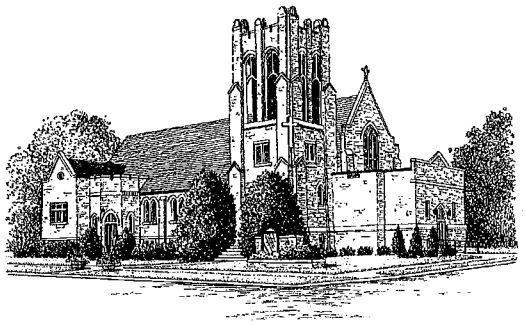
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ST. PETER'S NET NOVEMBER 2026

Beloved in the Lord:

"What are you thankful for?" It's perhaps the most asked question in our country during the month of November. As we prepare to celebrate the day of national thanksgiving, it's good to take some time to consider the many things for which we are thankful. Everyone's list is different. For some it could be another year of good health. For others it could be the continued blessing of family and friends. There also could be some who will be digging deep to find something to be thankful for this year. They've lost loved ones. They've had unexpected illnesses. There is restlessness among the nations of the earth. The cost of living has gone up and it's difficult to make ends meet.

For Christians, every day is a day of thanksgiving, even when it's more difficult than usual to find something to be thankful for. The psalmist begins Psalm 107 with the familiar words, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." When everything seems bad, the Lord is good. Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapter five: "For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." Whether or not you believe in God, the sun still shines and the rain still falls. All things are in His hands, and He never fails to provide all that we need to support our bodies and our lives.

The Lord's steadfast love endures forever. "Steadfast love" is a great way to describe God's mercy. His love for us does not wax and wane. His love is always steadfast. Even when we do not love Him, He still loves us. Even when our love for Him and for others fail, His love for us and for our neighbor never fails. Even when steeples are falling and spires are crumbling, even when the love of many grows cold, even when it seems as if the world as we know it is ending, His steadfast love endures forever.

His steadfast love takes on flesh and is born a man. His steadfast love pitches His tent among us to suffer and die for our sin. His steadfast love breaks the bonds of death and goes before us to prepare a place for us with Him in the heavenly mansions when He raises us from the grave. His steadfast love is Jesus, His only-begotten Son, our Savior. Jesus endures forever. You endure forever in Christ.

No matter if this year has been good or not so good, Jesus endures forever. Because Jesus endures forever, you have strength to live for today and for the future, for Jesus is your future. Take heart! Your sins are forgiven! A new heaven and a new earth awaits you when Jesus returns to judge the living and the dead. This is your inheritance as an heir of our heavenly Father.

Happy Thanksgiving and every blessing in Christ!

Your partner in the Gospel,
Pastor Juhl

Music Ministry



Hymn Study

November always has the Last Sunday of the Church Year near the end of it. The Gospel lesson for that day is Matthew 25:1-13, wherein Jesus tells the Parable of the Ten Virgins. The hymn of the day expounds so amazingly on that parable. It is, "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" found at LSB 516. Both text and tune are by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608).

The music of the Rev. Philipp Nicolai is some of the best music, both in text and tune, which the Church has. He is the author of both the "King of Chorales," "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying," and the "Queen of Chorales," "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" (LSB 395). In the midst of great distress and grief, Nicolai gives us a glimpse into heaven, strengthening us for the strife because of our confidence in the joy awaiting us.

Philipp Nicolai was born to a Lutheran Pastor in 1556 in the town of Mengeringhausen. He studied at both the Universities of Erfurt and Wittenberg, receiving his Doctor of Divinity from Wittenberg in 1594. He was Ordained in 1583 and served initially in Herdecke. He later became the Court Preacher for Countess Margareta of Waldeck. While in Waldeck he took part in the Sacramentarian controversy, upholding the Scriptural teaching of the presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament. By 1596 he had received a Call to Unna in Westphalia. During his time in Westphalia, the town was struck by two devastating events. The invasion of the Spaniards took many lives, and then the Black Death plague struck the town. In one of the worst years, Nicolai buried over 500 members, several of whom were his own family members. In that year, it was not uncommon to have almost 30 burials a day.

In the midst of this great devastation, Nicolai wrote Freuden Spiegel, "Mirror of Joy." On why he wrote it, he said: "There seemed to me nothing more sweet, delightful, and agreeable than the contemplation of the noble, sublime doctrine of Eternal Life obtained through the Blood of Christ." Nicolai's faith in the atonement of Christ and His love and care for us, despite temporal circumstances, preserved him in the worst times of his life.

