

St. Peter News

December 2018

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

What is the best gift you have ever received? What is the most memorable gift you have received? As we draw closer to Christmas, our minds can get focused on going to the stores or shopping online to get gifts for people. Some of you have already started your Christmas shopping. Some of you wait until the weekend before to get your shopping done. Whenever you do your shopping, this is definitely the season of gifts.

As we think about giving gifts this Christmas, I want to take a moment and think about three different people in your life that you could give a gift to this Advent and Christmas time:

(1) Your kids/family - I know that you will get very busy trying to get all those different gifts for your kids and grandkids. Whether it is clothes, or video games or movies, or

something else, it is going to be a busy time. In the midst of gifts that you give, don't forget about the spiritual side of things as well. Maybe, you can give the gift of a Bible Story book. Maybe it is a cross to remind them of what Jesus for them. Another great gift is to be an example of serving in God's church and helping others out. It could be delivering gifts to those who don't have a lot of money. Our kids at Sunday school had the opportunity to fill shoeboxes in November as a part of Operation Christmas Child and send those boxes off. It is so good for our kids and grandkids to know it is about giving to other people because Jesus has given to us. What can you do as a family to bring hope and joy to others this Christmas season?

(2) Someone in your life that is hurting - Holidays can be really difficult times for people. There are many people who struggle, especially if they have lost a loved one recently and this is the first holiday time without their loved one. There are others that you know of that are dealing with an illness or are struggling in their marriage, or just lonely and fearful and worried. I would really encourage you to take a few moments this Christmas season to stop and write a note or a card or stop by and see them and let them

know that you are thinking about them and praying for them. It can be such an uplifting thing for those who are hurting.

(3) Someone who doesn't know Jesus - There is no greater gift that you can give to someone than to let them know what this season is all about and that is Jesus. Christmas Eve is the day when the most people go to church. This is the one day that many people will be open to attending a church service. I pray that you would reach out and invite someone to join us here for our Christmas Eve service. But even before that happens, I pray that you would take time and listen to them and share with them the simple basic message that Jesus loves them and came to this world to die and rise again to forgive them all their sins. That is all it takes. It's simple and sweet and I pray that we would all be focused on that this Christmas season.

I pray that as we go through Advent and Christmas that you would truly have a greater sense this year of the gift of Jesus and the salvation that He won for us. Let's all give some wonderful gifts to others this holiday season.

In Jesus – the Healer of the Hurting,
Pastor Brian

**Sunday Services at
Faith Lutheran, Hebron
8:30 a.m.**

420 Charles Rd, Hebron, NE 68370

Official Acts

Lawrence (Larry) Holtzen

Date of death.....11-11-2018

Age.....35

Funeral service11-19-2018

The Lutheran Hour

December 2

"Reality Therapy"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The book of Ruth deals with unimportant people and unimportant matters, but deals with them in such a way as to show that God is active in ordinary lives-like yours and mine. Ruth's story became an important part of the story of Jesus. Listening to God's work in her life can rescue us from dead end delusions and bring us into what is most real-a Jesus-centered reality. (Ruth 1-2)

December 9

"Redeemer with a Capital R"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When people use the word "redeem" outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense-redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. In the Bible, the word "redeem" is used in a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a "kinsman redeemer," who points to Jesus, our capital-r-Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into his clan, his people, his household, that we might be with him forever. (Ruth 3-4)



**Midweek Advent
Schedule**



Our Advent Series will be "God With Us" and focus on three different ways in which God is with us through Jesus. We encourage you to join us our Midweek

series. Here is the schedule:

December 5 – "Our Potter"

7:00 p.m. at St. Peter

December 12 – "Our Shepherd"

7:00 p.m. at Faith, Hebron

December 19 – "Our Guide"

7:00 p.m. at Faith, Hebron

**1st Sunday of the Month
Open Forum at
Bible Study
Starting in January**

Every 1st Sunday of the month at our Bible Study time in Bible Class, we are going to be having an open forum. This means, we will talk about whatever you want to talk about. If you would like to talk about a Biblical worldview in current events, something you have had a question about in the Bible, something about church you would like to discuss, etc., it is all fair game. If you do have a question about something from the Bible, please let Pastor Brian know in advance so he can do a little research. You can email, text, or send him a message on Facebook messenger. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Brian.

