

St. Peter News

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Pastor Brian's Message

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

It is hard to believe that we are just a few weeks away from the beginning of the school year. I remember back in May on the last day of school that summer vacation would be gone before we know it and here it is just a few weeks away. I am definitely looking forward to being back with the kids and staff every day at DLS.

I want to use this article to talk about our upcoming Sunday morning Bible Study starting in September. I am really excited about this series and I hope and pray you will be a part of it. We are going to be going through the new LCMS Evangelism Curriculum called "Every One His Witness." The material this series entails will be a refresher on what we believe about the Triune God and about Scripture and who we are as God's people. It is easy, at times, to forget that we are God's children, redeemed by Christ and washed by the Spirit in Holy Baptism. It is so important that we continue to understand who we are and what we

believe so we know what to share with others.

This material will also give us some helpful tips about how we can be a witness for Jesus in our everyday lives. Simply by using the acronym LASSIE, we will have a basic tool as a guideline for bringing the message of Jesus to others. The acronym stands for Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage. This series will also give us an opportunity as a group to talk about where we are as a congregation and where we want to head in bringing the message of Jesus Christ to other people. Peter writes in 1 Peter 2:9, "**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**" God has brought us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the light and He is wanting us to declare His praises to other people. Who in your life can you be a witness to? Who needs to hear the message of love and peace and hope found in Jesus?

I also want to make you aware of some resources from our Nebraska District. You can find these resources on the District Website www.ndlcms.org and click on the

"We Engage" icon which will direct you to some of these resources that you can look at or print out on your own. I have printed out some of these resources and put them in the Narthex. I would encourage you to check out these resources. They give different ideas about how we can reach people in our community with the Gospel. They give ideas about doing some planning for the future and prayer walking around the town as well as much much more. God gives us opportunities throughout our daily life to be witnesses for Him. But it is good to be intentional about it as well. Again, please check out some of these resources either on the table or on the website.

Please keep our congregation and DLS in your prayers. We want to continue to do the ministry that God has laid before us. Please pray that God will continue to provide the resources that we need. Please pray for a great start to the school year. Please pray that God will lead us as a congregation to bring the message of Christ to others.

In Christ – the Healer of the Hurting,

Pastor Brian

Official Acts

No official acts to report

The Lutheran Hour

August 5

"And the Pursuit of Happiness"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

When the main goal in life is your happiness, you've turned in on yourself and away from others, especially God. Turn from yourself to Jesus and you'll know a peace that surpasses all understanding, and that is the basis for true lasting happiness. (Ex. 16:2-15; John 6:22-35)

August 12

"Pigeonholed"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Just when you think you are getting to know Jesus, He says something which can confuse. Today the world remains confused about God's Son, our Savior. That's because Jesus refuses to be pigeonholed by the world's desires or expectations. He's God's Son, Who has come to save humankind. Anything else, or different than this, is simply unacceptable. (John 6:42)

August 19

"In Your Light We See Light"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Meditation is time to think, and Christian meditation thinks about God in the light of Jesus Christ. It is "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." (Psalm 36)

August 26

"What Is Best"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Far too many people assume there are differences in commercial products, political candidates and school systems, but these same people believe all religions are the same. Today we join with the Apostle Paul in praying people may discern what is best when it comes to their Savior. (Philippians 1:9-10)

One Last Word from Ghana

We wanted to send a full newsletter at the end of June, but we have been so busy with moving items as well as visiting throughout Ghana that we have been unable to accomplish it. But we want you to know what has been happening here in West Africa. Please, accept this abbreviated version from us.

The Installation of Rev. Donkoh as ELCG President

We were blessed to travel to Accra for the installation of the new president, The Rev. John Donkoh, on July 1 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. It was a well-attended event with clergy from Uganda, Nigeria, England, and the United States. We pray that Pastor Donkoh's vision for the future of ELCG is blessed!

Saying Our Goodbyes

We have traveled to each of our training areas in order to say goodbye, share with them issues of *Good News* that can serve as Bible Studies, and to pray and bless them.

The Dagbanli Small Catechism is Here!

After sixteen months of hard work, we have finished the six chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism. We have made one copy for people who come from other Christian churches and one for Muslims. Both declare the love of God in Christ!

September, October, November Visits in the United States

We will be visiting ministries in Nebraska in October; come and say hello!

We'll write you next from Prague, Czech Republic!

