

St. Peter News

December 2014

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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 and getting 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, 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. I remember in the past, Dave and Diane Beikmann would bring their girls with them for caroling. What a great legacy to have for the next generation. It is important 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 does not know Jesus - There is no greater gift that you can give to someone than to let them know what this season is all about. Christmas Eve is the day when the most people go to church. This is the one day that many people will even 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 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.

Until the whole world hears,
Pastor Brian

Official Acts

- 10-24-2014.....
Transfer in of **Kara Dunn** from
Trinity Lutheran (LC-MS),
Grand Island, Nebraska
(5th & 6th teacher at DLS)
- 11-5-2014.....
Funeral and burial services for
Eileen Koch
Date of death: 11-2-2014
Age: 91
- 11-7-2014.....
Funeral and burial services for
Ronald Schardt
Date of death: 11-2-2014
Age: 68
- 11-11-2014.....
Release of **Gary, Sue,**
Andrew, Thomas and Kaylie
McGhghy to Grace Lutheran
Church (ELCA), Hebron, NE

The Lutheran Hour



You can tune into *The Lutheran Hour* **Sundays** on these stations:
KOIL 1290 AM 7:00 a.m.
KMMJ 750 AM 7:00 a.m.
(Grand Island)
WIBW 580 AM. 7:30 a.m.
(Topeka)
KRVN 880 AM. 10:00 a.m.
(Lexington)
KRFS 1600 AM & 103.9 FM. . . .
(Superior). 11:15 a.m.
or anytime during the week at
www.lutheranhour.org

December 7

"We Need Something Stronger"

Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Jesus exchanges our weakness for
His strength. (Mark 1:1-8)

December 14

"In Christ, Unbroken"

Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
God's grace restores those broken
by sin and grief.
(Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)

December 21

"Surprised by Grace"

Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
God's grace comes as a surprise
and blessing to those who deserve
none of it. (Luke 1:26-38)

December 28

"Monsters in Our Tomorrows"

Speaker: Rev. Ken Klaus
Unknown monsters lurk in the
shadows of the new year but Christ
will carry us through.
(Romans 8:37-39)

St. Peter Website

Our website is www.stpeterdeshler.ctsmemberconnect.net. Or
find us by doing a search for St.
Peter Lutheran Church, Deshler,
NE. You will find Sunday
sermons, our newsletters, usher
pages, and calendars. There are
also occasional announcements
(death and funeral notices,
cancellations, etc.)

Deshler Channel 23

St. Peter Sunday worship services
are played on Deshler Cable
Channel 23 on Wednesdays and
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., 3:00
p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.

Advent Midweek

Service December 3



As we kick off the season of
Advent, we will have our one
Midweek service on Wednesday,
December 3 at 7:00 p.m. This will
be an opportunity to gather around
God's Word, sing hymns, pray,
and prepare our hearts as we head
into a busy time of year. Please
come and join us for an awesome
night of worshipping our Savior
Jesus.

Agape Readers

Do you love to read? Do you know
others who love to read? We have
a great group to be a part of. Our
Agape Readers book group meets
the second Monday of the month at
7:00 p.m. in the Mother's room. It
is a chance to talk and discuss
openly about the book we read for
the month. The new list of books
for Jan-June is on the bulletin
board. If you haven't come before,
come try it out sometime. The
discussion is always encouraging
and uplifting.

St. Peter to Host Thayer County Sacred Chorale Concert

St. Peter is blessed to host the
Thayer County Sacred Chorale on
Sunday, December 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
This is a great opportunity to hear
some great Christmas music and to
be refreshed in the midst of a busy
month. The concert is free. Bring a
friend and join us for this great
night. There will be cookies and
fellowship time following the
concert. We look forward to seeing
you then.

