

St. Peter News

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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

What are you thankful for? When life is going along pretty well, it is easy to come up with an answer to share. When life is difficult and a struggle, it can be hard to think of things that you are thankful for. As we head into November where we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, it is important for us to continue to stop and ponder the blessings in our lives and say "Thank you" to God for them.

Paul writes in Philippians 4, "Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." It is easy to get anxious and worry about things in our lives. In the midst of our anxiety and worry, we need to stop and ponder what God has actually given to us. God has given us so many blessings that we take for granted so many times. God provides us with everything we need in our lives. Yes, we may not always have what we want, but we have everything we need. Our God is so gracious and compassionate. There are a number

of ways we can express our gratitude to God. First, we can simply say thank you. Second, we can use the blessings that He has given us for good and not evil and we can use them for the benefit of others that they might know about Jesus as well. God doesn't give us blessings just for our own personal use. He wants us to think about how we can use those things to share with others.

I continue to be so thankful that I am the pastor here at St. Peter. The Lord has truly blessed me here. It is a great blessing to see how God continues to grow us as a body of Christ and how God continues to work in and through your lives as you continue to love and serve the people around you. The encouragement and support that you give me as your pastor is truly humbling and I am so blessed and thankful for all of you.

I am thankful each and every day for the opportunity to be a part of Deshler Lutheran School. The teachers and staff that we have are amazing people who have a heart of love for each and every student and a desire to point them back to Jesus constantly. In a time where there are so many distractions from the world and so many lies that we get from the world and movies and technology, it is so important to

have Deshler Lutheran School. Are the kids and the teachers and the pastors and the staff perfect? Of course not. None of us are perfect. However, when we do sin or kids hurt other kids, we have the opportunity to point them back to the cross and the forgiveness of Jesus. We have students in our school that are dealing with deep hurts in their lives. At DLS, we don't point them to themselves to find their "inner strength." We point them to Jesus who can heal any hurt. We point them to hope that is found in Jesus. In a world that is hurting and looking for hope. We have the answer and it is Jesus and we get to share that every day. Please continue to pray for DLS. Pray that God would provide more and more students. Pray that we would have the resources that we need to carry on this ministry. For those that don't send your kids to DLS, this is still a ministry of our congregation and something that is important and so please pray how you can be a part of this ministry. If you would like to learn more about DLS, please talk to Todd Voss. A big thank you to all of you that continue to support this ministry at DLS

In Jesus – the Healer of the hurting,

Pastor Brian

Official Acts

10-7-2017

Funeral & Burial Service for
Donald Harms

Date of death: 10-4-2017
Age: 94

10-25-2017

Funeral & Burial Service for
Lois Meyer

Date of death: 10-21-2017
Age: 90

The Lutheran Hour

Sunday mornings:

6:30 KFAB Omaha 1110 AM

7:30 WIBW Topeka 580 AM

8:00 BOTT North Platte 107.9 FM

10:00 KRVN Lexington 880 AM

Anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

November 5

"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer
This weekend many churches observe All Saints Sunday, remembering those who have died in the Christian faith. That prompts us to ask, what does it take to get to heaven? Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." What that means is this week's Lutheran Hour message. (Matthew 5:8)

November 12

"More Than a Wish"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Not so long ago over 370 million tickets were sold for a Powerball drawing. Each person who made a purchase had hope that they might become rich. Most were disappointed. In 1 Thessalonians 4, St. Paul explains how the resurrection hope of Christians is better than the hopelessness of the world and far more solid than groundless wishful thinking. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

November 19

"The Reckoning"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer
You hear little talk about the "Fear of God" anymore, but if you don't in some way fear your Creator who judges you down to your inmost being, why would you love your only Savior whom He sends you? A message about fearing and loving God. (Matthew 25:14-30)

November 26

"Show Me"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
In Lerner and Loewe's musical, My Fair Lady, Eliza is being wooed with words by weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: "Don't talk of stars, burning above If you're in love, show me Tell me not dreams, filled with desire If you're on fire, show me." In Jesus' description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action. (Matthew 25:31-46)

Two Familiar Voices Take Over the Airwaves on The Lutheran Hour



In celebration of Lutheran Hour Ministries' 100th anniversary, LHM is excited to announce that the weekly broadcast of **The Lutheran Hour** will feature Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Klaus and Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer beginning Nov. 5, 2017.

The regular appearances of the two distinguished speakers are part of a transition plan being implemented following current Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz's recent acceptance of a call to serve as executive director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. Seltz's last broadcast will be

recorded in Wittenberg and aired Reformation weekend, Oct. 29.