Nicolai's tune, WACHET AUF, was written for this text. Both appeared together in a 1599 appendix to his Freuden-Spiegel. It was entitled "Of the Voice at Midnight and the Wise Virgins who Meet Their Heavenly Bridegroom. Matthew 25." It was written to pair with the historic Gospel reading for the 27th Sunday after Trinity, the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matt. 25:1-13). The text and tune of "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" were so widely known and loved that several composers from Nicolai's time on composed great works on them. One of the most loved works on this text and tune are Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata 140. Bach wrote this Cantata for the 27th Sunday after Trinity, 1731 while serving in Leipzig.

The text of this hymn is one that perfectly captures the message of the end of the Church Year. As we hear of the end of the world and its judgment, the watchmen, which are the Pastors who proclaim Holy Scripture, cry out that night is flying, calling sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. The skies, the angels and archangels, also call out, calling us to prepare to meet the Bridegroom, Christ, who is near.

The second stanza illustrates the Faithful preparing themselves for Christ's return. We wake and rise from our gloom, leaving behind our sin and looking for Christ's return and the resurrection of the dead. The Church responds in great joy, calling for her Lord to come. The translation of the second stanza does not fully depict the great language Nicolai originally used. Where the English text says we "follow to the nuptial hall," the German used there is *und halten mit das Abendmahl*, or, "We hold onto the Lord's Supper." Nicolai teaches us that the way we best wait for Christ is by regular attendance at the Divine Service and receiving Our Lord when He comes to us in His Body and Blood. Here Christ keeps us in the true Faith and preserves us until He calls us to Himself.

Finally, the third stanza proclaims the joyful songs that burst forth at Christ's return and forever in eternity. At this great Day, men and angels sing of Christ's great work of salvation, singing a joyful new song extolling His great goodness. Until that day, we sing this hymn, eagerly awaiting the day when we "eternally sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee."

In His Service,
Cantor Geremy Zieroth



I had hoped that this month I would get to write to you a little bit about a meal and recital I attended in Minneapolis with Olivier Latry, long-time principal organist at the Notre-Dame in Paris. Due to injury, this event was cancelled, and as any young American organist with an interest in French music, I was met with disappointment. These things happen, and, God-willing, the festivities will be rescheduled for next year. This led me to take a look at the readings for our Thanksgiving service later this month, and as you look at them, too, I hope you will realize that, despite the letdowns of life, we can always be thankful.

The traditional Gospel reading for Thanksgiving is Luke 17:11–19, the cleansing of the ten lepers. Since we just heard this text on Labor Day weekend, we will instead look at Luke 12:13–21, along with Deuteronomy 26 and 2 Corinthians 9, which are the readings for the observance of a harvest day. I especially like verse 11 of Deuteronomy 26, "And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you." Maybe the most striking thing about this verse is the mention of the "sojourner," that is, a foreigner, or somebody outside of your family. The Lord has blessed the sojourner, but he has also blessed you *with* the sojourner.

In many ways, I and my family are sojourners in your midst. We will leave you just as quickly as we arrived. And, like sojourners, we have many thanks to give to St. Peters' members and staff. You have shown the love of Christ to us and for that we will always be grateful. Even when the work is hard, we feel discouraged, or we miss our family and friends from Minnesota and Indiana, we follow the example of Paul and "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." You will hear the choir sing this as the verse before the Gospel at our Thanksgiving service.

I look forward to this month: it's the time of the year when things at church start to vary more than they did during the long season of Trinity. It's fun and interesting. November begins with All Saints' Day, which, this year, falls on a Sunday. We will commemorate those souls who have departed from this earth in the past year. On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, we will gather to give thanks to God for the many blessings he has given us through the various seasons of our life. And, at the end of the month, the Advent season begins with the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Peace,
Vicar Kaleb Scmidt

A Sneak Peak at Advent & Christmas
Join us Wednesdays for service at 6:30pm.
Cookies and fellowship immediately following each of the Advent services.