Tuesday Bible Study Resumes January 6

Join us as we take a journey
through Sinai and Israel, a region
that is still largely desert but at
times filled with lush, bountiful
places. We will discover how Jesus
called people to live in the
Promised Land. What can we learn
during times of abundance and in
times of desert? God led his people
back to the desert often to relearn
the lessons they had forgotten.
John the Baptist and Jesus had
powerful encounters in the desert.
We will learn that the desert is
where we are closest to God. It is
where our relationship with God is
at peace. The last day to sign up is
Sunday, December 21 if you want
to be a part of this series.

Deshler Lutheran School Board Meeting Minutes August 18, 2014

Opening

The regular meeting of the Deshler Lutheran School Board was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on August 18, 2014.

Present

Pastor Brian Francik, Pastor B.J. Fouts, Dan Deardoff, Galen Sasse, Darin Jalas, Dale Endorf, Allen Werner, Tyler Harms, Mike Holtzen, Russ Reinke, Lynn Bohling, Karla Deepe. Visitors: Ralph Simon

Visitor Input

Ralph Simon with the LCMS Foundation addressed the group with ideas and suggestions for the endowment fund. Ralph recommended that the appointed committee review quarterly statements and that they also give an annual report to the board with regard to the funds.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

June and July minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Treasurer Report

Balance of the Needs Fund is \$8,831.00. Balance of the General Fund is \$13,542.00. Moving expenses have been taken care of and direct deposit transactions are now in place, as are the Concordia plans for new faculty. Housing allowances were discussed. Dan presented amounts for himself, Christina and Kara based on estimated expenses. A motion was made by Darin, second by Mike to approve the above. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Mike,

second by Galen to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Trustees

Blinds have been installed in the 1st and 2nd grade room. Ceiling fan, gasket and cabinet have been installed, the faucet is yet to be repaired. Galen reported that it may be necessary to replace this faucet. It was noted that an appliance in the kitchen has been making a squealing noise. Galen will investigate. Dan would like to have a bracket installed for a projector in the Kindergarten room. The projector has already been purchased. The group agreed that Dan should proceed to locate and purchase the needed bracket applying the expense to Technology. Dan also reported that the whiteboard in the Kindergarten room needs some attention and possible repair.

FOS

Nothing to report at this time.

Church Council & Pastors

No report at this time.

Administration

Hot Lunch Balance: \$4,110.60. 49 students are enrolled for the 2014-2015 school year at DLS. All day Kindergarten seems to be appreciated. There has been a request for the student body roster to be sent to both congregations prior to the Association Meeting in November. It was determined that one copy should also be posted in the Narthex of both churches. The Care and Share school newsletter is emailed each Thursday.

Old Business

Internet: Currently only two classrooms are using the Internet daily. As other classrooms will join in the shared usage an upgrade in internet service speed/capacity may be necessary. Dan will investigate a possible grant for this

improvement and the parameters of the offer.

Fund Committee: Mike moved for the Board to form a committee to establish endowment documents and regulations; to supervise and report annually on the fund by the October DLS Board meeting and ultimately to promote fund growth. Motion carried. Committee members will be appointed and sample documents will be reviewed at the September 15 meeting. The committee will be asked to report back to the board at the October Board meeting.

Website: The school website is nearly finalized and linking back to Facebook. A fee of \$15 per month will serve to promote the site higher in Google services. Dan will pursue this through Public Relations.

Dates to Remember

September 15 –DLS Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn by Darin J. Second by Mike H. Motion carried.

Karla Deepe
Secretary

Deshler Lutheran School Board Meeting Minutes September 15, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Deshler Lutheran School Board was called to order by President Werner at 8:05 p.m.

Those present were Pastor Brian Francik, Allen Werner, Christina Grace, Dan Deardoff, Lynn Bohling, Galen Sasse, Dale Endorf, Mike Holtzen, Tyler Harms, and Russ Reinke.

Opening devotions were given by Dan Deardoff.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting were approved as amended. The amendment was to the last sentence in the trustee's paragraph, regarding the white board which was actually placed in the kindergarten room.

