

St. Peter News

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

I pray that God gave to you a wonderful Lenten journey during the season of Lent. I pray that God has blessed your Holy Week with a renewed assurance of the forgiveness of sins and the victory that is ours in Jesus Christ. What an amazing Savior that we have who loved us so much that He sacrificed His life and took on the punishment that we deserved because of our sin. The victory is ours now through faith in Jesus Christ.

It is easy to get discouraged in our lives today. All we need to do is turn on the TV or read the news and see so many things that are going on that are quite discouraging. We see school shootings, the political climate at a seemingly all-time low and the list goes on and on. In our own lives or in the lives of friends and loved ones there is disease and sickness, broken relationships and

marriages, people scraping by financially, children and grandchildren making bad decisions and much more. With everything going on in our sinful world and in our lives, it is easy to be constantly discouraged.

I often think about what those women faced walking to Jesus' tomb that Easter morning. They had to have been very discouraged. Their master and friend was dead. They were trying to find some comfort in going to His tomb and anointing the body with spices. It must have been a very bleak morning with a feeling of hopelessness. However, all that changed when they got to the tomb and saw the stone rolled away and heard the angels tell them, "He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:6) It changed for Mary Magdalene when Jesus talked with her right near the tomb that Easter morning. The feeling of discouragement and hopelessness gave way to joy with the news that Jesus was alive.

There can be a feeling of hopelessness in our lives as well. It is during those times that we must go back to the reality of the message that Christ is risen! It is the most important event for us as Christians. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15 that if Christ isn't alive then our faith is useless and we are still in our sins. It is the resurrection that gives hope to us in our lives. It assures us that God

accepted the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf. It proves that He is the Son of God and what He said was true. It also assures us that Jesus will raise us up at the Last Day and take us to be with Him forever. The assurance of eternal life with Christ forever is what encourages us in a world of discouragement. This world is not all there is. We have the hope and the assurance of heaven because Jesus is alive!

These women didn't keep the message to themselves. They went to another group of discouraged people, the disciples, and told them what had happened. We need to bring this message of hope found in Jesus to people around us that are discouraged and feeling hopeless. Jesus died and rose again for them and wants them to experience the hope and the joy that is found in Jesus. Who in your life is discouraged and needs to hear about the hope of Jesus? Will you bring them the message? May God continue to fill you with the hope and peace found in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Jesus - the Healer of the hurting,

Pastor Brian

Official Acts

2-28-2018.....
Funeral service for
Harold Gerberding
Date of death: 2-24-2018
Age 96

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

Saturday mornings:

Topeka WIBW 580 AM 7:30 a.m.

April 1

"They Were Afraid, You Know?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

It takes a lot to overcome fear, a lot of words, in fact a lifetime of words. Let this Easter Day be a new beginning of trusting Jesus' words of resurrection and life! (Mark 16:1-8)

April 8

"It's Really Real"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Here's the deal. If Jesus actually rose from the dead, it would be wise to believe in Him because there will be salvation in no one else. If He didn't rise, we're all toast. Tune in to today's message and hear why you can be confident Jesus' resurrection is really real. (1 John 1:1-3)

April 15

"Peace to You"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Christians often say, "The Lord be with you." What does that look like? And how do you know Jesus is indeed with you? Jesus' visit to His first disciples shows us the how and what of confidence in Christ. (Luke 24:36-49)

April 22

"What's in a Name?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

We live in a disposable age. If something wears out, breaks down or is lost, we replace it. But who or

what can replace Jesus? Who else can save us? (Acts 1:42)

April 29

"The Answer to Unhappiness"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Newman

What do you really want? What does your heart yearn for most? A blogger recently asked her readers the question: "If you could say in one word what you want more of in life, what would that be?" Can you guess the number one answer? It was happiness. (Acts 8:26-40)

April Ministry Growth Opportunity

We have seen Satan attack and rip apart many families around us. I would encourage you to focus in on your families during the month of April and pray for them.

- Pray that your family members would grow closer to Christ
- Pray for any of your non-Christian family members that God would work faith in them
- Pray that God would bring healing and forgiveness to any division within your family
- Pray that God would give you opportunities to talk about Christ with family this month.