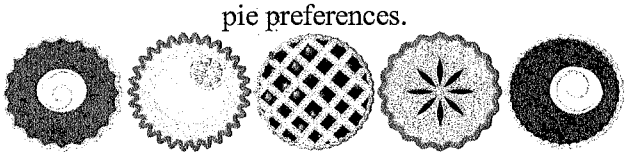
The Everlasting Light
Dec. 2nd – A Street Called Light
Dec. 9th – A Street Called Beautiful
Dec. 16th – A Street Called Impossible

Other Preparation dates:
Sunday, November 29th: 12-2:00pm
Fabulous 5th activity- Christmas Tree Decorating
Sunday December 20th: 9:30am
PreK-2nd grade Christmas Program

ELDERS

Nov	1	8:00 a.m.	Justin Taylor
		10:30 a.m.	Phil Kruger
Nov	2	6:30 p.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Nov	8	8:00 a.m.	Dale Johnson
		10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Nov	9	6:30 p.m.	Trevor Magness
Nov	15	8:00 a.m.	Justin Taylor
		10:30 a.m.	Paul Yamriska
Nov	16	6:30 p.m.	Trevor Magness
Nov	22	8:00 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
		10:30 a.m.	Bill Manthey
Nov	24 (Tue)	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
Nov	29	8:00 a.m.	Mike Manke
		10:30 a.m.	Phil Kruger
Nov	30	6:30 p.m.	Trevor Magness

Our St. Peter's
Christian Women's Council
would like you to order your homemade *"frozen"* unbaked Holiday pies today!
Apple $15.00 each
Pumpkin $15.00 each
Pick up your pie at St. Peter's
On Sunday, November 22nd
following either 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. services.
Delivery options are available, contact the church office (608) 635-4825 for details.
Proceeds go to various service organizations within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod such as: St. Peter's College Youth, St. Peter's Vicar/Deaconess Program, St. Peters' Seminary Students, and our local food pantries.
You may use the insert included in the Sunday bulletin and drop that in the offering plate, call the church office with your order, or email <stpeterluth@gmail.com> with your pie preferences.



The October 13, 2026 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 opened the meeting with a devotion on Psalm 46. This Psalm was the basis for Martin Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress". The Lord, our God is in charge of everything at all times.

The Agenda was presented. Amalia Magness requested that the Board of Christian Education report be moved up and given first so she could relieve Trevor and he could come to the meeting. Amalia made the motion to accept the agenda with this change. Alex Rehlinger second, motion carried.

Amalia Magness gave the Board of Christian Education report. Sunday School Rally Day was last Sunday. They are using the curriculum "Enduring Faith". Lower grades will be singing in church this Sunday, October 18th and the Upper grades will be singing on Sunday, November 8th. There were 19 bikers that participated last Sunday in the bike-a-thon for a total of 506 laps (202.4) miles. Midweek classes have 24 students – 12 with Pastor Juhl and 12 with Vicar Schmidt. Pastor Juhl mentioned the need for two more white boards. One would be used in the lower classroom and one on wheels for use by the Vicar in the larger room downstairs. Bible classes have resumed. Men are studying John, the Ladies are studying Mark. The next Fabulous Fifth Sunday will be November 29th to decorate the church for Advent/Christmas.

The secretary's minutes were read. Bill Manthey moved to approve the minutes, Meg Hanson second, carried.

The Financial Secretary's report was given by Joey Pascavis. Contributions for September put us at 88.5% of budget need for the year. Special Purpose funds receiving contributions this month were the Vicar fund, Seminary fund, and several memorials. Paul Yamriska made a motion to approve the report, Trevor Magness second, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Meg Hanson. The balance of the General fund is $18,461. The balance of the Special Purpose Fund is $107,654.53. Alex Rehlinger made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Joey Pascavis second, motion carried.

The Board of Elder's report was given by Bill Manthey. Attendance is up since the school year started and the beginning of the choirs. Advent cards will be sent out again this year. Military Care Committee has sent out 3 packages. Calvary Luncheon on November 15th and since their attendance average is up to 40 we will plan accordingly.

The Board of Trustee's Report was given by Calvin Moll. Calvin said the quote from Badger Basements was $30,000 instead of the $40,000 noted in the report last month. Paul Yamriska made a motion to amend the secretary's report to reflect the $30,000 Basement bid, second by Calvin Moll, motion carried. Progress on the mold remediation was given by Pastor Juhl. They have had a minor setback in the hallway bathroom. A lead was found behind the back splash on the tub. It has been repaired and there has been no mold regrowth. Master bath is done except for switch plates. Dining Room is almost complete. Expect the work to be done by Halloween. Property Insurance update was given by Lynnette Taylor. Current insurance is with Fremont with a $5,000 deductible. If we raise the deductible to $10,000, we could save $1,800 per year. Meg Hanson made a motion to continue with Fremont. second by Bill Manthey. Discussion followed regarding the amount of the deductible. Meg Hanson rescinded her motion, Bill Manthey rescinded his second. Trevor Magness made a motion to go with Fremont for property insurance with a $10,000 deductible. Meg Hanson second, motion carried. Calvin reported issues with fluorescent lights in the basement. They need to be replaced with LEDs. Pastor Juhl mentioned the urinal in the men's room off the kitchen needs to be snaked.