*Rev. Dale & Suzanne Kaster
Your missionaries in Ghana,
West Africa*

Growth Area of the Month

We are getting ready to start Sunday school again in September. So the growth area this month focuses on Sunday school. Over this month, I encourage you to:

- Pray daily for the Sunday School Ministry here at St. Peter. That God would provide people to help out with Sunday school and that God would bring more kids to Sunday School.

- Pray that God would provide one or two people to help out with our youth on Sunday mornings so they can be encouraged in their faith in Jesus.

- Consider how you can help out with Sunday school, whether as a helper or simply bringing your kids to Sunday school after church. As you bring the kids to Sunday school, it will be a great opportunity for you to come to Adult Bible Class.

- Pray that God would provide people to lead the Christmas Eve Program and give us wisdom as to a good program for our kids.

NE State Fair Info Worship Service Info

Sunday, August 26

***CHI Pavilion Stage**

9:00 a.m.

Pastor Kevin McReynolds; St. Paul's Lutheran, Central City
Choir from Grace Lutheran, Grand Island

Sunday, September 2

***CHI Pavilion Stage**

9:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe, Faith Lutheran, York;

*Worship services are at a different location than last year.

Right Now Media Highlight of the Month - 'Keep Calm and Carry On" by Steve Poe

"In This Life You Will Have Trouble..." These are Jesus' own words. And they should come as no surprise. We all face troubles in life. In this six-session study, you can take a close look at six troubles we face. And you can examine Jesus' message to us, in summary, to Keep Calm and Carry On. We have His hope, peace and guarantee. In response to our troubles, He says, "...But Take Heart! I Have Overcome The World." John 16:33. You can also download and print the free study guide that goes along with this series to go deeper into this topic and series.

Again, if you haven't signed up for Right Now Media, it is free for you. All you have to do is send an email to Todd Voss and request the email link to sign up. He will send you the link, you create your own password, and you are set to go in checking out this amazing resource. If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Brian or Todd and they will be glad to share with you more.

New Tuesday Bible Study Starts September 4th

"Breakthrough" by Chip Ingram will be our new Bible study starting Tuesday September 4. What do you do when a circumstance or relationship in your life is so hard, so big, so overwhelming that it truly seems impossible? You may be struggling with a relationship, an addiction, a lie you believe, a painful event in your past or a difficult work environment. Regardless of what it is, you desperately need God to dramatically intervene in your life. Sound familiar?

Here's an essential truth. Breakthrough is not something we sit around and wait for. It happens

when we trust God to supernaturally accomplish the impossible! In this series, Chip Ingram shares how to take the first steps toward spiritual breakthrough so you can unleash God's supernatural power in your home, relationships, and workplace. Come join us for this series. The deadline for signing up is Sunday August 19.

Sunday School

Looking for Volunteers - We will be doing a rotation system again in Sunday school. Pastor Brian will once again be leading the opening Bible time. We are looking for people to help out with crafts, music, snack and our 1st Sunday service project. *The schedule for the upcoming Sunday school year is out on the table so please look see where you can help out.*

Looking for Sunday School Youth Teachers - We are looking for one or two (or more) people who would be willing to help out and teach our middle school and high school youth during the Sunday school time. With our subscription to Right Now Media, there are numerous resources available for teachers to use and lots of teen resources. We want to give our youth opportunities to be in the Word together and so if you would be willing to help out, please talk to Pastor Brian.

Christmas Program Director(s) - Christmas prep time will be here before we know it and we are looking to find one or two people who would be willing to direct the Christmas program this year. They would work with Pastor Brian on deciding what the program will entail.

If you have questions about anything in regard to Sunday school, please talk to Pastor Brian at any time.

LWML Minutes July 5, 2018

President Lois opened the meeting, welcoming 7 members. Minutes from the May meeting were approved and will be placed on file. The treasurer's report was approved and will be placed on file. We received a thank you from Ken Schroeder's family. DLS students also sent a thank you for the donuts and juice that our group provided for them.

Joyce Schardt displayed the new LWML banner that has the new LWML logo on. Thank you to her for the work she did to make a beautiful banner.

The No-Cost garage sale was discussed. It went very well. Thank you to Steve Harms for taking the items that were left to the Blue Valley Community Action. Laundry soap that was left went to DLS to be used to wash cleaning cloths. It was suggested that we might not need to order as many diapers next year.

New Business: The district convention will be held Sept. 14, 15 in Kearney. Barb volunteered to be a delegate. President Lois will ask Robin if she would consent to be the 2nd delegate. Alternate delegate will be Joyce Schardt.