RightNow Media Spotlight of the Month – "Love, Sex, and Lasting Relationships" by Chip Ingram

As has been publicized, Deshler Lutheran has purchased a subscription to RightNow Media, which is the "Netflix of Bible Studies". If you haven't signed up, I would encourage you to. Just email Todd Voss deshlerluth@gpcom.net and put "RightNow Media" as the subject of the email. He will send you the link to sign up. All the videos are free and you can purchase workbooks

separately. This is an amazing resource.

This month we want to highlight the series "Love, Sex, and Lasting Relationships" by Chip Ingram. This series is good for people who are single, dating, or married. It contrasts what the world says about sex and love with what the Bible says about these topics. This series has 10 different video sessions to walk you through this topic. If you are single or dating, I would encourage you to watch it to see if you are looking at sex and love through Christ's eyes or the world's eyes. If you are married, watch it together. It would be a great way to talk about your marriage and how you can grow in Christ together. I pray you are blessed by this series.

Deshler Lutheran School Board Meeting Minutes 2-19-2018

Attendance: Tyler Harms, Todd Voss, Matt Bohling, Dale Endorf, Pastor Brian, Justus Harms, Mike Holtzen, Jeremy Schardt, Galen Sasse, Pastor Flores, Tyler Stengel, Shannon LeFave

Visitor: Juli Reinke
Dale opened with Devotion
Agenda approved

Visitor Input: None

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

Approval of Treasurer Report:
Balance of General Fund: \$32,776.64, Needs Fund \$76,592.13, Hot Lunch \$929.68, Chapel Fund \$373.92
Motion made by Mike to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; Seconded by Jeremy. Motion Carried.

Trustees Report: Snow removal on Sundays is done by the Church. Awning on 1st and 2nd grade has a tear. Going to quote covering it with tin. Lights were put up outside of the school. Fire alarm sensor needs repair.

Pastor's Report: Nothing to report

Administrator Report: **1.** School Carnival. **2.** National Lutheran Schools Week. **3.** Parent – Teacher Conferences. **4.** DLS students sang at both congregations. **5.** Kindergarten Parent Meeting. Five kids for sure and two maybe. **6.** Chapel Update – Camp Luther & Kindergarten Class. **7.** Bingo night & Book Fair. **8.** Thayer County Spelling Bee. **9.** Donation of \$1,934.81.

Old Business: **A.** Hot Lunch audit. **B.** Playground Fencing. Continued until later. **C.** LED lighting still in progress. **D.** Faith Lutheran Donation. Still discussing on how to use or invest it.

New Business: **A.** Re-enrollment Process in March. **B.** Call committee report. There are three candidates: Rachel Werner, Betty Messing, & Jadelyn Brase. The committee made the recommendation to call Betty Messing. A motion to call Betty Messing, with the option to call Rachel Werner second was made by Mike: Seconded by Matt.

Adjournment: Motion made by Shannon to adjourn: Seconded by Galen.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Flores

Submitted by Justus Harms

Deshler Lutheran School Association Call Meeting Minutes 2-25-2018

24 Members Present

Tyler Harms called meeting to order.

Pastor Flores opened with Devotion: Humor is the Ointment for the Soul.

Todd Voss thanked Desi Schardt for her service.

Todd Voss explained the three different candidates: Betty Messing, Rachel Werner, and Jadelyn Brase.

Tyler Harms explained the call committee process and that Betty Messing was chosen to be recommended by the DLS School Board.

There was open discussion over the three candidates.

Jolene Harms made a motion to approve the School Boards selection of Betty Messing: Seconded by Mike Holtzen.

Pastor Brian had a prayer before the vote.

A ballot vote was held: 5 yes, 15 no, 1 other

Betty Messing was declined.

Rick Stengel made a motion to call Rachel Werner; Seconded by Larry Heinrichs.

Pastor Flores had a prayer before the vote.

A ballot vote was held: 19 yes, 3 no.

Allen Schardt made a motion to unanimously call Rachel Werner; Seconded by Andrew Kabes.

A vote was held and passed to call Rachel Werner.

Rick Stengel made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Shannon LeFave.

Pastor Brian closed with a devotion and prayer.

Submitted by Justus Harms

Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) Minutes 2-26-2018

LLL met February 26, 2018 with seven members present. Pastor continued devotions on the study of the Life of Martin Luther.