"In a year where we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lutheran Hour Ministries, we are extremely pleased to honor the legacy of The Lutheran Hour program by announcing that these two popular speakers have agreed to assist us while we search for the next individual who will share the Good News of Jesus Christ over the airwaves," says LHM President & CEO Kurt Buchholz. "Generations of people in our listening audience have been blessed to learn from and be strengthened in the faith by Dr. Klaus and Dr. Meyer. We look forward to their continued role in this important ministry that remains a critical part of LHM's focus on media outreach."

Klaus retired from the full-time speaker role in 2010 and has been recording one sermon a month for The Lutheran Hour and writing many of LHM's Daily Devotions. Meyer served as speaker from 1989 through 2001 (as well as host of LHM's On Main Street weekly television program) and currently serves as president of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

The Lutheran Hour airs on nearly 1,800 stations throughout North America and reaches more than one million listeners each week. The weekly broadcast can also be heard anytime online at lutheranhour.org or through a mobile app for iPhones and Android devices.

Deshler Lutheran School Board Minutes September 18, 2017

Attendance: Pastor Brian, Todd Voss, Rick Stengel, Audra Capek, Jamie Calkins, Jeremy Schardt, Tyler Harms, Justus Harms, Mike Holtzen, Shannon LeFave

Visitors: Juli Reinke

Mike opened with devotion

Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the August 21 meeting stand approved as read.

Approval of Treasurer Report:

Balance of General Fund: \$43,535.25
Needs Fund: \$15,664.14 Hot Lunch: \$1,021.73 Chapel Fund: \$79.58
Motion made by Shannon to approve the Treasurer's report as presented; second by Tyler. Motion carried.

Trustee Report: New freezer is installed. We are in the process of repairing sprinklers, the parts have been ordered.

Pastor Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Administrator: 1) New concrete looks great. 2) We received a new student, bringing our total to 49 students. 3) New phone system is installed and works great. 4) No school Sept. 22, due to Fall Administrator's Conference. Todd, Pastor Brian and Pastor Flores are attending. 5) New copy machine is installed. 6) Todd applied for a \$1200 Cooper Family Foundation Grant through Midwest Bank to be used for energy absorbent material which would improve safety on the playground. 7-8) First quarter chapel offering is going to Lutheran Academy South in Houston to help with hurricane damage/rebuild. Second quarter is going to Sarah Kanoy, a medical missionary who gave a presentation at chapel on Oct. 11. Our second semester chapel project is the support of Blake and Liz Warren who are missionaries in Dominican Republic. 9) We have received a \$2000 gift from Elmer Schardt memorial to go toward landscaping and improvements to the entrance. 10) Kindergarten class went to Meadowlark Heights for a visit.

Old Business: Todd attended the 1st session of Tech 21. Volleyball net is

installed. Mulch will be used on the playground as energy absorbent material to improve safety.

New Business: The School Wellness Policy needs to be updated.

Discussion was had regarding the wage paid to a substitute cook. We will be preparing the budget next month.

Adjournment: Motion made by Shannon to adjourn; second by Mike. Meeting adjourned. Closing prayer by Pastor Brian.

**Lutheran Laymen's League Minutes
September 25, 2017**

LLL met Sept. 25 with six members present. Pastor led a continuing devotion about Martin Luther and the Reformation. No secretary report was given. Treasurer, Jon Peters, reported on the pork chop dinner. The balance is \$946.61 as of 9/25/17. Motion made and seconded to accept the report.

In Old Business, everyone agreed to keep their old jobs for the coming year with Doug Harms as President, Dennis Harms, Secretary and Jon Peters, Treasurer.

No New Business to discuss. Dennis motioned, seconded by Jon, to adjourn. Pastor closed with prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Helping with Rides to Hastings

One of our members, Roger Roskilly, is currently battling cancer. He takes treatments every day, Monday - Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Hastings for many of the upcoming weeks. The treatments last about a half hour and you can run errands or do something else in Hastings during that time. If you would be willing to give him a ride to his treatment during any of those days (even if it is just once),

please contact the church office or call Roger and Jayne directly. Thank you.

Revised Constitution Available

The revised constitution for St. Peter Lutheran is available on the table in the Narthex. This includes the items that the voters approved at the October 15 meeting. Please pick one up today to have at home. This one replaces the 2001 Constitution.

"Conversations" Every Thursday Morning at 7:00 a.m.

