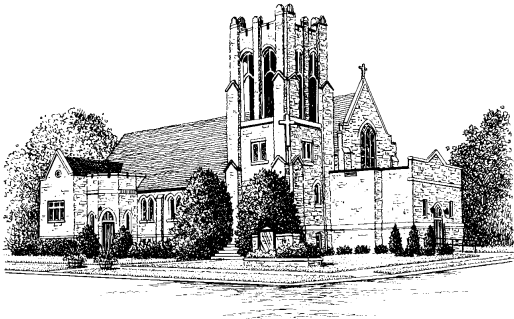




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ST. PETER'S NET

SEPTEMBER 2023

Beloved in the Lord:

September is Back to School time. Perhaps it seems like a vacation from summer vacation! Or maybe your schedule fills up even more so that you, your spouse, and your children don't have a second to take a deep breath.

When life gets hectic, please take that deep breath. I've talked before about how vital it is for you to stay connected to Jesus in Holy Scripture. Three opportunities are offered each week to go deep in God's Word: Sunday morning between Divine Services, Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 for the ladies (we're studying Proverbs), and Saturday morning at 8:00 for the gentlemen (we're studying Revelation).

Schedules can be so demanding that it's hard to squeeze in even one moment of meditation on the Bible at home. Whether it's 5-10 minutes or more, there's always time to go Back to School in the Bible. I know that it can be difficult building on what you learned before summer vacation. So let's take a lesson from Martin Luther and his barber,

Peter Beskendorf.

Mr. Beskendorf asked Luther for help on how to pray. Luther answered his barber's question with a booklet on prayer. Luther teaches Peter to ask four questions as he considers each of the Ten

Commandments. You can adapt those questions to any Bible passage as a way to begin, end, or weave into your day some time in God's Word.

Luther's "garland of four strands" are: 1. What is God teaching me in this passage? 2. For what am I thankful as I consider this passage? 3. What sin do I confess from considering this passage? 4. For what do I turn to my heavenly Father in prayer after meditating on this passage?

Now read the Gospel reading for the first Sunday in September (Luke 10:23-37, the Parable of the Good Samaritan) and use Luther's garland of four strands as a way to apply the Spirit-inspired words to your situation in life. Don't worry about doing it just right. If you can't make it through all four questions, try as much as you are able.



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If you need some extra help getting started, please don't hesitate to visit with me or with Vicar Sinatra. We are happy to give you a jump start on your personal Bible study time.

It's always Back to School time in Jesus! See you in the Lord's House as we grow deep in God's Word by God's grace!

Your partner in the Gospel,
Pastor Juhl

Music Ministry



The LITURGY of Back-To-School Routines

In this "Back to School!" time of year, what are your routines? You may be back in school already (like most of my kids are) or you are preparing for its imminent arrival. It is this time of year that we tend to pay attention to a change in routines, whether we are actively involved in school or not. Summer is coming to a close and the rapidly approaching autumn signals a return to stricter schedules and more activity-laden days.

It's easy to forget our faith in the process of routines. Can we approach things differently to give the Holy Spirit space to strengthen the faith in our families? It is the routine of the liturgy that can, and should, guide our days. Fortunately, we have great resources! *Lutheran Service Book* provides excellent ways which we can guide ourselves and our families to learn and celebrate the saving work of Christ in day-to-day routines.

The Divine Service, Matins, and Vespers

The weekly Sunday Divine Service is essential to the life of a Christian. It is here that we receive Christ's body and blood and hear God's Word granting us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. How do we bring a service full of God's Word during the week, when time is of the essence? We can turn to other offices like Matins and Vespers.

Originally, Jewish Christians carried forward the ancient Jewish hours of prayer, transforming them to reflect Christ's completed work. These hours of prayer were expanded until nine hours, or services, were offered each day. During the time of the Reformation, leaders considered that nine hours of prayer was impractical for all but those people specifically dedicated to the religious life. Thus, several of these hours were merged and their components combined to give one main morning service, Matins, and one main evening service, Vespers, for general use.



Using Matins and *Lutheran Service Book* as regular Devotional Resources for Your Family

How can you as a parent implement liturgy into your home? Start by reading God's Word to your children. If you've never had this time in your home before, it's ok to start small. You can pick up a copy of the Portals of Prayer from the counter in the narthex. These provide two Bible readings, a small devotion, and a prayer every day. When you need it, there are also other various prayers in the back to choose from for specific situations.

