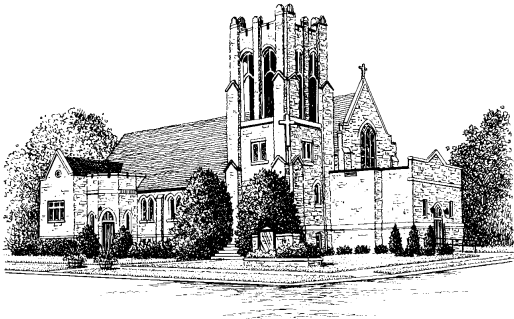


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FEBRUARY 2023

Beloved in the Lord:

While preparing for our ladies Bible Study on Ephesians, these words of Saint Paul struck a chord with me: "And [Christ] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes" (Ephesians 4:11-14).

Though it is always good to be young at heart, Saint Paul encourages us to grow "to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ". One of the ways we Christians grow in Christ is to bring Jesus home with us. It is fitting that we attend Divine Service each weekend, putting the gifts that Jesus Christ gives us in Word and Sacrament as the first priority in our lives. But do we forget to bring our Savior's Word with us as we pass through the church doors, start up our vehicles, and head home after Divine Service?



*"Give
us this day our
daily bread."*

Whether you are just starting your family or your children have families of their own, it is easy to leave Jesus behind at 303 Park Street; not to think of Him, speak of Him to others, or even talk to Him in prayer until next week. If you are a parent of young children, remember that you are your child's number one influence. What you do in your home will influence what your children will do in their homes, should God grant them a spouse and children. If you are of riper years, you still serve as an influence on your adult children, and especially your grandchildren or great-grandchildren. When you tell the Good News about Jesus to them, they hear what you say and see how you model the Christian faith in your home.

An easy way to bring Jesus home with you between the Sundays (or Mondays) is to start the habit of daily prayer together as a family...even if your family is just you or only two of you. Lutheran Service Book has orders for daily prayer on pages 295-298. There's a daily lectionary starting on page 299 that gives you a daily Old and New Testament reading. If you use another resource like Portals of Prayer, there is an order for daily prayer in each edition.

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If you skip a day, a week, or even a month, don't fret. You can always start again. When you begin, start small. If the daily Bible readings are too long, pick one key verse from a Scripture reading and have your family say it out loud with you. If even the orders for daily prayer do not fit your schedule, at the least you could pray the Lord's Prayer and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer. Over time you can add more to your personal or family prayer time.

Paraphrasing the words of the late Prof. Daniel Deutschlander: "When I'm doing my devotion I imagine Jesus sitting right here next to me. And I think about how he has nothing better to do than to be here with me. And for this hour, I have nothing better to do than sit here with him." Whether it's an hour or two minutes, you will notice the difference it makes in your lives when you spend some time with Jesus in His Word.

*Your partner in the Gospel,
Pastor Juhl*

Music Ministry



WALKING THROUGH THE LITURGY The WORDS OF OUR LORD

The LSB uses the heading "The Words of Our Lord" but you also may have heard them called "The Words of Institution" or "The Words of Consecration," or, in Latin, the "*Verba*". In all cases they refer to the same thing: The words Jesus said the night He was betrayed, concerning the bread and then the cup. With this we have reached the climax of the Service of the Sacrament.

The pastor has removed the veil from over the chalice and moved the hosts to the paten (liturgical name for the plate which holds the bread) and either will speak or chant the Words. Altar placement changes the way pastors say these words. Our altar is set up and attached to the wall. Previously the words of our Lord were chanted over the elements facing away from the congregation. Now, Pastor turns with the elements and faces the congregation. In some churches, the altar is free-standing. That pastor stands on the other side and gets to face the people.

