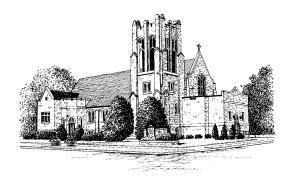


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ST. PETER'S NET

SEPTEMBER 2024

Beloved in the Lord:

September means back to school. There are so many things to think about this time of year. School supplies. Clothes. Shoes. Schedules. Transportation. I'm sure you could add more things to this list I didn't think about.

September also means a new season of Sunday School, as well as a new season of Sunday Adult Bible Class. A new season of learning from Holy Scripture also means a renewed spirit of taking the lead in teaching children what Holy Scripture tells us about how we are saved by our heavenly Father's one-way love for sinners by faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Parents are the front-line workers, to use a phrase from those difficult times four years ago, in teaching their children the Christian faith. What starts in the home flows to the church, where our Sunday School teachers, Vicar Bliss, and I support what you do by building on the foundation you have laid.

A sturdy foundation in building a home begins with building blocks or a concrete basement. The

building blocks or poured basement you lay begins with reading the Bible as a family. It doesn't have to be an entire chapter of Scripture. It can be a few verses of one of the Scripture readings from the previous Sunday. It can be working through the

miracles of Jesus one at a time. If you need some help in putting together a series of family Bible readings for the year, please ask me and I'd be happy to help you.

A foundation needs walls. You build on the foundation of Scripture by teaching your children how to pray. Start small, then add a little bit at a time. The best place to start is with the Lord's Prayer. Pray the Lord's Prayer with your children before they go to bed. Pray a table prayer before you eat supper. When the good habit of prayer starts to stick, then learn Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer in the Small Catechism. It's a great way to start or finish your day.

The walls need a roof. You might consider Luther's Small Catechism, a spiritual roof that covers your family by teaching the basics of what the Bible teaches. Again, start small

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and add a bit at a time. A house isn't built in a day and neither should your time with the Lord quickly happen. Read a little bit of the Catechism every day to your children and, before long, you'll start to remember what you learned when you were their age.

Don't forget that two Adult Bible Studies are offered during the week. A Ladies Bible Study meets Tuesday afternoons at 1:00. We're studying the book of Judges right now. A Mens Bible Study meets Saturday morning at 8:00. We're currently studying the book of Second Samuel. If you would like to get involved in studying Scripture together with others, but one of these times doesn't suit your schedule, let's talk. I'd love to start another Bible Study!

The Lord will certainly bless our time together in His Word, both at home and here at the corner of Park and Ellickson!

Your partner in the Gospel, Pastor Juhl

"Music, Ministry



Let us begin our September Hymn Study. We look this month to "Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying", and it can be found at LSB 597. We will use this hymn as part of our Christian Education Sunday/Rally Day on September 8/9.

"To look for God we need look no further than the cross." Stephen Starke, the writer of *Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying*, prefaces his explanation for its text with these words. Starke based this hymn primarily on 1 John 5:5-8, illustrating the profound significance of each of the three witnesses it mentions (water, blood, and Spirit) with rich and vivid imagery.

The theme from John 10:10 bookends this hymn in both stanzas one and five where Jesus said: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Christ's "death-defying" and "death-defeating" Life has come, and it has come for all -

that means for you and for me! The three witnesses of the title are what God uses to work faith in us and continually strengthen us.

Stanza two emphasizes the *water*. It recalls our baptism with the powerful image of our Old Adam - our sinful nature - being buried in a "wat'ry grave" at



the baptismal font. Rather than drowning in the death that was meant to hold us eternally, we instead rise with Christ, being raised with him in his resurrection. We are ferried by his saving Life across "death's raging flood". This is a

stark reminder of how God saved Noah and his family. They were spared in the ark, ferried across the world-wide Flood in Genesis.



Stanza three emphasizes the blood and evokes images from Psalm 23. Here we sing of how Christ leads us safely past death's fierce scowl, commonly found in this valley of the shadow of death (Ps. 23:4) to the life-sustaining feast. It is at this great, weekly feast where He graciously provides us with his Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper. Truly, our "cup overflows" (Ps.

