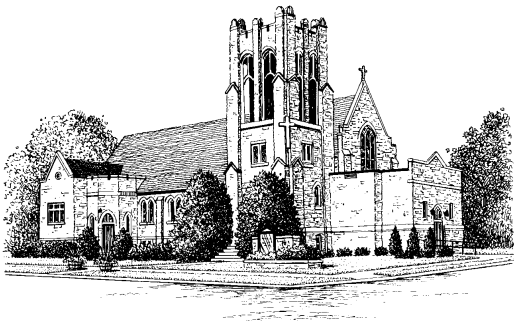




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ST. PETER'S NET

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Beloved in the Lord:

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the Lord, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.'" (2 Kings 20:1 ESV)

Imagine my surprise to discover that someone I knew recently died without drawing up a will. The individual came from a wealthy family and had two living heirs that could have received valuable property as well as what was left of their estate. Now it must go through probate and the heirs will have to wait to see what, if anything, will be theirs.

Now imagine my surprise to discover that someone I knew recently died without telling any family member or even their pastor about their funeral plans. You shouldn't be surprised because this frequently happens. The family of the deceased was confused about what to do at first, then decided it was best to have a "celebration of life" with minimal focus on Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the body, and the life of the world to come. They chose instead to honor the dead person instead of honoring what Christ has done for the dead person.



I can't help you draw up a will, a durable power of attorney, and end of life medical directives. I encourage you to visit an attorney to draft those documents if you haven't already done so. I can, however, help you with funeral planning. You might think this is something that can wait for later in life. Your future may be taken from you as quick as Hezekiah's future was taken from him (though his future was later restored as quickly as it was first taken from him).

Your funeral confesses what you believe to those who are still alive. What would you like to say to them about the certain hope that you have for a blessed reunion in heaven? What comfort will they have in their time of grieving? There is a time and place for stories and reminiscing. There is also a time and place for the Story of how you are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. His Story of salvation is your story. This is the legacy you leave for your family and friends. This is the most important thing about your Christian funeral and committal.

Continued

I have resources that will guide you through the process of choosing Scripture readings and Psalms for your funeral. Cantor Zieroth and I can help you pick hymns. We are here to help you confess that the grave cannot hold you. Because Jesus lives, you also shall live.

I know planning your funeral isn't at the top of your to-do list. Once you pray for God's help and work through the resources, you might discover you are more than ready to plan your Christian burial. Don't wait. Set your house in order now before it's too late.

Let's talk. I'm looking forward to it.

*Your partner in the Gospel,
Pastor Juhl*

Music Ministry



SPECIAL INVITATION

Please join us for music ministry!

Bell Choir still needs a couple permanent ringers and we love having substitutes as well!

Adult Choir is taking anybody who loves to sing! We especially need men and women.

Our first night of the new year is September 14. Bells meet at 6:30pm and Choir meets at 7:30pm. This first week is a preview of what the Fall season will be. In depth rehearsals begin September 21.

WALKING THROUGH THE LITURGY

The Offertory and Offering

Last month, we discussed the sermon and its importance, and so this month we turn our attention to the Offertory and the Offering. Depending on the Divine Service Setting, you'll notice a couple different set of Offertories.

The Offertory of Divine Service 3 comes from Psalm 51:10-12. We know the history behind Psalm 51 because the superscript tells us. Psalm 51 was written, prayed by David when Nathan the prophet confronted him concerning the murder of Uriah the Hittite and taking his wife Bathsheba for himself. Those events are well documented 2 Samuel 11-12.

Psalm 51 is a psalm of acknowledging one's sin and thus repenting, pleading with God to be merciful to the sinner. The first verse of the Psalm says as much, "Be mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions." What we sing as the Offertory comes later in the psalm, in a way a prayer that God again "create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

The sermon should have confronted us with our sins. Yes, we have sinned and have fallen well short of the glory of God. Indeed, we deserve everlasting death for our

offenses against Him. But also in that sermon, we should have heard the Gospel that God has shown us mercy in sending Jesus Christ, who has taken upon himself our sins.

