Roger Baerman (06/23)
- Marian Balck (06/25)
- Nora Herman (06/30)



**Summer Bible Study – Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am**  
**June 2 – Sept. 8: “Journey to the Promised Land”**  
 Jesus often quoted the book of Exodus. Jesus talked about manna, the Passover, the ten commandments and the bronze snake. This fifteen lesson Bible study will examine these and other historical events that took place on the journey to the promised land. Each Sunday reviews a different event of the Israelites' journey under the leadership of Moses. This is a great opportunity to review this portion of God's Word. You're invited to enjoy food, faith and fellowship.

## STAFFING UPDATES

Over the last month we have shared with you that there were several staffing situations, changes, and unknowns that we were addressing and praying about. They include:

- a) Phil Punzel returned his call to Illinois Lutheran in Crete. We thank the Lord for Phil and his continued service at St. Peter.
- b) We requested a graduate from MLC for one of the two positions in 5&6 grade at our school and one was assigned to serve at St. Peter. Mariah Jahns from Rosendale, WI will be coming to St. Peter and joining our staff this summer. We look forward to welcoming her in person.
- c) Mr. Jarrod Pfarr returned the call to serve as the Athletic Director at Huron Valley Lutheran High School - please keep them in your prayers.
- d) Pastor Tim also returned his call to serve at Crosswalk Ministries in Phoenix, AZ on their pastoral team - please also keep them in your prayers.
- e) We will be seeking to fill our other vacant teaching position in the next few weeks. The Board of Ed will be discussing the various options.

Pastor Tim writes:

*Thank you for all of the prayers and words of encouragement over the last 3 1/2 weeks. To say the least this was a difficult decision. Ultimately the 2 questions I wanted an answer to was...which place would make us happy? And what am I passionate about ministry wise?*

*What I realized was that this work has, is, and will continue to produce amazing fruit and blessings by God's grace. I don't believe my job in that is done yet and I want to be a part of it going forward.*

*Please join me and Holly in praying for Crosswalk as they continue to seek to fill this position. Thank you again for your prayers and for the blessing I know I have received from deliberating these calls over the past 3-1/2 weeks. May God continue to bless the ministry that we do here at 922 Ministries in the months and years ahead.*



## LWMS Rally News:

"Lord When Your Glory I Shall See" opened the April 6<sup>th</sup> LWMS Rally at Trinity Lutheran in Kaukauna.

Our guest speakers were Carol Koelpin and Pastor Michael Duncan. Pastor Duncan reported that there is a great thirst for the true Word of God in Nepal and Pakistan. Pray for those preaching and teaching those hungry souls. Christianity grows on, even if they must meet in secret as it is against the law to meet openly. Carol Koelpin spoke of the work that is going on in the Milwaukee and Pewaukee areas with the many legal immigrants in Wisconsin.

In 2018, six states established new mission congregations. Here in Wisconsin, there were three additional mission congregation startups. We were also reminded to pray for our Home Missionary, Staff Minister Gerald Worden, of The Word in Stevens Point, a Campus Ministry. And our Foreign Mission, 1 Africa, with Pastor John Hartman for help and guidance in the work the Lord has provided for them.

The 153 guests also received a report on the rebuilding of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Panama City, FL, by the Builders for Christ. Plus, the snowbirds in the area repaired their parsonage. It was very inspiring to see the new church rise up amongst all of the debris still left in the area.

*Bev Kalies*

## CHURCH NURSERY (during 9 am service)

Please note that over the summer, the Nursery is not staffed and we will re-open again in September after Labor Day weekend.

## COUPONS

Please bring all coupons to the church kitchen where you will find a container to put them in. Feel free to use any of the coupons put into the three ring binders as well.





We will be undertaking a small remodeling project in the room that served as Mr. Pfarr's classroom this past school year located at the far east end of the 1998 hallway.

Before that, it had been the school library and in the original 1998 building this area had been the main entrance into the school. The reason for this is that we are sorely in need of office space here. We currently have two staff members that have no place to use as an office, and very soon we will have a third. In addition to that, we have no designated space to put a tutor or other visitors when they are here and need space for short periods of time.