23:5) with the grace he gives us in this sacrament.

Stanza four emphasizes the *Spirit*. This is depicting God, our life-giving hero, unsheathing the two-edged sword of his Word. When the Word goes forth, then it does exactly as he purposes, and does not return empty (Isaiah 55:11). His Spirit is in and with his Word, and through his Spirit, he breathes life into all who are dead without him. It revives us every time we come back to the Word as he keeps breathing His life into our soul through our ears.

Ending with stanza five, we see these three witnesses brought together again - the Word and Sacraments! In the words of Stephen Starke, "The precious means of grace - Holy Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the Word of God - indeed testify to all that God has done for us and for all by Christ's death on the cross, by which He brings life to our dying world, defying and defeating death itself!"

The tune FILTER and its harmonization in *LSB*, both composed by Jeffrey Blersch in memory of his grandfather, are as rich and vivid as the text. The hymn's dark edginess focuses the energy of the words we sing: we hear the water, blood, and Spirit crying out the witness they bear! As the redeemed children of God, sprinkled in the blood of Christ, we confidently march past Death's scowl and into the glorious Life Jesus miraculously won for us on the cross!

In His service, Cantor Geremy Zieroth





Greetings in Christ!

This month we will be beginning a new Sunday morning bible study on the Gospel of Matthew. Through Matthew's Gospel we will look at how to read the Bible and approach the scriptures that keeps them firmly centered in the proclamation of Christ and Him crucified. The Bible can often seem to be

LISTEN

a daunting book, especially if you are new to it, but Matthew gives an excellent look into how all of the bible points to Christ and His saving work for you. Matthew clearly demonstrates how from beginning to end the bible has nothing to speak of but God and His love for sinners in Christ.

We will be using Matthew specifically for both its density and simplicity. Matthew lays out a simple and easy to follow narrative, but full of depth and wonder at the grace and mercy of God revealed in Christ Jesus. He constantly encourages us to take a deeper look at the scriptures, knowing that they all find their end in

Christ. Matthew gives an approach to the bible that has enough depth for a lifetime of study yet in clear and simple language that even a child can grasp on to. Through this approach, we will show that the Bible is not an unapproachable book meant only for pastors but is God's address to you in Christ, written for all people of all time.

We will begin by discussing who Matthew was written for and when it was written, and we will also discuss Matthew's basic structure and purpose in writing. We will look at Matthew as a Jewish and catechetical Gospel, grounded firmly in the Old Testament yet proclaimed in Christ for all people of all nations. We will also discuss points of contact and points of departure in Christ's use of the Old Testament in comparison to the contemporary mainstream Judaism of His day. We will show that Christ both fulfills and upends messianic expectations, working the forgiveness of sins freely and for all people of all nations through His death and resurrection.

Whether you are an expert or a novice, it is a great opportunity to dig deeper into the bible and learn about Christ's saving work on your behalf, I hope to see you there!

Yours in Christ, Vicar Bliss



From Seminarian Michael Hendrickson:

Time is flying by I'm so busy here in Houston. I got here just in time for the hurricane. Luckily, I was only out of power for one day. Others weren't so fortunate. But I was provided for by Memorial. This congregation is very supportive of vicars. I haven't paid for a single meal here so far. I was given dozens of gift cards. On top of that Memorial is a large congregation, so there's always someone who wants to take me out for lunch or have me over for dinner.

I was thrown into the water immediately. I've been assisting on Sundays, and teaching two Bible studies on Tuesday. I have to make coffee at 6:45am for the men's Bible study on Saturdays. My supervisor was out of town last week for synod business (he's VP) and I had to cover his Bible studies too. That included men's, and a monthly Blind Mission Bible study, which went quite well.

I'm also substituting the youth Bible study the next two Sundays. (I'm just going to walk them through the divine service. That won't take much prep time for a Fort Wayne seminarian.)