David's prayer as well as our own of Psalm 51 is answered in Christ Jesus' atoning death on the cross and resurrection from the dead with that forgiveness and everlasting life being applied to us via the preaching of Christ's Word and the Administration of His Sacraments. Joy, even in the midst of suffering, is restored for God's mercy is made manifest among us by Jesus Christ, who upholds us, giving us the promised Holy Spirit. Who comforts us with things which are Christ's and declares them to us and makes them our own. With the conclusion of the singing of the Offertory, the offerings of the church are collected. While we do not often see this in our churches anymore, it was at this time that the bread and wine used for the Sacrament of the Altar would come forward as well. Churches in the Roman Catholic Church and similar traditions have the option to bring up the bread and wine at this time.

Dr. Arthur Just, Jr. in his fine book *Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service* talks more about it. He adds, "The bringing forward of the bread and wine is part of the sacrificial part of the liturgy where we offer our gifts to God, including our tithes and offerings. These gifts are given in response to hearing the very words of Jesus in the Gospel and are given in thanksgiving for the gift about to be received..."(Just, 209-210).

We should not think that we are giving to God to earn favor. No, these gifts should be given out of the thankfulness of our hearts for the salvation which we have received from Christ. Even if we thought that we could earn God's favor and blessing by our gifts, ours are far too small and minuscule. They are humble things, some money, some bread and wine.

Another way to think about these gifts is in terms of the feeding of the 5,000. There the people were hungry and only a few loaves and fish were around. They were a humble collection of food, as is bread and wine, but when given into the Lord's hands, from this humble offering He can make it the very food from heaven that satisfies us for everlasting life.



This is also seen in our tithes and offerings of money. What little offerings we gather in this service also are brought before our Lord and He uses our gold and silver and whatever else we might have to sustain the mission of the local congregation as well as those abroad furthering his Kingdom, that others might know the grace and mercy He has for us for the sake of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

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In His service,
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth



Sunday School teachers needed for the 2022-2023 Sunday School year.

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



BIBLE STUDIES

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.



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

Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am,
Mondays at 6:30 pm.

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

Puzzle!

Look up each verse in an NIV Bible and find a word that fits in that row. Then write the word from the bold vertical column in the blank below to complete Proverbs 24:3-4.

1 Corinthians 8:1		N			
Philippians 1:9					H
2 Peter 1:5					S
		A			2 Timothy 3:7
Matthew 24:32				S	
John 7:15				R	
				I	Isaiah 33:6
2 Peter 3:18				E	
	W				Proverbs 24:5

By wisdom a house is built, and ...
through _____ its rooms are filled with
rare and beautiful treasures.

PROVERBS 24:3-4, NIV

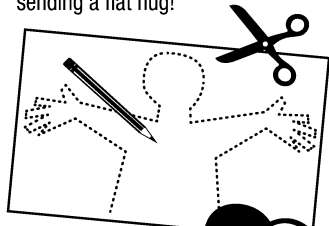
Answer: know, insight, goodness, always, lesson, learning, foundation, grace, power, knowledge

Remember, you can give online at StPetersArlington.org, with options for designated and automatic giving. Thanks for your generosity and support.



Envelope EMBRACE

Show long-distance love to grandparents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



What you need:

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope

What you do:

1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
5. Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.



AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

4-K Host Site for *Poynette School District*

The child care center had a great time this summer, and now it's time to go back to school. The children got to celebrate with a big end-of-summer picnic with food and games. Thank you to all of our school age helpers this summer. We appreciated your help with making snack, washing hands, filling water bottles, and many other things. Good luck this year and we look forward to seeing many of you again next summer.

There are many different projects and activities the preschoolers will be doing this month. The children will learn more about God, use their imaginations to pretend they're camping, and listen to new stories with Ms. Katy, the librarian. Poynette School District will continue to use our space to teach one of their 4K classes. Kelly Pieper, the daycare director, has taken a new job and has left the center, and a new director will be taking over this fall. Thank you to all of the staff, parents, and congregation at St. Peter's Church for being welcoming and supportive this past year, and I will miss seeing the children every day.





 **Reminder:** 

 as fall weekends are filled 

 with activities, we have a 

 Divine Service available 

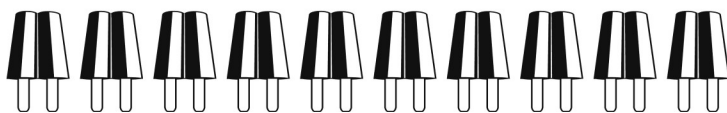
 Monday evenings at 6:30pm. 





DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF **SEPTEMBER**

September 4/5 12th Sunday after Trinity Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: vv. 1-2a 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Mark 7:31-37	Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: <i>By Request</i> Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
September 11/12 Christian Education Sunday Deuteronomy 4:4-15 Psalm 34:8-10, antiphon v. 11 Acts 2:37-41 Luke 18:15-17	Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 594 - 866 - 616, 584, 588 - 867 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
September 18/19 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: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 873 - 849 - 421, 707 - 731 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
September 25/26 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	Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 736 - 760 - 754, 704 - 427 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth

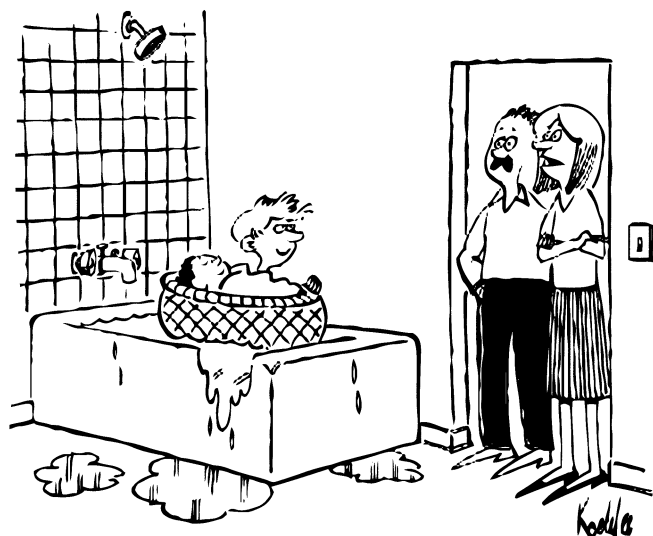
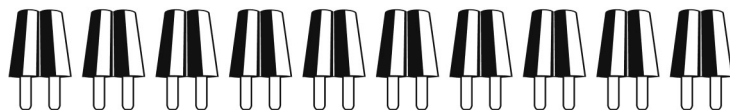


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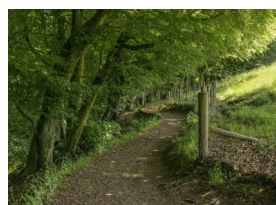


SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/2 Meg Hanson
- 9/5 Karl Hilgendorf
- 9/6 Vint Quamme
- 9/14 Robert Schmidt
- 9/16 Helen Manke
- 9/19 Karen Michaels
- 9/20 Randall Schuster
- 9/25 Cameron Gramse
- 9/30 Gerald Roche



**“So, who did you learn about
 in Sunday School today?”**



Ways to walk

If you think walking is boring or repetitive, read *52 Ways to Walk*. Author Annabel Streets shares dozens of variations on this healthy pastime. From walking in the cold or at altitude to walking

along a river or barefoot (or even backward!), each technique offers different benefits and new perspectives. Other ideas include a sensory walk, a silent walk, a foraging walk and singing while strolling. As Christians know, walking can be a great time to connect with God in prayer too.

Scripture speaks often about our spiritual walk: We are to walk “faithfully” with God (Genesis 5:24, NIV), walk “in all his ways” (Joshua 22:5, NRSV), walk “humbly” with God (Micah 6:8), walk “while you have the light” (John 12:35), walk while praising God (Acts 3:8), walk “by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7), walk “by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16) and walk “in the same way” as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6, NRSV).

As we walk — even through dark valleys — we’re never alone. God promises, “I will walk among you and be your God” (Leviticus 26:12, NIV).

—Stephanie Martin

COUNCIL MINUTES August 9, 2022

The August 9th meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President James Rittmeyer at 6:30 pm. This meeting was held in the sanctuary. In attendance were: Greg Frank, Bob Hagenow, Meg Hanson, Michael Hendrickson, Brad Larson, Bill Manthey, Tyson Miller, Keith Podoll, Alex Rehlinger, James Rittmeyer, Benjamin Robinson, and Pastor David Juhl.

Pastor Juhl opened with a devotion from John 17. You are in Me and I in you, we are in unity.

The agenda was presented. Bob Hagenow moved approval, Bill Manthey provided the second, motion carried.

Secretary's minutes were read. Bob Hagenow moved to approve the report, Brad Larson second, motion carried.

