

# St. Peter News

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

It has been about a month now since we "reopened" here at St. Peter. It has been a blessing to be back worshipping together. We know that everyone continues to be on their own time schedule when it comes to gathering back together for worship. Please continue to do what is best for your family and if you don't gather physically for worship, use the opportunity we have to virtually gather with us in worship through our live stream. I want to say "Thank you" to my wife, Shamlynn, who continues to do an amazing job with the live stream. Her efforts have allowed us to continue to proclaim the Gospel during these months and do so in an incredible way.

The last couple of months, in these articles, I have given an overview of ways in which we can grow as disciples of Jesus. This month I want us to look at two more areas where we grow as disciples.

### 7) Growing through Fellowship –

When we hear the word "fellowship" our minds often go to having some coffee and a treat after church and we talk about the weather or the Husker game. That is not the way the Bible describes fellowship at all. The Bible describes fellowship as deep meaningful relationship among Christians. It is an understanding that God has brought us into relationship with "one another" through the work of Christ. All throughout the New Testament the phrase, "one another" is used. Look at these examples: Members of one another (Romans 12:5), devoted to one another (Romans 12:10a), honoring one another (Romans 12:10b) accept one another (Romans 15:7), submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21), serve one another (Galatians 5:13b), encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11), and the list goes on and on.

In a society that focuses so much on the individual, we must cling to the truth of what God says about His Church, His people and our view of "one another". Consider these questions for evaluating your attitude toward one another: Do I spend more time thinking about myself rather than others? How forgiving am I toward others? How often do I become angry and resentful toward others? Do I withdraw when I am hurt or do I continue to be involved? Do I honor

others above myself? Be honest with yourself as you look at the body of Christ God has called you to.

### 8) Growing through Temptation –

The world, the sinful flesh, and the devil are constantly attacking us. They attack us in different ways. The world attacks us by throwing the desire for fame and fortune constantly at us. We are faced with the temptation to put other things above God in our lives. When we listen to the world, priorities begin to change. Time in the Word, in prayer, in true fellowship with other believers, and in worship decreases and the chasing after other things increases. Our flesh attacks us by giving into our fleshly desires of immorality and impurity and not living self-controlled lives. The devil attacks us by wanting us to doubt God's truth and His promises. Our solution must be to submit ourselves to the Lord and resist the devil (James 4:7), put on the full armor of God every day (Ephesians 6:10-18), watch and pray (Matthew 26:41), hide God's Word in our heart (Psalm 119:11).

May the Lord continue to grow and mature us as followers of Jesus.

In Jesus – the Healer of the hurting,

Pastor Brian

## Official Acts

6-1-2020.....

Release of **Carlee Dlouhy**

6-14-2020.....

Baptism of **Graylee Jean Meyer**,  
daughter of Kale and Mikayla



Graylee Jean, pictured with her parents Kale & Mikayla Meyer, was baptized at St. Peter on Sunday afternoon, June 14. Her sponsors are Jerica Baumert and Landon Meyer. We thank God for this precious new life and especially for the gift of eternal life given to Graylee through Holy Baptism.

## The Lutheran Hour

**Anytime** at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

### 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

### July 5 - "Unhelmed"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Are you living in the reality of life as it is right now, life as it will be, or somewhere in between?

(Matt 6:1-18)

### July 12 - "Perfection Welcomes Failure"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's perfect standards are exceeded only by His perfect patience and forgiveness.

(Matt 6:19-34)

### July 19 - "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
(Exodus)

### July 26 - "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Conclude Exodus Series

## RightNow Media

"Suffering and the  
Sovereignty of God"  
by R. C. Sprout Jr.

All people experience suffering and sorrow, yet our responses to suffering often vary widely. As we grapple with the hardships and sorrows that accompany life in this fallen world, it is crucial that we build our understanding of human suffering and divine sovereignty on the firm foundation of Scripture. In this powerful 12-part teaching series, Dr. R.C. Sproul Jr. shares poignant stories from his own life as he presents important scriptural teachings about God's role in human suffering. You can download a free study guide as you watch this study.

If you haven't signed up for RightNow Media, contact Pastor Brian or Todd Voss and they will help you get set up. This is an incredible resource to be encouraged by God's Word.

## St. Peter Financial Update

As of June 21, 2020 (25 Sundays)

General Budget	
Offerings Received	132,637.48
Offerings Budgeted	158,763.00
Difference	-26,125.52
Missions-Nebraska District Support	
Goal	3,365.00
Received	1,450.00
Difference	- 1,915.00

## Vacation Bible School Update



After prayer and discussion, the VBS planning team has decided to not hold a VBS this summer. While this is disappointing, it would be nearly impossible for us to hold an in-person VBS while following the mandates that are still in place, even as things begin to reopen. Thank you for your understanding. We know this continues to be a strange and difficult time for many of us. We continue to pray for wisdom and guidance as a congregation throughout the summer and as we head into the Fall. If you have any questions or comments, please talk to Pastor Brian.