Every Sunday, we rehearse the night of Jesus "being handed over." Jesus says to do these things in remembrance of Him, so the Church has always done it and continues to "hand it down to the next generation." Paul says this in his account in 1 Corinthians 11. By participating in the Sacrament, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

But whose voice do we hear when those words are spoken? You hear Christ's living voice. Just like the Gospel reading is the "high point" of the Service of the Word, so the

Words of Christ are the high point of the Service of the Sacrament. You actually hear the living voice of Jesus in these words. They are not the Pastor's words but Christ's words.

Remember that this was a Passover Meal, commemorating God's greatest act of salvation to date for Israel. However, on this night, the meal between Jesus and His Disciples would begin to unveil the act of salvation to which the Passover points. It's fulfilled once and for all by his all-availing sacrifice on the cross.

Dr. Arthur Just, Jr. in his book *Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service*, lays out the events that take during a "Passover Meal". The meal is a series of eating then teaching at the table, where the story of the exodus is retold and the foods interpreted accordingly.

Luke is the most thorough Gospel concerning the events of Jesus' Last Supper, telling us about two cups of wine (Luke 22:17-18; 22:20). They are not the same cup, according to Passover Liturgy.

As part of the Passover Meal Liturgy, the food itself would be interpreted by the host of meal. This is where the words of institution come into play. Jesus interprets the bread concerning himself! It is given up "on behalf of you" (Luke 22:19). In the other accounts, there is no atonement language spoken over the bread. Thanks be to God for multiple accounts from the Gospels, catching each detail so that our theology may be as rich as possible. Christ's body is part of the sacrifice for our atonement!

Also note Jesus' words concerning the bread being his body. Is means Is! There's no way around what Jesus says. There is no other way to interpret Jesus' own words. *This is My Body*. What we eat when we receive the Sacrament is exactly what Jesus says: His Body. This is the same body given up for you at the cross, buried, and raised on the third day. This is the same body which ascended to the right hand of the Father. How it happens, we can't know on this side of heaven. That's why it's called a Sacrament: Mystery.



We turn our attention to The Words of our Lord concerning the cup of His Sacrament. The contents in the cup is the primary focus. What we receive is His blood, because He says it is.

Just as we have been walking through the liturgy and have already heard a couple of times in the great Gloria that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, now we see the blood of the Lamb of God given to us to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and immediately following this we will sing about it again in the beautiful Agnus Dei.

Let us remember again that these words are spoken first by Jesus on the night before his death on the cross. He is about to pour out his blood as our redemption price. He is

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about to drink the cup of God's wrath for the sin of the world at the cross, in order for this cup which He gives us to be a blessing for us. He accomplishes our salvation at the cross. By participating in this meal, we receive that salvation.

At the end, Jesus says, "Do this in remembrance of Me." What does this mean? Is receiving the Sacrament a work that we must do? Actually God is being gracious in giving us His gifts. He is remembering His people for the sake of Christ, who poured his blood to save us. But by receiving this gift, we remember our Lord's suffering and death, as St. Paul says, "As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

Liturgically, the Words of our Lord are the climax of every Divine Service. These words are the Gospel in the purest sense. He says of the bread, "This is my Body." Of the cup He says, "This is my Blood." Christ is there giving to us the salvation accomplished for us by his cross. Let us now come to the feast our Lord has prepared for us, a feast of fatness and well-aged wine well refined, the food that is the medicine of immortality, as He has commanded in His Institution.

In His service,
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth

CHOIR, MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Practices are Wednesdays

Handbells: 6:30 pm

Vocal Choir: 7:30 pm

Help us make a joyful noise with your musical gifts!



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

Sundays at 8:00 am

and 10:30 am,

Mondays at 6:30 pm.

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

A LOOK AHEAD AT

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

In View of God's Mercy

Ash Wednesday, Feb 22nd

Divine Service 6:30 p.m.

With imposition of ashes

Wednesdays of Lent

Lenten Supper 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.

An early start to spring cleaning

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, Lent comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is the ideal time for some spiritual spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.



FEBRUARY

635-4825

Brad Larson

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday mornings between services a Bible Study is held in the sanctuary. Stay after the early service or come early for the late service to join in.