This project will add four offices for our staff and a common work area that will be able to be used by people who come here on a temporary basis. It is a modest project, and we hope that it will only require a month and a half to complete. We have estimated a cost of approx. \$25,000, which is very reasonable for a project of this nature. This project and it's location will allow us to retain the current number of classrooms, and also gain this much-needed office space right now because it is needed to operate our ministry.

We know our facilities are maxed out at this time and also being utilized to their maximum ability. We have music lessons going on in the ministry center, we use the parents' room in the back of the church for band lessons, we are using (and will keep utilizing) the Emmaus Room as a part-time classroom and the Heritage Room. This project will alleviate some immediate and urgent space needs which is why it is being addressed specifically outside of other future facility needs and additions and the conversations which are being had in conjunction with other mission and vision conversations that are always taking place.

### MEDITATIONS & FORWARD IN CHRIST

The latest editions of "Meditations" & "Forward in Christ" are available for you at the Welcome Center. These are great personal resources for spiritual growth, containing devotional content and practical advice for Christian living.



Retired WELS pastor, James Humann, invites you to join and fellow WELS members on a June tour to the 2020 Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The dates are June 12 - 22, 2020. This world-famous play depicts the life of Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and is presented only every ten years. The performance begins in the afternoon and ends in the evening. This eleven-day tour includes not only first-class tickets and accommodations in Oberammergau, but also the beautiful Rhine Valley of Germany, the medieval and picturesque cities of Heidelberg, Rothenberg and Munich in Germany, Lucerne in Switzerland and Paris in France. For a colorful brochure with the price and daily itinerary e-mail Pastor Humann at [Jhumann383@aol.com](mailto:Jhumann383@aol.com). If you prefer a hard copy, also include your mailing address. Space and Passion Play tickets are limited and this tour is half sold out. Early registration is encouraged.



### Military Family Support Group

The Military Support Team board members are:  
Dr. Michael Black,

Michael Wichman, Susan Hatcher, Dusty Wenninger, Kari Dombrowski and Bill and Barb Schwab. If interested in this group or have any questions, please contact Dr. Michael Black at [mblack0694@yahoo.com](mailto:mblack0694@yahoo.com) or (920) 257-8082.

*"Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you where ever you go." (Joshua 1:9)*

**Church/School Office (Summer) Hours**  
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Phone: (920) 739-2009



**Loss of A Spouse Seminar-Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Loss of a Spouse Seminar for people facing life after a spouse's death. This event will be held Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 129 S. Mason St., Appleton. Please feel free to share this information with those who might benefit from attending this special, 2-hour event. There is no cost for this event.

This practical, hope-inspiring seminar features a video with top Christian experts on grief and recovery topics from a biblical perspective and personal testimonies from widowed men and women. The video seminar is combined with a support group discussion of the materials presented during the video. Those who attend will receive a booklet filled with practical tips, encouraging words, a gospel presentation, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help in their life ahead.

Please contact Joyce Schroeder at 920-585-9080 or [joymarie48@yahoo.com](mailto:joymarie48@yahoo.com) to register and for more information.

**Summer GriefShare Series begins  
Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church is again sponsoring the GriefShare Support Group. This practical and hope-inspiring series features biblical, Christ-centered videos and teachings that focus on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13 sessions combine a video with support group discussion of information presented during the video. There is no cost for this grief recovery series.

The next series of sessions will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Wednesday evenings, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, beginning Wednesday, June 26. Please contact Joyce Schroeder at 920-585-9080 or [joymarie48@yahoo.com](mailto:joymarie48@yahoo.com) to register or for more information.



**BOX TOPS** - We have two different locations where you can deposit your Box Tops. There is a cabinet located under the bulletin board in the Gathering Area of the church that has labeled drawers and there is also a cabinet that is located outside of the school kitchen.



**Card Making Ministry**

This Ministry will not meet during the summer months and will start up again in September. Call Luella Kietz at (920) 731-1650 with questions.



**Ladies Quilting Ministry**

This Ministry's last regular meeting will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> and will start up again on September 5<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in helping the quilting ministry in any way, please contact Karen Peters at 739-2924.



