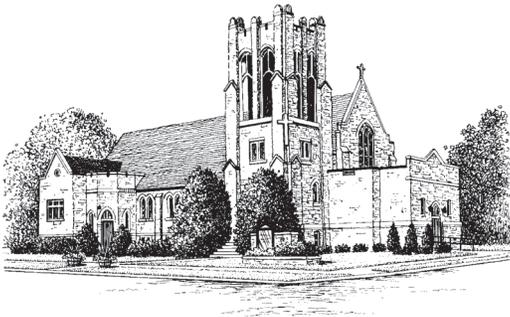




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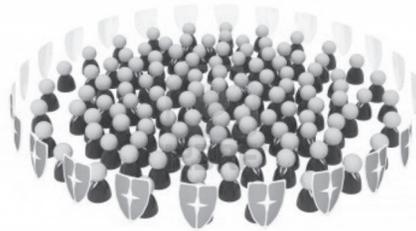
### *We're Not in Kansas Anymore*

For centuries the Christian faith did not look upon Jesus as a personal savior or a guru for self-fulfillment. From the earliest days of the Church (the Book of Acts) church leaders were concerned with how to shape their whole lives as a fellowship around Jesus Christ.

This thinking carried on over the centuries into the settlement of these United States. If you were building a town, the first building to go up would be a church, and then everything else would be built around it. The church and the town were one.

At the heart of this mindset is a paradox of our faith—the relation between church fellowship and the individual within the church. We Christians tend to answer paradoxes in the direction of mystery. Is God three or one? Yes. Does God care about the salvation of the individual or is salvation wrapped up within the Church's life? Yes.

But in our American culture, this tension between the individual and the community has given way entirely to the individual. We have changed from a society of small towns and parish churches to a society of cities and suburbs and geographical mobility. Close-knit families have ceased to be important economically, and local churches have become something folks look for *after* they have found a job and a house somewhere.



The world has changed, but the Church seems to have lost touch with how to deal with this change. And more importantly, we have forgotten what dare never change. (And, no, I'm not talking about reviving the tedious arguments about form and substance.)

On the one hand, there are cries to return to a simpler time, to organize congregational life as though society were still in a past age—the 1950s, for instance. The other option, and far more common, is to adapt Christianity to the prevailing social trends. But the former turns the faith into a living history museum. It is a denial of the Church being “in the world but not of the world.” The latter surrenders the Christian faith itself. It is a denial that Christianity can even play a part in shaping social forms, concluding that the social forms must shape the Church!

So what is to be done? It does no good to wring ones hands over the fact that the Church is no longer the centerpiece of social life that it once was. But clearly the megachurch model, which has individualized the faith to an astonishingly rapid degree, is also a dead end, as megachurches are beginning to crumble or evolve themselves beyond the Christian faith in a desperate attempt to remain “mega.”

But “relevant” is not about chasing the latest gimmicks to “grow the church.” It's about building something around the Gospel and the Sacraments of Christ which has a clear signifi-

cance beyond a local congregation or the members of it individually.

Neither isolation from culture nor accommodation to culture, but a life in Christ, individually and together at the same time, tapping into the strengths and weaknesses of human nature, living with the vast heritage of Christian tradition, yet with an eye toward long-term social and economic contexts.

So what does such a congregational life look like? It may not look like the all-in commitment of yesterday's church, but it will not be church-by-social-media either. In fact while the appearance of church life in the 21st century may be jarring to both the traditionalist and the hipster, it would likely not seem so radical to an Augustine or a Martin Luther, both of whom lived in times of tumultuous and cataclysmic social change.

*Pastor Hendrickson*

## The Church Family in Worship

I am so glad to be able to share some thoughts with you, my new church family! It has been great getting to worship with you. From the organ bench, I can always hear people singing in worship, and I'm so happy to be part of a church family that enjoys their music!

That brings to me to my next thought, one that others have thought before me, and one that Rev. Tim Pauls of Boise, ID, wrote down for his congregation. I want to share it with you.

Think, for a moment, of a holiday celebration, as several generations gather in the living room or around a large dining room table. All ages are represented, from the infant and the 2-year-old to the great-grandfather in poor health. It's a family gathering and a time of joy.

