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ST. PETER'S NET

OCTOBER 2024

Beloved in the Lord:

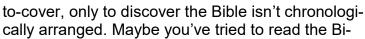
I try to spend a little time every week in the German language. I've been learning German off

and on for over 30 years, and yet I find that the more I learn German, the less I know German. That's why I stay with it. I also try to spend a little time every week playing Contract Bridge. I've been learning the card game for nearly 20 years, and yet I find that the more I know how to play, the less I know how to play. That's why I stay with it.

When you take up something that isn't familiar, you have a time of growing pains. I remember my mother learning

how to crochet when I was a little boy. She took lessons from someone. My mom spent lots of time sitting on the couch in our family room crocheting hour after hour. I'm sure she was ready at times to throw the hook and the yarn across the room, but she stayed with it. Soon she was crocheting afghans for just about everyone she knew.

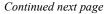
Maybe you have wanted to do the same thing with the Bible. Maybe you've tried to read it cover-



ble over the span of a year and quickly realized that on December 31st you are still in April. Maybe you've wanted to attend a Bible Study but don't want anyone to discover that you're not a Bible scholar.

Vicar and I don't expect anyone to be Bible scholars at any of the Bible Studies our congregation offers. Even though I study Scripture for a living and help train future pastors in their study of Holy Scripture, I'm still learning something new from God's Word every day.

There are days when, perhaps like you, I'm ready to throw my Bible across the room, especially knowing that I am under a deadline most every week to write a sermon. Yet I stay with it every day. Saint Paul tells Saint Timothy, "Devote yourself to the reading of Scripture, to encouraging, and to teaching" (1 Timothy 4:13 EHV).





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A new habit doesn't stick in one day, let alone in one Bible class. <u>Stay with it</u>. Pick up your Bible and read a little bit at a time. If you prefer a reading program, I have a Bible reading program that takes you through the Scriptures chronologically in one year. I'm happy to share it with you. Before long you will have cultivated a good habit that remains for the rest of your life...and you've spared your Bible from being thrown across the room!

In this month when we celebrate the Reformation of our Lord's Church begun by Martin Luther over 500 years ago, let us not lose our first love: the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Saint Paul writes to the Christians in Colosse, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16 EHV). God's Word is our great heritage. Stay with it, and it will stay with you, giving you comfort and peace in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, Who remains forever.

> Your partner in the Gospel, Pastor Juhl





HYMN STUDY

Right away this month, October 6/7, will be this month's hymn selection, *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*. You can find it at LSB 609.

The glorious truth of the Gospel is that, because of Christ, our sins no longer separate us from God. Without Christ, our sins do separate us from God, and that leaves us without hope. But the Blood of Christ covers all our sins. From Scripture we learn that truly Jesus sinners doth receive!

This beautiful Gospel presentation was penned by Erdmann Neumeister. He was born May 12, 1671. In 1689 he entered the University of Leipzig. There, he received a Master's Degree in 1695, and then remained to serve as a lecturer. He became Assistant Pastor in 1697, serving in Bibra, and then Pastor in 1698. We would go on to become Court Preacher in Weissenfels. Finally, he served as Pastor at St. James in Hamburg from 1715 until his death on August 18, 1756.

Neumeister was a prolific hymnwriter, penning an estimated 650 hymns. Of these, very few are translated into English, and only three appear in LSB (this one, I Know My Faith Is Founded, and God's Own Child, I Glady Say It.) That said, there is an effort being undertaken to translate more of them.

His first collection of hymns was published in 1705 in a manual to help prepare people to receive Holy Communion. These hymns were interspersed as devotional prayers. His other collection was published in 1718 in Hamburg. Translated as "Lutheran Echo", it was a collection of 86 hymns for Sunday and festival day Gospels. These were originally written as poetic conclusions for his sermons, but soon passed into use as hymns. You may notice that Neumeister (1671-1756) was a contemporary of JS Bach

(1685-1750). He was a solid Lutheran who spent his career writing and preaching extensively against Pietism and other forces hoping to undermine the Gospel.

Neumeister wrote this hymn in 1718 in Hamburg. It was written for the Third Sunday after Trinity, where the Gospel text is Luke 15:1-10. This is the Lost Parables: Sheep and Coin.

The refrain (and title) of this hymn is the emphasis of these parables. Those who live in sin are received by Jesus, even though "we deserve but grief and pain" (st. 2). Stanza 3 is particularly comforting in that it reminds us that our true Shepherd will never forsake any sheep who strays from His fold. So long as His Word endures, there endures forgiveness. In Jesus' Word are the invitation and gracious call to all sinners to find forgiveness in Jesus alone.

