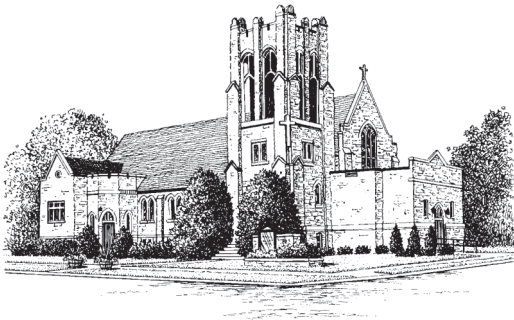




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We Still Have Things to Learn

Recently someone gave me a column from the *New York Times** by Steven Ozment, history professor at Harvard. The professor writes about Germany's role in the Euro-crisis. He sees elements of Germany's Lutheran heritage at work.

"Germany, today, though religiously diverse and politically secular, defines itself and its mission through the writings and actions of [Martin Luther], who left a succinct definition of Lutheran society in his treatise "The Freedom of a Christian," which he summarized in two sentences: 'A Christian is a perfectly free lord, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant, subject to all.'"

The professor writes about this Lutheran influence in Germany's current chancellor, Angela Merkel, a woman with a lively Lutheran faith, whose father had been a Lutheran pastor in the former East Germany. "If their Lutheran heritage of sacrificing for their neighbors makes Germans choose austerity (because human life cannot thrive in deadbeat towns and profligate lands), it also leads them to social engagement.... Faith empowers the believer to act in the world by taking the worry out of his present and future religious life."

I note all of this because, while statistically the numbers of church-going Lutherans in the USA are proportionately greater than in Germany, there is nevertheless a lively spark of the Lutheran faith living in the land of Luther's birth which does not often shine in this land. So much energy these days is di-

rected toward the consumerization of the Church in the USA, (an enlightened religious self-interest with an almost exclusive focus on what happens inside the church building). Recently this consumerization has been giving way to a politicization of the Church into just another voting bloc.



Our Lutheran faith, however, recognizes the deeper things. What happens inside the church building is vital—the Gospel is taught and preached and the gifts of Christ are given in the Sacraments. We can't be Christian without this! Equally vital is that outside the church building our Christ-endowed faith lives in our daily vocations—at home as husbands and wives, parents and children, at work as employees and employers, in school as teachers and students, etc.

Ozment writes, "Lutheranism survived both right-wing Nazism and left-wing Communism.... Its resilience comes to the fore when challenged by change." It seems to me that our Lutheran faith and heritage has a lot to offer the "challenged" world of Arlington, DeForest, Lodi, Madison, Pardeeville, Portage, Poynette, Rio, Waunakee, Windsor, wherever our St. Peter's folks live and work and play. Because we do so by faith toward God at church and by Christian service toward our neighbor in the world. Or if faith is confined to church, we do not really live, work, or play at all.

Pastor Hendrickson

*<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/12/opinion/sunday/in-euro-crisis-germany-looks-to-martin-luther.html>

Spiritual Gifts Ministries Survey Coming Soon!

In previous months I believe I was haranguing the readers of our newsletter to increase the awareness of the spiritual gifts ministries and improve the success of the spiritual gifts survey. The approach probably could have been better. After reviewing Pastor's sermon on Simple Botany given on 6 May I realized a better approach. I refer you to the following excerpt:

I've often said it is a great gift to grow up on a farm or in small town rural America, because the lessons of seedtime and harvest, of life and death, and the passing of the seasons are all woven so deeply into a person's being. You learn early on what you can and should be doing. You also learn early and well what is entirely out of your hands. Many a preacher who has never learned the lessons of simple botany comes at Jesus' words here in this text and turns them upside down. He reads Jesus' words, "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit," and he sets to haranguing his listeners weekly about doing just that—bearing fruit. "Get out there and bear more fruit! Get going. Hop to it!"

But...this approach is about as helpful as a farmer going out to harangue his cornfield every morning about growing faster and fuller. Isn't going to happen that way! Simple botany. Jesus is mighty clear about where the good fruit comes from. "I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bear much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." "Apart from Me you can do nothing"...nothing, that is, which is truly good...as God defines "good."