**Tuesday Bible Study
Starts Again January 8**

The next series we will be doing is "Transformed" by Chip Ingram. Is life change really possible? If we're honest most of us would answer, 'No.' That's because most of us have

tried numerous programs that promise big changes, but in reality, deliver very little results. You long for transformation, but don't know where to begin. There's good news for you and there is hope! Life change is possible! You were made to grow, to change, and to experience intimacy and adventure. In this series, you will learn how life change can happen to you. Join us as we identify the barriers that have held you back from receiving God's best and then break out of a destructive lifestyle and become the person you've longed to be. This series is designed to help move you from the frustration of failure to the freedom you have in Christ.

**Right Now Media
Spotlight of the Month -
"Joseph" by Steve Poe**

Joseph is a story of epic proportion. It's a story of a boy becoming a man. Of dreams coming true in the most unexpected ways. For this series, we'll walk with Joseph through the mess of a dysfunctional family, through the pain of adversity and the challenge of temptation. We'll root for Joseph through discouragement and delay. We'll marvel at God plucking Joseph out of the pit and into prosperity. We'll be humbled by Joseph's heart to forgive. And in the end, we'll stand as witnesses of what God can do through a life faithful to the end. We have so much to learn from this rotten kid in a fancy coat turned respected leader of Egypt. And much more to learn about a God who orchestrates the lives of broken people to write a beautiful masterpiece. There is a free study guide that you can download as well. If you haven't signed up for Right Now Media, email Todd Voss and he will send you a link. It is free for you to sign up.

Growth Area of the Month

I pray that these have been a blessing to you each month and I hope you have had a chance to do some if not all of them. For our last growth area of the year, I want you to consider people you haven't seen for a while at church or someone you know doesn't go to church at all.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would bring one or two people to your mind that you haven't seen at church for a while or people that don't know about Jesus.
- Pray for them throughout the month of December
- Invite them to come to church on Christmas Eve to hear the message of the Christ child.

Deshler Lutheran School Board Minutes 10-15-2018

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

Agenda Approved

Approval of Minutes: The September minutes stand approved as read.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: September Balances **General Fund:** \$11,033.60. **Needs Fund:** \$25,723.80.

Hot Lunch: \$863.08. **Chapel:** \$235.67. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Justus; Seconded by Shannon. Motion Carried.

Trustee Report: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Brian is finishing up 1st quarter at school and Pastor Flores will take over for 2nd quarter.

Administrator Report: 1. LEA Teacher fundraiser meal. 2. DLS sang at both Congregations. 3. 7/8 Chapel 4. Field Trips/Assemblies. 5. Nebraska District Educator's Convention. 6. Parent-Teacher Conference. 7. Association Meeting Nov. 4. 8. 5-8 Musical Nov. 16.

Old Business: A. East entrance landscaping. Will continue in the spring. **B.** Stage.

New Business: A. Fees for 2019-20. A motion was made by Justus; Seconded by Jeremy to raise registration fees from \$310 to \$320 and freeze tuition fees for 2019-20 school year. Motion Carried. **B.** Budget Preparation. Board members worked on the budget proposal for 2019. Galen made a motion to approve the proposed budget; Seconded by Justus. Motion Carried. **C.** Association Meeting on November 4.

Shannon made a motion to adjourn.

Pastor Brian closed with a prayer.

Submitted by Justus Harms

Lutheran Laymen's League Minutes 10-29-2018

Lutheran Laymen's League met October 29 with six members present. Devotion was by Pastor on 'Why the Bible'. Secretary report stands as approved as read. Treasurer Report showed a balance of \$526.95. Dennis motioned, seconded by Vic, to accept the report of the Treasurer. No old business. New business: Vic motioned to donate \$50 to the Rose Parade Float. Seconded by Jon; motion carried. Pancake Feed will be Jan. 6, 2019. Jon motioned to adjourn; seconded by Vic. Motion carried. Pastor closed with prayer, and the Lord's Prayer recited together.