On August 14 Memorial's school year starts:

- I will be teaching 7th grade Catechism Monday-Thursday.
- I lead Chapel services on Thursday which includes preaching duty. I will also be covering chapel on Tuesdays when my supervisor is out of town.
- I need to prepare a short devotion weekly for a 7am teachers meeting on Wednesdays.
- I preach my first Sunday sermon Labor Day weekend. Then that becomes a once a month thing going forward.
- I'm in charge of midweek Advent services. I have just completed my plans for that. I chose three texts from Malachi to preach, three psalms, and the hymn selection for the three services.
- I may have to substitute adult instruction occasionally too.

But I have had plenty of opportunities to have fun. I have started forming bonds here. Keith and Ellen Brda are the official guardian angels of the vicar. They've opened up their home to me, and I always have a place to eat dinner with them. The young adults have been meeting fairly regularly for game nights, drinks, and birthdays.

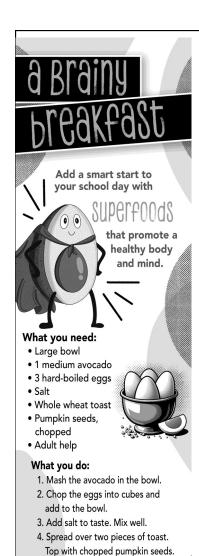
I'm officially a part of the Lunch Bunch, a group of empty nesters who go out for lunch after church on Sundays to one of Houston's many excellent restaurants; all of which are right here on Westheimer Rd. And they pay for me too!

I also got into skeet shooting with a small group of guys at Memorial.

So it's not all work. My time is just full.

Please pray for me.

Peace and Joy in Christ our Life, Michael





These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

- 1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
- 2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
- 3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.





5. Adjust this recipe with your

6. Refrigerate leftovers in an

airtight container.

or hot sauce.

favorite flavors. Add herbs,

"everything bagel" seasoning

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.



St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

Cathy Wendt, Director

August was a very busy month as we kicked it off with "Celebrating our Savior" at Vacation Bible School. The kids loved all the hands-on activities and story times. Thank Ms. Charlotte and all the helpers for coordinating and including students from the center

The center celebrated 30 years of service to the community and it was great seeing some past teachers, directors and students from the early years. The kids also enjoyed exploring beach activities with plenty of water activities, and learned about zoo animals. We always incorporate letters and numbers in our daily play, but we refreshed our brains for back to school. The new park is done and we have loved exploring all it has to offer.

September will bring lots of changes as kids head off to school. We have a large group of students headed to 4K and many new students starting which will impact our classes greatly. Please be prepared for changes in teachers and classrooms as we adjust. And we are always looking for fun adults who would enjoy spending time volunteering, contact Cathy, if you are in need of some fun time!



DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 1/2 14th Sunday after Trinity Proverbs 4:10-23 Psalm 84:1-2a, 4, 10b, 11b; antiphon: vv. 9-10a Galatians 5:16-24 Luke 17:11-19	Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: Hymns by Request Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth
September 8/9 Christian Education Sunday (15th Sunday after Trinity) Deuteronomy 6:4-15 Psalm 34:8-10; antiphon: v. 11 Acts 2:37-41 Luke 18:15-17	Order: DSIV, p 203 Hymns: 597 - 866 - 749, 862 - 867 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Sunday School Rally Sunday—9:30am
September 15/16 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	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 793 - 758 - 742, 690, 649 - 697 Organist: Cantor Zieroth
September 22/23 17th Sunday after Trinity Proverbs 25:6-14 Psalm 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124 Ephesians 4:1-6 Luke 14:1-11	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 662 - 557 - 618, 619, 644 - 578 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Musicians: Handbells, Choir
September 29/30 St. Michael and All Angels (18th Sunday after Trinity) Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3 Psalm 103:20–22; antiphon: v. 1 Revelation 12:7-12 Matthew 18:1-11	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 902 - 522 - 520, 525, 537 - 521 Organist: Sunday: Mrs. Becky Juhl Monday: Mr. Jaret Schroeder



BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday mornings between services a Bible Study is held in the classroom for the summer months. 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.





SEPTEMBER

608-635-4825 Connie Hendrickson

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	Reminder: as fall comes into view	
	and weekends are filled with activi-	
	ties and travels, we have a Divine	
	Service Monday evenings at	
-	6:30pm.	

