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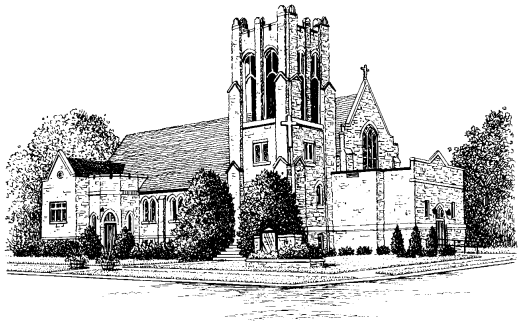

ST. PETER'S NET JULY 2025

Beloved in the Lord:

As I write these words, I am about to go on a week's vacation. At the end of this vacation I will preach at the ordination and installation of Nick Sinatra, our Vicar from 2023-2024, at St. John Lutheran Church in Sanborn, Iowa. You never forget your first vicar, even though he was our congregation's eighth vicar. You never forget the many learning experiences he went through and you went through with him.



Thanks be to God that we were quickly blessed with the arrival of Kyle Bliss, our congregation's ninth vicar. It's been an honor to watch him grow in his preaching, his teaching, and in his social skills. Now it's time to let him go and to welcome yet another vicar, Josiah Coblentz, our congregation's tenth vicar. You'll hear more from Josiah in next month's newsletter, God willing.

Comings and goings of vicars are like a regeneration. The old becomes new. A man with one set of unique gifts gives way to another man with a different set of unique gifts. A change of vicars happens every year around this time, so it's good to reflect on the gift of vicars in our congregation and the honor of helping train future pastors.

Our congregation has the privilege of being part of a man's formation for ministry by being a living classroom, a place where the theoretical meets the practical. I often say that Arlington is the place where culture meets agriculture. We have the resources that a state capital and a Big Ten university offers in nearby Madison, yet we have the slower pace and rhythm that a farming community offers. Perhaps we take it for granted because we live here and we're used to it. When you look at it with fresh eyes, however, you see how unique our congregation is. St. Peter's offers a vicar and his family the opportunity to learn, to grow, and to appreciate a unique culture.

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St. Peter's also offers a vicar and his family a place to stay connected to Jesus. When my family arrived, you were the hands and feet of Christ, welcoming my family and me into your lives. Now I get to see it happen over and over again with a vicar and his family. You are the hands and feet of Christ for him, welcoming him and helping train him to be a pastor by letting him be a part of your joys and your sorrows. A vicar gets to be a part of baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals. A vicar gets to know the flock of God so he is able to watch over another flock, God willing, when he is ordained. This is the joy Nick Sinatra begins to know in Sanborn, Iowa and Chase Greenhagen, a son of our congregation, in San Antonio, Texas. This is the joy Kyle Bliss, along with Michael Hendrickson, a son of our congregation, will know, God willing, next spring. It's an honor to serve as a shepherd of the Good Shepherd's flock. It's an honor to be served by one who is preparing to be a shepherd, too. So here we go again with Vicar number ten!

Your partner in the Gospel,
Pastor Juhl

Music Ministry

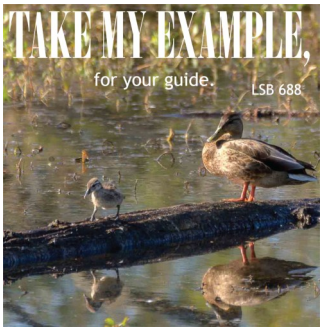
from the Music Director

July 2025 is a unique month this year. It is one of only 2 months where the liturgical color remains unchanged for the whole month, and it is the only month of pure green! (May was the other month, where we had Easter white for every service.) What about the rest of the green season, you may ask? There are lots of feast days to come! We usually only recognize them when they fall on a Sunday. This year, August has one and September has two. October always has Reformation on the last Sunday and November always has All Saints on the first Sunday.

All that to invite you to this month's hymn study, "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake (LSB 688). The text for this hymn was written by Johann Scheffler (1624-77) and set to a tune composed by Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630). This is the hymn of the day for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 20/21.