**CHURCH  
COUNCIL**

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- Doug Dahm (Vice President)
- Brian Hoppe (Secretary)
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- Craig Vosters (Maintenance)
- Joel Weeks (Evangelism)
- Gaetan Philippon (School Board)
- Dave Flunker (Elders)

*Please note that we invite people to speak with any of these men listed above if you have any questions at any time.*





# Youth and Family Ministry

JUNE 2019



## Talk 7: "Work Out Your Plan with Fear and Trembling AND REST IN GOD"

*"My dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."* – The Apostle Paul (Philippians 2:12-13).

Faith in God and living in Christ is no joke. It's both the easiest thing to be involved in – saved by grace alone, Jesus' burden is easy and his yoke is light... – and it's the hardest trial and tribulation you'll ever face – *"our battle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil... [where] the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for souls to devour,"* (Ephesians 6; 1 Peter 5:8) and our children are easy targets. It is for this latter reason that Paul says *"work out your salvation with fear and trembling"* even as he underscores the former truth about grace: *"For it is God who works in you."* In other words, be at peace, you are saved, but you can't sit still.

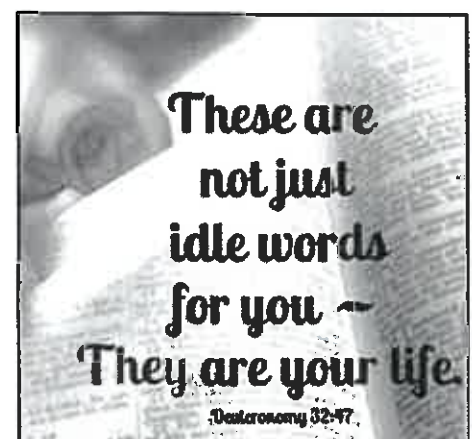
Let me put it in earthly terms: What's the hardest thing you've had to work for in your life? Was it a career? Countless hours of schooling to get to where you are? Was it in the arts? Again, countless hours of practice? Was it athletics or fitness? Grueling routines and self-restraint in food choices? Was it the sweat, blood, and tears paid in conquering an addiction or healing a relationship? Whatever it was or could have been, consider this: *"Physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come"* (1 Timothy 4:8). In other words, let the greatest effort you put into anything you do in this life be the effort you put into your children's spiritual upbringing. Work out their salvation with fear and trembling. If not for you, do it for them.

Truly listen to these articles and put these words into practice. *"These words are not just idle words. They are your life"* (Deuteronomy 32:47).

I'm praying that you'll take some time now and begin to apply all this spiritual guidance from previous articles to every aspect of your life. Take a moment today and come up with a spiritual strategy. Fill one out with your family and get to it. If you need help, my office door is always open to you. Then, be encouraged. God is your refuge and strength. His mercies are new every morning. His forgiveness covers all our failings. His salvation for you and your household is secure. It's been purchased by Christ's righteousness, its debts have been paid by the blood of God's Son, and this gift has been permanently carved out of an empty tomb.

Next time, we'll begin a series of articles on how God designed his Church to help you in the fight.

*Pastor Bill Monday*  
Pastor of Family and Outreach



## Confirmation 2019

On Sunday, April 28, 2019, St. Peter/The CORE had the the privilege of celebrating God's grace in the lives of 34 children of God! We ask for God's blessing upon these Confirmands and ask God to be with them in the future as they seek to stay connected to their Savior.



**5<sup>th</sup> Row:** Pastor Tim Glende, Abigail Drontle, Lincoln Fleming, Maddox Behm, Luther Monday, Levi Baumgart, Logan Archambault, Aliana Vosters, Pastor Mike Novotny  
**4<sup>th</sup> Row:** Pastor Jim Fleming, Benjamin Murphy, Tiara Hall, Brenden Tuomi, Parker De Decker, Stella Thomas, Maggie Cropsey, Gabriel Gloudemans, Savanna Charron  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Row:** Pastor Bill Monday, Colin Corrigan, Hannah Bigelow, Bryce Jochman, Jessica Griepentrog, Landon Merritt, Caleb Paluch, Pastor Michael Ewart  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** Connor Scheibe, Annabelle Weller, Ian Plaster, Luke Lusk, Eli Stern, Jonah Uhlenbrauck, James Ruddat  
**1<sup>st</sup> Row:** Zoe Kraus, Evelyn Oldenburg, Natalie Fenske, Elena Parker, Lauren Scheibe, Elisabeth Owens