Saturday morning Men's Bible Study is held in the classroom across from the office at 8:00am.

Ladies Bible Study is held on Tuesday's at 1:00 p.m. here at St. Peter's.

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

Children of the LIGHT

This craft celebrates that now we are light in the Lord (see Ephesians 5:8).

What you need:

- A gallon zip-top plastic bag
- Permanent markers (dark colors)
- Black construction paper
- White cardstock
- Scissors

What you do:

1. Draw a self-portrait on the outside of the bag. Add details.
2. Insert the black paper and set the bag flat on a table. It should be tough to see your picture now.
3. On the white cardstock, draw a picture of a flashlight with a long beam of light coming out. Color the flashlight but leave the beam white.
4. Cut out the flashlight and light beam. Place them in the bag, over the black paper. When the white beam covers the black background under your picture, you can see your self-portrait clearly.

FRIENDSHIP CARDS

This month, don't just *send* valentines; *be* a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.



What you need:

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

4-K Host Site for Poynette School District

Connie Hendrickson, Director

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12

During the cold month of February, nothing warms the heart of our Center's children like being loved and cared for. Relationships, much like love, grow between staff, families and their children. One might call it 'friends we do life with'.

More importantly, as scripture teaches us, God knows our desire to be known and to be loved and how we are to go about building friendships.

So to help break up the cold this month and to show we care for one another we will be having our Annual Valentine Day Celebration! Children will exchange Valentines, play games, read scripture and stories on being a good friend, sing a new tune or two, and make and share their special treats. Children love to give and share! Doesn't get any cozier than this.



DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 5/6 Septuagesima Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5-6a 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5 Matthew 20:1-16	Order: DS Arlington Setting Hymns: 827 - 555 - 566, 563 - 761 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Choir
February 12/13 Sexagesima Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: vv. 23, 25a, 26a 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9 Luke 8:4-15	Order: DS Arlington Setting Hymns: 589 - 824 - 586, 587, 806 - 921 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Lower Grades Sunday School (10:30am)
February 19/20 Quinquagesima 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: vv. 2b-3 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 18:31-43	Order: DS Arlington Setting Hymns: 849 - TLH 353 - 681, 573 - 661 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Handbells
February 22 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-19 Psalm 51:1-13 2 Peter 1:2-11 Matthew 6:16-21	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 419 - 915 - 560, 732, 613 - 704 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Choir
February 26/27 1st Sunday in Lent Genesis 3:1-21 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Matthew 4:1-11	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 418 - 656 - 521, 716 - 600 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Upper Grades Sunday School (10:30am)



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

You have the option of giving online at StPeter-sArlington.org, with designated or automatic giving. Thanks for your generosity and support.



Reminder:

as winter weekends are filled with activities, we have a Divine Service available Monday evenings at 6:30pm.



"To err is human, to forgive, divine, and well, I've done my part."

COUNCIL MINUTES January 10, 2023

The January 10th meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President James Rittmeyer at 6:30 pm. This meeting was held in the sanctuary. In attendance were: Greg Frank, Cameron Gramse, Bob Hagenow, Meg Hanson, Connie Hendrickson, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Brad Larson, Bill Manthey, Tyson Miller, Steve Paskey, Keith Podoll, Charlotte Reddeman, Alex Rehlinger, James Rittmeyer, Benjamin Robinson, Lynnette Taylor, Jeremy Zieroth and Pastor David Juhl.

Pastor Juhl opened with a devotion from Matthew 3. He came to us in the flesh to fulfill all righteousness, to experience all the things that we got through so that we might try to be like Him.

The agenda was presented. Tyson Miller moved approval, Benjamin Robinson provided second, carried.

Secretary's minutes were read. It was noted that Brad Larson, Benjamin Robinson, and Alex Rehlinger were listed as in attendance at the previous months' meeting when in fact they were late for the council proper meeting and only attended the Elder meeting where they signed the attendance sheet at that time. Also the Trustee report stated that the parsonage received a new water heater when it should have said water softener at the vicarage. Bob Hagenow moved to approve the report with the corrections, Cameron Gramse second, carried.