Are you ready to go deeper? You can find the lectionary, both the 3-Year and the 1-Year, online. If it helps, we use the 1-year version at our services. Using that can help you prepare for the upcoming week or refresh from the previous week! If you opt for the 3-year, you will go through a lot more scripture, as well.

Another idea is that you can also sing hymns. This is my favorite, as your Cantor. Yes, hymns can be sung outside of the church building! *Lutheran Service Book* conveniently organizes its hymn selections by season of the Church Year first and then by topic. Pick a hymn each week or each month to learn and even memorize. Thanks to modern technology, we have a wealth of free recordings on hand for those hymns with which you may not be familiar. Remember, children will participate as enthusiastically as you do. If children only see adults whom they look up to apathetic about hymns and liturgy and not quick to learn, they themselves will not engage readily. On the other hand, if you are serious and dedicated to this work, your children will see and emulate that.

The liturgy of Matins and Vespers as well as the other services included in *Lutheran Service Book* can serve to guide your family's daily devotional life. We are blessed to be able to take advantage of the work of scholars, theologians, and musicians who have worked to share the ancient liturgy of the Church with us in the twenty-first century. As the new school year begins, what a wonderful opportunity we have to share these jewels with the children in our care. Thanks be to God that we are able to show the next generations the serious, solemn, and ultimately joyful traditions of the Church!



In His service,
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth



It was late Wednesday morning, almost noontime, in October 2019 when I walked into the common room in Luther Hall at Westfield House, Cambridge, England. That particular morning, Francis, a biology student from Kenya, had the only television in the building on the BBC. Mem-

bers of Parliament (MPs) were grilling then-prime minister Boris Johnson with questions one after the other. The United Kingdom was in the throes of debating Brexit, whether to stay in the E.U. or whether to leave. In my utter confusion as to what happening, my Kenyan friend reassured me that the utter circus on the tele was completely normal. In fact,



Westfield House,
Cambridge England

I had just stumbled into the weekly Prime Minister Questions, or PMQs, a televised weekly ritual in British Parliament where MPs could ask any and all questions to the Prime Minister. The cherry on top is that the Prime Minister doesn't get the questions in advance.

This crash-course in British politics impressed on me my status in the U.K. As an American, I was an outsider. In the following weeks, as the Brexit controversy waged on, I would get asked on the street who or what I was going to vote for. Then I would open my fat American mouth, and the minute these people heard the first syllable of my thick and boisterously opinionated American accent, they probably regretted their life choices up to that point. They were probably thinking, "This fat American is about to brag about his country." Luckily for them, though, I would just tell them that I was an American and had no horse in this race and to have a nice day. And what I told these people was true. As a foreign national, I had no right to vote and, therefore, why did my opinion matter? However, I believe I carried a special perspective on British politics as an outsider.

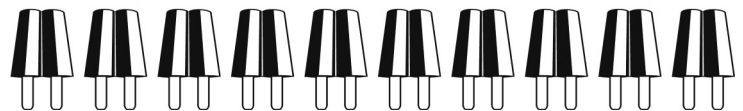
Cambridge was very much against Brexit, and being a college town had scores of political scientists and legal experts. However, Cambridge wasn't most of the U.K. Back in 2016, the nation voted on a referendum to initiate Brexit. By October 2019, three years later, that separation had not yet occurred as Parliament had dragged its feet. I firmly believed that Brexit getting passed was a matter of time having seen other parts of the nation and simply because the people had voted for it. And, sure enough, in January 2020, Brexit happened.

Samaritans were outsiders as far as the Jews were concerned. They were considered at best half-breed, weird cousins and at worst crafty, blood-traitors. Regardless of which construction was really the case, Jews regarded Samaritans as outsiders and, therefore, did not associate with them. Indeed, Samaritans were outsiders as far as the Jews were concerned.

Yet, the one who rescued the half-dead man from the side of the road was a Samaritan. The one cleansed leper who turned back to praise Our Lord was a Samaritan. In both cases, the Samaritan, that is, the outsider, sees what the Jew, the insider, does not. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the Samaritan demonstrates what it means to be a neighbor. The Jewish priest and Levite, the legal experts of the day, simply passed by on the other side of the road. In the Healing of the Ten Lepers, the one Samaritan leper rightly acknowledges Jesus' identity as the true temple and as the Great High Priest. The other nine, presumably Jews, ran off to the temple in Jerusalem never to be seen of or heard from again. The irony is palpable and even somewhat humorous.