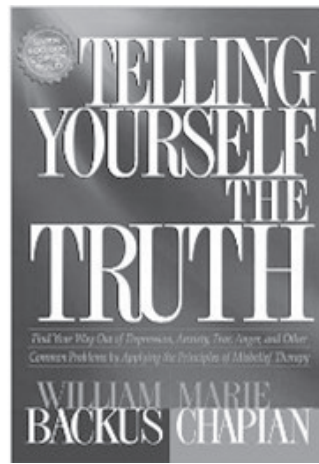


Therefore, after conferring with Deacon Schroeder, I ask that you consider that we belong to the Body of Christ and we live in God's grace. As Christians, we help and serve our neighbors. People like to be helpful and enjoy using the talents, gifts, and skills that God has given them. But just because a person is good at and

willing to do something, someone else in the congregation who needs help might not be aware that there is a fellow member who is able and willing to help. This inventory will make it easier for people to do what they already want to do: be helpful in a particular way. And just because you might have an amateur plumbing skills (you're not a licensed professional but you can often save someone from having to call a professional if the job is a small or simple fix), that doesn't mean that anyone else in the congregation knows that you would be someone to ask to take a look at their faucet or toilet or whatever. So it also helps those in need. It's a win-win! You get to actually use your skills and gifts more than you would otherwise, and it helps your neighbors because now they know that they can turn to you if they need your help! Again, it all boils down to this: you already want to be helpful, so the gift inventory will make it **easier** for you to be helpful.

September 16 will be the official kick off date. Surveys can be found in this news letter, church office, church lobby and on the church web site. They can be returned to the church office or deposited in the church offering plates.

Yours in Christ,
Greg Latzig
Board of Elders



"I must be crazy! Here I am talking to myself again!"

The truth is that we talk to ourselves all the time. What we need to learn for our spiritual ability and our emotional serenity is how to CHANGE OUR SELF-TALK, how to replace the misbeliefs with the truth. Dr. William Backus, of blessed memory, has done great and comforting work in teaching us how to TELL YOURSELF THE TRUTH. Key Insight: It is not what happens to us that creates our emotions; it is WHAT WE TELL OURSELVES about what has happened that creates our emotions. It is all over the Bible!

Recall the story of the Fall into sin. The Lord told them not to eat of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil or they would surely die. Then came the first deception of the father of lies. Genesis 3: "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, (their self-talk told them that God had lied to them and that the Tempter knew better) she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened.

Jesus shared our human nature and fought "misbeliefs" just as we do. Hebrews 4: *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.*

Jesus told himself the truth: John 12: *Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ... "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.*

Note well: Our Lord himself, while in his time of humiliation, used SCRIPTURE BASED SELF-TALK for his own comfort (and ours).

Beginning Sunday, September 16th, 9:15 a.m., (and also a week night session yet to be determined), over the next 5 weeks we will learn to tell ourselves truth about:

- 1) Depression
- 2) Anger
- 3) Anxiety
- 4) Lack of self-control
- 5) Our relationships



The book for this class,
*Telling Yourself
the Truth*
will cost \$10.00



Name that animal

Play a fun drawing game about animals mentioned in the Bible.

What you need:

- Bible
- Paper strips
- Chalkboard and chalk (or dry erase board, pen and eraser)
- Timer or stopwatch

What you do:

1. On each paper strip, write a Bible verse that mentions an animal (see list below for ideas).
2. Form teams. Take turns looking up each verse and drawing for your team, getting one point for each correct guess.
3. Time each player. Take turns among teams.

Possible verses:

Numbers 22:21 (donkey); Deuteronomy 32:11 (eagle); 2 Samuel 17:8 (bear); Job 8:14 (spider); Job 39:13 (ostrich); Psalm 20:7 (horse); Psalm 58:8 (slug/snail); Proverbs 6:5 (gazelle, bird); Proverbs 26:11 (dog); Proverbs 30:25 (ant); Proverbs 30:28 (lizard); Isaiah 7:18 (fly, bee); Jonah 4:7 (worm); Matthew 10:16 (sheep, wolf, snake, dove); Matthew 10:29 (sparrow); Matthew 23:37 (hen, chick); Luke 13:15 (ox, donkey); Luke 13:32 (fox); 1 Peter 5:8 (lion).

Make BANANA JUICE

National Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day each September.

Treat your grandparents to a delicious and nutritious treat that you can make yourself.

What you need:

- 1 banana
- ice cream in your favorite flavor
- 1 cup milk
- blender
- ice cream scoop or large spoon
- tall glasses



How to make it:

1. Check with parents before you start!
2. Peel the banana, break it into 3 or 4 pieces.
3. Put the pieces in the blender along with a scoop of ice cream and 1 cup of milk.
4. Be sure to put the lid on the blender!
5. Blend it together and pour it into a tall glass.
6. Serve it to your grandparents!