COUNCIL MINUTES August 13, 2024

The July 9, 2024 meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President Cameron Gramse at 6:31pm. This meeting was held in the conference room.

Pastor Juhl presented the opening devotion from 2 Corinthians chapter 3 which reminds us we are not sufficient of ourselves but instead, our sufficiency is of God. God makes us sufficient for whatever we face. And when we fail, he picks us up.

The Agenda was presented. Mike Pertzborn moved approval, Calvin Moll second, motion carried.

Secretary's minutes were read. Dan Schmidt moved to approve the report, Meg Hanson second, motion carried.

The Financial Secretary's report was given by Lynnette Taylor. Presently we are at 75% of the budgeted need in the general fund for the month, which puts us at 85% of our projected expenses. We are trending ahead of need for the mission fund. Meg Hanson moved approval of the report, Mike Pertzborn second, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Meg Hanson. The checkbook balance as of today is \$3,240.08, note that this is after the Aug 15th payroll has already been taken out. We have not transferred any funds this month for shortfalls but we have not sent any funds to the district for missions since May. We have not yet met our pledge but plan to start sending those again as the fall sets in. Alex Rehlinger moved to approve the Treasurer report, Cal Moll second, motion carried.

The Board of Elder's report was given by Alex Rehlinger. First of all, welcome to Vicar Kyle Bliss. We are glad to have you with us. The Christian Women's Council provided receptions for the Vicar farewells and welcome last month. We will have Rev. Allan Strawn from Calvary Lutheran Chapel join us as a substitute for Pastor Juhl again in August. Brad Larson will be heading to the Ft. Wayne Seminary later this month and we welcome Bill Manthey who has been appointed to finish Brad's term on the Elder team. Calvary Lutheran Chapel will be setting dates for luncheons in the coming weeks so we eagerly await our assignment for the fall. There were no updates from Military Care Committee, Oakwood Community, or the Endowment Committee. Cantor's report: VBS Sunday happened earlier this month. The next in our Rev. Dr. Marion L. Hendrickson Memorial Organ Concert Series is August 25th which will include an oboe solo as well as congregation participation with singing along with the organ concert. There is a hymn sing being planned for Labor Day weekend, Sept 1st and 2nd. Handbells and choir begin their new season on September 4th.

The Board of Trustee's Report was presented by Calvin Moll. We have found an insurance carrier who will write our policies – Fremont Insurance. This will be in place by September 1st. The company who is doing our stain glass refurbishing is waiting on parts for the aluminum ventilators. The soffit portions of the roof have been finished by Heins Contracting. The flat roof repairs returned bids ranging from \$21,000 to \$29,000. Stephen Saager moved to go with Krause Konstruction (bid \$29,000) as they are the company

that put in the rubber roofs we have now. Dan Schmidt second, motion carried.

The Board of Christian Education report was given by Cameron Gramse. There was no one present to give the Child Care Center report. VBS was held July 29-Aug 2, 2024 with the theme



"Celebrate the Savior – Jesus Gives Us Joy". Sunday School is in need of teachers. Midweek classes are getting ready to begin with orientation on Wednesday, September 11th. The High School Youth group is looking forward to an event at the end of September. Sunday Bible Study is on vacation now until Rally Day, September 8th.

The Pastor's Report was given by Rev. David Juhl. Attendance during the month of June averaged 112 per weekend. Madison North and South Circuit Matters: Living Christ, Madison remains vacant. Pastor Greg Hovland (St. John, Portage) has a call to Our Shepherd, Avon, IN. Pastor Grant Sorenson (St. Paul, Madison) has accepted a call to Calvary, Bedford, IN. He will be leaving sometime in the next 4-5 weeks. Looking ahead Vicar Bliss will preach his first sermon among us on September 1st and 2nd. Midweek Confirmation instruction begins with orientation on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 PM. The first class session is Wednesday, September 25th at 4:00 PM. as Pastor will be attending the Vicarage Supervisors Conference at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO on September 19th and 20th. We will hold a High School Youth activity (8th graders are also invited) on Sunday, September 29th. The Packers kick off at 12 Noon so it will be sometime after the game. North and South Wisconsin District will have a joint pastors conference in Rothschild on October 21-23. There will be NO MONDAY NIGHT DIVINE SERVICE on October 21st.