As y'all well know, I ain't from Wisconsin 'cause I is from Georgia. Now, I don't claim to know better than y'all. After all, y'all's combined years of living in general (to say nothing of living in Wisconsin) greatly exceed mine. However, I do carry an outsider's perspective, having come from a state where there aren't many Lutherans and having come fresh from the Seminary in Fort Wayne. I am hoping with my continuing presence here in Arlington that my outsider's perspective aids in teaching and preaching. At time of writing, I am looking forward to begin preaching, to a new round of Sunday School, and to starting Mid-week. I also look forward to continuing to learn from y'all, the insiders. After all, I can't *baaaag* all the good Wisconsin dairy by myself, ya know.

*Yours in Christ,
Vicar Sinatra*



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
9:15 A.M.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Substitute Sunday School teachers needed for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year.

Contact Pastor Juhl for details. (608) 635-4825 or stpeterluth@gmail.com



MISSIONARY-MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet

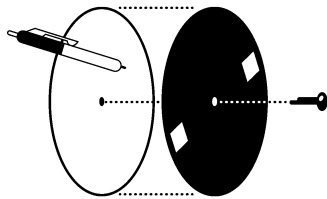


What you do:

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

PROMISE WHEEL

This craft will remind you that God is always with you.



What you need:

- A large round bowl
- 2 large pieces of construction paper
- A pen
- Scissors
- A ruler
- A brad
- A Bible or search engine

What you do:

1. Turn the bowl upside down and trace around it on both pieces of paper.
2. Cut out the circles. Draw a dot in the center of each.
3. On one circle, trace and cut out two 2" squares opposite each other, with the dot in the middle.
4. Align the dots and place the brad through both circles.
5. In the space left by one square, write a fear you have. Then write a comforting Bible verse in the other square.
6. Rotate the circle to a new blank space, and write another fear and verse.



St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

Cathy Wendt, Director

Back to School time is near!

The center has been blessed with our extra school age students spending their summer days with us and we are going to miss them all greatly when school begins. We are also blessed to have all the new students who are joining us this Fall to begin their school careers and thank the Lord above for guiding them to us.

As always, the students continue to enjoy their time spent riding bikes, exploring nature and playing in the cool water table during the summer months. We continue to offer themed week activities and look forward to learning about Fall, apples, leaves and our school community helpers in September.

We are also excited to introduce a new teacher to the center, Jordan Rittmeyer. Many will recognize her from family connections, but please take the time to introduce yourself when you see her and welcome her to our St. Peter's family.



Did you Know Our Child Care & Preschool has a Wish List?

- Volunteers who love working with children
- Monetary gifts
- Items on our Amazon.com wish list

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3AHJ7WTR7OX4C?ref=wl_share

- Gently used books, toys and dress up clothes
- Your prayers as we celebrate our 29th year this fall!



DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

<p>September 3/4 13th Sunday after Trinity 2 Chronicles 28:8-15 Psalm 74:1-2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: vv. 20a, 21a, 22a, 23a Galatians 3:15-22 Luke 10:23-37</p>	<p>Sermon: Vicar Sinatra Order: Matins, p. 219 Monday: Evening Prayer, p. 243 Hymns: Hymns by Request Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p>September 10/11 Christian Education Sunday (14th Sunday after Trinity) Deuteronomy 6:4-15 Psalm 34:8-10; antiphon: v. 11 Acts 2:37-41 Luke 18:15-17</p>	<p>Sermon: Pastor Juhl Order: DSI, p 151 Hymns: 908 - 861 - 708, 605, 616 - 864 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p> <p>Sunday School Rally Sunday</p>
<p>September 17/18 15th Sunday after Trinity 1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3 Galatians 5:25-6:10 Matthew 6:24-34</p>	<p>Sermon: Pastor Juhl Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 869 - 736 - 760, 782, 720 - 712 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>
<p>September 24/25 16th Sunday after Trinity 1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: vv. 3, 5 Ephesians 3:13-21 Luke 7:11-17</p>	<p>Sermon: Vicar Sinatra Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 464 - 552 (using 7,8)- 763, 752 - 548 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth</p>

SPONSOR THE VICAR

- \$3,350 for a month
- \$775 for a week
- \$110 for a day
- \$55 for half a day
- \$10 for an hour



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.



You will find envelopes on the counter in the narthex if you would like to place your sponsorship inside before placing in an offering plate. You may also use your regular giving envelope for sponsoring the Vicar program.