Secretary's report: Jon motioned to accept the report; Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: \$1,210.74 as of 2/26/18. Dennis motioned to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Vic. Motion carried.

Old business: Discussed pancake feed. President Doug Harms thanked everyone who helped.

Dues were collected for the year.

New business: Vic motioned, seconded by Dennis, to donate \$750.00 to the DLS Scholarship Fund. Motion carried.

It was decided to wait to schedule church cleaning when many can help and watch for weather to work outdoors.

Jon motioned, seconded by Bob, to adjourn. Motion carried. Pastor closed with prayer, and all prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Dennis Harms, Secretary

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) 3-1-2018 Minutes

President Lois opened the meeting welcoming nine members and Pastor Brian.

Anita presented an inspirational and interesting topic from Deb Burma's book *Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply*. The topic was based on 1 John 1:9 if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We considered what type of cup we each are and how Christ cleanses us from the inside.

Roll call was answered by each of us repeating the above verse to help us commit it to memory.

Anita made a motion, Colleen seconded it, and it carried to approve the January minutes. Barb gave the treasurers report and updated it with a \$150 donation from Harold Gerberding's funeral lunch. It will be placed on file.

Joyce reported that 74 quilts have been tied this year. Two quilts were being set up after the meeting for the Sunday school children to tie on March 4.

A verbal thank-you was expressed for Naomi, Carol, Anita, and Joyce making sandwiches for the Bloodmobile.

A motion was made by Barb, seconded by Colleen and carried, to give every child from our congregation attending Camp Luther this summer a campership of \$100.

The date for the no-cost garage sale is not yet set. We are waiting for the Deshler city-wide garage sale date to be announced so we can coordinate with it. The congregation's collecting of stamps from Arend's has resulted in (4) 4-piece sets of blue and (4) 4-piece sets of green dinnerware. Each set has a dinner plate, salad plate, soup bowl and cup. These will be placed on the no-cost garage sale.

We set our annual church cleaning day for LWML to be on Monday, March 19 starting at 1 PM. Join us for fun, laughter and cleaning.

A motion was made by Carol, seconded by Joyce, and carried to purchase a large cone spool of thread and a \$25.00 gift certificate from The Wheelhouse for Rose Plock as a thank-you for all her work, making so many quilt tops for us to tie.

Robin is overhauling and sprucing up many of the flower arrangements used in church. We thank her for her time and effort in beautifying the arrangements. She will also see that the shelves in the storage cupboard will be adjusted so the arrangements can better fit in them.

Our Society dues of \$2.00 per member are due by April 15.

The Spring Workshop will be hosted by Grace Lutheran, Fairbury, on April 15. Registration opens at 1:45 and the workshop starts at 2 PM. The theme is "Putting on the Armor of God" and will feature a "Unique Fashion Show." Robin volunteered to be a participant in the fashion show. The Ingathering will be Health Kits including bath towel, washcloth, bar of soap (full size, wrapped), adult toothbrush, toothpaste (regular size), comb, 6 Band-Aids ½" to ¾" and 1 stick deodorant (men or women's).

They ask the completed kits be tied with ribbon or cord and do not use rubber bands because they have been breaking. Ruskin will be hosting the next Spring Workshop.

Our society will host the Fall Rally on Sunday, October 14, 2018. Registration will begin at 1:45 and the Rally starts at 2 PM. We will have meetings to plan this event this summer.

Our society will be hosting the Executive Zone Meeting this summer.

The District directory page was passed around for updating.

The District Convention will be held in Kearney on September 14-15. Consider whom we should send as our delegates.

Columbus is hosting a Servant Event on April 21. A variety of ways to serve is being offered.

Pastor reminded us it is time to think of thanking our 5-8 grade students for all their help setting up and taking down tables and chairs for funerals and other events. Todd Voss and Rachelle Jarchow will work together to propose a date for this.

We need to think of submitting a Thrivent project application for the no-cost garage sale. It was mentioned we can also contact manufacturers of health and cleaning products requesting donations of products to give away. They are often very generous. Robin said she would write some letters to manufacturers.

Hostesses Pat and Ellen were thanked for their serving fruit bars with tea and coffee.