Meeting adjourned.

Anita then led us in an inspiring Bible study entitled "Hold on to His Promises when Overloaded" from the Summer Quarterly. We are God's children and have the privilege of taking all our concerns to Him. He is always there for us.

Thank you to our hostess, Linda, for the delicious lunch. Hostesses for the September meeting will be Lynn and Naomi.

Mites were collected as we sang "A Time to Serve." We closed with prayer.

Secretary,
Bev Harms

Surprise Ten Year Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Brian



Pulled pork sandwich meal at DLS for Pastor Brian's 10-Year Celebration

On July 8, 2018, our church celebrated Pastor Brian and the 10 years of service he has given to our church and congregation. The horns played during the service as well as the bell choir and vocal choir, who joined together for a beautiful musical selection. Pastor Brian was surprised to see that his folks had snuck in to attend his special day also. We presented Pastor Brian with some gifts and then headed over to DLS gym for a meal. This was prepared and served by our school board and staff. There was a video from the school kids and they said what they liked best about Pastor. Our youth group did a fantastic job with a black light/white glove presentation. It was a great day of celebration.

From the Principal's Desk...

School might have been out for summer, but DLS has been bustling with activity the past few months. Thanks to the generosity and work of many, students will notice many changes when they walk through the doors of Deshler Lutheran for the start of the 2018-19 school year. We praise God for all that has been accomplished through the efforts and contributions of many this summer!

What has been accomplished? The Board of Education has installed new flooring in the following locations: kitchen, school office, supply room, east stage hallway, Kindergarten classroom, 3-4 grade classroom, 5-6 classroom, and 7-8 classroom. We had some wonderful volunteers paint all five classrooms. In addition, the Board of Education purchased shelving from a closing Toys R Store and installed it along the back stage wall to provide some much needed storage space. Funding for all these projects was provided by God's grace through an anonymous donation, the Biennial School Auction, and the use of Thrivent Action Team Grants.

To celebrate the new school improvements, we are inviting YOU and all Deshler Lutheran School supporters to our Open House on Back to School Night on August 8. This is your chance to see the school improvements and enjoy a FREE Hamburger/Hot Dog Meal served by the Lutheran Layman's Leagues (LLL) of St. Peter-Deshler and Trinity-Friedensau (a BIG THANK YOU in advance to both LLL groups for helping us make this happen!). We hope you will join us. Open House begins at 5:00. Free Hamburger/Hot Dog Meal runs from 5:30-6:30. We will serve food to the first 175 people or until we run out of food. Our regular Back to School Night program for our school families will begin at 6:30.

Our school year theme for the 2018-19 school year is "Resting in the REAL. PRESENT. GOD!" and is based on Psalm 46: 1, 10a. It reads as follows: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Be still, and know that I am God."* Life can be a wild ride, but the TRUTH is we have a REAL. PRESENT. GOD who is more than enough through the victories, challenges and setbacks of life. Throughout the

school year, we will strive to help students grow in their faith, abilities and knowledge of the TRUTH so they may "Rest in the REAL. PRESENT. GOD!"

School starts on Wednesday, August 15 and we will start the year with opening chapel at 9:15. As always, guests are welcome to join us for chapel anytime throughout the school year. We anticipate an excellent school year. DLS is very excited to welcome eight new Kindergarten students and four transfer students to our DLS family (at this point). We are thankful for the growth of our student body for the second consecutive year. We continue to pray, and ask you to join us, that more students & families will be lead to DLS. We are still taking enrollees. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would move in mighty ways through the ministry of Deshler Lutheran. Thanks again to both congregations for your continuing support of Deshler Lutheran School!

In Christ,

Todd Voss, Principal
Deshler Lutheran School
"Resting in the REAL. PRESENT. GOD"
Psalm 46: 1, 10a

Sunday Coffee Schedule

Sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to serve coffee and treats.
August 5
August 12
August 19
August 26 Bulletin Folders

First Aid Supplies

With some memorial money that we were blessed with, we have purchased some first aid supplies in case of emergency. These supplies are located in a blue container on the shelf above the drinking fountain in the hallway.