In stanza 4, we make our confession that we are sinners and find our comfort in the promise:



"Jesus sinners doth receive." We find out why this is comforting in stanza 5: our scarlet red transgressions are washed away "By Thy blood and bitter Passion." It is because of His blood and passion that we have faith by His Word. Because of that faith in His word, we also get to know that "from the Law I stand acquitted."

Now, through Christ, nothing can grieve our souls, for He has received and forgiven us. Though this Gospel gives us a great deal of comfort in this life, its greatest comfort is to be found in the life to come. Upon leaving this earth, "I shall find and open heaven." Jesus stands there receiving sinners, forgiving them of all their sins, and claiming them as God's children into all eternity.

What a great comfort indeed!

In His service, *Cantor* Geremy Zieroth

The Reformation and Life in the Home



It often happens that when we think of the reformation, we think only of the teaching of

justification by grace through faith alone (and this certainly is the chief thing!) but the free forgiveness of sins given in Christ



alone is central to one of the other teachings that scripture reveals to us, the doctrine of vocation. The freedom of the Gospel that Luther proclaimed was never just something to sit collecting dust in dogmatic textbooks or some sort of abstract and useless idea. It was something that brought new life to God's people, freeing God's people into the world and shaping them according to the love and mercy revealed in Christ.

In Luther's time, the doctrine of vocation was neglected and despised. The home life was often abandoned for self-righteous and self-chosen pursuits that were considered more "holy" such as the monastic life, which Luther himself was a part of at one time. This pursuit of self-chosen works and greater holiness was directly related to the Roman Catholic church's denial of the doctrine of justification. The late medieval teaching on justification could be summed up as, "you do your best, and God will do the rest." Sounds simple, but no one could ever know if their "best" was truly good enough. It was in the shadow of this Christless teaching that the monastic life flourished as people fled to the various orders following the tenets of poverty, chastity, and obedience, some more severely and some less. Yet all the asceticism, self-flagellation, and selfdenial in the world could finally not deliver the one thing needful. They could never deliver Christ's word of absolution.

It was Luther who would finally break free of the tyranny of late medieval piety, and he would do so by finally hearing the Gospel. With the gospel, the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins freely given in Christ alone, the life of the Christian was shifted from trying to buy off an angry God by holy living to life lived in love and service to the neighbor. "God does not need your good works, your neighbor does," became the radical shift of the reformation on what the life of the baptized Christian looked like. The holy life, for Luther, was then moved out of the monastery and into the home. Fathers catechizing their children, children obeying their parents, husbands loving their wives and vice versa became the holy works of the Christian life. Life was turned outward into the world toward the neighbor, because in Christ sinners finally did not need to fear how they stood before God.

This same freedom and this same forgiveness still

applies today. Monasticism may have (for the most part) gone by the wayside, but our fears and our attempts at self-justification still abound. The demand for absolute perfection in our work, relationships, fit-

ness, finance, and all other things is as severe today as in the worst of the monastic orders. Yet in all this Christ's Word still stands, you are righteous and holy before God not on account of what you have done but

because of what Christ has done for you. You are free to leave behind whatever artificial measur-

ing stick you use to justify yourself, and simply to live and serve where God has called you. You are free simply to live under the promise that Christ gave you in your baptism, that you belong to Him, that He will raise you up on the Last Day, and that He will make all things new.

> Yours in Christ, Vicar Bliss

Sunday, October 6; 12:00 noon- 2:00 pm



The Mission Bike-a-thon will be held October 6th. Children and adults are encouraged to gather pledges for riding their bicycles, tricycles, or whatever they are comfortable with, around the Church block (about 0.4 mile) even walking laps counts. We have set a maximum of 50 laps for the two hour period that we ride. The kids can get a pledge per lap (ex: \$0.25 per lap for 4 laps = \$1.00 pledge money) or a single donation for riding which they would then collect after they know how many laps they made. We start as a group at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, 2024 and ride at our own pace around the Church block until 2:00 p.m. There will be drinks and refreshments available to fuel the kids throughout their ride. The choices that the children have made to send their mission money is to send support to LC-MS World Relief for them to provide clean drinking water for schools. Come and join the fun!



Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.



- Small cardboard box
- Small stones
- Tape
- Wrapping paper and bow
- Permanent marker

What you do:

- Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
- 2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
- 3. With marker, write a capital letter
- on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE. 4. Use this as a decoration or
- paperweight, or give as a gift. 5. Explain GRACE to someone.
- For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic God's Riches At Christ's Expense.





Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing



- What you need:
- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- PaintbrushesColored pens or markers
- Colored pens of marker

What you do:

- 1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
- 2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
- 3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
- When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool Cathy Wendt, Director

October is upon us, and the air is filled with the excitement of Autumn. This month, we have a lot of engaging activities planned for your children. From our annual pumpkin festival to our special Halloween costume parade and party. We will also visit the Fire Station and learn some new safety tips and songs... get ready to "Get Low and Go". Volunteers are welcome to attend and assist with all these fun activities.