The Financial Secretary's report was given by Bob Hagenow. The General Fund giving was up 123% over the previous month and Mission Fund giving was at 121% of the previous month. Online giving counted for 11% of the General Fund contributions and 13% of the Mission Fund contributions, still a very good option that we have in place for our contributors. Bill Manthey moved to accept the report, Meg Hanson seconded, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Meg Hanson. The current checkbook balance today is \$16,373.20. The request to withdraw from the investment account with the LCMS Foundation was miscalculated and we would like to amend the request to include the gutters for the parsonage. That would bring our request to \$50,000. Greg Frank made the motion to amend that request to the \$50,000 amount. Keith Podoll second, motion carried. Alex Rehlinger moved approval of the treasurer's report, Brad Larson second, motion carried.

The Elders report was presented. The Military Care Committee has no changes at this time. No other reports were forthcoming.

The Trustees report was given by Keith Podoll. A grey cover for the Child Care Center playground sandbox has been ordered.

The Board of Christian Education reported that Kelly Pieper has resigned to take a teaching position. The Child Care Center is looking for a new director/teacher. There is some talk of splitting the director position from the lead teacher position.

The Pastor's report began with Pastor Juhl reminding the Council that he will be on vacation starting tomorrow and going through Sunday, Aug 14th. Pastor Nathan Meador, mission and ministry facilitator for the South Wisconsin District, will preach on Sun-

day. He will also make a presentation on district missions between the Sunday services. The congregation is encouraged to stay after the 8:00 service or come before the 10:30 service to hear his presentation. Pastor will be back to preach the Monday night service on Aug. 15th. He is steadily seeing four home bound member households and has performed four baptisms in the month of July. He is still helping with the Fall River mission plant of Bethlehem, Sun Prairie by preaching on the first Saturday of each month. He asks us to remember this mission start in our prayers. Mid-week Confirmation instruction begins again in September. Charlotte Reddeman will teach New Testament Bible history to the sixth and seventh grade students, while Pastor takes the fifth and eighth grade students through Luther's Small Catechism to prepare them for First Communion and Confirmation. Also in the planning stages is a "Theology on Tap" evening once a month in the Madison area. This should start in September. The format will be "Ask the Pastor". All are encouraged to bring your friends to this ongoing event.

There were no membership changes.
No Old Business.
No New Business.

Motion to adjourn made by Alex Rehlinger, second by Meg Hanson, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnette Taylor, *Council Secretary*





**FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



Balance on July 31, 2022	\$21,789.01
Receipts for Aug (est.).....	\$14,183.98
Expenses for Aug (est.)	\$(17,214.45)
Shortage/Overage	\$18,758.54

ELDERS

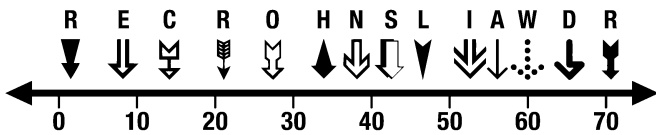
Sept 4	8:00 a.m.	Cameron Gramse
	10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Sept 5	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
Sept 11	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Bill Manthey
Sept 12	6:30 p.m.	Benjamin Robinson
Sept 18	8:00 a.m.	Cameron Gramse
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Sept 19	6:30 p.m.	Benjamin Robinson
Sept 25	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Sept 26	6:30 p.m.	Benjamin Robinson



A full Quiver

Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

Directions: Use the key to match the number of each arrow with the correct letter.



Like _____
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in the hands of a warrior are

14 33 52 47 65 2 9 39

born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV

Answers: arrows, children



September 4 & 11

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 18 & 25

No Chairman

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

No Chairman

Jim Paske
Shayne Brasda
Ben Robinson



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



SEPTEMBER

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Kristina Jensen

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					2	3 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 12 4 8:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service	 5 <i>Church Office & Child Care Closed</i> 6:30PM Divine Service	6 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	7	8	9	10 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 13 11 Christian Education Sunday 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Rally Day/ Bible Study Begins 10:30 AM Divine Service	12 6:30PM Divine Service	13 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	14 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	15	16	17 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 14 18 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	19 6:30PM Divine Service	20 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 	21 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	22	23	24 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 15 25 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	26 6:30PM Divine Service	27 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	28 4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	29	30 	

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