Dennis Harms, Secretary

Deshler Lutheran School Association Meeting Minutes 11-4-2018

Deshler Lutheran School Association met with 17 members present.

Called Meeting to Order: Tyler Harms called the meeting to order.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Flores opened with a devotion.

Principal's report: Todd Voss gave an overview report of the school.

Old Business: There was no old business to report.

New Business:

A. Budget 2019. The proposed budget was presented to the Association. A motion was made by Andrew Kabes to approve the proposed budget; Seconded by Dale Schardt. Motion Carried.

Dale Schardt made a motion to adjourn.

Pastor Francik closed with a prayer.

Submitted by Justus Harms

Substitute Bulletin Folders Needed

Please contact Colleen if you would consider filling in when another bulletin folder is needed. We usually meet at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. Bulletin folding normally takes around 30 minutes and maybe an hour on newsletter day. Adding your name to the substitute list means you wouldn't mind being called to see if the day/time works for you. Contact Colleen @ church (402)-365-4341 or by email (stpeter@gpcom.net) to volunteer for the substitute list. Thank you.





Meeting Minutes November 1, 2018

St. Peter Lutheran Women's
Missionary League

President Lois opened the meeting, welcoming 5 members and Pastor Brian.

Pastor Brian led our Bible Study entitled "Sharing Encouragement." Hebrews 3:13 tells us to encourage each other daily. In today's world, many people are trying to deal with the struggles of life. We will all be better prepared to encourage one another if we spend time studying God's Word.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and will be placed on file.

The treasurer's report was approved and will be placed on file.

President Lois thanked Joyce & Barb for serving as delegates to the District Convention. Anita was elected to the nominating committee at the convention. She also thanked everyone who helped with hosting the Transition Board Meeting.

The Fall Rally has been rescheduled for November 4, since it was cancelled on October 14, due to the snowstorm.

Our group will play Bingo at PVH on November 15. Naomi will pick up treats. Volunteers are needed.

Sheryl shared Nicki's story with us. Due to circumstances in her life, she is in need of several items. If you

would like to help her, Sheryl will be a contact person.

Joyce made a motion to retain our current officers for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Sheryl and carried.

Pastor Brian asked our group if we would be willing to sponsor Shamlynn to the District Retreat for Pastor's wives to be held in February. A motion was made by Sheryl, seconded by Anita to sponsor Shamlynn. Motion carried.

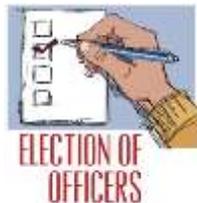
Pastor Brian reported that he had visited with Amy Voss about finding a sponsor for the Back Pack Project at DLS. This project would be very beneficial to some of the families at DLS. We will decide whether or not to sponsor this project at a later date.

President Lois thanked hostesses for the evening, Anita & Bev. Mites were collected as we sang "A Time to Serve." We closed the meeting with prayer.

Secretary, Bev Harms

2018 Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

Serving on this year's nominating committee for the upcoming election of officers were outgoing three-year-officers Dale Schardt, Andy Schmidt, Jeremy Schardt, Doug Grupe and appointed members Marvin Schardt and Karla Deepe.



Election of officers will take place at the budget and election meeting on Sunday, December 9. The

list of candidates is posted on the bulletin board and copies are available on the front door registration desk.

Christmas Committee 2018

Serving on this year's Christmas committee are 2nd year head members Kent & Rhonda Betten and Jon & Linda Peters along with 1st year assistant members Dale & Lori Schardt and Hayden & Shelby Farnstrom.

Christmas Cards and Napkins

Christmas cards and napkins are available for purchase in the card bookcase.