Trustees

Galen reported on the following items which need fixed or looked in to.

- faucet north sink
- kitchen fridge still squeals
- sink at the south end
- sidewalk repair-there will be no help from the city on this
- sprinkler system needs drained
- Galen will talk to Harvey.

FOS

The next meeting is Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer

Lynn reported a checking account balance of \$9,299.99 and a needs account balance of \$2,432.39. \$6000 was transferred from needs to general account checking to cover an overdraft. St. Peter is \$1000 behind for their August payment and Trinity is current thru August. The August P&L statement from Linda Cox was also presented showing our status with payments from both churches current thru July.

A \$500 gift was received from the Mundt Foundation. It was agreed to place this in the needs account. A \$122 gift from the Maurine Wassom memorial will be placed in the general fund. There was a motion by Tyler and a second by Galen to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastors and Council

Pastor Brian stated there was nothing to report.

Administration

Dan reported the hot lunch balance is \$1023. Standard testing took

place last week. The I-Pads are working well. There are 50 of them on hand. The internet service is okay for now. Chapel offerings are going to LCMS Relief Fund. Flu vaccines are scheduled for October 29 at no cost to students, but with a cost to teachers and parents. Health screenings will be taking place. The current \$400 EPI pens are outdated as they expire every 12 months. New school shirts will be coming from Victory Too. Several conferences were discussed with locations at Milford, Omaha, and Grand Island. Travel reimbursement was discussed at the current IRS rate of \$0.545 per mile.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Information regarding teachers' pay for the Concordia Health plan needs to be in by October 1. Allen reported on the forming of the Foundation Committee. There was a motion by Mike and a second by Allen to adjourn. Motion carried. Pastor Brian held closing devotions.

Respectfully submitted,
Russ Reinke

October LLL Meeting

October 27 four LLL members met with Pastor giving devotions about the Mormons and their history of settling in Utah.

In the absence of the treasurer, no report was given. No changes were made in the secretary report. For old business, Doug Harms, President, discussed having a certain dollar amount set aside for a new Nativity set for the church. Perhaps it could be placed on the wants for the memorial list. No new business.

Dennis Harms motioned to adjourn the short meeting which

was seconded by Vic Sorge. Pastor closed with prayer.

Dennis Harms
Secretary

LWML Gathering November 7, 2014

Our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) gathering opened with prayer and a "Pew Sisters" lesson led by Pastor Brian.

Barb presented the treasurer's report. A reminder was made to give \$20 to district as an honorary member memorial for Eileen Koch. The treasurer's report is to be placed on file.

Pastor reported that it was a good afternoon at the fall rally. He challenged us as he challenged those at the rally to reach out to other women in our congregation with meaningful conversation and encouragement. He also challenged us to pray that God brings more members into our group. He asked that we think about including a time for small group prayer at our gatherings.

The Thayer County Community Choir has asked our church to host a concert on December 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The Elders agreed to the choir's request for the concert to be held at St. Peter. Pastor asked if we would lead in serving cookies and coffee for a fellowship time after the concert. We accepted and ask each member and anyone in our church to bring two dozen Christmas cookies or bars to make this a festive occasion.

Sheryl made a motion to change the bylaws to eliminate the words regarding Christian Life Assistant in Article V, Section 1, 2, 5. Carol seconded the motion and it passed. It should read as follows:

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1.

The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Christian Life and Historian/Public Relations.

Section 2.

The officers shall be elected by ballot at the November meeting. A majority of votes cast shall constitute an election. Officers shall begin their duties at the January meeting.

- a. A Vice President shall be elected every year and shall serve a term of one year. She shall then serve as President for one year.
- b. A Secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years and serve one term of two years.
- c. A Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years and serve one term of two years.
- d. A Christian Life Director shall be elected every year and shall serve a term of one year.
- e. A Historian /Public Relations Director shall be elected in even numbered years and shall serve one term of two years.

