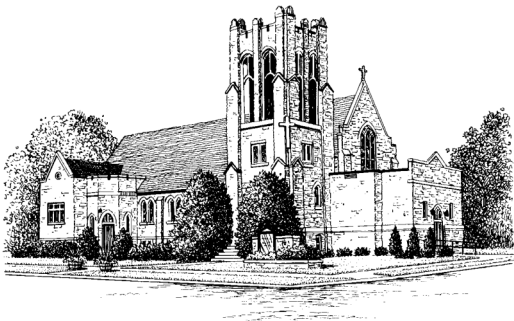




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## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



## ST. PETER'S NET

## AUGUST 2021

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Galatians 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus,

moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)!

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, and without resources for the poor and needy.

In short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us. For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.



# Music Ministry



**Attention all members:** Plan to join choir and bells this year! We are planning to restart post-pandemic and get back to our musical opportunities!

Handbells choir meets Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the balcony. We play about once a month with select holidays. We need 11 ringers and a few substitutes! Scared? All you need to know is your right and left hands and be able to count to 4! We can teach the rest!

Vocal Choir meets Wednesday nights at 7:30pm in the balcony. We sing about once a month plus a few select holidays. All voice levels are needed and experience is not necessary!

First practice of the new year is **SEPTEMBER 8**.

Talk to Cantor with any questions and to let him know yes or no!

## HYMN STUDY

Turn for a bit to LSB 865, “Lord Help Us Ever To Retain.” This hymn comes up as our hymn of the day on August 22/23.

This is rather a unique choice for the LSB Hymn of the Day list—a 16th century children’s hymn. But as students prepare to return to school, as educational ministries gear up for another season, and as Midweek classes begin, it’s especially appropriate to include in our liturgies. We should be faithful in teaching the songs of the Church to our young people.

As 21st century neuroscience continues to discover, nothing lights up the human brain more than the doing of music—singing or playing an instrument. (It does not happen so much when simply listening to music.) So, doing music is the perfect tool for teaching divine truth. And the Church has such a rich treasury of song! There are so many texts which memorably convey the basics of the Christian faith with tunes that are readily learned and remembered, songs that become a part of the soundtrack of the individual’s life. And by Christ’s Spirit, this treasury is continually being expanded with fresh insights and sounds.

Further, Martin Luther’s Small Catechism is not meant only for students in confirmation class. It’s a great “refresher course” in the basics of Christian doctrine for all of us. Just as many take a few lessons each spring to tune up their golf game, so it’s good for all of us to occasionally go back over the basics. There’s still much there for us to learn! (Another regular “basics” text for revisiting might be C. S. Lewis’ Mere Christianity.) Take your catechism out every so often. Any

newer version also includes many questions about issues in society today, showing where God speaks to these issues in the Bible. As we see in Ecclesiastes, there is “nothing new under the sun.”

Speaking of educational ministries, it’s always useful to examine closely curriculum materials to evaluate their strength, both in terms of content and educational technique.

Today’s hymn does have its weaknesses. It focuses heavily on following God’s commands, asking for strength to do so, and pleading for forgiveness when we come up short. There is no direct mention of the Gospel. Also, the gift of Christ’s body and blood (in stanza four) is not usually available to most of our children. It would be better to include with this hymn one with a clear emphasis on the Gospel blessings. “Oh, Blest the House” (LSB 862) fills that void on this weekend. “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15b) “Impress these commandments on your children.” (Deuteronomy 6:7a)

Let this new fall season at your Church be a time for new energy in teaching the faith to young and old, and a time for using all the proven, dynamic, effective tools at our disposal—especially the hymns of the Church!

*1. Lord, help us ever to retain/ the Catechism’s doctrine plain/ as Luther taught the Word of truth/ in simple style to tender youth.*

*2. Help us your holy Law to learn,/ to mourn our sin and from it turn/ in faith to you and to your Son/ and Holy Spirit, Three-in-One.*

*3. Hear us, dear Father, when we pray/ for needed help from day to day/ that as your children we may live,/ whom you baptized and so received.*

*4. Lord, when we fall or go astray,/ absolve and lift us up, we pray;/ and through the Sacrament increase/ our faith till we depart in peace.*

In His service,  
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth

## CHOIR, MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

**September 8, 2021**

**Handbells: 6:30 pm**

**Vocal Choir: 7:30 pm**

Help us make a joyful noise with your musical gifts!