Different people will act differently during the day, even as they gather for the meal. From time to time the infant will squeal, and the toddler will squirm. A teenager might lapse into surly silence, and the elderly may fall asleep and snore at an inopportune time. The family adjusts on the fly throughout the meal: if the squealing or squirming gets to be too much, the youngster is removed from the table until calm is restored. Grandparents nod knowingly, remembering their days of young children and sympathizing with their children. If the elderly fall asleep, the family bears with their weakness with understanding. That's how the family works: they bear with one another, respect one another and make sure that everyone gets fed.

The congregation is the family of God, gathered in worship to be fed. In His mercy and grace, the Lord provides forgiveness and life for all ages, for He has died for all people no matter their birthday. By His Word and Sacraments, He provides grace and life for all in the Divine Service. Thus, a congregation will have Christians of all ages, from the very young to the elderly; and during the service, different people will react in different ways. Little ones will squirm and squeal, while those advanced in years or poor health may drift to sleep. (We adults in between tend to stay awake and at least *appear* to be attentive. ☺) These different behaviors can become distractions in the service. However, the goal of the service is that everyone be fed with the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, as the family of God, we bear with one another, respect one another and make sure that everyone gets fed.



For instance, children are going to squirm and make noise. Sitting quietly in a pew is a learned discipline, not a natural behavior; and it will take the first few years of life for a child to fully adopt this. In the meantime, there will be some noise along the way, and this will be a distraction. If the children become too rambunctious, the parent will want to remove them until calm is restored. This removal should likely involve consequences to teach the importance of avoiding disruption. In fact, a kindergarten teacher once noted that, when a child makes noise and is removed to the nursery, the child is taught that he gets to play with toys if he misbehaves. While we do offer a nursery downstairs, it's much better to have little ones in worship, receiving grace by the Word, learning the liturgy and the importance of Divine Service.

Here's the tricky part: when is a child too disruptive? The answer will vary from person to person. A good measure is that an occasional squeal or wiggle is expected; but persistent misbehavior should lead to the child's removal (but bring him back ASAP!). That is where it is especially important to bear with one another, respect one another and make sure that everyone gets fed.

It is here also that we give thanks for the Lord's rich and abundant grace. Some models of religion demand that you must be attentive to every step of a service or ritual in order to reap any benefits, but that is not how the Lord operates. Even when parents must spend time educating and training their children, there is still abundant forgiveness to be received. Long before we had kids of our own, I remember a mom saying, "I'd hear the Invocation at the beginning of the service, and it would remind me that Jesus had made me His in Baptism. The next forty minutes were a blur of keeping the children still, and I didn't hear a sermon for a long time. But after the sermon, I'd still receive Jesus' body and blood for forgiveness of sins, and I knew I remained the Lord's child." (Having said this, I recognize that it's easy for me to speak of keeping children quiet in the pew: I've been hiding out safe on the organ bench while my amazing and wonderful bride does all the hard work.)

In Christ,

*Jeremy Zieroth*

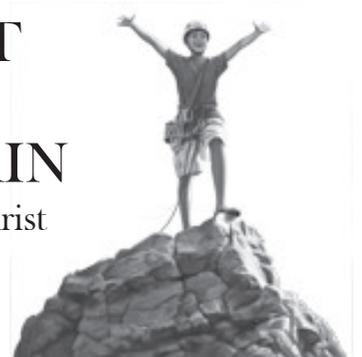
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Where Jesus Christ  
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August 5th-9th 9:00 to 11:30 am.

Age 4 years through Grade 6 are welcome.





# Flashlight TAG

# REFRESHING ★ SUMMER ★ ACTIVITY

Try this activity with your Sunday school. It's a fun way to give people more than just a cold drink. It helps them learn about the Bible and your church.

Sometimes we resist the light of Christ. But when his light touches us, we can then share it with others. Play this fun game on a summer night to remember how Christ's light shines in the world.

### What you need:

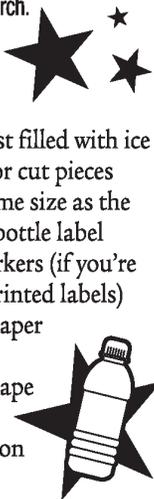
- Friends
- Safe open space outdoors
- A flashlight for each player

### How to play:

1. Choose one person to be the Tagger, known as the Light. Only that person can have his or her flashlight on.
2. The Light tries to shine his or her flashlight on other players, who run around and try to hide in the darkness.
3. Once players have been touched by the Light, they turn on their flashlights and join in, trying to shine on others.
4. Play until everyone has been tagged by the Light. Repeat, giving everyone a turn to be the Light.