Dorothy Holtzen	1
Cameron Schardt	2
Bryce Sedlachek.....	2
Paula Voss.....	3
Brooke Sasse.....	4
Melissa Sasse	4
Taylor Kolling.....	6
Derick Larkins	6
Elaine Schardt.....	6
Kinsey Bohling.....	7
Amber Deepe	9
Millie Schardt.....	9
Jill Bauer.....	10
Dale Endorf.....	10
Addisin Schardt.....	10
Christopher Dunlap.....	12
Autumn Deepe	13
Joseph Ruhnke	14
Darren Schardt	14
Leah Schmidt	14
Carlee Dlouhy	15
Conner Schardt	15
Larry Loontjer.....	17
Jeremy Schardt.....	17
Julene Schardt	19
David Achterberg	20
Mark Varner.....	20
Anthony Deepe	21
Kenzie Bohling	24
Brian Schardt.....	24
Kent Betten.....	26
Desirae Schardt.....	26
Cooper Laaker	27
Jon Sunday	28

Hayden Meyer.....	29
Anna Sunday.....	29
Tami Finke.....	30
Gage Genzmer	30
Edna Moll	30
Mason Thompson (Finke)	30
Susan Harms	31

AUGUST BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Eric Hopken	2
Scott Laaker.....	4
Dennis Schmidt.....	5
Patricia Mueller.....	6
Bruce Finke	8
Reinold Kruse.....	9
Jonathan Peters	9
Dale Endorf.....	10
Janet Larkins.....	10
Kristin Doering	11
Julianna Finke.....	11
Karen Fegter.....	12
Garrett Genzmer	12
Gary Meyer	12
Tyson Bauer.....	13
Brextin Harms	14
Roberta Laaker.....	14
Darren Schardt.....	14
Cindy Watson	14
Rod Watson.....	14
Rhonda Betten	16
Dorothy Holtzen.....	16
Melissa Sasse	17
Kolby Finke	18
Cameron Schardt	18
Cale Schardt.....	18
Brynn Bauer	19
David Pohlmann	20
Elaine Schardt.....	20
Isabella Scollin.....	20

Brooke Sasse.....	21
Logan Schardt	26
Jeremy Schardt	27
Millie Schardt.....	28
Derick Larkins	29
Amber Deepe	30
Taylor Kolling.....	31



Marvin & Diane Schardt	August 1 42 years
Rodney & Sheryl Achterberg	August 7 36 years
Roger & Jayne Roskilly	August 7 24 years
Brian & Julene Schardt	August 9 21 years
Reinold & Colleen Kruse	August 11 39 years
Jonathan & Linda Peters	August 12 41 years
Delbert & Pamela Lemke	August 20 47 years
William & Julia Schweer	August 23 10 years
Neil & Monica Bohling	August 26 23 years
Anthony & Karla Deepe	August 26 30 years
Troy & Colleen Hansen	August 29 26 years
Randall & Tamara Meyer	August 30 38 years

No-Cost Garage Sale - June 9, 2018

The third annual No-Cost Garage Sale of St. Peter congregation was held June 9. Work began the previous morning as several volunteers came to the church to sort the many donated items. Tables were filled with clothing: a table of men's clothing, a table of women's clothing, and a table of children's clothing. This year the donation of children's clothing and baby/toddler's clothing was very limited; that which was received was quickly picked up by "shoppers." Several clothing racks were also full of men and women's clothing; shoes also were displayed on racks. Bedding, a popular item, also went quickly, as there was less donated than the two years before. The abundance of household items were grouped and placed on tables.

On Saturday morning, men from the congregation carried the tables outside; the ladies rolled the clothing racks out and put them in place. Tables were placed just outside the church entrance; these tables held children's Arch books, purchased by St. Peter LWML, Bibles, and St. Peter church brochures. They also held diapers and baby wipes, purchased with a Thrivent Action grant. An added item this year was bottles of laundry detergent donated by the Patricia Schardt-Schardt Foundation. The 36 bottles each had a tag with the Bible verses, "create in me a clean heart, O God"-Psalm 51:10 or "wash me and I shall be whiter than snow"-Psalm 51:7 attached. A table for the children's craft activity was placed just inside the church.

Shoppers arrived early to select their items and continued to come throughout the rest of the sale hours. Bags and boxes were provided for their purchases. Volunteers helped find items for the shoppers and carry or load the shopper's items when needed. This also gave volunteers opportunities to visit with the shoppers and share God's love with them. The children enjoyed putting their craft projects together and hearing of Jesus' love for them. The craft was a heart that said, "Jesus is the key to our Salvation" and a key was attached to the heart by a string. The children proudly showed their hearts to parents and grandparents who had brought them and beamed as they chose an Arch book to take home with them. More than one asked, "Do I really get to keep this?"