## Director of Operations Report - June 2019 Update

### Major areas of focus right now:

- 1) We remain in very good shape with our fiscal year budget with two months left in the budget year (basing this on having just received the April financial report). We have not had to dip into any reserve funds to cover budgetary needs throughout the year. God has blessed us with a generous family of believers and without major hiccups we should be able to finish the year in the black.
- 2) We have a meeting coming up to discuss the Ushering sign-up process and some of the general issues that we have seen with somewhat of a downturn in ushering sign-ups during the transition to Planning Center. We just want to see if there are ways that we can make the process as easy as possible and make sure that we have as many people ushering who want to usher.
- 3) We'd like to take on a project this summer to add some offices. Jarrod Pfarr's classroom this year was the library in previous years, and before the building project in 2013 it was the main entrance into the school and the administrative office area. We have some plans that will create an office suite for four offices and a vestibule/work area at the east end of that classroom. We will have to do some demo work to take out an office and closet that will be removed to reconfigure the classroom. We'll have a need for people who can do some demo work, drywall, painting, carpet and some of the work necessary to complete the project. If you have any gifts in these areas and would like to help out, please contact me through the office (920) 739-2009 or on my cell phone (920) 419-1010; my email is tom.dietzler@922ministries.com
- 4) Mark Tellock and Josh Weyers took a look at the gym roof and feel that they can get some estimates for repairs instead of replacement that will take care of the leaking issues for many years to come. Josh is getting some estimates and will get back to me.
- 5) Things are progressing nicely for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Swing for Success golf outing to be held June 8<sup>th</sup> at Irish Waters Golf Course in Freedom. If anyone has interest in donating prizes or baskets, please contact Rhonda Dietzler in the office (920) 739-2009; her email is rhonda.dietzler@922ministries.com. All proceeds from this event goes towards tuition assistance.
- 6) We would like to continue to have people who have medical experience sign the book on the information center counter (formerly known as the Welcome Center) so that we can locate people if we need emergency assistance at all anytime Sunday morning.

### Other issues:

Joel Weeks removed the last few traces of the playground that had been in the grass area alongside the 1910 Centre, leveled everything off and planted some grass. It will make that area much easier to take care of and will improve the appearance of that area. It is an area that we could consider converting into an overflow parking area. Joel has also put together a list of some projects that he would like to complete over the summer or next few months.

Denise (DeDe) Kranzusch, the FVL custodian who had come over to help us out with a few hours a day of cleaning in the 1982 building, will be leaving at the end of the school year. She has had some health issues and the extra hours were too much for her. We will need to replace her by the time the new school year starts. We thank her for helping us out to complete this school year and pray that her health is restored. If you have interest in working 5-10 hours per week after school hours please let us know.

Thank you to everyone associated with cleaning up and getting things back in shape after "Little Mermaid, Jr." – the play was really great and took lots of time and effort on the part of Mr. Pfarr, those who assisted him and all the kids, it was great to see so many people turn out to show their support. Thanks to those who showed up for the grounds cleanup day in early May as well.

*Tom Dietzler*



## The CORE Newsletter - JUNE 2019

### **Church Building Reality Check**

Perhaps you've heard the exciting news. We are considering purchasing and renovating a building that would serve as The CORE's future home. The pros and cons of this particular building have been and will be communicated as information becomes available. This article is not intended to sway your opinion for or against this (or future) building considerations. But I do believe this is a good time to remember the function of facilities in the mission of the church.

#### **Which church?**

But first, what do we mean by "church?" Think about the many different ways you use this term.

"I love my church." You mean the local congregation you attend (or perhaps your denomination). Your neighbor might ask, "Which church?" and you would probably respond with the church's name.

"We're outgrowing our church." In this case, you're referring to the actual building.

"Church was great this Sunday!" Most likely you're talking about the worship service.

"I believe in the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints." These are the words from the Apostles Creed. The church is people. Specifically, it is all people everywhere who truly trust in Jesus and follow him.

This last definition is the essence of church. The church is people, not a place. The church is made up of true followers of Jesus, not brick and mortar. The church is a movement, not a monument or building. The mission is making disciples, not a (newer, bigger, shinier) building.