In the weeks after Trinity there is a focus on how the Christian conducts himself. The Epistle readings often highlight Christian conduct while Our Lord speaks and acts in ways that show what the Christian Church is about. Hymns like "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" fit perfectly into this time in the life of the Church. We sing the admonition of Christ and the Apostles to flee from darkness and whatever else would threaten our salvation and to walk with one another in kindness and love.

This shift in hymnody, from the sturdy, doctrinal hymns of Luther and the sixteenth century, to the hymns teaching the Christian life in the seventeenth century took place by the pen of writers such as Johann Scheffler. Scheffler was born in 1624 in Breslau (today Wrocław, Poland). Trained as a doctor, Scheffler received his M.D. in 1648 from the University of Padua in Italy. His life took him far from his Polish homeland because of his adherence to Lutheranism, since Poland was hostile to Lutheranism at the time. After graduating he returned home to serve as court doctor for Duke Sylvius Nimrod of Württemberg Oels. The Duke was a staunch Lutheran, but Scheffler soon found his personal theology at odds with Lutheran theology. While studying he became familiar with the writings of Jakob Böhme, whose theology was heavily mystic. Mysticism is the desire to have knowledge of God by personal experiences, such as trances, visions, and speaking in tongues. Most theologians in that era denied mysticism, but some embraced it, including him. So, Scheffler left the Lutheran Church and in 1652 was officially received into the Roman Catholic Church and changed his name to Angelus Silesius. He became a priest in 1661, and in 1671 retired to the monastery of St. Matthias in Breslau, dying there in 1677.



Scheffler's hymns found wider acceptance and use among Lutherans than Roman Catholics. His hymns were some of the finest poetry of the time. Scheffler wrote several hymns. Four were included in TLH and other major Lutheran hymnals, yet only two in LSB, the other being "Thee Will I Love My Strength, My Tower.". Scheffler's hymns were published in several hymnals in his lifetime, many of which he released himself. However, the most notable hymnal he produced was Heilige Seelenlust, "Holy Desires of the Soul." Most of his hymns, at least of those in wide use, seem to be written before his ventures into mysticism, and focus heavily on the person and work of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" is widely known as a five-stanza hymn. However, LSB omits two stanzas, located between LSB's four and five:

--But if too hot you find the fray,
I, at your side, stand ready;
I fight Myself, I lead the way,
At all times firm and steady.
A coward he who will not heed
When the chief Captain takes the lead.

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At the time of writing this, we are on the final three weeks of my vicarage. It's been a very good year, and I'm extremely grateful for the time that I was able to spend here. Getting to know this congregation and getting hands-on experience in what pastoral ministry looks like was a great blessing to me. I'm very glad I was able to spend my year here in Arlington, and the only thing I regret from this vicarage is that it is coming to an end. Seeing as we are coming up on the end of my vicarage, I thought I would recall some of the highlights from my time here.



The thing I most enjoyed during my time here was getting to work with the youth. I had a great confirmation group that I got to work with during my time here that actively engaged in discussions, asked good questions, and was generally fun to work with. It was great getting to see how much they learned throughout the year and how they started to see the Bible as centered in the saving work of Christ for sinners. I've had a passion for working with youth for a long time, and it was awesome to be able to work with kids who could truly latch onto the Gospel and hear the good news of the forgiveness of sins in Christ alone.

The other major highlight during my time here were the bible studies that I either led or took part in. It was a lot of fun going through the Gospel of Matthew and how Matthew looks at the Old Testament with all of you on Sunday morning, and I also greatly enjoyed leading the women's bible study on Tuesdays, especially when I led them through the Heidelberg Disputation, and taking part in the men's bible study on Saturday mornings. I learned as much taking part in all these bible studies as any of you did from me, and I am very grateful to have been at a church where scriptural study is such a central part of the congregational life of the church.