Christmas Eve Service Monday, December 24

6:15 p.m. Hymn Sing

6:30 p.m. Service

*(Sunday school students
be here @ 6:10 p.m.)*

Christmas Day Service

9:45 a.m. Tuesday, December 25

New Year's Day Service

9:45 a.m. Tuesday, January 1





Matthew Sasse1
 Jenscena Hansen3
 Myron Poppe4
 Colleen Hansen5
 Autumn Noojin6
 Peggy Sorge6
 Velma Koch7
 John Noojin 11
 Lawrence Holtzen 13
 Anita Harms 14
 Roger Roskilly 14
 Brett Loontjer 15
 Douglas Grupe 17
 Robin Sedlachek 17
 Jamie Fritz 18
 Jayne Roskilly 20
 Danielle Smith 23
 Barrett Harms 24
 Jason Poppe 24
 Madison Sasse 24
 Logan Schmidt 25
 Harvey Weideman 26
 Audra Capek 27
 Dale Hoops 27
 Kristine Miesner 27
 Steavan Sedlachek 28
 Don Betten 29
 Nicholas Houtwed 29
 Gina Scollin 29
 Shelby Farnstrom 30

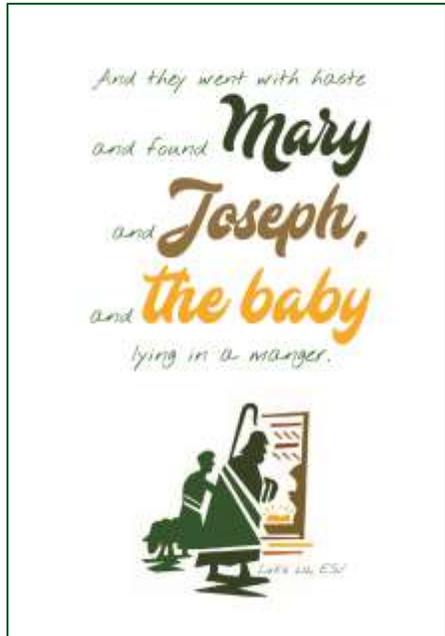


Larry Lueders1
 Mary Loontjer3
 Neil Bohling4
 Brett Finke4
 Lakin Schardt4
 Evan Endorf9
 Austyn Lindenmuth9
 Velma Koch 10
 Colleen Kruse 11
 Colleen Hansen 12
 Jadelyn Calkins 15
 Myron Poppe 16
 Jenscena Hansen 17
 Nancy Lueders 17
 Joston Wassom 19
 Christopher Dunlap 20
 William Larkins 23
 Logan Schmidt 27
 John Noojin 29
 Julian Voss 30



Marvin & Sharon
 BadenDecember 2
 51 years
 Douglas & Naomi
 GrupeDecember 3
 53 years

Don & Brenda
 BettenDecember 7
 11 years
 Dave & Helen
 Watson December 10
 41 years
 Gerald & Cindy
 Sasse December 25
 23 years
 Gregory & Janice
 Hornbostel December 26
 49 years
 Larry & Rose
 Plock December 28
 27 years



October 28, 2018
Sunday School Students
Decorate Pillows for Bible Story
"Call of Samuel"



Sunday School Servant Event November 4, 2018

On Sunday, November 4, the Sunday school kids packed Operation Christmas Child boxes to be sent to children overseas as their November Servant Event. A total of 37 boxes were packed. The boxes are sent to more than 100 countries to brighten the Christmas season for thousands of children. The boxes were delivered to the drop off location in Geneva and have begun their journey around the world. Each box is filled with toys, personal hygiene items, clothes, and art supplies for either a boy or girl of a certain age group. In addition to purchasing the items to fill the boxes, a donation of \$9 per box is required to pay for shipping, and the logistics of getting the box to its final destination. We would like to thank each person who donated toward this worthy cause, whether it was items to fill a box, a monetary donation, or their time to pack and transport the boxes. We know that we have had a hand in brightening the Christmases of 37 children, and we hope to send many more boxes overseas next year.



Sunday school students making cards to send with the gifts



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Sunday School Parents: Please note that all Christmas Eve scripts have been put in the mailboxes.

All Sunday school students (preschool-12th grade) will go through scripts and songs December 9, 16, and 23 in the sanctuary.

DLS Kindergarten (October)

What an adventurous October for our Kindergartners! We got to visit The Country Pumpkin in Sutton with our 1st & 2nd Graders!