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS, Pre-K and NAEYC Accredited

By Connie Hendrickson, Director

"You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him." Luke 12:40

Children develop best in an environment of order and consistency. They are happier when they know what to expect. To a young child, a predictable world is a safe world.

After a long summer of inconsistencies, *i.e.*, 6 weeks of swim lessons, 3 weeks on how to ride that horse, the not so sure free Karate lesson, and the huge family reunion at Aunt so-and-so's house, plus all those last minute weekend or day trips in the car that could have been more scary and unsure for your child than fun. Well, thank goodness it's September and time to get the family back to 'order and consistency'.

Everyone knows as well as their own name the first day that 'school' starts, but not everyone knows the first day of Sunday school. And Sunday school is just as, if not more, important for your child's getting back to their safety zone of 'order and consistency'.

So let's see everyone, *family and child*, at our **Sunday School Rally Day, September 9th at 9:15 a.m.** and let's get this fall schedule off to the right start!

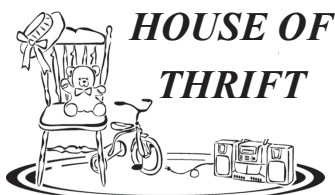


Next *Christian Women's Council* meeting date has been set for Sunday, September 9th, 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Plan to come and share fellowship as well as ideas with your friends and neighbors. Upcoming projects include the Annual Harvest Cookie Walk & Pie Sale.



"Thanks for understanding, in lieu of our malfunctioned sound system."

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HOUSE OF THRIFT

The store is located at 201 Cottage Grove Rd (just off Monona Dr). The hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Donations are welcome during

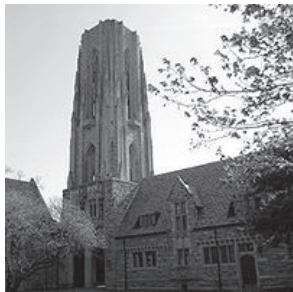
these hours. The phone number is: 223-1228.

Members of St. Peter's work on the first Friday (September 7th) and the third Wednesday (September 19th) of each month. Please call Alice Hanson if you have any questions or would like to become part of the *House of Thrift* team.

Thank you!

DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

<p>Aug 30/Sept 2 14th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 119:129-136 Ephesians 6:10-20 Mark 7:14-23</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Inside Out</i> Text: Mark 7:14-23 Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i> (Sun) <i>DSIV</i>, p. 203 Hymns: 812 - 854 - 566, 575 - 857 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (Sun) Vicki Gramse</p>
<p>September 6/9 15th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Isaiah 35:4-7 Psalm 146 James 2:1-10, 14-18 Mark 7:24-37</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>He Opens and None Can Close</i> Text: Mark 7:24-37 Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i> (Sun) <i>Rally Day Service</i> Hymns: 817 - 866 - 588 - 528 - 662 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (Sun) Greg Frank</p>
<p>September 13/16 16th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Isaiah 50:4-10 Psalm 116:1-9 James 3:1-12 Mark 9:14-29</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>"Help My Unbelief!"</i> Text: Mark 9:14-29 Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i> (Sun) <i>DSIII</i>, p. 184 Hymns: 533 - 849 - 554, 770 - 803 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (Sun) Vickie Detert</p>
<p>September 20/23 17th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13-4:10 Mark 9:30-37</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Little Children</i> Text: Mark 9:30-37 Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i> (Sun) <i>Matins</i>, p. 219 Hymns: 904 - 605 - 725 - 851 Organist: TBA Choir: (Sun) TBA</p>
<p>September 27/30 18th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 104:27-35 James 5:1-20 Mark 9:38-50</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>No Trifling Matter</i> Text: Mark 9:38-50 Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i> (Sun) <i>DSIII w/o HC</i>, p. 184 Hymns: 802 - 749 - 718 - 850 Organist: TBA Choir: (Sun) TBA</p>



Have you ever considered being a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Wally Becker from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, would like to meet with you at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 110 N. Whitney Way, Madison, on Thursday, September 13, anytime between 7:00 and 9:00 pm. Rev. Becker is interested in meeting with prospective seminary students of all ages - elementary school age through adults who are already employed in another vocation. Conferences are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome. Reservations are not necessary but strongly encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific conference time, please call Rev. Becker at 314-505-7201 or email him at <beckerw@csel.edu> regarding an appointment.