Overall, I couldn't have gotten a better congregation to serve at for my vicarage. I had a phenomenal supervisor in a great area with an awesome congregation, and you all helped make it an unforgettable year. You have all been so gracious and kind, especially after my brother died, and it was easy for me to see how much you care both about me and Pastor Juhl. I've made so many good memories and learned so much during my time here that I will take with me back to the seminary. I hope you all have enjoyed having me here as much as I have enjoyed being here.

God's blessings to you all.

Vicar Bliss

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 there receive the Sacraments.

Reminder: as summer weekends are filled with activities and travels, we have a Divine Service Monday evening at 6:30pm.

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





Make this candle to keep uninvited insects from your outdoor summer meals.

What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half. Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate. Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.



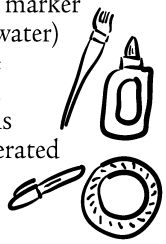
A STARRY LIGHT

Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

What you need:



- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



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*

Ecclesiastes 11:7: "Sunshine is sweet; it is good to see the light of day."

Everyone at the center is excited to enjoy the warming summer sun! We are adjusting to our new classrooms and schedule and are excited to play with friends we haven't seen during the school year!

As we get ready to celebrate Independence day, we will also look to celebrate the "American Dream" in July. Our activities will focus on the great wonders God has provided us in this blessed land. We will celebrate with firework projects and experiments the first week, discover what animals live in the hot desert, learn why we have so many orange cones on the road in the summer and explore with construction tools, equipment and explore simple machines, like pulleys and levers. Our last week we will enjoy some traditional American fairy tales.

We are blessed to welcome Ms. Medora as a teacher for the summer and Vicar Coblentz's wife, Katie for the year. Please welcome these new staff members to the St. Peter's family.





DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

July 6/7 3rd Sunday after Trinity Micah 7:18-20 Psalm 25:1–2a, 5b, 15, 20; antiphon: vv. 16, 18 1 Peter 5:6-11 Luke 15:1-32	Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 594 - 609 - 707, 774, 818, 626 - 922 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth
July 13/14 4th Sunday after Trinity Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 27:3–4a, 5; antiphon: vv. 1–2 Romans 8:18-23 Luke 6:36-42	Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 932 - 696 - 627, 544 - 496 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth
July 20/21 5th Sunday after Trinity 1 Kings 19:11-21 Psalm 27:1a, 11–12, 14; antiphon: vv. 7, 9b 1 Peter 3:8-15 Luke 5:1-11	Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 771 - 688 - 750, 730 - 718 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth
July 27/29 6th Sunday after Trinity Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 28:1–2, 7; antiphon: vv. 8–9 Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 5:17-26	Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 567 - 558 - 581, 605 - 649 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth

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--Who seeks to find his soul's welfare
Without Me, he shall lose it;
But who to lose it may appear,
In God shall introduce it.
Who bears no cross nor follows hard
Deserves not Me nor My reward.

The primary voice in this hymn is that of Jesus, speaking all but four words in the first phrase of stanza 1 and then all of stanzas 2-4. He tells us what He does for us. While it may sound like we are singing of what we must do, we're actually singing what Our Lord does for us. In stanza two when He tells us to "walk as in the day," He does not leave us to do it on our own, but instead tells us, "I keep your feet from straying." Similarly, in stanzas three and four He tells us of His "gracious Words" which give strength and comfort while He "[leads] you to your heavenly goal." Though we do sing also of what we must do, these actions are the response of faith. Our following of Christ Our Lord is only possible because by His Means of Grace (Word and Sacrament) we are strengthened in faith towards Him and fervent love for one another. With Jesus' strength we bear the battle's strain undaunted because His Word sustains us and His love supports us.

In His service,
Cantor Geremy Zieroth



COUNCIL MINUTES June 10, 2025

The June 10, 2025 meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President Cameron Gramse at 6:41pm. This meeting was held in the conference room. In honor of Vicar Bliss' last council meeting with us, he gave the opening devotion from Isaiah 6: Christ comes to us to cleanse us and take us to the Lord.

The Agenda was presented. Paul Yamriska made a motion to accept. Mike Pertzborn second, motion carried.

Secretary's minutes were read, Meg Hanson moved to approve the minutes, Paul Yamriska second, carried.