A church building is purely functional. It is a place for the church (people) to assemble, for the Word to be proclaimed, for baptism and the Lord's Supper to be given. *It is a physical location to enjoy spiritual realities.* But the truth is, a church building is an expendable tool! For the first couple centuries of the Christian church's existence, there were no church buildings. Believers gathered in people's homes and enjoyed the very same spiritual realities that we enjoy today.

It's not healthy to be too attached to a brick and mortar location. Church building or not, the church *is*. And the church will gather (wherever!)

But isn't a church building a convenient and useful place for us to gather? Sure it is! So should we change locations? We must consider the resources God has entrusted to us. Will this particular building and location better help us do the things Jesus has called his church (people) to do? Could these resources be used in other, better ways for Jesus' mission? Let's be clear. The building itself is not the work or the mission Jesus called us to. We are the church! "Go and make disciples...." Do life with "one another." "Preach the Good News." Let's be the church! And God help us make a wise decision about where we will gather!

Pastor Michael Ewart



# ST. PETER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## SCHOOL NEWS JUNE 2019



**WELCOME MARIAH JAHNS**—Mariah Jahns will begin serving at St. Peter in July. Ms. Jahns is a 2019 graduate of Martin Luther College. She is from Rosendale, Wisconsin. Mariah attended Redeemer Lutheran School in Fond du Lac for elementary school. She graduated high school from Winnebago Lutheran Academy. Mariah enjoys running and hunting. She is eager to begin her work at St. Peter.



**WELCOME AUBREY HAYES**—Aubrey Hayes will join our early childhood staff as a full-time teacher for this coming school year. Aubrey graduated from Martin Luther College in 1999. She previously taught at King of Grace Lutheran School in Golden Valley, Minnesota, Lincoln Heights Lutheran School in Des Moines, Iowa, Lamb of God Lutheran School in West Allis, Wisconsin, and Trinity-St. Luke Lutheran School in Watertown, Wisconsin. Aubrey and her husband Kevin and three children are members at St. Peter Lutheran. We are blessed to have Aubrey as part of our Early Childhood team.

**Enrollment for the 2019-2020 School Year**—St. Peter Lutheran School continues to enroll students in 5K-8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2019-2020 school year. Families that are interested in learning more about our school should contact Principal Phil Punzel at [phil.punzel@922ministries.com](mailto:phil.punzel@922ministries.com) or at 920-419-8278 to schedule a time for a school tour.

**Professional Growth for St. Peter Lutheran School Staff**—Over the summer months, your teaching staff will participate in several professional growth activities. For the 2019-2020 school year, our teachers will be using FOSS kits to carry out our science curriculum. Teachers will receive training on how to use these kits. The staffs of St. Peter and Immanuel, Greenville will also attend a one-day workshop titled the Zero Abuse Project. Participants will learn skills on how to prevent child abuse. Finally, your teachers will receive training on professional growth plans. The purpose of a professional growth plan is to hold teachers accountable in being a life-long learner.

Thank you for your support and prayers for St. Peter Lutheran Early Childhood Ministry Center and School. It is a privilege to assist parents in providing a Christ-centered education for children.