## Memorial Service for Edna Moll

A memorial service has been arranged for Edna Moll. The memorial service will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1. Lunch will be served at Deshler Lutheran School directly following the service. The food and workers needed for the lunch have been taken care of. We will Livestream the service on our Facebook page only.



# Deshler Lutheran School's Playground Set Offered Through Silent Auction

**Bid deadline**

**Noon on Wednesday, July 8**



(old playground set)

Deshler Lutheran School is preparing to complete the last of our Auction Projects from this past fall-- the installation of our new playground set. The old playground set (two towers with the chain bridge & overhead bars) has been taken down and could be reinstalled with the purchase of some new bolts. DLS will be holding a silent auction for the playground set, which is currently in pieces on the DLS playground. The winning bidder would be responsible to remove the playground pieces by noon on July 15. All bids need to be sent to Principal Todd Voss by noon on Wednesday July 8. Bid should include name, address, phone, email and bid amount. Bids can be emailed to [todd.voss1@gmail.com](mailto:todd.voss1@gmail.com) with the subject line "DLS Playground Set." The highest bidder will be notified on July 8. If you have any questions, please contact Todd Voss @ 402-720-5590. Thanks!

## Cemetery Flowers

Please remove flowers and decorations that would make it hard to mow/weed eat close to the stones. St. Peter cemeteries include St. Peter, Kiowa (Bethlehem Lutheran) and Immanuel. Thank you.

## No LWML Gathering in July

As we continue on in the midst of COVID-19, it has been decided that there will not be the regularly scheduled July gathering for our LWML group. Our hope and plan is to be back gathering together in September. During this time, we encourage you to do the following:



1) Visit the national LWML website for Bible studies and encouragement. Take some time to go through the recent LWML Quarterly also.

2) Visit the LWML Nebraska South District website to learn more about this Fall's virtual district convention. You can also read the latest "ECHO" from the District.

3) You can still bring in your mites and drop them off at church in the big MITE box on the LWML table.

4) Take a moment to reach out to one of the younger women in our congregation by phone or email and just visit with them about how they are doing and how their family is doing.

## Looking for a Project to Use for Your Thrivent Action Team?

Deshler Lutheran School is busy with several summer projects as we prepare for the 20-21 school year. Several of these could qualify as Thrivent Action Team Projects. Do you have an annual Action Team Card from Thrivent available to you, but don't have a project to use it on yet? You may have just found your project! Deshler Lutheran School would love to share their potential Thrivent Action Team Projects with you. It is easier than you think and a tremendous blessing to the Christ-centered school ministry of DLS. To learn about the projects and process, please contact Todd Voss @ 402-720-5590. Thanks in advance for being a blessing and getting involved!

## DLS Kindergarten Day



July 17

Deshler Lutheran School will be hosting a Kindergarten Round-up experience on July 17 from 10:00-12:00 AM for 2020-2021 Kindergarten students. Kindergarten Day will help prepare and excite Kindergarten students for the start of the upcoming school year. This event is for all Kindergarten students that will be attending DLS next year and for those students whose families are considering enrolling at DLS and

want to learn more. Students will work with Mrs. Reinke, meet other school personnel, engage in activities, and become familiar with the school building and classroom and more. If you would like your child to attend and want to learn more about the benefits of a Christ-centered education from DLS, please contact Principal Todd Voss to sign-up and learn more. He can be reached at 402-720-5590.

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry July 2020 Newsletter Article

"Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, "You know the commandments." And the ruler replied, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." (Luke 18:18-22)

As we listen to this, one question is raised in our minds: Is Jesus speaking to us also or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor? As good Lutherans, we answer: No! But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor?

The simplest explanation is this: If we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't mean it isn't to be used for the purpose God intends.



## Stewardship, cont.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family, and society. We are members of all three of these by birth.

- We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from either our birth into the church or the birth of others by Baptism into it.
- We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from either our birth into that family or the birth of others into our family.
- Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are is to be pressed into service for the church, the family, and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and our duties toward them would falter.

So consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You provide food, clothing, and shelter for the members of your family. You save for college for your children.

But the one station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits – the best from off the top – even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought and intent. It means that you sit down and make a plan for what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems there are other more immediate and pressing things.

This is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time while giving is low due to high unemployment or restrictions on meeting in church to give. If we love God, his gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace we receive at church and only at church, then we will support the church just as we love our country and our family.