Financial Secretary's report was given by Lynnette Taylor. May was a slower month with giving at 79% of projected need which puts us at 91% of need for the year. Hopefully we can maintain that percentage for the summer. It was noted that Special Purpose giving has been slower as it seems more funds are being directed to the general fund instead of being given specifically to the individual funds in the Special Purpose. Mission giving is still very strong. Calvin Moll moved approval of the report, Mike Pertzborn second, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Meg Hanson. No out of the ordinary expenses. The checkbook balance as of today is $14,767.71 in the general fund. Paul Yamriska moved to approve the Treasurer report, Calvin Moll second, motion carried.

Board of Elder's report was given by Bill Manthey. Steady is the word for how services are going. Attendance has fallen slightly due to the start of summer vacations. St. Peter's was host to a very nice wedding the end of May with 135 people in attendance. Christian Women's Council held their annual Plant/Bake Sale on May 9th & 10th and deposits came in at $844. Military Care is working on making their presentation board for the narthex. Cantor's report: Music season has ended with the close of Sunday School choirs finishing up May 18th with a good crew here that day which reflected in many comments about the congregation being able to hear them sing. Bells played at Ascension as well as the wedding at the end of May for a former bell choir member. The summer season will be utilized for clearing things out, putting them away, and getting ready for next season. There will be some small groups or individual instrumentalists throughout the summer. There was also a hymn sing over the Memorial Day weekend with many different choices being chosen for the three services.

Board of Trustee's Report was presented by Calvin Moll. The Trustees are not sure why the window people are not here yet. The dryer in the parsonage is working much better now. The concrete work is looking to be very extensive and the thought is that we will work on making this a multi year project to spread the costs over those years. They are still collecting bids from contractors for this project. The elevator alarm was because there was water in the pit and it seems that the sump pump needed a new GFCI outlet. That has been replaced. Daizy Sweeps will be here this week to repair the chimney in the parsonage.

The Board of Christian Education report was given by Charlotte Reddeman. The Child Care Center is doing well with a current enrollment of 29 students for the summer which they have split into three groups. They have hired a new assistant teacher, Medora Richards, and will be welcoming Katie Coblentz in the middle of July. Upcoming events at the center is Breakfast Buddies. Sunday School concluded on May 18th. Bible studies are moving along same as usual. VBS planning is well underway for this summer's program: *Epic Australian Adventure*. The youth group activity planned for the fifth Sunday in June will need to be cancelled as the organizer will be out of town.



Pastor's report began with Pastor Juhl giving us the newly elected District officers: *President*: Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador; *1st Vice President*: Rev. Eric Skovgaard; *2nd Vice President*: Rev. John Berg; *3rd Vice President*: Rev. Jonah Burakowski; *4th Vice President*; Rev. Dan Torkelson; *Secretary*: Rev. Christian Gugel. Attendance through the end of May is averaging 126 per weekend. He is visiting seven home bound member families. Living Christ, Madison (20), and Good Shepherd by the Lake, Stoughton (20) are vacant. Pastor Greg Hovland from St. John, Portage returned the call to serve St. Luke, Wisconsin Rapids. Pastor Doug Stowe from Divine Savior, Hartford returned the call to serve Good Shepherd by the Lake, Stoughton. As of today, Pastor Juhl is the Circuit Visitor for Circuit 19. Pastor Allen Strawn (Calvary, Madison) is the Circuit Visitor for Circuit 20. Looking ahead: Josiah Coblentz will be inducted as our next Vicar on July 13-14. Josiah and Katie visited St. Peter's congregation on June 1st and took a look at the vicarage home. Vicar Bliss's last weekend with us will be July 6-7. This is Vicar Bliss's last Council meeting among us. Let us give thanks to God for his faithful service this past year and pray God's blessings as he returns to Ft. Wayne in September for his final year of studies. Pastor will be taking some vacation time this weekend to attend the annual Warmuth family camping weekend at Camp Sinawa near Valders. Pastor Allen Strawn from Calvary, Madison will be the celebrant on Sunday, June 15th and Vicar will preach. Pastor plans to be here for Divine Service on Monday, June 16th. He will also be taking some vacation time from June 24-30. Part of that vacation includes preaching and ordaining Nick Sinatra at his placement congregation in Sanborn, IA. Dr. Aaron Moldenhauer will be the celebrant on June 29th and Allen Strawn on June 30th. Vicar will preach that weekend. Pastor will also be taking a "staycation" from July 8-11 after Vicar Bliss leaves and before Vicar-Designate and Mrs. Coblentz arrive. Pastor will be here for the Council meeting on July 8th.