*THANKS to everyone who helped
make VBS the Very Best Summer ever!*

COUNCIL NOTES – August 14, 2012

The August 14, 2012 St. Peter's Church Council was called to order by President William Steffenhagen at 6:38 P.M. The opening devotion was given by Pastor Hendrickson from 1 Peter Chapter 3. Verse 8 states, finally, all of you live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Our Lutheran Heritage has given us a down to earth faith in God and given us a solid way to live.

The **Agenda** was presented. Keith Podoll moved to accept the agenda, Shannon Rohrbeck seconded and the motion carried.

The **Secretary's minutes** were read. Marv Manke made a motion to accept the minutes, Steve Hustad seconded and the motion carried.

The **Financial Secretary's report** was given by Mary Witt. Mary presented the council with reasons that it would be feasible for the Church to change the Institution that it has its checking accounts. Presently the loans are thru the Bank of Poyette along with a Certificate of Deposit and the checking accounts are with Associated Bank. Associated also has different service charges that the Bank of Poyette does not have. Mary can drop the deposits off on Sunday and they would be processed Monday morning and available for viewing on-line Monday evening. Marv Manke made a motion to approve changing the checking accounts to Bank of Poyette, Mark Manke seconded, motion carried. Total offerings for the month of July were \$23,099.75. A question was asked in regards to the *Lutheran Community Foundation*. Lynnette Taylor informed the Council that Russell and Fern Johnson had set up a gift to the church that comes in twice a year and is used for different special purposes. Greg Frank made a motion to accept the report, Jennifer See seconded and the motion carried.

The **Treasurers report** was given by Jennifer See. At this time a little over \$9,000.00 is available for expenses. On September 3, 2012 Selective Insurance will be renewed with a downpayment of \$1619.00. Mary Witt made a motion to accept Treasurer's report, Glenn Puntney seconded, motion carried.

The **Board of Elders report** was presented by Greg Frank. There has been one change in the ushers list. John Frank will be moving out to Boston for a couple of years and his name will be removed for a period of time. Currently there are no members of the congregation or their family members serving overseas so the Military Care committee will not be sending any packages. The planning for the Fall Community picnic set for September 19th is going well. The picnic makes for good outreach and congregation members of St. Peter's are encouraged to attend. Greg Latzig had a hand out for the council of the Skills/Spiritual Gifts Survey that will be available September 16th. It was decided it would be a good idea to put it in the Church newsletter and have copies available in church. Some sort of container will be available for congregation members to return their completed survey or they can be put in the offering plates. Tom Crum made a motion to accept the Elders report, Keith Podoll seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Trustees report** was presented by Keith Podoll. The new air-conditioning unit is running well. The elevator has been fixed. The first bill was \$409.00 but there is another bill for some more work that had to be done on the elevator to get it operational. There was also a list of miscellaneous projects to be worked on. Verna Mueller made a motion to accept the Trustees report, Glenn Puntney seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Christian Education report**

was presented by Brad Zimmerman. Currently there are 24 students enrolled in daycare. Recently the center had Young Star come and visit to observe how a five star facility operates. Young Star is the States rating system and they were training some new employees. The Youth group is still studying Lutheranism 101 as well as the German language. They have an outing planned for Devils Lake on August 26th. A few more details were learned about the youth rally in San Antonio next summer. Cost for the rally is \$1100.00 which includes food and travel expense. On September 7th the men's Bible class will resume. Sunday school will start on September 9th. Pastor Dobratz will have a class beginning September 16th. Vacation Bible School was a success with 38 children attending. Greg Frank made a motion to accept the Board of Education report, Jennifer See seconded, motion carried.

The **Pastor's report**- Pastor Hendrickson reported that September 16th is the last Sunday for organist David Hoffelt. Pastor has had some progress in obtaining a new organist. In the beginning it will possibly be an interim position. Pastor received a request from the Dane County Jail Ministry to have a representative from the congregation to sit in on meetings and give input. All the details are not known but council members thought we should first start in our own county. Deacon Schroeder will look into it. Pastor Hendrickson also received a request from a company that has developed what they call Bible Sticks. It is like a walkman that recites the Bible for service men/women to listen to. The council decided there were red flags with this offer. Andrew Yamriska is finishing up his Eagle Scout building project. When he has completed the project Pastor will schedule a presentation for Andrew. Church choir will begin practices Sept. 5th. There are some special performances being planned this choir season. On Sept. 5th Pastor Hendrickson will also have his next scheduled medical tests. Lynnette Taylor made a motion to accept the Pastor's report, Stephen Saager seconded and the motion carried.