May hostesses are Carol and Sheryl.

Mites were collected and we closed singing the Doxology and Pastor saying a prayer.

Acting Secretary,
Sheryl Achterberg

Letter from Rachel Werner, New DLS Teacher

Hello!

My name is Rachel Werner and I have been called to be the new 1st and 2nd grade teacher at Deshler Lutheran School for the 2018-2019 academic year. I am so excited to start this new chapter in my life in Deshler. As many of you already know, I grew up attending Deshler Lutheran. That is one of the many reasons I think it is such a wonderful opportunity to be able to teach in the school I've loved for so long. For the past 4 years, I have been teaching 3rd and 4th grade at a small school in Marysville, Kansas. I have learned so much from them there, but I feel God calling me to come home again to teach His children here in Deshler. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for all of us next year! Thank you all for your support and prayers throughout this call process. I so appreciate them and encourage you to keep praying for God to lead this school in the way He wants. Thank you all again and see you soon!

In Christ,
Rachel Werner

LLL Scholarship Grants

Are you interested in full-time church work? The Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) is offering scholarship grants and now is the time to apply. Request applications from Virginia Von Seggern at email virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com or phone 402-655-2254. Applications are also available on the Nebraska District LC-MS website, www.ndlcms.org. If you have previously had an LLL Scholarship Grant and want to extend it an additional year, you do need to re-apply. Applications are due in mid-May of 2018. Apply early.

April Birthdays

Matthew Bohling.....	1
Riley Reinke.....	2
Claire Sasse.....	2
Jana Finke.....	4
Kenneth Schroeder.....	7
Patricia Schardt.....	8
Ryan Harms.....	9
Laura Achterberg.....	10
Heather Achterberg.....	10
Jordan Harms.....	10
Colt Laaker.....	11
Caroll Genzmer.....	12
Harvey Sorge.....	13
Joyce Schmidt.....	14
Lauren Schmidt.....	14
Haylyn Mackey.....	15
Lukus Wassom.....	15
DeWayne Schilling.....	16
Holden Ruhnke.....	17
Darlene Bohling.....	20
Kevin Kruse.....	20
Payton Bauer.....	22
Lacey Schmidt.....	27
Duncan Finke.....	28
Larry Wilbeck.....	28
Drew Ayres.....	29
Cassie Wilbeck.....	30

April Baptism Birthdays

Megan Bohling.....	2
Lois Pohlmann.....	2
Peggy Sorge.....	2
Debra Loontjer.....	3
Lynn Bohling.....	4
Naomi Grupe.....	4
Rodney Achterberg.....	5
Josh Kresser.....	5
Carol Sorge.....	9
Aaron Wiley.....	10
Meta Fegter.....	11
Marjorie Holle.....	11
Brent Lueders.....	11
Jacob Noojin.....	11
Merlen Schnakenberg.....	11
Skylar Horse Chief.....	12

Haley Horse Chief.....	12
Chase Laaker.....	12
Todd Voss.....	12
Brianna Bohling.....	13
Cassie Wilbeck.....	13
Tami Finke.....	14
Shaun Pagel.....	15
Marlene Weideman.....	17
Sara Kresser.....	18
Troy Hansen.....	21
Joyce Schardt.....	21
Aaron Bohling.....	22
Kenneth Schroeder.....	22
Riley Reinke.....	24
Matthew Bohling.....	26
Claire Sasse.....	26
Jana Finke.....	27
Heather Achterberg.....	28
Laura Achterberg.....	28
Caroll Genzmer.....	30

April Anniversaries

Mark & Kristine Miesner.....	April 3 47 years
Russell & Donna Genung.....	April 5 15 years
Joseph & Kayla Hansen.....	April 19 10 years
Jon & Audra Capek.....	April 23 13 years
Kent & Rhonda Betten.....	April 24 36 years

Volunteers for Coffee Fellowship

We are once again asking congregational members to provide food for coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Volunteers are needed for the following dates:

April 8, 29

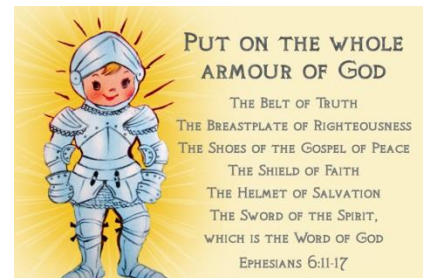
May 13, 20

June 3, 10, 17, 24

LWML Deshler Zone Spring Workshop

featuring a unique fashion show

Date: Sunday, April 15
Host: Grace, Fairbury
Time: 2:00 p.m.
(Registration 1:45)
Ingathering: Hygiene Kits for the Orphan Grain Train
Offering: Zone treasury



Hygiene Kits for LWML Spring Workshop

Bath towel
Washcloth
Bar of soap (full size, wrapped)
Adult toothbrush
Toothpaste (regular size)
Comb
6 Band-Aids 1/2" to 3/4"
1 stick deodorant (men or women's)
Tie the completed kit with ribbon or cord.

To participate in this Ingathering for Orphan Grain Train, you may donate individual items or complete kits. Please leave your gifts in the basket on the LWML table by **April 10**.

Camp Luther Camperships

St. Peter LWML is offering camperships to children from our congregation attending Camp Luther. Each child attending this summer is entitled to a \$100 campership. Please contact LWML president Lois Pohlmann (402-365-7676) with the name and date of the camp you would like to attend.

From the DLS Principal's Desk...

Deshler Lutheran School has been buzzing with activity since the March newsletter article was written. Let me get you up to speed on what has been happening and give you a preview of what is coming up.

On the last Sunday of February, DLS extended a Call to Miss Rachel Werner to serve as our first and second grade teacher for the 2018-19 school year. We are excited that Rachel has accepted the call and will be joining our teaching team. Please join us in welcoming Miss Werner back to Deshler and to the DLS Family! Keep her in your prayers as she finishes the current school year and transition to Deshler.

DLS held VIP Day on the last Friday of February. God blessed the event incredibly. According to several long-time attendees, it may have been one of the largest turnouts for VIP Day. Our entire group for the day reached nearly 170 people. The event started in the best place, God's house, as we joined together for VIP chapel. Each classroom led a portion of the chapel service and did an amazing job! Students sang, played bell chimes, performed skirts, read Bible verses, and led the order of service. It was a wonderful chapel. After chapel, students and VIP's headed back to DLS for classroom open house time. We assembled in the gym for a program which included the 7-8 graders telling jokes (they were pretty funny! ☺), the K-4 students performing one of their spring musical songs, and ending with the 5-8 grade students performing a black light/white glove routine to a song entitled *It's about the Cross*. Following the program, everyone enjoyed Mrs. Jarchow's famous cinnamon rolls, a time of fellowship, and the book fair. It was a fun time for all! We praise God for the VIP's (Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, bus drivers, neighbors,

pastors, Sunday School teachers, neighbors, and more) that God has placed in the lives of our students. We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating them during VIP Day.

I want to thank Mrs. Karen Schardt, DLS School Nurse, for her idea and direction of the 5-8 grade black light/white glove performance. When she presented the idea to me, I thought it sounded awesome. I had no idea of the opportunities God would open for us to share this or the lives our students would be able to touch through the words of *It's about the Cross* and our performance. The words of the song, combined with the actions of the routine, connect Christmas to Easter and our sin to Jesus' cross and Jesus to our redemption/salvation in a very powerful way. In addition to VIP Day, we were also able to share this presentation with the truck driver that delivered our books for the book fair (he was moved to tears), Trinity-Friedensau, St. Peter-Deshler, and Abiding Word-Deshler congregations during Lent. We praise God for the opportunity to share the Truth of His love through these performances.

On March 16, DLS hosted the 5-8 grade Modern Woodmen Speech Contest. The theme for this year's competition was entitled: "Inventions that have improved the quality of life." Students picked their invention, researched, wrote, and rehearsed much in preparation. We saw some tremendous growth in our students and enjoyed listening to some excellent speeches. The finalists in the 5-6 grade division were: 1st Jordan LeFave (light bulb), 2nd Ella Murray (vaccines) and 3rd Samuel Hoops (combine). The finalists for the 7-8 grade division were: 1st Alexis Holtzen (hospital transportation), 2nd Kyra Jenkins (vaccines), and 3rd McKylie Smith (water towers). Congratulations to all our students on a job well done!