 **Reminder:**


 as fall weekends are filled with
 

 activities and travels, we have a
 

 Divine Service available
 

 Monday evenings at 6:30pm.
 






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



Wednesday,
September 13th

Bells at 6:30 PM
Choir at 7:30 PM

COUNCIL MINUTES August 8, 2023

The August 8th meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President Cameron Gramse. This meeting was held in the conference room. In attendance were: Cameron Gramse, Bob Hagenow, Meg Hanson, Connie Hendrickson, Phil Kruger, Keith Podoll, Charlotte Reddeman, Alex Rehlinger, Benjamin Robinson, Bill Steffenhagen, Paul Yamriska, and Pastor David Juhl.

Pastor Juhl opened with a devotion from Luke Chapter 19. Greatest sin, least tolerated.

The Agenda was presented. Bob Hagenow moved approval, Bill Steffenhagen second, motion carried.

Secretary's minutes were read. Bill Steffenhagen moved to approve the report, Keith Podoll second, carried.

The Financial Secretary's report was given by Bob Hagenow. General fund giving was at 89% of last July and Missions giving was 124% of last years' amount. We were basically at 100% of giving as compared to last July. 9.6% of giving was done online. There was one large offering made for the Vicar expense. There is already a good amount in the Vicar Fund. Bill Steffenhagen moved approval, Alex Rehlinger second, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Meg Hanson. There were no unusual payments made during July, just the normal monthly payments. The roof repairs were approved by the insurance company and they have sent payment which was received and will be deposited in August. The current checkbook balance is \$10,933.95. Bob Hagenow moved to approve, Keith Podoll second, motion carried.

The Board of Elder's report was given by Alex Rehlinger. He welcomed the Vicar and thanked him for his work done to date. The University of Wisconsin will be starting classes soon. We will be serving lunch in early October. There is no update on a new Pastor. A call will most likely be placed after school starts.

There was no Cantor's report as Jeremy Zieroth is on vacation.

The Board of Trustee's Report was given by Keith Podoll. Keith checked with the company that will be replacing the stained glass windows. It is hard for them to give us a timeline as jobs they expect to be 6-8 weeks can end up being 6-8 months instead. We are on the list though.

The new dishwasher has been ordered and 1/2 the cost has been paid down to Kessenich's. The grease trap was approved by the State. It will probably be October before it can be installed. In the meantime dishes will continue to be washed by hand.

A contractor is currently working on repairs to the roofs of the vicarage, parsonage and church. The shingles will be replaced with 50 year shingles. The siding on the parsonage will also be replaced along with new gutters to the church. Keith is hoping that the repair costs will be close to the money received from our insurance company. We also have \$31,314.10 set aside in the Special Purpose account. Our church insurance coverage has been increased to 7.1 million.

The Board of Christian Education report was given by

Charlotte Reddeman. President Cameron Gramse thanked Charlotte for her hard work and the great decorations for Vacation Bible School. Charlotte reported there were 28-30 children in attendance. It was a lot of work and fun. \$83.00 was raised and donated to Forged in Hope. Decorations were donated to a church in DeForest for their use.



Jordan Rittmeyer has been hired as a new lead teacher for the daycare. It was reported that some children within the community have been using the daycare play area and not taking proper care of toys, etc. there. It was decided that they should not be allowed in the play area. Signs will be posted and padlocks placed on the gates.

Sunday school is busy looking for materials. Rally day is Sunday, September 10th.

The Pastor's Report was given by Rev. David Juhl. Mid-week orientation meeting will be held on Weds., September 6th and classes start on Weds., September 13th.

There was a full table for the Saturday morning bible study and one more lady was added to those attending on Tuesday afternoon.

Pastor will be gone this Sunday and Mark Baldwin will preach in his place. He will be back for the Monday evening service. The Vicar will preach his first sermon Labor Day weekend.

Vicar Report was given by Vicar Nicholas Sinatra. He has been attending home visits with Pastor Juhl and also assisting with baptisms and Bible Study. He also helped with VBS.

There were no membership changes.

There was no Old or New Business.

Paul Yamriska motioned to adjourn, Keith Podoll second, motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Hanson, *Treasurer*



Dr. Sheldon takes advantage of his congregation's lack of knowledge of the Greek language.



**FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



Balance on July 31, 2023	\$8,665.48
Receipts for Aug (est.).....	\$13,952.23
Expenses for Aug (est.)	\$(17,524.32)
Shortage/Overage	\$5,093.39

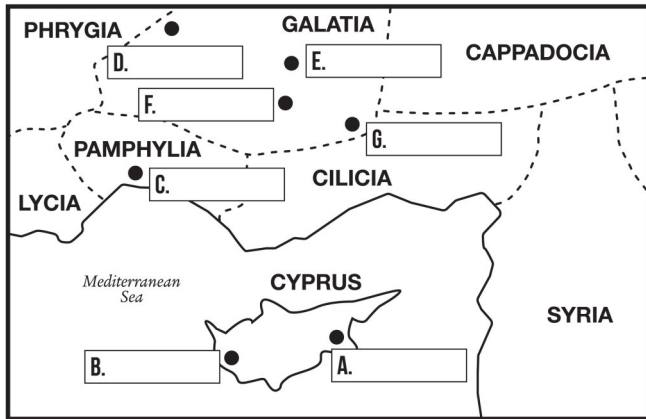
PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



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| A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5) | E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51) |
| B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6) | F. LISTRA (ACTS 14:6) |
| C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13) | G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6) |
| D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14) | |



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe

ELDERS

Sept 3	8:00 a.m.	Bill Steffenhagen
	10:30 a.m.	Stephen Saager
Sept 4	6:30 p.m.	Paul Yamriska
Sept 10	8:00 a.m.	Phil Kruger
	10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Sept 11	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt
Sept 17	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Phil Kruger
Sept 18	6:30 p.m.	Benjamin Robinson
Sept 24	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Sept 25	6:30 p.m.	Benjamin Robinson



SEPTEMBER USHERS

September 3 & 10

Early

Keith Podoll, Chr.
(635-8012)
Larry & Alex Saager
Bill & Justin Hageman
Greg & Patrick Frank
Kim & Brock Kriewaldt

Late

No Chairman
Steve Paskey
Roger Frank
Derek Gordon
Brad Zimmermann &
Hunter & Tanner & Jakob

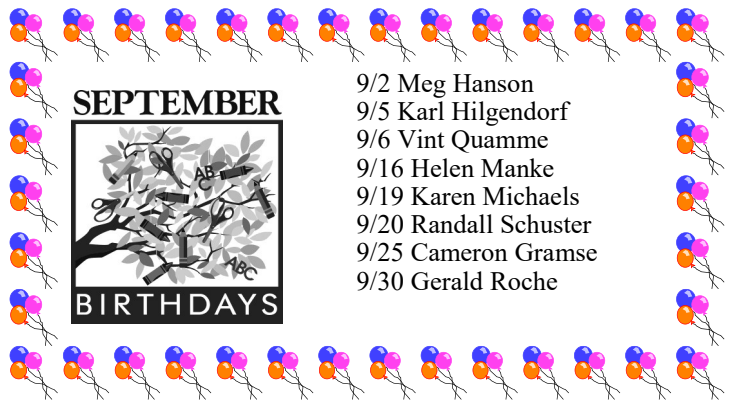
September 17 & 24

No Chairman


Wayne Hanson
Cameron Gramse
Steve & Matt Hustad
Calvin Moll
Nate & Austin Moll

No Chairman

Jim Paske
Shayne Brasda
Ben Robinson




SEPTEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

9/2 Meg Hanson
9/5 Karl Hilgendorf
9/6 Vint Quamme
9/16 Helen Manke
9/19 Karen Michaels
9/20 Randall Schuster
9/25 Cameron Gramse
9/30 Gerald Roche



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, 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.



SEPTEMBER
608-635-4825
Brad Larson

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
Trinity 13 3 8:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service	 Church Office & Child Care Closed 6:30PM Divine Service	4 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	5 6:30 PM MANDATORY Midweek Preparatory Meeting for <i>both</i> parents and students	6 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	7 15	8 16 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 14 10 Christian Education Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Rally Day/ Bible Study Resumes 10:30 AM Divine Service	11 6:30PM Divine Service	12 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	13 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	14 9:00 AM Circuit Pastors' Meeting @ MOLC	15 22	16 23 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 15 17 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	18 6:30PM Divine Service	19 No Ladies Bible Study 	20 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	21 28	22 29 	23 30 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 16 24 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	25 6:30PM Divine Service	26 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	27 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	28	29	30
Oct 1 *SAVE THE DATE* 12:00 noon - 2 pm Sunday School Bike-a-thon	<p>St. Peter's Lutheran Church Phone: 608-635-4825 Fax: 608-635-2753 E-mail: stpeterluth@gmail.com www.stpetersarlington.org</p>					