Membership Changes-None to report.

Old Business-The Chancel floor was briefly touched upon. Keith Podoll made a motion to set a special voters meeting between church services on August 26, 2012. Shannon Rohrbeck seconded the motion and all were in favor.

New Business- A motion was made by Jennifer See to return Pastor Hendrickson's salary back to the budgeted amount thus discontinuing the Pastors gift of 10% of his salary, effective the next payroll. Keith Podoll seconded the motion and all were in favor. A special thank you went to Pastor for this gift.

The Lord's Prayer was recited and at 7:35 p.m. President William Steffenhagen adjourned the meeting.



~Elizabeth Hutchinson, Secretary

Parents and College Students:

Please let us know what your college address is going to be so that we can keep in touch through the coming year! Just email the Church Office:

stpeterluth@gmail.com





**FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



Balance on July 31, 2012 \$12,601.77
 Receipts for Aug (est)..... \$12,423.60
 Expenses for Aug (\$13,904.56)
 Shortage/Overage \$11,120.81

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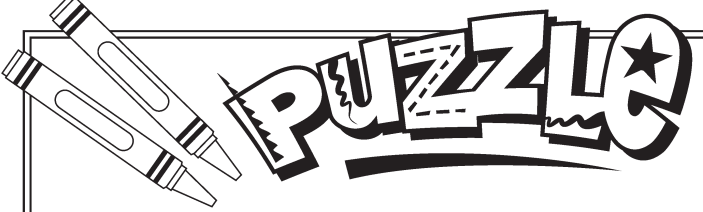
Organ - \$48,386.42. The interest for this loan is costing us approximately \$255 per month.

Wilson House - \$46,695.10. The interest for this loan is costing us approximately \$251 per month



Elders










Sept 2	8:00 a.m.	Tom Daugherty & Glenn Puntney
	10:30 a.m.	Stephen Saager
Sept 6	6:30 p.m.	Greg Latzig
Sept 9	8:00 a.m.	Greg Frank
	10:30 a.m.	Greg Frank
Sept 13	6:30 p.m.	
Sept 16	8:00 a.m.	Steve Hustad & Marvin Manke
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum & Glenn Puntney
Sept 20	6:30 p.m.	Greg Latzig
Sept 23	8:00 a.m.	Mark Manke
	10:30 a.m.	Greg Frank
Sept 27	6:30 p.m.	Tom Daugherty
Sept 30	8:00 a.m.	Steve Hustad
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum



AMAZING ANIMALS

God created a rich variety of animals to live on the earth.

Directions: Write the name of each animal next to its picture. Then fill in the correct letters to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

	_____		_____
1	_____	4	_____
	_____		_____
14	_____	20	_____
	_____		_____
17	_____	7	_____
	_____		_____
18	_____	10	_____
	_____	3	_____
	_____		_____
	_____	6	_____
	_____	15	_____

"How _____ are your _____,"
 O _____! In _____
 you _____ them _____;
 the _____ is _____
 of your _____."



September 2, 9 & 16

Early

Larry Saager, Chr.
 (635-7168)
 Keith Podoll
 Bill & Justin Hageman
 Alex Saager
 Greg & Patrick Frank
 Kim & Brock Kriewaldt

Late

Bruce Lambert, Chr.
 (608-742-3709)
 Roger Frank
 Steve Paskey
 Tim Witt

September 23 & 30

Eldon Gunderson, Chr.
 (635-7168)
 David Qualle
 David Hutchinson
 Marvin Bystol
 Steve & Matt Hustad
 Calvin & Austin Moll
 Cameron Gramse
 Wayne Hanson

Lloyd Hahn, Chr.
 (635-2970)
 Michael Post
 Jim Paske
 Bill Wolff
 Terry Grinde
 Max Grinde
 Shayne Brasda

Answers: leopard, dove, donkey, worm, fish, camel, butterfly, ant
 "How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all, the earth is full of your creatures." (Psalm 104:24, NIV)



September
635-4825

Jane Tomlinson
 Connie Hendrickson



9/4	Donald Holl
9/14	James Mueller
9/14	Robert Schmidt
9/16	Helen Manke
9/19	Karen Michaels
9/20	Viola Haupt
9/26	Robert Kronberg