Spring registration is underway. DLS is for any family that desires the benefits of a Christ-centered education. Kindergarten round-up is April 25 from 9:30-12:30. Next year's kindergarteners are invited to spend a morning with Mrs. Reinke's class. There will be fun activities, learning, recess and lunch for next year's kindergarten students. Our guests can look forward to a fun day that will help them prepare for next fall. Please spread that word that DLS is taking registration for Kindergarten and transfer students for the 2018-19 academic year. If you would like to learn more about DLS for your child, please contact me. I would love to visit with you about your child and DLS!

Fourth quarter is well underway and the sprint to the end of the school year has begun. ☺ The K-4 Spring Musical will take place this Friday, March 23. The journey to the cross continues as we approach Holy Week, which concludes with our victorious Easter celebration. He is RISEN!! Students will be busy working through their classes. MAPS testing will occur in April. The FOS Skating Party is scheduled for April 8 and Mrs. Schardt's 1-2 classroom will be leading chapel on April 12. Planning is also under way for the 7-8 grade class trip to Kansas City as well as Play Day @ Friedensau and graduation. In addition, from the 7-8 grade class five students are participating in junior high track: Alexis Holtzen, Kyra Jenkins, Paula Voss, Shane LeFave, and Blake Schardt. As you can see, we will be very busy in the weeks ahead!

Thank you again for all your prayers and faithful support of DLS! During this Easter season, and throughout the year, may we all "Fix our eyes on JESUS!"

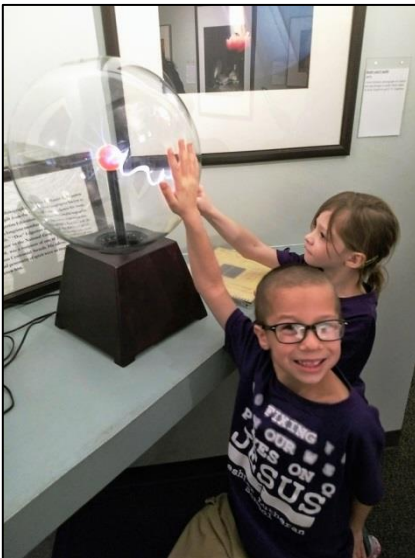
In Christ,

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

DLS Kindergarten

What a "blast" our Kindergarten class had at the Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora!

Capturing our shadows on a wall, creating on a huge Lego wall, having fun with lights and electricity, learning about air pressure shown through lights and bubbles, and, for the brave-of-heart, lying on a bed of nails! And so much more of God's amazing Science! Thank you Mrs. Julianna Finke for helping us drive there, we couldn't have visited without you!



Kindergarten Field Trip



DLS 3rd & 4th Grade

Fish Tales! Can you think of all the Bible references with fish? There are many! The kindergarten through fourth grades are presenting their musical on Friday, March 23. The musical is entitled Fish Tales and will share three Bible stories that mention fish. We are spending lots of time getting the songs and words just right and hope you can join us at 7:00 that evening!

We are finishing our unit in Religion by studying the fruits of the spirit. What gifts God has given each us! It is exciting finding out what gifts we have been given to glorify Him!

In science, we are studying ecosystems and habitats with producers and consumers. Studying life is always interesting because God has made everything just right for existing and praising Him!

Fourth quarter is in full swing and we look forward to finishing the year STRONG.

Mrs. Pam Werner and the Third and Fourth Graders
Joy in Jesus! <><



Logan Schmidt, Claire Sasse, Cooper Laaker,
Lainey Vieselmeyer, Mason White



Grady Holtzen, Gracie Erickson, Ryver Holtzen, Trevor
Clauson, Austyn Lindenmuth, Daphne Smith

Sunday School Servant Event

March 4 the Sunday school students worked with needle and thread to tie two quilts. The quilts have been displayed in the Narthex. The quilts will be sent to Orphan Grain Train with the other quilts the congregation members have tied.