*God of all grace and mercy, bless those who serve as members of the altar guild that they may be faithful in their service. Grant them steadfast devotion and strong faith. By their loving service to your house of prayer and your altar of worship may your church be built up to the praise and honor of your most holy name; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Dear friends in Christ,

The above prayer is used in the *Lutheran Worship Agenda* for the placing of altar guild members as servants of the congregation. It expresses three things about the nature of the work of the altar guild: its purpose is to serve; its service requires spiritual commitment, and its service has a spiritual goal. In fact, it is an auxiliary service of the type that has been given to others since the earliest days of the church (cf. Acts 6:1-6).

We would like to extend to you the same opportunity to serve. Members of our Altar Guild are necessary and valuable servants of the congregation. If you would like to be one of those valuable servants for just one month (or even a half a month) out of the year then please contact an Elder or the church office for more information. We look forward to hearing from you. God's peace,

*God, accept and bless the work of my hands and all who serve you in the care and adornment of your sanctuary, that your holy name may be glorified; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.*



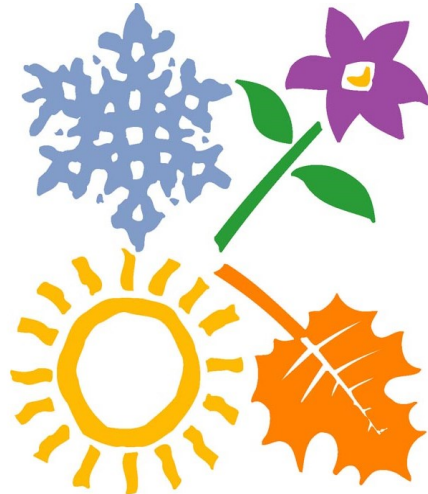
### USHER LIST REVISIONS

As St. Peter's begins to return to pre-2020 procedures, we would like for you to be aware that the Elders are going to be revising the Usher schedule. Be sure to call or email the church office with your preference (service time and months that work best for you) when serving as an usher.

Phone: 608-635-4825 option #2  
Email: [stpeterluth@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterluth@gmail.com)

Along with this revision of lists, your Elder will be giving you a call to find a time for your family to greet at a church service. Your current contact information is therefore needed, so please forward that as well.

## ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CONGREGATION



## CALL MEETING

**August 5, 2021**

**6:00 p.m.**

***Call Committee has names to recommend for your consideration of a new Pastor.***

***Please join us to cast your vote.***

# FAITHFUL followers

Play these fun variations on Follow the Leader — and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go!

## What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter's tape

## What you do:

Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader's movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader by crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.

# Happy sunshine cupcakes

Psalm 144:15 says, "Blessed [or happy] are the people whose God is the LORD." Make these bright cupcakes to remember all the ways God makes you happy.



## What you need:

- Adult help
- Cake mix
- Cupcake liners
- White frosting
- Yellow food coloring
- Black frosting or tube gel
- Candy corn

## What you do:

1. Make cupcakes by following directions on the box. Let them cool completely.
2. Stir yellow food coloring into white frosting, making it as yellow as the sun. Frost the cupcakes.
3. Using black frosting, make a happy face on each cupcake.
4. Around each cupcake, place candy corn with points out to resemble sun rays. Enjoy!



## St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS Accredited

4-K Host Site for Poynette School District

Welcome to August! The childcare center has been full for the summer, and although Covid is still keeping us from field trips, we have brought Amy Paskey in to do a gardening day each Wednesday. The children have made paper, jelly, and also painted spoons for garden markers along with small pots for their own flowers! Amy keeps them busy while having fun.

We also have had fun with "string" and finding different ways to use yarn to make different projects. They learned how to make bracelets, along with string art, and wrapping by it around nails to make a picture.

The preschool has had fun in the water, enjoying getting each other and themselves soaked. They have also painted some dinosaurs and learned a new dinosaur stomp!!

We are excited to enjoy this last month of summer. We pray for everyone to have a fun time during this final month as well.



## BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Study has resumed Sundays though we will meet in the classroom by the kitchen and offices. Tables and distancing are being observed.

Friday morning Men's Bible Study is also in the same classroom at 7:30am.

Join in time of fellowship and discussion of God's Word.



## DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

<b>August 1/2 10th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 145:10-21 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:22-35	Sermon: <i>E Pluribus Unum</i> [ <i>Sanctum</i> ] Out of the Many, One [Church] Text: Ephesians 4:1-16 Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 699 - 918 - 774, 641 - 662 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
<b>August 8/9 11th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 Kings 19:1-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:17-5:2 John 6:35-51	Sermon: A Savior Beyond Reason Text: John 6:35-51 Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 625 - 534 - I Am the Bread of Life - 803 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
<b>August 15 St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord\</b> Isaiah 61:7-11 Psalm 45 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 1:39-55	Sermon: Double Honor Luke 1:39-55 Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 933 - 670 - 390, 621 - 387 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
<b>August 16 12th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:12-22 Ephesians 5:6-21 John 6:51-69	Sermon: Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 624 - 696 - 794 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
<b>August 22/23 13th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Isaiah 29:11-19 Psalm 14 Ephesians 5:22-33 Mark 7:1-13	Sermon: Profound Mysteries and Perfect Marriages Text: Ephesians 5:22-33 Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 862 - 865 - 636 - 854 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
<b>August 29/30 14th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 119:129-136 Ephesians 6:10-20 Mark 7:14-23	Sermon: Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God Text: Mark 7:14-23 Order: Matins, p. 219/Evening Prayer, p. 243 Hymns: 661 - 566 - 582, 867 - 665 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth

AUGUST

Birthdays

8/6	Calvin Moll
8/9	Diane Johnson
8/10	Alice Hanson
8/15	Mary Ann Frank
8/16	Cynthia Caldwell
8/16	Verna Mueller
8/17	Marvin Manke
8/25	James Barnharst
8/26	Donald Thurston
8/29	Keith Podoll
8/30	Gary Johnson
8/31	Charles Hilgendorf



St. Peter's is open and welcoming everyone to come to worship. We offer three services:

**Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am, and Mondays at 6:30 pm.**

YOU are invited to come to worship for the outpouring of God's love and receive the Sacraments.

Remember, you can give online at [StPetersArlington.org](http://StPetersArlington.org), with options for designated and automatic giving. Thanks for your generosity and support.



## COUNCIL MINUTES July 13, 2021

The July 13th meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President James Rittmeyer at 6:45 pm.

President Rittmeyer opened with prayer.

The agenda was presented. Additions were asked to be included under the Trustees: Windows, Big Refrigerator downstairs, and AED batteries. Under old business: Call Committee Update. Bill Manthey moved approval with amended additions, Alex Rehlinger provided the second, motion carried.

Secretary's minutes were read. Keith Podoll moved approval, Tyson Miller second, motion carried.

The Financial secretary's report was written by Bob Hagenow and read by Lynnette Taylor in Bob's absence. There was 9,220.12 deposited for General expenses in June. This compares to 11,794.56 the month before but remember May had an extra Sunday for offerings as compared to June. There was 734.80 dollars deposited to the Mission Fund for June. This compares to 999.00 for May but also consider the one less Sunday in June. Special purpose had a very conservative month of giving with the most significant contribution coming for the sanctuary roof. That category continues to receive consistent support. Online giving was on par with the previous months. Barb Reddeman moved approval, Bill Manthey second, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented. The current checkbook balance is \$19,116.37 which includes two deposits and a payroll with all bills to date taken out. Barb asked the council to consider moving our second partial disbursement from the Hook estate into the building fund as that fund has currently taken on the bulk of the parsonage facelift (to the tune of approximately \$10,299.52) and is negative at present. Bill Manthey moved approval, Tyson Miller second, motion carried. Those funds will be moved in the month of July. Calvin Moll moved approval of the treasurer's report, Keith Podoll second, motion carried.

The Elders report began with none of the subcommittee's having anything to report. Cantor Gerny Zieroth reported that there was a substitute organist in June, there will be another at the end of July. Pastor Baldwin will be with us this coming weekend. Cantor is preparing for choirs to go back to pre-2020 status including vocal, hand bells, and all Sunday School choirs as well. The streaming of services live was having some issues but he is pretty sure he is getting that straightened out.

The Trustees reported that quotes have come back from Window World and from Schuster Home

Improvement. Window World was \$4500 and Schuster was \$6400. Bill Manthey made a motion to go with Window World and get on their list, Calvin Moll second, motion carried. The big refrigerator downstairs is having issues with draining water so 2B Cool is working on it but if it isn't a fixable problem we may need to think about replacing it. There was an unknown beeping in the narthex, it was finally determined that the AED was the cause. Judy Smith took a look at it and realized that the batteries were dead. She took on the task of ordering new ones and in the meantime also realized that the pads were also expired. She has ordered all of the replacement parts and will get them installed when they come in.

The Board of Christian Education report was given by Charlotte Reddeman. The Child Care Center is still running a full capacity. They are looking to hire a full-time teacher in the fall to work with the children and also to do the daily lesson planning. There was nothing to report from the Sunday School or from Midweek. There will be no VBS this year as no one from the Board of Christian Education was able to reach out to anyone who could take on the lead for this important outreach mission. The Friday morning Bible Class is still going strong and the Sunday morning class with Pastor Hintz is studying the Small Catechism as well as qualifications to become a Pastor within the LCMS.

