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ST. PETER'S NET NOVEMBER 2012

Weeping May Remain for a Night, but Joy Comes in the Morning

While the major political campaigns have churned along as expected—especially between our presidential candidates and the two candidates for Wisconsin's senate position—there has been a noticeable increase in accusations and demonization among the candidates and also among their supporters and detractors. The victory or defeat of a candidate is couched more and more in language that carries "end of the world" overtones. Really?

In an article I read recently, the writer suggested that the demonization in our politics reflects a lack of substance in our society. She wrote in part, "Our society, unschooled in critical thinking and distracted by the world of 10,000 things, cannot tell you whether for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction, or who governs their state, but can say who is 'Dancing with the Stars.'

"In what can only be considered a clarion call for the restoration of high school classes in civics, philosophy, and some history classes with depth of perspective, supporters of both presidential candidates were recently on social media sites threatening to commit suicide if their candidate does not emerge victorious on November 6. Less morbid ideologues are merrily smiling for the cameras and aligning themselves with their candidate of choice even as they admit that they have no idea what is happening in the world, or what their men [or women] propose for the next four years.

"We are a nation becoming unmoored from the historical social stabilizers, and we are too morosely or giddily benumbed to understand how quickly we can lose sight of our certain

shores, or how arduous it might be to paddle-back to those shores." [http://www.firstthings.com/ onthesquare/2012/10/gratefully-weeping-throughthe-knox-bible] As the Psalmist wrote, "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" [Psalm 11:3]

The tragedy in this scenario is that the Church, which ought to be a voice in society for pondering the deeper issues and taking a longer,

eternal view of things, is often reduced to yet another political voice, ratcheting up the decibels on behalf of this candidate or that, as though the Church no longer depends on God but rather on the outcome of the elections!

Yet in the Church we have a vantage point to ponder the upcoming elections, and any election for that matter, that is greater than any "election guide" written by human beings. As we heard on Reformation Sunday, we know the truth and the truth shall set us free. [John 8:32] It is the truth which we too easily forget in all of our electoral anxieties and campaign zeal; the truth that, yes, God's hand is involved in all of our human affairs, from the first nanosecond. God's hand remains on the tiller of this State, this Nation, this World, this Cosmos, and His



hand remains on that tiller even when society seems hopelessly adrift, even when the princes of this world seem entirely inadequate to their offices. To paraphrase Martin Luther's great Reformation hymn, "Though all our politics with devils fill, all threatening to devour us...we tremble not, we fear no ill...they shall not overpower us!" [A Mighty Fortress, stanza 3]

These weeks in November, at the close of the Church Year, bring into our ears the Readings about Last Things—Death, Judgment, Resurrection, Life Everlasting. But because these Last Things come to us in the way of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are surprised each year when we hear neither doom nor gloom in the seriousness of these Readings, but always the voice of hope regarding the things yet to come.

And it is that hope, coming to us from God's Word, which gives us Christians the greater perspective to sift and winnow the current campaign issues and candidates in the scales of God's eternity, to find the wheat in all of the chaff, to hold fast to that which is good, and to let all the fear-mongering be scattered in the light of eternal day.

"When the fight is fierce and the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!" [*For All the Saints*, stanza 5]



SPIRITUAL GIFTS REMINDER

I want to remind everyone of the Spiritual Gifts survey we are conducting for our church. You can find copies in yellow in the rear of the church. Please return them by dropping them in the collection plates or at the church office.

You will appreciate the use of a one page document. The results are entered into our church office computer and provide

Spiritual Gifts

church administration a very useful tool to put members in contact with other members and provide resources to facilitate the various functions in St. Peters. This puts you under no obligation. We would just like a better idea of what talents we have in

our congregation or what needs our congregation has that we could fill.

In conclusion: every Service after the offertory we pray: "Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have given us: ourselves, **our time** and our possessions." The past few months in considering the spiritual gifts ministry I have come to the simple conclusion that **Time** is by far the gift most needed by our church and the greatest challenge for most members to give.

Thank you for this opportunity to build on the spiritual gifts ministry in our church.

Greg Latzig, Elder

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

Instead of my usual profound theological insights (ha ha ha), I'm going to use my newsletter article for November to be more on the practical side. Here are some of the things I'm up to: We've got a great core group of four



for *Lutheranism 101* and we continue to go through that book, looking at Lutheranism from a number of

different angles.

Large Catechism has four regulars, who were confirmed earlier this year, and we're off to a great start if I don't say so myself! You know that we teach Luther's *Small Catechism* for confirmation, so my joke to them is "now that you've mastered Luther's *Small Catechism*, now you can study his *Large Catechism*!" Interestingly, the *Large Catechism* book is smaller

than their *Small Catechisms*, because the *Small Catechism* is "with explanation" and the explanation is what makes the *Small Catechism* so thick.