Just a reminder that we have a time every Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. to gather to discuss a short devotional video and just encourage one another. This is also have time to pray for each other. Starting in November our devotional videos will talk about having hope in our lives today. We encourage anyone to come and join us.

Wanting Leftover Christmas Cards for Sunday School

If you have leftover Christmas cards from previous years, please consider donating them to us for Sunday school. We are going to use them for the kids to create invitations to send to people to invite them to come to the Christmas Eve Program. There will be a container on the table in the coat room to place your cards in. Thank you.





Orville Pohlmann.....	1
Kelli Schardt.....	2
Kinzley Bohling.....	5
Campbell Bohling.....	5
Evan Endorf.....	6
Lakin Schardt.....	8
Christopher Sasse.....	10
Jaden Siegle.....	10
Lorna Harms.....	12
Cheryl Moore.....	12
Carol Sorge.....	12
Larry Lueders.....	13
John Noojin.....	16
Jadelyn Calkins.....	19
Dillon Schardt.....	20
Colleen Kruse.....	21
David Larkins.....	25
Lisa Poppe.....	25
Lori Schardt.....	25
Joseph Dunlap.....	26
Naomi Grupe.....	26
Marilyn Bargaen.....	27
Nancy Lueders.....	27
Tanner Bauer.....	28
Reese Harms.....	30

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS



Brooks Kresser.....	4
Monica Bohling.....	5
Janice Klaumann.....	6
Kalab Reinke.....	6
Bryce Sedlachek.....	11
Annette Ohlrich.....	13
Pamela Lemke.....	15
Joseph Dunlap.....	16
Helen Watson.....	16
James Bohling.....	17
Rebecca Drew.....	18
Lorna Harms.....	18
Karla Deepe.....	19
Kelli Schardt.....	19
Jaydin Mackey.....	20
Orville Pohlmann.....	21
Janet Robertson.....	21
Kayson Biltoft.....	22
Cooper Laaker.....	30
Christopher Sasse.....	30



David & Janet Larkins.....	November 18	40 years
Everett & Marilyn Schardt.....	November 21	46 years
Bruce & Tami Finke.....	November 23	26 years
Steven & Beverly Harms.....	November 28	47 years

LWML Meets Thursday, November 2 @ 7:00 P.M.

Come join the ladies of LWML on Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m. for an evening of fellowship, devotion, and planning for the coming year. It is the purpose of LWML to provide each woman in our congregation encouragement and opportunities for personal and spiritual growth so that she is equipped to actively live in service for the Lord. Come help and share ideas of how our group might accomplish that goal. All ladies of the church are invited.

St. Peter Voters Meeting Update

At the October 15 voters meeting, the voters decided to move ahead with putting a screen into the sanctuary. This project will come solely from donations and no money will be taken from the general fund. This project will not begin until \$16,000 has been raised. If you would like to donate to this project, please write "Screen Fund" on your envelope to make sure it gets designated for that project.

New Tuesday Bible Study Topic Starting November 28 - Jonah

We will be doing a four-week Bible Study studying the book of Jonah. There won't be any need to sign up at all. Just bring your Bible and be ready to dive deeper into God's Word with other believers.

We will once again have our morning session from 10:30-11:30 and our evening session from 7:00-8:00. We look forward to seeing you.



Fund Raiser for Family of Tami Horsehief

Sunday, November 12

Deshler Lutheran School Gym

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pancake and Sausage Meal

A live auction will be held, starting at 12:30. To donate, please contact Eric Hopken 768-3369 or Sharon Bell 768-4205.



Deshler Lutheran School Dinner & Auction

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Thayer County Activity Center, Deshler

4:30 – 6:15 PM Silent Auction, 6:30 PM Dinner

Live Auction to follow

\$15 per person, \$110 corporate table of 8

Two meat buffet serving a chicken breast and beef brisket

For reservations and more information, contact Roberta Laaker 402-984-7874 or Juli Reinke 402-364-2549.

Proceeds to purchase laptop computers for the upper grades



Thanksgiving Worship Service

Thursday, November 23

9:30 a.m.

This is a special service to be reminded of so many blessings that God has given to us and to say THANK YOU to our gracious Father in heaven.

Please invite a friend and join us for this special service.

From the Principal's Desk . . . November 2017

Welcome to November! The 2017-18 school year is flying by and we look forward to another fast, action-packed month. We hope that you will join us for some of the big events on the near horizon at DLS.

Right now students in 5th-8th grade are busy preparing for their fall musical entitled *Happily Forever After...this is NOT a fairy tale*. We hope you can join us for a fun night of music and message. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 in the DLS Gym.