*Phil Punzel, Principal*

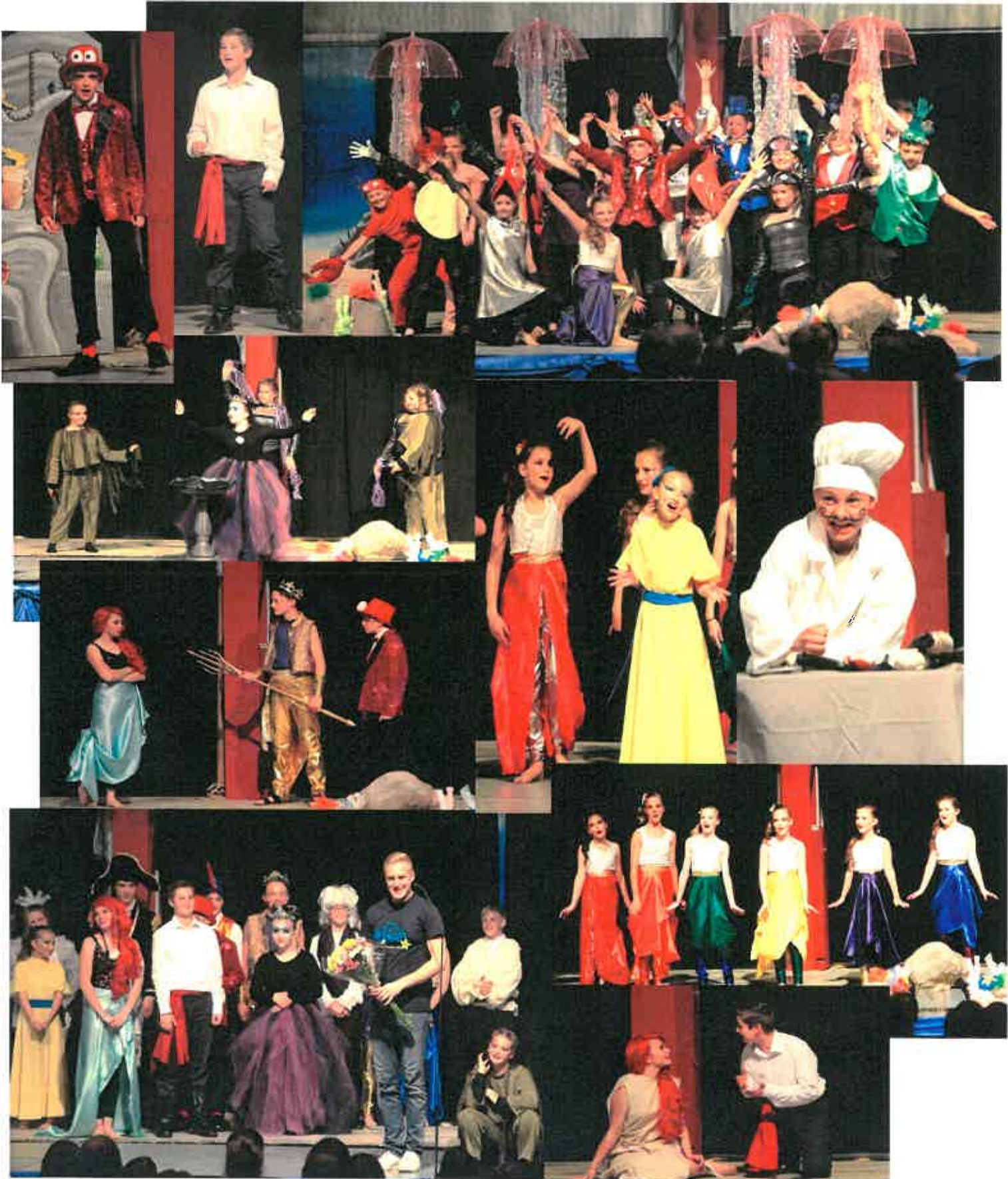


Assisting Parents in Providing an Exceptional Christ-centered Education!



**ST. PETER THEATRE ARTS PRODUCTION: "THE LITTLE MERMAID, JR."**

**What a truly successful program! Thanks to ALL involved!!**





# FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE FEDERATION

## May 2019

**FVL MISSION: As partners with families and Federation churches, providing students with a Christ-centered education preparing teens for lives of service and for eternity.**

### SCHOOL NEWS

- The FVL Class of 2019 graduates on Saturday, May 25 at 10 AM.
- **Payton Dahlke** (Emanuel-New London) and **Ryan Blobe** (Riverview-Appleton) will represent FVL in WLUK's "Best in Class" taping at Lambeau Field. These video segments air during June.
- The 2019 Prom King was **Micah Thiesfeldt** (Immanuel-Greenville); his escort was **Addy Segelstrom**.
- Junior **Elizabeth Black** was recognized as an outstanding student by the Appleton Rotary Club.
- Next year's freshman class stands at 167. Total enrollment is projected to be 670 or over.
- FVL's *Alumni Alive* is sponsoring a NEW 3-on-3 tournament open to all Federation members entering 5th grade and older. Details will come to all congregations by the end of May. AND mark your calendars to FVL's Homecoming football game on Friday, October 11. Alumni from the classes of 1969 (50 years), 1979 (40 years), 1994 (25 years), and 2009 (10 years) will be recognized that night. More alumni fun is scheduled for Saturday, October 12 with tours and games/events that morning on the FVL campus.
- FVL's Annual Golf Outing will be held June 13 at Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links in Wrightstown. All proceeds support the school's athletic programs. Only 40 teams are being accepted. Details at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org).
- Host families—especially those willing to host boys—are still needed for our international program. Contact **Mrs. Monica Uhlenbrauck** at [muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org](mailto:muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org).