Section 5.

The Christian Life Director shall

- a. Encourage active participation in spiritual development programs for the society;
- b. Serve as the planning committee for the programs and devotional times for each meeting;
- c. Cooperate with Zone, District and LWML Christian Life Committees in furthering Bible study, topic discussions, workshops and retreats.
- d. Provide ideas, techniques and resources that will enrich and stimulate individuals to increase membership with the society.
- e. Distribute meeting notices.

Election of officers was held. Nominations were presented – Lois for Vice President, Barb for Treasurer, Anita for Christian Life Director, and Colleen for Historian/Public Relations. Lori made a motion to accept the ballot as stated, Colleen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The officers for 2015 will be:
President – Naomi
Vice President – Lois
Secretary – Sheryl

Treasurer – Barb
Christian Life Director – Anita
Historian/Public Relations – Colleen

Nine members and Pastor Brian answered roll call telling one thing they were thankful for.

Correspondence was shared.

The November birthday party at Parkview Haven will be November 20 at 2:00 p.m. We will help with Bingo and serve treats. Naomi will be in charge of the refreshments. We need men and women to help the residents with playing Bingo.

There was a discussion about Advent by Candlelight. Naomi made a motion that we not hold Advent by Candlelight this year and revisit the idea of it at the next September meeting. Lois seconded the motion and after discussion it was passed. It was decided to focus on fellowship at the December 14 Thayer County Community Choir Concert.

The congregation's serving of funeral lunches was discussed. Starting work in the school kitchen (on school days) needs to wait until 1:30 to allow time for the school cook to finish her clean-up. The list of duties for funerals is in the process of being revised.

A reminder was given to sign up for flowers for 2015. This responsibility is open to the congregation. Lori made a motion to "purchase two vases and bouquets of white flowers from Amanda's at the cost of \$40.00 each." The motion was seconded by Lois and passed.

Pictures of some of the local banners for District Convention were presented.

Thank you to our hostesses Naomi and Bev for the cookies and coffee they served. Lois and Pat will be hostesses at our January 2015 gathering. It will be on January 8 instead of on the 1st.

A reminder was made for a poinsettia to be purchased for the church for Christmas.

Mites were collected and dedicated. Anita closed the meeting with prayer.

Secretary
Sheryl Achterberg

Quilt Tying

As the New Year approaches, consider spending a few Thursdays helping to tie quilts. For the people living in extreme poverty who receive these quilts, they have nothing, so their quilt is everything to them. We welcome you to quilt tying beginning January 8, the second Thursday in January from 9:00-3:00 in the meeting room.

LLL Scholarship Grant Applications

Interested in full-time church work? As the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) is grateful for those students interested in full-time church work, they are offering scholarship grants. Now is the time to get your application in. Forms for the 2015 Nebraska LLL Scholarship are available on the Nebraska District LC-MS website (www.ndlcms.org). Another option is to request applications from Burnell and Virginia Von Seggern at email bvonseggern@gpcom.net or phone 402-655-2254. Applications are due in May of 2015, but you are advised to apply early. Be aware that if you have had an LLL Scholarship Grant previously and want to extend your grant an additional year, you need to re-apply.

Give a Christmas Poinsettia



Consider giving a poinsettia plant to decorate our Chancel this Christmas season. You may order through the church or bring your own plant in. To order through the church, fill out an order form and attach payment of \$25 per plant to the order form. The deadline for placing an order or letting us know you are bringing one is Wednesday, December 3. Order forms are in the Narthex.

Deshler Lutheran's Cookie Walk December 13



Home-made Christmas cookies and candies

Saturday, December 13

Begins at 8:00 a.m. at Deshler Lutheran School Gym

Donations of fancy Christmas cookies and candy are welcome

Coincides with the Deshler Chamber's Breakfast with Santa

FOS (Friends of the School)
Fundraiser

Come at 8:00 a.m. to get the best selection!