On November 13, our students will be attending and participating in the Deshler Community Veteran's Day program at DHS. Our K-2 students will perform as part of the program. This is a special day as we honor, remember and pray for our veterans and active duty military. "Thank You" to all who have sacrificed so much that we can enjoy the blessings of freedom.

You should have received a special invitation in your church mailbox to the Deshler Lutheran School's Biennial Dinner and Auction Fundraiser on Sat., Nov. 18 at the Thayer County Activity Center. I am so grateful to FOS and the many, many individuals who have worked so hard in preparation for this great event. The theme for the event mirrors our 17-18 school year theme: "Fixing our eyes on JESUS!" We have been blessed with some wonderful donations for the auction and greatly appreciate the generosity of many towards DLS. RSVP's are due on November 8. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. We hope you can join us for a great night in support of a great cause.

As you can see, we do have much to look forward to in the month of November. We hope to see you for some of these events!

As we quickly look back on all the activity at DLS since I typed the October Newsletter article, it is quite amazing! There has been a lot happening, and we praise God for that! Mrs. Voss's 5th/6th grade class did an awesome job of leading a chapel service. Through their many talents, the students reminded us that true

peace is only found in Jesus Christ and that He is the bread of life.

The students enjoyed a special chapel speaker from Africa, medical missionary Sarah Kanoy, who reminded us that each one of us here in Deshler, Nebraska is called to be a missionary to the people in our lives. We learned much about the people, culture and language of Kenya and what God is doing through her work.

October is a month of awareness and celebration. DLS had visits from three different groups of people in recognition or celebration. Students benefitted from special programs surrounding each of these events.

Early in the month, we enjoyed a visit from the Deshler Volunteer Fire Department as part of National Fire Prevention Week. Students enjoyed learning about firefighters, reviewing fire safety and the firetruck ride, which is always a big hit...even if it is a cold, blustery day. ☺

Red Ribbon Week, America's oldest Drug Prevention Awareness Celebration, occurs in late October. Nebraska State Trooper Charlie Cook came to DLS to lead a special school assembly for students in grades five through eight on the topic of Drug Prevention Awareness. Trooper Cook shared some alarming statistics and the trends of illegal drug use affecting youth in the state of Nebraska. State Trooper Cook also shared some of the hard/brutal truth about the dangers and negative effects of drug abuse. I really love it that at DLS we can teach students God's Word. Because we are a Christian School, we were able to reiterate the fact that Jesus is the answer to all of life's trials, not drugs or any other false god. We also get to remind students that our bodies are His temple and to be used for His glory. Temptations and trials are real and do come in life, but victory is always found when we "Fix our eyes on JESUS!"

God has truly blessed us with many GREAT days already during the first 50-some days of the 2017-18 school year.

October 24 will go down as one of my favorites! Why, you ask? Well, that was the day that Deshler Lutheran School held our Pastor Appreciation Event in honor of October being Clergy Appreciation Month. Mrs. Werner did a great job of organizing the event. We had five pastors, all of which are pastors of students at DLS join us for this special event. They were: Pastor Brian-St. Peter, Pastor Flores-Trinity, Pastor Rich-Peace, Pastor Jon-Abiding Word and Vicar Schaeffer-St. Peter's, Davenport. Pastors were able to spend a little time in our classrooms before lunch, and then they joined us for one of Mrs. Jarchow's amazing school lunches. After lunch, we honored our pastors with a program. The 7th & 8th graders shared some verses from God's Word. Kindergarten students performed two songs, then the K-8 DLS School Choir sang for them. We concluded the event with pictures, some hugs (Pastor Brian was mobbed by the 1st/2nd graders☺), cards and some appreciation gifts for our community pastors. The kids did an awesome job. In Jeremiah 3:15 God says, "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." DLS is blessed to have Pastor Brian and Pastor Flores!

There were many other events in October. The month brought with it the end of first quarter. Parent-teacher conferences were held. Our teachers and pastors attended the Nebraska District LCMS All-Church Workers Convention for two days in Lincoln.

As we move towards Thanksgiving, we find DLS grateful to God for so many of blessings, His unfailing love, and provision. Please continue to lift our students, staff and the mission of DLS up in your prayers. We are oh so thankful to you for your support. May God richly bless you and may we all keep "Fixing our eyes on JESUS!"

In Christ,
Todd Voss, Principal
Deshler Lutheran School
"Fixing our eyes on JESUS!"

Sunday School Servant Event Care Packages for Church Members Serving in the Military October 1, 2017



Picture # 1: Sunday school students began the process of assembling care packages by placing one item in each box.