St. Peter Annual Voters Meeting - January 21, 2018

The St. Peter Lutheran Church annual voters meeting was called to order by President Eugene Mueller at 10:50 a.m. on Sunday January 21, 2018 with 34 members in attendance. President Eugene Mueller opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report

President Mueller asked for a motion to accept the October quarterly meetings minutes & the December election-budget meeting minutes. Motion made by Dale Hoops seconded by Dale Schardt to approve the minutes as written. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Elders' Report

The Elders have proposed to support the Kastors as our special mission project this year.

Treasurer's Report

In Sara Kresser's absence, the treasurer's report was presented starting on page 9 of the annual report. DLS rebated the December school payment.

The balances in the various balance sheet accounts as of December 31, 2017:

General Fund \$36,838.21
Scholarship Fund \$3,855.96
Building Fund \$14,653.83
Building Fund Sound System \$5,111.54
Building Fund Lillich Landscaping balance \$300.00
Building Fund Screen Fund \$6,332.04
Building Fund Misc. balance \$2,910.25
Cemetery Fund \$1,235.59

Trustees' Report

Reinold Kruse reported that due to break-ins at other area churches the trustees looked into security cameras for around the church (4 cameras). The monitor for the video feed would be in Pastor's office. The system would be from Cisco in Superior, Nebraska & would cost \$1200.

School Board Report

Todd Voss went over DLS activities on page 22-23 of the annual report. National Lutheran Schools week is January 21-27. Lutheran School week events are as follows

- FOS Carnival is today from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Online Mission Trip – Cambodia this week – Lutheran Hour Ministries
- School Assembly – Mica Parker – Trust Guy Ministries (Profanity) Tuesday 2 p.m. (5th-8th Grade)
- School Assembly - Gayle Becwar – Professional Comedian/Magician Wednesday 2:30 p.m.
- Service Project – Cards of Hope – Phil's Friends (Phil Zielke) Philsfriends.org

Kindergarten Roundup will be February 12

Call Committee – 1st & 2nd grade teacher for 2018-2019

Pastor's Report

Pastor Francik went over the letter in the annual report on page 1. He also outlined the official acts for 2017 on page 4 & membership summary on page 5 along with worship attendance on page 6. He discussed the struggles of the tri-parish (Hebron, Chester & Hubbell). Pastor Francik is overseeing Vicar Schaffer at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Davenport. This summer St. Peter's will call him after he graduates from the seminary.

Cemetery Report (Doug Grupe)

Harvey Weideman will be mowing the cemeteries this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Video screen project is on hold until the funds are raised for it.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Mission – Kastors

The elders have decided that the special mission project for 2018 will be to support Dale Kaster – Missionary to Ghana. Doug Harms made the motion seconded by Linda Peters. Motion passed.

Security Cameras Outside of Church

After some discussion of the pros/cons of a security system, Mark Schardt made a motion to discontinue the looking into a security system. Dale Schardt seconded. Motion passed.

Delegate to District Convention June 15-16

Due to the timing of the district convention being over Father's Day & Deshler Daze there was no one who volunteered. St. Peter will not send a lay delegate to the convention.

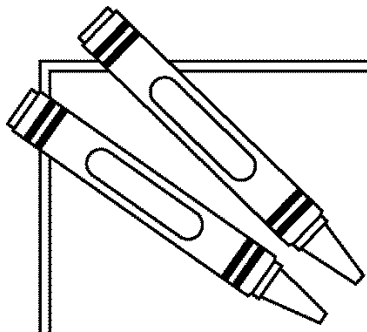
Cemetery Letter

Around Memorial Day St. Peter will be sending a letter to the families who have loved ones in the three cemeteries that St. Peter owns & maintains. All of the ministries including the cemeteries have a cost. If anyone would like to make a donation to help with the maintenance of the cemeteries, you may send it back in a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Naomi Grupe made a motion we send out the letter. Doug Harms seconded it. Motion passed.

Linda Peters made a motion to adjourn, Alan Bohling seconded the motion. Motion passed.









Mark Varner
Recording Secretary



Just for KIDS

An Easter Message

Mary went to the tomb and found it empty! Find the words that an angel spoke to her. Write the name of each picture on the lines. Transfer the letters to the other spaces to find the verse.

				
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 42 10 24 19 ; 42 28 42 36 5 24 25 5 27 23 !"

Luke 24:5

Answers: cross; butterfly; flower; sunrise; egg; duck; man; vine; hat. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"