Many from our community and the surrounding area found items they needed and the members of our congregation were given the blessing of sharing and serving. To God be the Glory!!

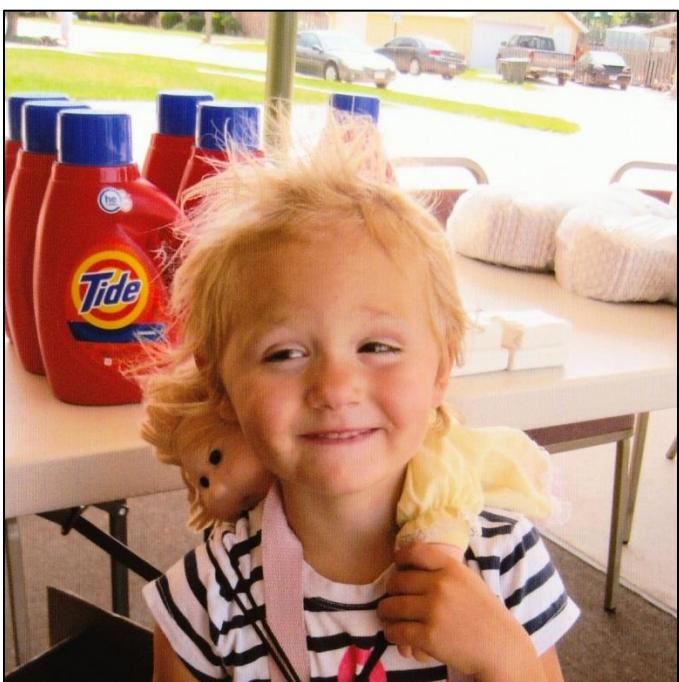
Items remaining after the sale were boxed, loaded on a pickup and taken to Blue Valley Community Action in Hebron where they will also be a blessing for someone in need.



Pam filling the clothing racks



Carol, Sheryl & Robin sorting all kinds of items



A young shopper standing by the laundry detergent and diapers

No-Cost Garage Sale Pictures



Children's Arch Books (Bible Stories)



LLL State Fair Booth Volunteer Help Needed

The Nebraska State Fair is August 24-September 3, 2018. We are scheduling individuals or groups to man the booth on these dates. Please consider taking a time slot.

The booth will be in the 4-H/FFA Building, same location as last year.

We have free gate admission tickets for everyone who helps at the booth. I need to know as soon as possible so that I have time to mail you the tickets.

Wednesday, August 29 (and possibly other dates) has been taken.

Contact me, Paul Schmidt, LLL State Fair Booth Coordinator, email psflatwater@inebraska.com; Cell or text 402-460-0004; home phone is 402-462-2064.

Blessings to you as we continue this valuable ministry.

Vacation Bible School 2018



The theme for Vacation Bible School this year was "Splash Canyon." VBS was held July 9-13 at Deshler Lutheran School. A total of 53 children, ranging in the age from 3 years old to kids going into 6th grade, attended a weeklong VBS.

The children started each evening with supper and then had their "Splash Around" opening with Pastor Brian. After the opening, the children went with their group leaders to different sites. At the end of each evening, Pastor Brian led the children in a "Splash Around" closing.

The mission that Splash Canyon was supporting was *Mission Madagascar*. The children brought offerings all throughout the week which totaled \$210.81. Their offerings will buy 84 books for children who haven't heard the Gospel. The books will help children learn about the amazing love of Jesus.

Each day focused on different lessons that showed the children that when life's ride gets wild, Jesus is by our side. We can rely on God's promise to us in Jesus. Day 1: God is

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with Baby Moses in the River; Day 2: God's People Enter the Promised Land; Day 3: God Heals Naaman in the Jordan River; Day 4 God Saves Paul from the Sea; Day 5: God's Yes Is Jesus: Jesus is Baptized. The different sites had activities that focused on the lesson for each day.

A closing ceremony was held on Friday, July 13 at 8:15 p.m. for parents, grandparents, friends, etc. Pastor Brian went day by day, reviewing the lesson for that day, activities, music and a slide show. The children were able to show their families what they learned and what they did during the week.

Besides the 53 children attending, we had 21 adults and 6 high school and junior high students that helped with Splash Canyon VBS. We could not have done VBS without these helpers!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Splash Canyon VBS possible, whether you provided food for the snacks, supplies for crafts, helped get supper ready, were a group leader, site leader or just prayed for us. Thank you for your support.

Your Co-Directors,
Addisin Schardt and Anna Finke