Calvin Moll moved to accept the request for a peaceful release for Jeff, Austin, and Nicole Anderson to Lake Wisconsin Evangelical Free Church in Lodi, WI. Stephen Saager second, motion carried.

There was no old business as there was no further discussion about the facility guidelines.

There was no new business.

Dan Schmidt moved to adjourn, Mike Pertzborn second, motion carried at 7:17 pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Lynnette Taylor, *Council Secretary*

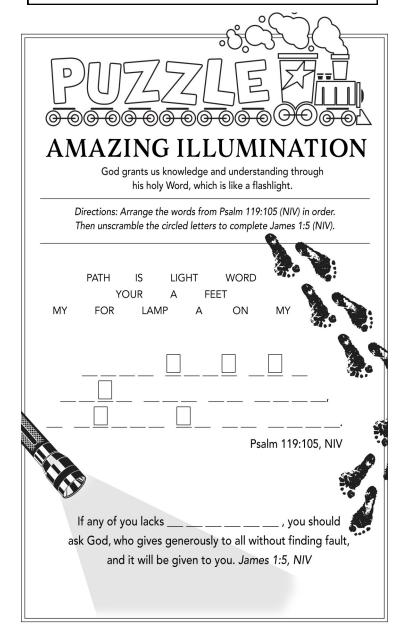




FINANCIAL REPORT CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:



Balance on July 31, 2024	\$2,011.46
Receipts for Aug (est.)	
Expenses for Aug (est.)	
Shortage/Overage	\$4,849.93



Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path; wisdom

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CLACKS

Sept 1	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Saager
-	10:30 a.m.	Bill Manthey
Sept 2	6:30 p.m.	Mike Pertzborn
Sept 8	8:00 a.m.	Dale Johnson
-	10:30 a.m.	Bill Manthey
Sept 9	6:30 p.m.	Benjamin Robinson
Sept 15	8:00 a.m.	Phil Kruger
-	10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Sept 16	6:30 p.m.	Mike Pertzborn
Sept 22	8:00 a.m.	Mike Manke
_	10:30 a.m.	Paul Yamriska
Sept 23	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt
Sept 29	8:00 a.m.	Phil Kruger
-	10:30 a.m.	Stephen Saager
Sept 30	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt



September 1 & 9

Keith Podoll, *Chr.* (635-8012) Larry & Alex Saager Greg & Patrick Frank Kim & Brock Kriewaldt No Chairman
Steve Paskey
Roger Frank
Derek Gordon
Brad Zimmermann &
Hunter & Tanner & Jakob

September 15, 22 & 29

No Chairman
Wayne Hanson
Cameron Gramse
Steve & Matt Hustad
Calvin Moll
Nate & Austin Moll

No Chairman Jim Paske Shayne Brasda Ben Robinson



CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

FRIDAY SATURDAY	8:00 AM Men's Bible Class	8:00 AM Men's Bible Class	20 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class	Conference	8:00 AM Men's Bible Clas	MOBIL	OF PRAISE
THURSDAY	ល	21	Themseletter Translation (19)	Pastor at Vicarage Supervisor's Conference			•
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	6:30 PM MANDATORY Midweek Preparatory Meeting for both parents and students 7:00 PM Handbells 7:45 PM Choir	18 No Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	Pastor at	4:00 PM Midweek No Handbells or Choir		
TUESDAY	3 1:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study	1:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	170 PM Ladies' Bible Study	70	1:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study		
MONDAY	Church Office & Child Care Closed 6:30PM Divine Service	9 6:30PM Divine Service	16 6:30PM Divine Service	23		30 6:30PM Divine Service	2
SUNDAY	Trinity 14 1 8:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service	Trinity 15 8 Christian Education Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Rally Day/ Bible Study Resumes 10:30 AM Divine Service	8:00 AM Divine Service 9:30 AM SS/Bible Study	Trinity 17 99	Service ole Stue Service	Trinity 18 29 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	