Our classes have settled into the back to school routines and we love our new classrooms. Students are thriving as they connect with new friends and teachers. We already love when Ms. Katie visits us each week and brings new stories and activities from the Poynette Library. We also love to see the "Jesus Picture" and hear the story from Pastor and Vicar. If you love children's stories and would like to spend some time reading to the kids, reach out to Cathy.





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.



DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 6/7 19th Sunday after Trinity Genesis 28:10-17 Psalm 78:1–3, 4b; ant: Ps. 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a Ephesians 4:22-28 Matthew 9:1-8	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 686 - 609 - 789 - 814, 841, 916 - 685 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Lower Grades Sunday School
October 13/14 20th Sunday after Trinity Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 48:1, 9–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text Ephesians 5:15-21 Matthew 22:1-14	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 826 - 828 - 789 - 514, 631 - 689 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Handbells
October 20/21 21st Sunday after Trinity Genesis 1:1-2:3 Psalm 119:1, 38–40; antiphon: Liturgical Text Ephesians 6:10-17 John 4:46-54	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 575 - 420 - 789 - 561, 661, 528 - 837 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Upper Grades Sunday School (8am)
October 27/28 Reformation Sunday Revelation 14:6-7 Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36	Order: Festival DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 645 - 656 - 735 - 556, 655 - 582 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Adult Choir, Instrumentalists

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Alex Rehlinger moved to accept the request for a transfer of membership for Kristina (Jensen) Greenhagen to Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant, MI where her husband, Jesse, has been called. Paul Yamriska second, motion carried.

Old business: there was no further discussion about the facility guidelines until we have talked with Cathy about lead time to make space for congregation events downstairs.

New business consisted of choosing the date for the October Voters' meeting. Alex Rehlinger made the motion to have the meeting on Sunday, October, 20th between services. Steve Paskey seconded the motion, it carried.

Steve Paskey moved to adjourn, Meg Hanson second, motion carried at 7:33 pm. The meeting was closed with the common doxology.

> Respectfully submitted, Lynnette Taylor, *Council Secretary*



OCTOBER 608-635-4825 Kris Manke





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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 Monday eve- 📲
- nings at 6:30pm.

COUNCIL MINUTES August 13, 2024

The September 10, 2024 meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President Cameron Gramse at 6:33pm. This meeting was held in the conference room. Pastor Juhl presented the opening devotion from Ephesians chapter 3 which is a prayer for spiritual strength. The Lord builds us up to further His kingdom so we can do what is right and good.

The Agenda was presented. Steve Paskey moved approval, Mike Pertzborn second, motion carried.

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

Financial Secretary's report was given by Joey Pascavis. August was a solid month coming in at 120% of budget need, which puts us at 89.7% of our projected expenses for the year. The Special Purpose fund also saw large contributions to the Stain Glass Window fund as well as \$241 coming in from the door offering at the 2nd of the Organ Concert Series held in late August. Paul Yamriska moved approval, Alex Rehlinger second, carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Meg Hanson. The checkbook balance as of today is \$10,348.31, note that this is before any payroll having been taken out, which is around \$11,000 for a month. We will begin sending funds to the district for missions so that we can meet our pledge. The insurance premium for Fremont Insurance has been taken out although we do not yet have a breakdown of the costs. Based on what has been paid, we are guessing a 30% increase in the cost of our property and workers compensation insurance. Steve Paskey moved to approve the Treasurer report, Mike Pertzborn second, motion carried.

Board of Elder's report was given by Alex Rehlinger. Sunday and Monday services are continuing to go well, we are glad to have heard the first of Vicar Bliss' sermons and look forward to hearing more. The Christian Women's Council provided treats for the after concert reception and fellowship following the organ concert with Jaret Schroeder. Many comments on the video enhancements that were added for audience viewing. Although there was a slightly lower attendance than the previous concert, most everyone stayed for fellowship and were here for a long period of time. Calvary Lutheran Chapel will be finalizing dates for luncheons in the coming week. There were no updates from Military Care Committee, Oakwood Community, or the Endowment Committee. The elders are in the first stages of planning the Advent cards for the congregation. Cantor's report: We hosted a successful organ concert recital the end of August and now are looking ahead to the next in the series on Dec 8th with Mr. Jason Snodie. Handbells and choir have begun practices. Handbells have a full slate of musicians and substitutes are welcome. Choir is not full and could always use some more voices. Hymns by Request weekend was successful and the baskets were full for every service. Cantor enjoys reading through the requests to see what people like to hear. The Sunday School choirs will begin this week to practice for their once a month singing sessions at the 8:00 service on Sundays. Cantor also let us know that he will be gone the last weekend of September so has Becky Juhl in place to play for the Sunday services and Jaret Schroeder for the Monday evening service.