Pastor's report: Rev. Roger Drinnon of St. Paul, Bourbonnais, IL accepted the call to St. John's Portage and will be installed Sunday, December 20th. Pastor Juhl will be gone from October 15-20 to visit his vicarage congregation in Tullahoma, TN for their 75th anniversary. The next PALS meeting will be November 16th. Mr. Erik Lunsford from synod headquarters in St. Louis will be here to take photographs of our church building for future use by synod.

Vicar report – He continues preaching, teaching and leading Bible studies. He will be helping with preaching and presiding at St. John's Portage and Bethlehem, Sun Prairie in late November and early December. He enjoyed filling in for Cantor on the organ last weekend.

There were no membership changes.

Old business: reports for the voters' meeting need to given to Lynnette Taylor.

There was no new business.

Calvin Moll made a motion to adjourn, Alex Rehlinger second, motion carried at 7:18 pm. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra McVey, Secretary

DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November 1/2 All Saints' Day Revelation 7:2-17 Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 676 - 677 – 777 - 950, 672 - 671 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Handbells
November 8/9 23rd Sunday after Trinity Proverbs 8:11-22 Psalm 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12 Philippians 3:17-21 Matthew 22:15-22	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 585 - 714 – 777 - 645, 813 - 781 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Upper Grades Sunday School (8am)
November 15/16 24th Sunday after Trinity Isaiah 51:9-16 Psalm 95:1–4; antiphon: vv. 6–7a Colossians 1:9-14 Matthew 9:18-26	Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 524 – TLH 592 – 777 - 741, 773 – 548 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Lower Grades Sunday School (8am)
November 22 Last Sunday of the Church Year *(No Monday service)* Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:1-13	Order: DSIV, p 203 Hymns: 538 - 516 - 777 - 638, 725 - 673 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Adult Choir
Tuesday, November 24 Thanksgiving *(6:30pm)* Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Psalm 104:24, 14–15; antiphon: v. 31) 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 12:13-21	Order: DSIV, p 203 Hymns: 893 - 785 - 777 - 789 - 895 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Adult Choir, Handbells

11/6 Cheryl Manke
11/9 Peter Kubale
11/11 Betty Stoltenberg
11/11 Al Stoltenberg
11/14 Katherine Gerard
11/18 Jim Rittmeyer
11/22 Tom Manke
11/22 Brian Hahn
11/24 John Frank
11/25 Lori Pafford



FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:

Balance on Sep 30, 2026	$21,840.46
Receipts for Oct (est.)	$17,144.74
Expenses for Oct (est.)	$(22,654.97)
Shortage/Overage	$16,330.23



NOVEMBER USHERS

November 2 & 9

EARLY	*LATE*
No Chairman	*Tyson Miller, Chair*
George Schoeneberg	Mitch & Ahren Schoeckert
Jeff Rowe	Mike Hendrickson
Phil & Austin Kruger	Stephen Saager
Brandon & Jacob Rowe	James Saager
	Matthew Saager

November 16, 23 & 30

No Chairman	*No Chairman*
Randy Schuster	Al Stoltenburg
Rich Rittmeyer	Brad Larson
Mark Hirssig	Bob Hagenow
Justin & Caleb Reddeman	
Jacob Reddeman	

Calendar for November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Saints' Day **1** 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	**2** 6:30 PM Divine Service	**3** 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	**4** 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	**5**	**6**	**7** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
Trinity 23 **8** 8:00 AM Divine Service ***8:00 AM Upper Gr Sing*** 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	**9** 6:30 PM Divine Service	**10** 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6-8 PM Playgroup 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	**11** 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	**12**	**13** 10:00am -12:00 noon St. Peter's Playgroup	**14** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
Trinity 24 **15** 8:00 AM Divine Service ***8:00 AM Lower Gr Sing*** 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	**16** 8am-4pm PALS 6:30 PM Divine Service	**17** 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	**18** 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	**19**	**20**	**21** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM CWC pie making event
Last Sunday **22** **of the Church Year** 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	**23** No Divine Service	**24** 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Festival Thanksgiving Service	**25** No Midweek, Handbells or Choir	**Thanksgiving Day** **26** Church Office closed	**27** Church Office closed	**28** No Men's Bible Study
Advent 1 **29** 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/ Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service 12:00-2:00PM Fab 5th – Decorating for Christmas	**30** 6:30 PM Divine Service					

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