### STAFFING NEWS.

- Band Director **James Neujahr** and Rev. **David Wenzel** recently returned calls.
- Teachers celebrating ministry anniversaries this year are **Mr. James Neujahr** – 35 years; **Mr. Mark Eisenmann** – 30 years; **Mr. Tom Guenterberg**, **Mrs. Jenny Retzlaff** and **Mr. Jeff Uhlenbrauck** – 25 years; **Mr. Alan Nolte** – 20 years. Business Office Assistant **Krista Davis** marks 10 years in her role.
- Called workers retiring at the end of this school year are **Mr. Robert Fischer**, **Mrs. Donna King**, **Miss Jane Polley**, and **Mr. Dave Voss**. Athletics Office Assistant **Mari Lepke** is also retiring. FVL thanks these dedicated servants for their many years of dedicated service.

### COCURRICULAR NEWS

- **Alicia Krahn** and **Elizabeth Black** recently qualified to compete at the Future Business Leaders of America National Competition.
- **Colin Krueger** was named winner of "Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor" Award in the Fox Cities PAC Center Stage High School Musical Theatre competition.
- Eleven students earned gold medals at this year's State Forensics Festival; eight won silver; and another brought home bronze. The team earn Overall Honorable Mention status for the first time ever.
- FVL Spring athletic seasons will soon be winding down. Game information is available online.
- Online registration is still open for FVL Summer Sports Camps at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org) or [fvlschools.org](http://fvlschools.org).

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

- The *Let the Children Come* annual mortgage payment is \$475K due each October 31. About \$162K has been donated over the past seven months. This means donations of \$313K need to come in over the next five months to meet this annual payment.
- Congregational support is trending about \$18K ahead of last year. FVL is grateful for this support and prays our churches will meet their Federation commitment for the year is \$983K.
- Over 300 supporters attended this year's FoxFest Dinner Auction. This night of fellowship and fun raised \$91K for Tuition Assistance and other school needs.
- Thanks to the *Legacy Project*, the FVL Foundation has grown to \$4M in assets. To continue that growth for the long term health and sustainability of the high school, we are setting a goal of increasing the Foundation about \$300K annually. Please consider a gift to this important source of FVL funding.

*With you, serving Jesus – Principal Steve Granberg*

# St. Peter Lutheran Church

## June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Men's Open Gym – 7:15 am Stone Wedding
<b>2</b> Worship – 7:30; 9 & 10:30 am Bible Class – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30 pm	<b>3</b> One Team Mtg. – 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting – 6 pm	<b>4</b> Teen Fuel – 9 am	<b>5</b> Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ CORE	<b>6</b> Quilting – 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Men's Open Gym – 7:15 am Golf Outing @ Irish Waters Golf Club
<b>9</b> Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30; 9 & 10:30 am Bible Class – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Teen Fuel – 9 am	<b>12</b> Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ CORE	<b>13</b> Worship – 6:30 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Men's Open Gym – 7:15 am Men's Bible Study @ Machine Shed-7:30am
<b>16</b> Worship – 7:30; 9 & 10:30 am Bible Class – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30 pm	<b>17</b> Council Mtg. – 5:30 pm Congregation Mtg. – 6:30 pm	<b>18</b> Teen Fuel – 9 am	<b>19</b> Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ CORE Country Villa – 10:30am	<b>20</b> Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Men's Open Gym – 7:15 am
<b>23</b> Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30; 9 & 10:30 am Bible Class – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30 pm	<b>24</b> Brewster Village – 9:45 am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ CORE	<b>27</b> Wedding Rehearsal – 4 pm Worship – 6:30 pm (Outdoor)	<b>28</b> Kohimetz Wedding	<b>29</b> Men's Open Gym – 7:15 am
<b>30</b> Worship – 7:30; 9 & 10:30 am Bible Class – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30 pm						