Vicar Bliss reported that he is preaching 3 of the last 4 Sundays that he is with us. He is planning to be in Minnesota the weekend of June 22nd. He had his vicar evaluation and it has been reported that he passed vicarage!

There were no membership changes.

There was no old business.

New business: July Voters' meeting date to be determined. Paul Yamriska made a motion to set the date for July 20th at 9:30 am. Meg Hanson second, motion carried.

Calvin Moll moved to adjourn, Meg Hanson second, motion carried at 7:18 pm.

The gathering closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnette Taylor, *Council Secretary*



FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:

Balance on May 31, 2025	$9,416.74
Receipts for June (est.)	$18,064.53
Expenses for June (est.)	$(21,922.20)
Shortage/Overage	$5,559.07

PUZZLE

TINY TEAMWORK

The focused teamwork of ants is astounding! How can we learn from them?

Directions: Answer the clues. Then write the words in order below to complete Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV.

This 6-legged arthropod can carry 20 times its own weight.	_ _ _
A sleepy, sloth-like and slow-moving person.	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Having deep understanding and sound judgment.	_ _ _ _
A person in charge of military troops.	_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
A person in authority.	_ _ _ _ _
The season when daylight hours are longest.	_ _ _ _ _ _
A substance you eat for nutrition.	_ _ _ _
When farmers reap the rewards of hard work.	_ _ _ _ _ _

Go to the _____, you _____;

consider its ways and be _____!

It has no _____, no overseer or _____,

yet it stores its provisions in _____

and gathers its _____ at _____.

Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV

Answers: ant, sluggard, wise, commander, ruler, summer, food, harvest; Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Jeff Rouse
7/10	Diane Wolff
7/20	Cynthia Kriewaldt
7/21	Susan Zak
7/22	Dee Hanson
7/27	Kathy Schulz
7/28	Tony Pafford

ELDERS

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

JULY USHERS

July 6 & 13

EARLY	***LATE***
No Chairman	*No Chairman*
Dave & Wesley Sandstrom	Nathan Campbell
Craig & Owen Wendt	Noah, Haydin, & Lucas
Glenn Puntney	Vint Quamme
Riley Puntney	Vint Quamme, Jr
Cody Puntney	David Steinke
Todd, Justin, Hayden Taylor	Alex Rehlinger
Logan Sandstrom	

July 20 & 27

John Caldwell, Chr. *(635-4762)*	*Herb Miller, Chr.* *(635-4557)*
Mike Manke	Paul Yamriska
Dale & Tucker Johnson	Andrew & Josh Yamriska
Mark Manke	
Tom Manke	

Jim & William Plenty (Mondays)

JULY

608-635-4825

Jane Tomlinson

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		**1** 1:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 3 6 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:30 AM Vicar Bliss' farewell 10:30 AM Divine Service	**7** 6:30PM Divine Service	**8** 1:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 4 13 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:30 AM Welcome Josiah & Katie Coblentz 10:30 AM Divine Service	**14** 6:30PM Divine Service	**15** 1:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 5 20 8:00 AM Divine Service ***9:30 AM Voters' Meeting*** 10:30 AM Divine Service	**21** 6:30PM Divine Service	**22** 1:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study	**23**	**24** 	**25**	**26** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Trinity 6 27 8:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service	**28** 6:30PM Divine Service	**29** 1:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study	**30**	**31**		

VBS - *Epic Australian Adventure* 9:00-11:30 AM



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