### What you need:

- Bottled water
- Tubs or ice chest filled with ice
- Printed labels or cut pieces of paper the same size as the existing water-bottle label
- Permanent markers (if you're not using preprinted labels)
- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape
- Poster board
- Adult supervision



### What to do:

1. On labels or pieces of paper, write a verse about the living water Jesus gives us (for example, John 4:13-14; John 6:35; Revelation 22:17). Also include your church's name and contact information, as well as an invitation to worship or to an activity.
2. Either laminate the new labels or cover them in clear contact paper (to keep them from getting soggy).
3. Tape the labels to the back of the bottles.
4. Make a "FREE Water!" poster.
5. Find a park, local festival or corner where people pass by needing a cold drink. Be sure to have adult supervision.

## St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS, Pre-K and NAEYC Accredited

5 stars with Wisconsin's *Young Star*

By Connie Hendrickson, Director

*"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart... If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* Roman's 10: 8-9

Recently we had a children's performer, *The Rogue*, do a magic act for the children and families. In the mind of the very young, seeing is believing and not seeing is cause for argument. As much as our magician friend tried to play tricks on the kids they kept coming back with challenges of their own, trying to stump his antics. Lucky for him, he is very good at his trade!

Much is true when we try to show the children that Jesus is Lord. Our ways sometime take on a kind of magic act to get kids to believe without seeing. But next time you see one of our kids playing on the parking lot or in class downstairs just ask them, "Where is Jesus?" And I guarantee they will reply, "He is in our hearts."



### FALL OPEN ENROLLMENT

**St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool** has openings for the fall. Please call Connie Hendrickson at 635-4825 for a tour for your family or someone you know who is looking for five star childcare.

While taking photos of the earth, the space shuttle Columbia made a surprising discovery: Underneath the harsh Sahara Desert were 26 lakes, as well as miles of underground rivers. That region's inhabitants face tough conditions because those abundant resources haven't yet been tapped.

Churches often suffer a similar problem. Congregations can't reach their full God-given potential unless people discover and use their gifts. When we tap into our talents, God promises that we "will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail." (Isaiah 58:11)

Spiritual Gifts surveys are still available on the narthex counter. There is also a folder in which to return the survey when it is completed. This is how we will be able to tap our congregational resources.



### Unearth Your Talents



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| 8/5  | Paul Woodward      |
| 8/9  | Diane Johnson      |
| 8/10 | Alice Hanson       |
| 8/11 | Bruce Lambert      |
| 8/15 | Mary Ann Frank     |
| 8/16 | Cynthia Caldwell   |
| 8/16 | Verna Mueller      |
| 8/17 | Marvin Manke       |
| 8/17 | Genevieve Moll     |
| 8/19 | Richard Erstad     |
| 8/25 | James Barnharst    |
| 8/26 | Donald Thurston    |
| 8/29 | Keith Podoll       |
| 8/30 | Gary Johnson       |
| 8/31 | Charles Hilgendorf |

## DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

<p><b>August 1/4    11th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26                  Psalm 100                  Colossians 3:1-11                  Luke 12:13-21</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Rebellion — Their Favorite Pastime</i>                  Text: Numbers 14                  Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i>                            (Sun) <i>DSIV</i>, p. 203                  Hymns: 797 - 732 - 611, 618 - 861                  Organist: Jeremy Zieroth                  Choir: (Sun) Vicki Gramse, <i>Soloist</i></p>
<p><b>August 8/11    12th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>Genesis 15:1-6                  Psalm 33:12-22                  Hebrews 11:1-16                  Luke 12:22-40</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Showdown at the Rock</i>                  Text: Numbers 20                  Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i>                            (Sun) <i>Matins</i>, p. 219                  Hymns: 504 - 743 - 663 - 735                  Organist: Jeremy Zieroth                  Choir: TBA</p>
<p><b>August 15/18    13th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>Jeremiah 23:16-29                  Psalm 119:81-88                  Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-5                  Luke 12:49-53</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Lest We Forget</i>                  Text: Deuteronomy 8                  Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i>                            (Sun) <i>DSIII</i>, p. 184                  Hymns: 729 - 694 - 622, 655 - 664                  Organist: Jeremy Zieroth                  Choir: TBA</p>
<p><b>August 22/25    14th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>Isaiah 66:18-23                  Psalm 50:1-15                  Hebrews 12:4-29                  Luke 13:22-30</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>"O Captain, My Captain"</i>                  Text: Deuteronomy 34                  Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i>                            (Sun) <i>Matins</i>, p. 219                  Hymns: 648 - 508 - 813 - 526                  Organist: Jeremy Zieroth                  Choir: TBA</p>
<p><b>Aug 29/ Sept 1    15th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>Proverbs 25:2-10                  Psalm 131                  Hebrews 13:1-17                  Luke 14:1-14</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Why Work?</i>                  Text: Luke 14:1-14                  Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i>                            (Sun) <i>DSIV</i>, p. 203                  Hymns: 851 - 857 - 846, 628 - 842                  Organist: Jeremy Zieroth                  Choir: TBA</p>

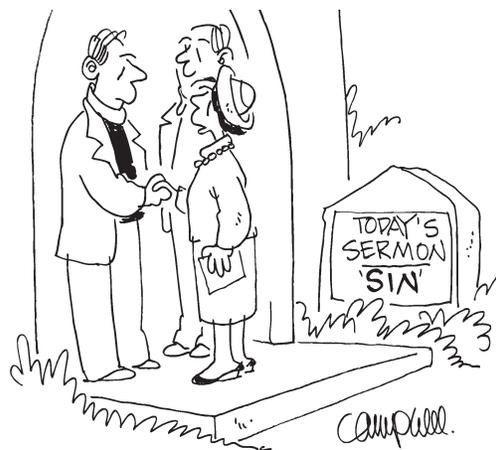


Fall and winter clothes will start appearing on the racks in August. The half-price sale will be Friday, August 23rd and Saturday, August 24th.

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 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 (August 2nd) and the third Wednesday (August 21st) 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!*



"I imagine you were pretty nervous addressing an army of experts."

## COUNCIL NOTES – July 9, 2013

President Greg Frank called the July 9, 2013 meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council to order at 6:32 p.m. Members present were Greg Frank, Steve Hustad, David Hutchinson, Tyson Miller, Steve Paskey, Keith Podoll, Glenn Puntney, Stephen Saager, Sandra Sandstrom, Lynnette Taylor, Corinne Tuschl, Mark Witt, Mary Witt, Elizabeth Hutchinson and Deacon Schroeder. Tom Daugherty, Greg Latzig, Michael Post, Shannon Rohrbeck and Jennifer See were excused; Tom Crum and Brad Zimmerman were absent.

St. Peter's new Organist/ Music director Mr. Jeremy Zieroth was introduced to the Council and council members proceeded to introduce themselves and their positions on the Board. Welcome Jeremy.

The opening devotion was given by Deacon Schroeder from the Gospel of Luke and the parable of the Good Samaritan. Just like the Good Samaritan we always want to justify ourselves and want to earn God's favor but as Christians we know that the only way to inherit eternal life is through Jesus Christ.

The **agenda** was presented. One item was added to the agenda under new business concerning the organ debt. Keith Podoll made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, David Hutchinson seconded and the motion carried.

The **Secretary's minutes** were read. Steve Hustad made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary Witt seconded and the motion carried.

The **Financial Secretary's Report** was presented by Mary Witt. It was noted that it is a typical summer with offerings declining slightly. Total offerings for the month of June were \$34,912.04. Sandra Sandstrom made a motion to approve the report, Steve Paskey seconded and the motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Lynnette Taylor. To cover insurance costs \$750.00 will be transferred from the general account to the special purpose fund. The parsonage/ church repair project debt is now under \$500.00. The organ loan balance is \$35,766.72 which costs \$176.00 per month in interest. A motion was made by