The Financial Secretary's report was given by Bob Hagenow. The contributions to General Fund were at 117% of the prior year receipts while being at 91.4% of predicted expenses. We had numerous sizeable gifts given at the end of the year. Mission fund giving is at 118% of the prior year and 163% of our pledge to the South Wisconsin District. We used our Special Purpose funds to supplement our General Fund during the past year. The specific instructions of the contributors are met when we use these funds as stated. Steve Paskey moved to accept the report, Bill Manthey seconded, carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Meg Hanson. The current checkbook balance today is \$10,721.77. There were no questions and no discussion. Greg Frank moved approval of the treasurer's report, Cameron Gramse second, motion carried.

The Elders report was presented. The Military Care Committee reports that things are the same as they have been with no changes. Our outreach luncheon event with Calvary Lutheran Chapel will happen again this spring. The Christian Women's Council will be meeting on February 5th between services and are planning to send out Valentines to our college students again. There was a discussion concerning the ushering duties and different options that we could put into place in the future. Cantor Zieroth began his report indicating that December had a lot of Christmas and Advent music. The Sunday School Christmas programs went very well. They will both be singing at the same service on January 29th. Both choirs performed at services. There was trumpet and violin instrumentalists on Christmas and flute on New Year's Day.

Trustees report was given by Keith Podoll. The first bid from One Glass Impressions totaled all four sections of stain glass windows at \$120,616. The second bid

from Staige Stained & Leaded Glass Restoration came in at \$58,600. Cameron Gramse moved to take those bids to the Voters' Meeting for ratification, Greg Frank second, motion carried. The Aprilaire humidifier in the parsonage is getting old and has some broken parts that can no longer be replaced therefore a new one will be purchased and installed later this spring. The dishwasher downstairs has been spending more down time than working time. Once this repair is completed the Trustees will begin looking at replacement options for it.

The Board of Christian Education reported that all Bible studies are getting back up and running in the new year. Sunday School and Midweek classes are doing the same. Enrollment at the Child Care Center is at 26 and the new rates have gone into effect. The screen in the narthex is up and running through pictures from all their activities.

Pastor's report began with Pastor Juhl stating that he is visiting the same homebound members as before and asks the congregation to let him know if there are others or even older members that are not comfortable getting out in the winter. Official Acts since our last meeting: Baptisms: James Peter Robinson (December 18th) and Harper Ann Rittmeyer and Jackson James Rittmeyer (January 8th). Looking ahead, he is offering house blessings during the month of January. If you would like to have your home blessed, please talk to him about arranging a time. He is starting to fill out the vicarage application. Once it has been completed and sent to the district office, we will know for certain in late April if we will receive a vicar this summer. Thanks to the outgoing officers and the continuing officers of our congregation for their service this past year. You've been patient and gracious as he has leaned on you to learn and for help.

Membership changes: Keith Podoll made a motion to accept the transfer out of Vicki Gramse to St. John Lutheran (LCMS) Edgerton, WI, Cameron Gramse second, motion carried.

Old business noted that the nominating committee has the following list of nominees: Cameron Gramse, *President*; Amy Cuff, *Assistant Financial Secretary*; Paul Yamriska, Philip Kruger, Bill Steffenhagen, Stephen Saager, Dan Schmidt, Alex Rehlinger, Brad Larson, *Elder*; Greg Frank, *Trustee*; Casey Hathaway, *Board of Christian Education*; Rebecca Hutchinson, Barb Reddeman, Andrea Pitkus, *Endowment Fund*. Bob Hagenow gave a quick overview of the predicted expense (2023 budget) that the budget committee will take to the Voters' Meeting for ratification.