One of the churches in our circuit (let me break that down quick. *The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod* has 35 Districts across the country, and we belong to the South Wisconsin District; each district is made up of circuits. There are seven congregations in our circuit, St. Peter's and six others); one of the fellow congregations in our circuit is *Our Savior Deaf Lutheran Church* in Madison. I've known the pastors who serve that congregation (and other deaf churches in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois) for a number of years, now, but I've never taken steps in the past to get involved with deaf ministry. So I've started taking sign language classes at MATC in hopes that our congregations can get to know each other a little better.

Because of the cultural and language differences, you could say that *Our Savior Deaf Lutheran* lives somewhat in isolation. And isolation is probably the wrong word, but there's

an obvious distance. I doubt that I'll learn enough American Sign Language to be able to lead their worship service like I do here in Arlington, but I'm starting to build some inroads with their congregation as a member



of a fellow LC-MS congregation. I've only been there twice this year, but it's great to worship with them, interesting to see (as opposed to hear) them sign the Scriptures, the sermon, the prayers, the liturgy, and so forth. And they are awfully nice people, too! Not that this is a surprise, but it's a very warm and inviting congregation and they're always happy to have visitors. Maybe someone from *Our Savior* can visit us in Arlington!

Another "bridge building" opportunity is with *Calvary Lutheran Chapel*, the LC-MS ministry to students at UW Madison. Most Sundays after their worship service they have a fellowship lunch, and they're always happy to have a group from other LC-MS churches in the Madison metro area help serve lunch. I'd like to send a group of at least five over to do that sometime soon. It could be a St. Peter's Youth event, but anyone from St. Peter's could pitch in.

Deacon Schroeder



or my Family

• Poster board (optional)

1. Every day in November,

have each family member

write or draw on a sticky

thing they're thankful for.

(Try not to repeat ideas.)

wall or on poster board.

3. Read your list every day to

remind you about God's

2. Display your notes on a

many blessings.

note someone or some-

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What you need:

What you do:

Sticky notes

• Pens or markers

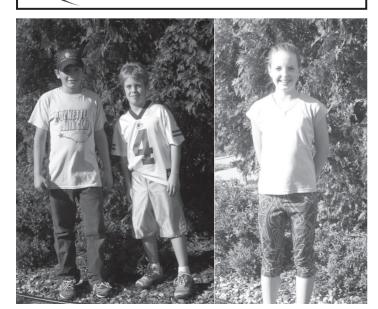


When you are with family and friends this holiday, let them know how thankful you are for them with this fun craft.

- What you need:
- of each person
- Ruler
- Envelopes Scissors
- Glue sticks

What you do:

- 1. Collect photos of the people you'll be seeing. For group shots, make a copy for each
- 2. On the back of each picture, vertical and horizontal lines. Space the lines 1 inch apart to make a grid with 1-inch squares.
- 3. Starting in the top-right corner, number the squares beginning with 1. Number the top row across, then the second row and so on.
- 4. Cut out all the squares and put them in an envelope. Write the correct person's name on each envelope.
- of cardstock, write "I thank my God every time I remember you, Philippians 1:3 (NIV).'
- and a piece of cardstock. Instruct people to put the squares in order to reveal their picture. Tell them how many numbers go across and down.
- 7 For a special keepsake, have people glue their finished photos onto the cardstock.



- Photos (group or individual)
- Pencil
- Cardstock or
- construction paper

- person.
- use a ruler and pencil to draw

- 5. On the bottom of each piece Then sign your name.
- 6. Give each person an envelope

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS. Pre-K and NAEYC Accredited By Connie Hendrickson, Director

The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. Psalm 103:8, 10

With Thanksgiving and Christmas fast approaching we are given great opportunity to include Jesus Christ into the children's daily curriculum. Many public early childhood programs seem to build their curriculum around commercial holidays, just going from one to the other on calendar with characters such as Mr. Turkey's takes a Holiday, or Dr. Seuss's The Grinch that Stole Christmas. As a Christian center we don't take that approach, but we do like to celebrate!

We believe in the importance of family traditions and holidays in strengthening the connection between home and our Center. While we honor the traditions of all the children and families we are free to teach ours as well. The children learn that at Thanksgiving we are grateful because all we have comes from God. And at Christmas we will joyfully celebrate the birth of our Lord Savior. Jesus Christ.

Sadly for many of our Center's children, this will be the only time they hear these things.



The Sunday School Bike-a-thon was a great success even though it had to be moved back a week due to rainy weather. Pictured at left: Three students made the fifty lap maximum (20 miles), Justin Taylor, Ahren Schoeckert and Ashley Hagenow. Pictured below: the start of the Bike-a-thon with more than a dozen participants.



DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 1/4All Saints DayRevelation 7:9-17Psalm 149I John 3:1-3Matthew 5:1-12	Sermon: <i>Behold the Host</i> Text: Revelation 7:9-17 Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i> (Sun) <i>DSI</i> , p. 151 Hymns: 507 - 677 (st. 1-5, 6-8) - 676, 680 - 670 Organist: TBA Choir: (8:00) Sunday School, Upper Grades
November 8/11 3rd Last Sunday of the Church Year I Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	Sermon: <i>All In</i> Text: Mark 12:38-44 Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i> (Sun) <i>DSI w/o HC</i> , p. 151 Hymns: 726 - 738 - 725 - 821 Organist: TBA Choir: (8:00) Sunday School, Lower Grades
November 15/18 2nd Last Sunday of the Church Year Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-13	Sermon: On the Eve of Destruction Text: Mark 13:1-13 Order: (Thu) Holy Communion (Sun) DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 508 - 516 - 563, 514 - 801 Organist: TBA Choir: (Sun) Adult Choir
November 21/22 Thanksgiving Eve/Day Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 65 II Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 12:13-21	Sermon: Singing in a Year of Catastrophe Text: Luke 12:13-21 Order: Holy Communion Hymns: 892 - 895 - 893 - For the Beauty of the Earth - 940 - 894, 966 - 785 Organist: TBA Choir: TBA
November 25Christ the King SundayDaniel 7:9-10, 13-14Psalm 93Revelation 1:4-8John 18:33-37	Sermon: Crown Him Lord of All Text: John 18:33-37 Order: DSI w/o HC, p. 151 Hymns: 549 - 544 - 672 - 525 Organist: TBA Choir: (Sun) Handbells
House of Thrift House of Thrift House of St. Peter's work on the first Friday (November 2nd) and the third Wednesday (November 21st) of each month. Please call Alice Hanson if you have any questions or would like to become part of the <i>House of Thrift</i> team.	Impraying they opt for fast food or that they pray and fast."

COUNCIL NOTES – October 9, 2012

The October 9, 2012 St. Peter's Church Council was called to order by President William Steffenhagen.

The opening devotion was given by Pastor Hendrickson from the Book of Ecclesiastes. Solomon tells us that no matter how hard we work events will not always go as planned but we should find joy in what we do and that God will always be there for us no matter what.

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

The **Secretary's minutes** were read. Marv Manke moved to accept the minutes, Greg Latzig seconded and the motion carried.

The **Financial Secretary's Report** was presented by Mary Witt. Total offerings for the month of September were \$22671.00. Greg Frank made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's Report, Glenn Puntney seconded and the motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Jennifer See. A bill for the painting on the outside of the Church doors for \$710.00 is outstanding. Jennifer See made a motion to pay half of the bill from the Pre-K fund and half from the building fund. Keith Podoll seconded the motion and all were in favor. Some other bills for October include the permit fee to operate the boilers, offering envelopes and bulletin covers for the upcoming seasons. Glenn Puntney made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Greg Latzig seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Elders Report** was presented by Greg Frank. There was nothing to update on the usher committees, Altar Guild or the Endowment fund. The Military Care did not have any packages to send out. The Christian Women's Council did an outstanding job in the planning and supplying of baked goods and the other goodies for the picnic in the park. The picnic was very well attended and fun for all who came.

A Church letter will be going out the end of November that will include a schedule of the Church services for the upcoming seasons. A special thank you went out to Greg Latzig for all of his work on the Spiritual Gifts Survey. As they are returned, Lynnette Taylor will enter them into the computer system. Mary Witt made a motion to accept the Board of Elders Report, Shannon Rohrbeck seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Trustees Report** was presented by Keith Podoll. The painting on the outside of the Church doors is completed. Keith Podoll has received a bid on the stair treads. It was for \$1495.00 on commercial quality treads. It was suggested that a few more bids should be acquired before doing the project. Greg Frank made a motion to allow the trustees to proceed with the project after the bids are in. Verna Mueller seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The **Board of Christian Education Report** was presented by Sandra Sandstrom. Current enrollment for the childcare center is 32 students, which includes 14 full time, 6-part time and 12 before and after school students. Parent Teacher conferences were held the week of October 1st for both the Day Care and Pre-K program. For Fire Safety week, the Arlington Fire Department visited the children of St. Peter's. Sunday October 14th the Center will hold their annual Fall Bake sale. The money will go towards a new vacuum cleaner, area rug and television set. At the October 14th quarterly voters meeting Connie Hendrickson will present the financial report for the Child Care center. Sunday school and Midweek are off to a great start. There are plenty of teachers and helpers. The Sunday school will hold the Bike -a-Thon October 14th at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Midweek classes will be going on a fall outing to the Schoeneberg Farm,-Creek Bed Country Farmacy-on Wednesday October 10th,



2012. The Sunday morning Bible class is discussing "Telling Yourself the Truth", with Reverend Dobratz. Friday morning classes are discussing World Religions and the Tuesday afternoon group is studying Mormonism. Greg Frank made a motion to approve the Board of Christian Education report, Tom Crum seconded and the motion carried.