There was no Pastor's report as there have been no events lately.

There were no membership changes.

Old business consisted of the call committee update. Charlotte Reddeman indicated that they had met the previous Thursday and reviewed the six names we were given. One of them has recently accepted a call so the list has narrowed itself to five. Jim Rittmeyer gave a list of names that he has heard from who would be willing to help with Altar Guild: Linda Manthey, Amy Cuff, and Cameron Gramse.

New business consisted of letting the committees know that reports are due for packet inclusion by the end of this week.

Calvin Moll moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm, Barb Reddeman second, motion carried. The Lord's prayer was recited. Elder meeting follows.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynnette Taylor  
Council Secretary





**FINANCIAL REPORT  
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**

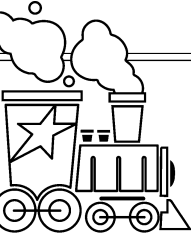


Balance on June 30, 2021 .....	\$21,738.28
Receipts for July (est.) .....	\$12,247.28
Expenses for July (est.) .....	\$(12,123.64)
Shortage/Overage .....	\$21,861.92

# ELDERS

Aug 1	8:00 a.m.	Paul Yamriska
	10:30 a.m.	Bill Manthey
Aug 2	6:30 p.m.	Brad Larson
Aug 8	8:00 a.m.	Tyson Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Calvin Moll
Aug 9	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt
Aug 15	8:00 a.m.	Tyson Miller
	10:30 a.m.	Calvin Moll
Aug 16	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt
Aug 22	8:00 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
	10:30 a.m.	Bill Manthey
Aug 23	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt
Aug 29	8:00 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
	10:30 a.m.	Bill Manthey
Aug 30	6:30 p.m.	

# PUZZLE



## No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



*Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.*



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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear     | 9. ___ monkey     | A. fry     | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog     | 10. ___ platypus  | B. fawn    | K. foal      |
| 3. ___ owl      | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet     |
| 4. ___ horse    | 12. ___ giraffe   | D. cub     | M. puggle    |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose     | E. kid     | N. joey      |
| 6. ___ deer     | 14. ___ swan      | F. cygnet  | O. polliwog  |
| 7. ___ goat     | 15. ___ dog       | G. infant  | P. puppy     |
| 8. ___ fish     |                   | H. calf    |              |

“\_on’t let any \_ne \_oo\_ down o\_ you \_ecaus\_  
 you \_re youn\_, but set an exa\_ple for the bel\_evers  
 in speec\_, in \_onduct, in love, in \_aith and in \_urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, J, H, C, F, P



## AUGUST USHERS

### August 1, 8 & 15

**Early**

*No Chairman*  
 Wade Senft  
 George Schoeneberg  
 Jeff, Brandon, Jacob Rowe  
 John Frank  
 Phil & Austin Kruger  
 Trent Olson

**Late**

*Tyson Miller, Chr.*  
 (635-8504)  
 Mitch & Ahren Schoeckert  
 Matthew Hendrickson  
 Michael Hendrickson  
 Stephen Saager  
 James & Matthew Saager

### August 22 & 29

*Philip Hanson, Chr*  
 (635-2244)

Randy Schuster  
 David Caldwell  
 Mark Hirssig  
 Robert Rittmeyer  
 Buck & Ty Woodward  
 Justin, Jacob, Caleb Reddeman  
 Richard & Tony Rittmeyer

*No Chairman*

James Dobratz  
 Bob Hagenow  
 Al Stoltenberg



The table in the narthex has a good selection of cards available. Stop by and check it out! There is a wide range of cards to fit every occasion and all proceeds go to the *Christian Women's Council* to help support all their good works. There are also a number of craft items available for sale. You may leave your cash or check in the basket on the table.



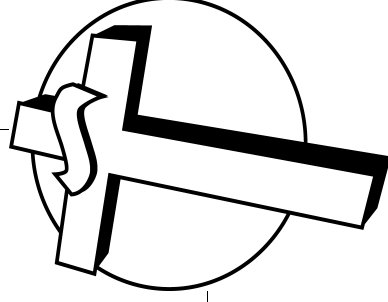
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*Cathy Schmidt*

# CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Pentecost 10 1</b> 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Class Music sessions 10:30 AM Divine Service	<b>2</b> 6:30PM Divine Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM Divine Call Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:30 AM Men's Bible Class	<b>7</b>
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