New business began with letting all the boards know that the report deadline for inclusion in the Voters' Meeting packet will be Thursday, January 19th. A discussion was held concerning the actions that the Voters' will be asked to make regarding voting for Synod elected positions.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Manthey, second by Bob Hagenow, motion carried at 7:38pm. Pastor Juhl led the singing of the common doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnette Taylor, *Council Secretary*



FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:

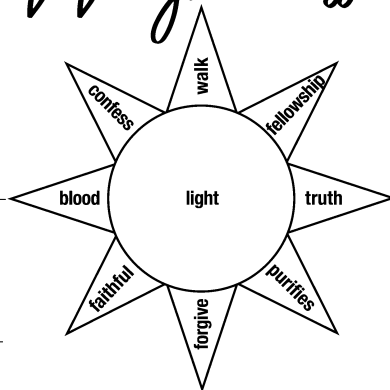


Balance on December 31, 2022.....	\$19,200.15
Receipts for Jan (est.)	\$23,445.26
Expenses for Jan (est.).....	\$(23,436.80)
Shortage/Overage	\$19,208.61



The light of forgiveness

The Lord is full of mercy and light. What happens when we confess our sins to God?



Directions:

*Use the coded shapes
to fill in the blanks and
complete 1 John 1:7-9, NIV.*

But if we _____ in the _____, as he is in the _____,
we have _____ with one another, and the _____
of Jesus, his Son, _____ us from all sin. If we claim to be
without sin, we deceive ourselves and the _____ is not in us.
If we _____ our sins, he is _____ and just and will
_____ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:7-9, NIV

Answer: walk, light, light, fellowship, blood, purities, truth, confess, faithful, forgive

CLDERs

Feb 5	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Feb 6	6:30 p.m.	TBD
Feb 12	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Feb 13	6:30 p.m.	TBD
Feb 19	8:00 a.m.	Cameron Gramse
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Feb 20	6:30 p.m.	Benjamin Robinson
Feb 22	6:30 p.m.	TBD
Feb 26	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Benjamin Robinson
Feb 27	6:30 p.m.	TBD



FEBRUARY USHERS

February 5 & 12

Early

No Chairman
Wade Senft
George Schoeneberg
Jeff, Brandon, Jacob Rowe
Phil & Austin Kruger

Late

Tyson Miller, Chr.
(279-5338)
Mitch & Ahren Schoeckert
Matthew Hendrickson
Michael Hendrickson
Stephen Saager
James Saager
Matthew Saager


February 19, 22 & 26

Philip Hanson, Chr
(635-2244)
Randy Schuster
Rich Rittmeyer
Mark Hirssig
Justin, Jacob, Caleb Reddeman

No Chairman

Bob Hagenow
Al Stoltenberg
Brad Larson

Greeting Card Sale



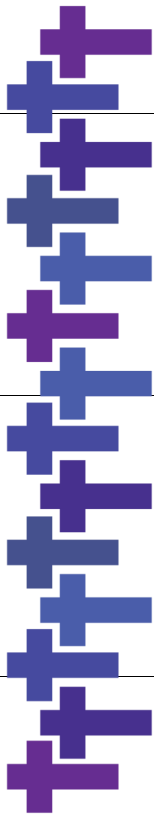




Greeting Card Sale

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, including Christmas. All proceeds go to the *Christian Women's Council* to help support all their good works. There are also a small number of craft items available for sale. You may leave your cash or check in the basket on the table.



2/01	David Gordon
2/01	Bill Stancer
2/09	Nancy Caldwell
2/15	Darlene Schmidt
2/16	Elaine Podoll
2/19	Larry Saager
2/26	Lloyd Hahn
2/28	Jan Stancer

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						4 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Septuagesima 5 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study <i>9:30 AM CWC meeting</i> 10:30 AM Divine Service	6 6:30PM Divine Service	7 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	8 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	9	10	11 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Sexagesima 12 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service <i>10:30 AM Lower Gr Sing</i> 	13 6:30PM Divine Service	Valentines Day 14 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	15 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	16	17	18 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Quinquagesima 19 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	20 6:30PM Divine Service	21 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	Ash Wednesday 22 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service 	23	24	25 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
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