Picture # 2: Sample of the items included in the care packages, including devotional material.

Picture # 3: The younger students then gave their best efforts at coloring pictures while the older students wrote personal letters expressing appreciation for their service and reminding them of God's care. These pictures and letters were included in the care packages.

Picture # 4: This was a Thrivent Action Team project giving the children the opportunity to serve others. The Thrivent seed money was used to cover the cost of the gifts and the postage to mail the gifts.

DLS Kindergarten

From climbing into a Firetruck after timing and cheering on a local Firefighter while getting his gear on, to climbing an old farm truck during our visit to the Scarecrow Pumpkin Patch, to eyes lighting up upon the jaw-dropping discovery of mixing Primary Colors ("Superhero Colors") to find Secondary ("Side Kick") Colors, our Kindergarten Classroom has been buzzing with activity. We have so much to write about during our weekly journaling time! God is good, all the time! (Pictures on page 8)

Looking forward to our next adventure,
The DLS Kindergarten Room

DLS First & Second Grade

Here is a picture of the first and second graders holding the Bible that Annette Ohlrich gave each of them! The children were so excited to get this Bible from her that I had multiple children tell me the next day that they read it all the night before. In Christ, (Picture on page 8)

In Christ, Mrs. D. Schardt



1st & 2nd Grade with Bible Storybook



Haylyn Mackey, Dillon Schardt, Barrett Harms, Johnny Hinz having fun getting a push on the bench swing at Scarecrow Pumpkin Patch



Climbing on an old farm truck as K-2 visit Scarecrow Pumpkin Patch



Marshall & Dean getting a big one at the pumpkin patch



Kindergartners mixing primary colors to discover secondary colors



K-2 climbing onto the firetruck for a ride

DLS Third & Fourth Grade

What an amazing month! The third and fourth graders made a trip to Concordia University in Seward, NE, to take part in the Plum Creek Literacy Festival. We loved singing with Emily Arrow who turns children's books into songs. We also saw a presentation by author Philip Stead.

Recently, the Deshler Volunteer Fire Department visited our school to talk to us about fire safety. They put on their gear and reviewed what to do if there is a fire at our house.

We are excited about the school auction coming up on November 18. Our picnic basket is all complete and we know that you would love it! Please join us by reserving a seat soon.

Joy in Jesus!
Pam Werner <<<



Front row: Grady Holtzen, Claire Sasse; Second row: Cooper Laaker, Lainey Vieselmeyer, Logan Schmidt, Ryver Holtzen; Third row: Daphne Smith, Carlee Hinz, Trevor Clauson, Gracie Erickson, Austyn Lindenmuth; Back row: Mrs. Werner, Emily Arrow (literacy presenter)



Mrs. Werner's 3-4 class as they prepare for their fire truck ride

DLS Fifth & Sixth Grade

November marks the month that we, as a nation, take time to thank God for all of His blessings, with the celebration of Thanksgiving. We do have so much for which to be thankful! There are two things, in particular, for which I am thankful for in November this year. First, I am thankful for

the wonderful people who have put so much time and effort into our biennial school auction. I am also so very thankful for all the businesses and people who are donating items for our silent auction!!! We have some very cool things up for auction this year! (Be sure to join us for a delicious supper and a chance to get some very awesome things!) As the 5th and 6th graders were working on a writing project, we could only find a few laptops that would actually work and print! This particular issue made me super thankful for the auction, as this year the proceeds are going to purchase laptops for a one-to-one ratio in grades 5 to 8!!!

The second thing for which I am thankful is our fall musical. Here at DLS, we get to put on a performance that is truly Christ centered! We get to have fun learning lines and songs that put the focus on Jesus! We can keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, even when getting ready for our musical. It is so refreshing. More Jesus, more often, because we can do that here!!!!

I pray you all will have a blessed November.

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
Amy Voss



Jordan LeFave & Colt Laaker follow along as DLS 5-8 graders read through *Happily Forever After...this is NOT a fairy tale*.



Alexis Holtzen & Kyra Jenkins study their lines as students prepare for the fall musical.



5th and 6th grade leading chapel



Kindergarten – Grade 8 singing at St. Peter on October 8



5th & 6th Grade after their chapel service



Pastor Brian delivers the Children's Message on October 8



Mrs. Jarchow is ready to serve up a delicious pan of lasagna.



Grades 7-8 with Trooper Cook



7-8th grade eating lunch with Pastor Rich from Peace Lutheran Church on Pastor Appreciation Day