Stephen Saager to approve the report, Mark Witt seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Elders Report** was presented by Glenn Puntney. The Military Care is sending out a package monthly. The Christian Women's Council is researching the cost of recovering the communion kneeling cushions. A thank you goes out to Steve Paskey for constructing a cradle for the communion rail to sit in and Henry Schroeder for designing the plan. Deacon Schroeder reported that it is good to have the new organist; which will make it easier to keep the services flowing. Jeremy Zieroth our new organist reported that he has been going thru the core music and spending time just seeing what all the organ can do before the busy season begins with all the different music groups meeting. Corinne Tuschl made a motion to approve the Elder's report, Tyson Miller seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Trustees Report** was presented by Keith Podoll. The parking lot project has been completed and it looks great. There was some minor flooding in the church when the sump pump kicked out but it has all been cleaned up and the

pump is operating. The water softener in the vicarage needed some maintenance so Joe Prochot of Proshot Water Conditioners did some parts replacement and cleanup. Two bids were obtained by Keith Podoll on the project to make a handicapped accessible section of sidewalk. The bid from Mead Construction was considerably lower and they will be in the area which also determines the cost. A ten foot section of curb has to be removed so the Village of Arlington will be consulted first. Corinne Tuschl Assistant Financial Secretary informed the Council that there is \$1900.00 in the Pre-K fund designed for projects like this. A motion was made by Mark Witt to proceed with the project, Corinne Tuschl seconded and the motion carried. Glenn Puntney made a motion to approve the Trustee's report, David Hutchinson seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Christian Education Report** was presented by Sandra Sandstrom. The children in the Child Care Center have been enjoying the summer reading program. Enrollment is still slightly down. The contract with the Poynette School District has been signed for the coming school year. Thirteen of the Center's children will be in Vacation Bible School which will be August 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. The Child Care Center also hopes to be in the Arlington Festival Parade. Three of the High School Youth went to Scranton, Pennsylvania along with Deacon Schroeder for a Youth Rally. Bible Class is still being conducted on Tuesdays, 1 o'clock at Marie Cook's. A motion was made by Keith Podoll to approve the Board of Christian Education report, Mark Witt seconded and the motion carried.

The **Pastor's Report**-Pastor Hendrickson supplied a written report to the Council. Pastor Hendrickson began teaching a class for *Concordia* in Madison on the Gospel of Luke. Pastor and Jeremy Zieroth have been having some meetings to discuss St. Peter's and its music program. Pastor enjoyed remaining in the chancel and not dashing up and down from the balcony. Pastor Hendrickson postponed his attendance at the Doxology Conference to 2014 because of his continued recuperation from his surgery. Pastor Hendrickson has been studying Synod material that concerns long range planning for Congregations such as St. Peter's. The adult class is nearly finished so next month there should be some membership changes along with the pleasure of adding the Zieroth Family. A motion was made by Steve Hustad to approve the Pastor's report, Sandra Sandstrom seconded and the motion carried.

**Membership Changes**-There was not any to report.

**Old Business**-No old business to report.

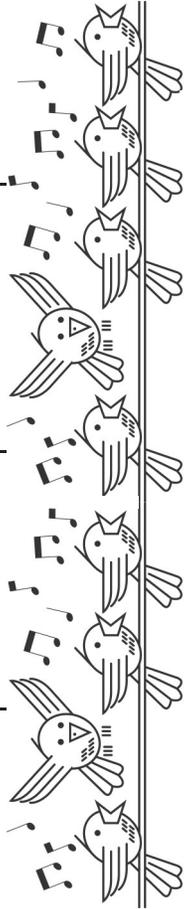
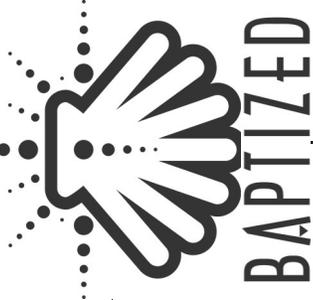
**New Business**-The Quarterly Voter's meeting will be held Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 between services at approximately 9:30a.m. Council President Greg Frank has had some discussion with Pastor Hendrickson about reducing the organ debt and urged Council Members to think about different options to possibly discuss at the Voter's meeting.

At 7:17p.m. a motion was made by Mark Witt to adjourn the meeting, Keith Podoll seconded and the motion carried. The Lord's Prayer followed.





# CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 6:30 PM HC Service	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM <i>Thrift Store</i>	<b>3</b> 11:30 AM Private Confession 1:00 PM Davis-Schernecker Wedding
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