The **Pastors Report**- Pastor Hendrickson reported that an organist has been lined up for Thanksgiving. There has been some interest shown in the position of organist for St. Peter's. Pastor Hendrickson will put an ad in the Madison Churches publication for the position of organist now that he has made some contacts. Choir and hand bells are off to a good start. There will be a guest orchestra along with the other special music on Reformation Sunday. Pastor Hendrickson is already looking ahead to Christmas with all the special services. Pastor Hendrickson briefly explained the "Lutheran Service Builder" that is in conjunction with the hymnals. Everything can be expanded including a larger font that makes it easier to read. Verna Mueller made a motion to accept the Pastor's report, Steve Hustad seconded and the motion carried.

Membership Changes--Removed by transfer, Tim and Lorie Witt to *Faith Lutheran Church (LC-MS)* in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mary Witt made a motion to grant the transfer, Keith Podoll seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business—None to report.

New Business—The budget and nominating committees will be chosen by the quarterly voters meeting October 14th, 2012.

The Lord's Prayer was recited and at 7:10 p.m. President William Steffenhagen adjourned the meeting.

~~Elizabeth Hutchinson, Secretary



FINANCIAL REPORT CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:



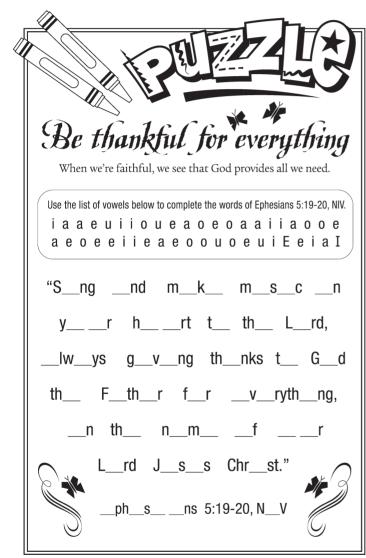
Balance on Sep 30, 2012	. \$12,490.88
Receipts for Oct	
Expenses for Oct	
Shortage/Overage	\$10,572.67

LOAN BALANCES:

Organ - \$47,035.94. The interest for this loan is costing us approximately \$250 per month.

Wilson House - \$46,104.96. The interest for this loan is costing us approximately \$240 per month

Repair Projects - \$11,346. 50.



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November 635-4825 Vickie Detert Connie Hendrickson

Answer: Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to Cod the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.





Elders

Nov	1	6:30 p.m.	Greg Latzig
Nov	4	8:00 a.m.	Tom Daugherty & Glenn Puntney
		10:30 a.m.	Steve Hustad & Tom Crum
Nov	8	6:30 p.m.	Greg Latzig
Nov	11	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Saager
		10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum
Nov	15	6:30 p.m.	Glenn Puntney
Nov	18	8:00 a.m.	Steve Hustad & Marvin Manke
		10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum & Greg Frank
Nov	21	6:30 p.m.	Tom Daugherty & Mark Manke
Nov	22	9:00 a.m.	Greg Frank
Nov	25	8:00 a.m.	Marvin Manke
		10:30 a.m.	Stephen Saager
Nov	29	6:30 p.m.	Mark Manke



November 4 & 11

Early Mark Witt, Chr. (635-4673) Wade Senft George Schoeneberg Mitchell Amundson John Frank Jeff Rowe Trevor Giese Trent Olson *Late Tyson Miller, Chr. (635-8504)* Mark Schoeckert Mitch Schoeckert Michael Hendrickson Matthew Hendrickson Shannon Rohrbeck Stephen Saager James & Matthew Saager

November 18, 21 & 25

Philip Hanson, Chr (635-2244)
Randy Schuster
David Caldwell
Mark Hirssig
Robert Rittmeyer
Buck & Ty Woodward
Justin & Jacob Reddeman
Tom Daugherty Robert Caldwell, Chr. (635-4225) Jerran Hanson James Dobratz Bob Hagenow Jim Mueller Tait Halvorsen Al Stoltenberg

ACOLYTES

Nov 4	8:00 AM	Emily Taylor & Rachel Tuschl
	10:30 AM	NONE
Nov 11	8:00 AM	Haydin Campbell & Chase Falstad
	10:30 AM	Dalton McLaughlin & Joshua Yamriska
Nov 18	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Reddeman & Anna Manke
	10:30 AM	Wesley Sandstrom & Haydin Campbell
Nov 21	6:30 PM	Noah Campbell & Hunter Zimmerman
Nov 25	8:00 AM	Logan Nelson & Dustin Heidecker
	10:30 AM	Wesley Sandstrom & Hunter Zimmerman

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