Board of Trustee's Report was presented by Steve Paskey. Fremont Insurance will be our insurance carrier starting September 1. We do not yet have all the paperwork in place but a question was raised that if we were to raise our deductible a significant amount, the premium would adjust itself down. Current deductible is \$5,000, if we were to raise it to \$50,000 that would result in a savings of \$2100 per year. Raising it to \$75,000 would result in a \$4300 savings. A decision on this will be made once we see the actual paperwork and premium breakdowns. There has been no word on a start date for the roofs. Board of Christian Edu-



cation report was given by Charlotte Reddeman. Sunday School teachers for the 2024-25 year are: Vint Quamme (7th & 8th) Georgia Cuff (5th & 6th) Piper Johnson (3rd & 4th) Made-line and Spencer Serwe (1st & 2nd) and Amber Schwartz (PreK & K). They are using Enduring Faith curriculum from CPH. Bike-a-thon will be held Sunday, October 6th barring bad weather. Midweek classes have orientation on Wednesday, September 11th and classes will begin in two weeks. An acolyte schedule is being put together. The High School Youth group event at the end of September will include food and drinks, a short devotion, and games. Bible Studies are all back in session. There has been some concerns about being able to use space in the downstairs areas as the Child Care Center continues to grow. Much discussion was had concerning time line needed by CCC staff for the church to be able to hold events in that space. Cathy will be consulted as to how much time it would require to rearrange space.

Pastor's Report was given by Rev. David Juhl. Attendance during the month of August averaged 110 per weekend. Official acts performed by the Pastor this past month were the funerals for John Reddeman and Bill Stancer. 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. His last Sunday at St. Paul's will be September 29th. Pastor Greg Hovland (St. John, Portage) returned the call to Our Shepherd, Avon, IN. Looking ahead Vicar Bliss is now on a regular preaching rotation. His next sermon will be preached on September 22nd. 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. Pastor is teaching the Small Catechism to four 8th graders and six 5th graders. Vicar Bliss is teaching New Testament Catechesis to four 6th graders and one 7th grader. Pastor will be attending the Vicarage Supervisors Conference at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO on September 19th and 20th. A High School Youth activity (8th graders are also invited) is on Sunday, September 29th at 5:00 PM. The office will send a post card later this week to the 8th-12th grade families as a reminder of the date and time. 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. The next concert in our series of Marion Hendrickson Memorial Organ Concerts is Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 PM, Mr. Jason Snodie from Waukesha will perform that afternoon. Pastor has confirmed two of the three dates in the 2025 series. An announcement is forthcoming on who those performers are and when the concert dates will be.

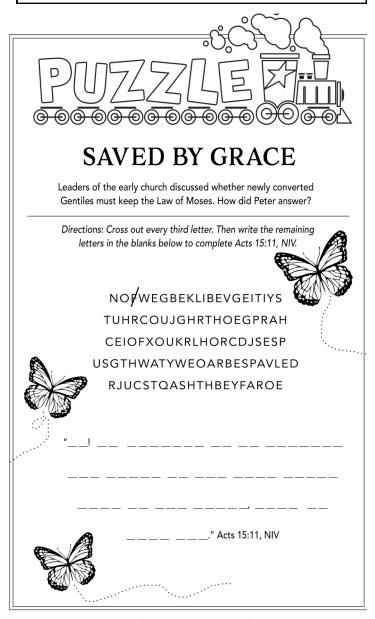
Vicar reported that he is settling into his sermon rotation, has been visiting members with Pastor Juhl, and started teaching the Sunday Bible Study on Matthew.



FINANCIAL REPORT **CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



Balance on Aug 31, 2024	\$5,661.63
Receipts for Sept (est.)	
Expenses for Sept (est.)	
<u>Shortage</u> /Overage	



Answer: "No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." Acts 15:14, NIV

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ELDERS

Oct 6	8:00 a.m.	Mike Manke
	10:30 a.m.	Bill Manthey
Oct 7	6:30 p.m.	Mike Pertzborn
Oct 13	8:00 a.m.	Dale Johnson
	10:30 a.m.	Phil Kruger
Oct 14	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
Oct 20	8:00 a.m.	Mike Pertzborn
	10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Oct 21	6:30 p.m.	
Oct 27	8:00 a.m.	Phil Kruger
	10:30 a.m.	Paul Yamriska
Oct 28	6:30 p.m.	Benjamin Robinson



October 6 & 13

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October 20 & 27

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Herb Miller, Chr. (635-4557) Paul Yamriska Andrew & Josh Yamriska

Jim & William Plenty (Mondays)

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