Nominating Committee

Serving on this year's nominating committee were outgoing three year officers Don Betten, Russ Reinke, Tony Deepe, Lynn Bohling, Galen Sasse, Harvey Weideman and appointed members Julene Schardt and Barbara Schardt.

Christmas Committee

Appointed to serve on this year's Christmas committee are: returning couples Matt & Leisa Bohling and Josh & Sara Kresser along with new couples Kent & Rhonda Betten and Jeremy & Addisin Schardt.

Christmas Cards and Napkins

Christmas cards and napkins will be available in the card bookcase beginning Sunday, December 6.

Advent, Christmas, New Year's Day Worship Schedule

Advent Service

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3

Christmas Eve Service

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Day Service

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 25

New Year's Day Service

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 1

Annual Report

Treasurers of all organizations, please submit your 2014 financial reports to the office by Tuesday, January 6.

Coffee Fellowship Sundays in December



December 14

December 21

Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office if you would like to make the coffee and provide the food for one of these coffee fellowships.

Thayer County Sacred Chorale Concert



Celebrate Christ in Christmas by joining the Thayer County Sacred Chorale as they present their second annual Christmas concert. Singers from Hebron, Deshler, and surrounding communities under the direction of Eldon Wolfe will present "Listen to the sound of the Angels singing," the story of Jesus's birth in familiar carols, and the cantata "Love Came Down at Christmas." The concert will be presented in three area churches. The first of the three concerts is November 30, 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Hebron. **The second concert will be December 14 here at St. Peter Lutheran in Deshler beginning at 7:00 p.m.** The final concert will be December 21 at Grace Lutheran in Hebron also at 7:00 p.m. All concerts are free. Remember Christ this Christmas and share the joy that the message brings in song.



Matthew Sasse	1
Jenscena Hansen	3
Myron Poppe.....	4
Colleen Hansen	5
Autumn Noojin	6
Peggy Sorge	6
Velma Koch	7
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
Dorothy Reinke	22
Barrett Harms.....	24
Jason Poppe.....	24
Madison Sasse.....	24
Logan Schmidt	25
Russell Reinke	26
Harvey Weideman	26
Audra Capek	27
Dale Hoops.....	27
Kristine Miesner.....	27
Steavan Sedlachek	28
Don Betten	29
Nicholas Houtwed.....	29
Gina Lindenmuth	29
Shelby Schardt	30

Baptism Birthdays



Jenna Lemke	1
Larry Lueders	1
Sheryl Fangmeier	2
Mary Loontjer.....	3
Neil Bohling	4
Brett Finke.....	4
Lakin Schardt	4
Pavel Patino.....	6
Evan Endorf.....	9
Austyn Lindenmuth.....	9
Margie Zoch	9
Velma Koch.....	10
Colleen Kruse	11
Colleen Hansen.....	12
Kara Dunn	14
Jadelyn Calkins.....	15
Myron Poppe	16
Jenscena Hansen.....	17
Nancy Lueders.....	17
Joston Wassom.....	19
Betty Bohling	20
Christopher Dunlap	20
William Larkins.....	23
Bartholomew Cabrera.....	24
Logan Schmidt	27
John Noojin	29

Wedding Anniversaries



Marvin & Sharon	
Baden.....	December 2
	47 years

Douglas & Naomi	
Grupe	December 3
	49 years
Don & Brenda	
Betten	December 7
	7 years
Dave & Helen	
Watson	December 10
	37 years
Gerald & Cindy	
Sasse	December 25
	19 years
Gregory & Janice	
Hornbostel.....	December 26
	45 years
Larry & Rose	
Plock	December 28
	23 years

Door Greeters



Door greeters are needed for the services in December. To volunteer, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the office.

Wednesday, Dec. 3
Sunday, Dec. 7
Sunday, Dec. 14
Sunday, Dec. 21
Sunday, Dec. 28



Christmas Caroling Party

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 21