Using a 3-man slingshot to chunk small pumpkins at a large pumpkin sitting upon a hay bale, was a highlight! The cheers were especially loud when one of our Kindergarten friends hit the pumpkin right-on, breaking the small one into smithereens! Mrs. Reinke caught the fun on video! We also got to enjoy Pumpkin Ice Cream, which was even yummy while eating outside in 42 degrees with drizzle! One friend shared, "Mrs. Reinke, I don't WANT to be in the Winter anymore." We quickly warmed up with a picnic and play-time at the Clay Center Park, thanks to a Mom who knew about that fun option! Back in the classroom we got to separate seeds from the pulp of a pumpkin, grouping the seeds by 10 while Mrs. Reinke read The Pumpkin Patch Parable. The following day we got to eat pumpkin seeds!

We also enjoyed our time with very much appreciated Volunteer Firefighters! Everyone was so brave seeing Mr. Krupicka suited up, knowing someone dressed and breathing funny like him would only be there to protect us. We got to ride IN the truck because of rain; a fun new adventure!

Ms. Annette came to visit our classroom with Jesus' love and light, sharing Bibles with each of our Kindergartners! She shared this Bible with me last year and it's been our most-loved book in the room! You can imagine the children's delight when she gifted each of them with their very own! What a treasure and example. If only she could have heard the excitement the next morning as children shared of their parents or big sister reading their new book to them before bed. The Lord sure moves!

You are a gift to us all!

Mrs. Reinke and our Kindergarten Friends



DLS Kindergarten (October) cont.



DLS Kindergarten (November)

What fun our Kindergarten friends have been having this month! We've been learning about America's First Thanksgiving through our ThanksLiving Treasure Chest, and from reading many neat books! We are so thankful to God for the examples of these persevering Pilgrims, wanting the best for their families including the freedom to worship Him freely. God blessed them through their Native American friends like Squanto and in so many other ways, as He continues to bless our lives. *"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:19

Some of our other activities this month include creating with our math manipulative geoboards, geobands, and linking cubes; surprising Mrs. Reinke by practicing writing our sight words "just for fun", catching snowflakes on our tongue after a chapel service, celebrating our Star Student Ivy Harms as she tells us about one of her favorite toy puzzles, and playing River Rocks and Hilltops during a snowy recess.

Most of all, we focus on our thankfulness for God's Son Jesus, through Whom we get to enjoy eternal life! Praise be to Him! God's peace and love to all,

Mrs. Reinke and our Kindergarten Class
(Kindergarten pictures continue in next column)



DLS 1st & 2nd Grade

The first and second grade class has been pretty busy this month. We were blessed to have two of our moms come in and plan a Fall Fling for us. We had an awesome craft project, a fun game trying to get a piece of candy into someone else's bucket, and then a delicious treat. We had such a wonderful time and we're so thankful that they took time out of their day to help us. We've also had fun learning about popcorn and where to store it. The favorite part, though, was getting to taste our experiment at the end by eating all the popcorn! We were given the opportunity to lead a chapel service based on what they are thankful for. The children did a wonderful job. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to serve Him and share His wonderful love with those around us. God has blessed us so much and I am so thankful for His continued blessings!



DLS 3rd & 4th Grade

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now"
Philippians 1:3-5

What blessings the Father has bestowed on us! The students enjoyed a fun Fall Fling party the end of October. It was a relaxing afternoon enjoying each other's company.



Ryver Holtzen, Logan Schmidt, and Johnny Hinz playing a game at the Fall Fling



Dillon Schardt putting together a craft for the Fall Fling

A few weeks ago, our class had the privilege of visiting the nursing home. We always enjoy playing BINGO with the residents.



Grades 3 & 4 on way to Parkview Haven Nursing Home

Cursive writing is plugging along. We have completed learning all of the letters and are now learning to put them all together to make words. I am so proud of the time the kids are taking to do their very best.

We have continued our "walk" through Exodus in religion. What a lot of learning done by God's children in that one book of the Bible. We also are learning to be thankful for the many blessings that God has given us.

Students: Grady Holtzen, Ryver Holtzen, Cooper Laaker, Claire Sasse, Logan Schmidt, Lainey Vieselmeyer, Dean Baden, Sophie Fritz, Barrett Harms, Johnny Hinz, Dillon Schardt, Marshall White.

Joy in Jesus!
Mrs. Pam Werner