For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious and giving God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son into death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What is more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of the church, the family, and society, are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three by birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be ignored or even an afterthought. The church is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation by Word and Sacrament for eternal life.

## From the Principal's Desk . . .

"Sent to Serve!" is the theme for our upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Our theme verse is Matthew 20:28 which reads: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." We praise Jesus for this TRUTH and aim to follow His example by a life of service. What great words to remember!

We look forward to the 2020-2021 school year with much anticipation. Indeed, it seems like it has been a long time since there have been students in the building; March 12 was our last time that happened. It is our hope and prayer that we will have a "normal" start to the school year. Of course, preparations are underway for various scenarios in case they are needed. I have been attending ZOOM meetings on a regular basis with Nebraska Department of Education, ESU 5 and the Nebraska District LCMS regarding the upcoming school year. In addition, many of our teachers attended the Future Ready Conference on June 15-16.

Student enrollment is still open for the 2020-2021 school year.

Kindergarten, new students to the community and transfer students are welcomed! If you know of a new family that has or is moving to the Deshler area be sure to let me know and mention Deshler Lutheran School to them. DLS is planning on holding a Kindergarten Round-Up Day in July. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending, please have them contact me at 402-720-5590.

June marked a productive start for the summer at DLS. Work has been moving forward with the air-conditioning installation, one of our FOS Auction Projects. Our original goal was to have the work done by July 17. However, our installation crew believes the work will be completed ahead of schedule. New counter tops have arrived to replace the old ones, which were chipping. Installation will occur in July. Between the new

## From the Principal's Desk . . . continued

paint, new ceiling fans and counter tops, the kitchen will be ready to serve students and be used for the many other events that use it. Thrivent Action Team projects have been helping with these kitchen improvements. The main hallway is in the process of receiving a fresh coat of paint (Thanks Krista Harms!).

The DLS Board of Education held a work day on June 22. The main project was to prepare for the new playground equipment, which was one of the Auction Projects, by removing the old play system. God truly blessed our day and the system came apart surprisingly easy and in great shape. Much to our surprise, there was no concrete at the bottom of the many poles that held the structure in place securely. The old playground system could be reassembled and installed with the purchase of some new bolts and nuts. Bulletin announcements at both St. Peter-Deshler and Trinity-Friedensau contain information about the silent auction for the old playground system, which ends on July 8 at noon.

### 2020 DLS Eighth Grade Graduating Class



**Stormi Capek  
Gracie Hinz  
Samuel Hoops  
Ella Murray  
Cole Ruhge  
Allie Vieselmeyer**

As I type this newsletter, we are preparing to hold a COVID-19

modified Celebration for our 2020 DLS Graduating Class. Attendance is limited to family in order to assist with safety guidelines. The event will occur outdoors at the Deshler City Park on June 28. We look forward to praising God for the talents and achievements of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. As I shared in last month's newsletter, this six-member class is an outstanding bunch. We have thoroughly enjoyed having them at DLS and will miss their student-body leadership and creativity. Please keep them and all our students in your prayers.

Blessing on your summer!

In Christ,

Todd Voss  
Deshler Lutheran School



Tyson Bauer.....	3
Marvin Schardt.....	3
Kolby Finke.....	9
Bruce Finke.....	11
Jaydin Mackey.....	11
Scott Laaker.....	13
Julianna Finke.....	15
Brextin Harms.....	15
David Pohlmann.....	15
Patricia Mueller.....	16
Kristin Doering.....	17
Cindy Watson.....	17
Cale Schardt.....	22
Gary Meyer.....	23
Reinold Kruse.....	24
Janet Larkins.....	24

Jonathan Peters.....	26
Logan Schardt.....	26
Kalen Sedlachek.....	27
Kalab Reinke.....	29

## BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Drew Ayres.....	2
Larry Plock.....	3
Jon Capek.....	6
Heather Cooper.....	6
Timothy Pohlmann.....	6
Ivy Harms.....	7
Delbert Lemke.....	7
Gregory Hornbostel.....	9
Diane Schardt.....	10
Steven Harms.....	11
Coltin Hansen.....	13
Mark Miesner.....	13
Alyssa Zucker.....	15
Megan Gohner.....	16
Roger Genzmer.....	23
Marvin Schardt.....	24
Blake Schardt.....	25
Marilyn Schardt.....	26



Andrew & Ellen Schmidt.....	July 9 26 years
Rev. Dale & Suzanne Kaster (our missionaries).....	July 11 33 years
Hayden & Kelsey Meyer.....	July 22 3 years
Douglas & Pamela Harms.....	July 30 26 years