

St. Peter News

November 2020

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A Message from Pastor Brian

In 2021, I am praying that the Holy Spirit would give us a deeper love for God's Word. I am encouraging us all to read through the entire New Testament in 2021. A reading plan for the year will be available soon. While you may have a method for studying the Bible already that works, I encourage you to continue to use that method. If you don't, one method that might be helpful is the SOAP method explained below:

Scripture – Read through the passage slowly. What words or verses stand out to you? Write them down on your sheet/journal. Focus your attention on these words or verse.

Observation – What is God saying about Himself? What does it say about sin and people's need for a Savior? What does it say about Jesus? Does the passage instruct about how to live life? If

so how? What is going on before and after the verse or phrase you are focusing on? Write some of these answers on your sheet.

Application – Now it's time to look at your life. How is God asking you to respond? How will this apply to you, your faith in Christ and living out that faith? Write this down on your sheet

Prayer – Pray that the Lord will help you to apply what He has taught you so that you can give greater honor and glory to Christ in your life. Bring any other prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving or Supplication to the Lord as well. List some of these on your sheet.

We will have **SOAP** sheets available at church and on our website/Facebook page. A journal notebook might work well for you also. I encourage you to keep your sheets/notebook for opportunities of reflection.

A few other notes:

1) You will see on the reading plan that Sundays are a day to reflect on the sermon. The SOAP method

could be a tool for reflection on the sermon for you.

2) At the conclusion of most books there will be a day or two to catch up if you have fallen behind or to go back and reread your notes and reflect on what Christ has taught you through the book of the New Testament you just completed. This has great value to see where the Holy Spirit has grown you.

3) God has called us to be a community of believers. Consider getting together with one or two people (of the same gender or a couple with another couple) so you can share what God is teaching you. Consider doing this regularly and consistently. If are interested in getting together with other people, contact the church and we will get you connected with others.

4) We want to get many people into contact with God's Word. Invite others to join you during this year. Whether they go to St Peter or Faith or another congregation, we want people growing in their faith in Jesus.

May the Lord bless us as we dive into His Word and talk about it with one another.

Pastor Brian

Official Acts

9-30-2020.....Transfer In of
Kevin Kruse from Trinity Lutheran
(LCMS), Lincoln, NE
9-30-2020.....Transfer Out of
**Danielle Smith, Haylyn & Jaydin
Mackey** to St. Peter's (LCMS),
Davenport, NE
10-16-2020.....
Private Family Committal Service
for **Darlene Bohling**
Date of death 10-11-2020
Age 86
*10-17-2020.....
Wedding of Caitie Neal &
Nathaniel Seaman officiated by
Rev. Jeff Friesen, Hebron Bible
Church (*non-members)

The Lutheran Hour

Anytime at 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

November 1

"Some People Never change?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Some people never change. Most
people do. With God, all people can.
(Daniel 4)

November 8

"Tied into the Same Lifeline"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Humble pie is on the menu at an ill-
fated feast. (Daniel 5)

November 15

"BIGGER"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Gerard Bolling
Big problems call for faith in an even
bigger God. Pastor Gerard Bolling
tells how the God Who is bigger
than our problems works through us
to bring bigger blessings to the
people around us. (Daniel 6)

November 22

"Politics in Perspective"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Political turmoil is nothing new and
political security is only temporary.
We can't escape politics. However,
Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news
of a kingdom that cannot be
overthrown and will never pass away.
(Daniel 7:1-14)

November 29

"Magnum Opus"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Daniel 8:27)

St. Peter Financial Update

As of October 18 (41 Sundays)

| General Budget | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Offerings Received | 216,694.25 |
| Offerings Budgeted | 260,371.32 |
| Difference | -43,677.07 |
| Missions-Nebraska District Support | |
| Goal | 5,519.00 |
| Received | 2,815.00 |
| Difference | - 2,704.00 |

Right Now Media Spotlight "Jesus in the Secular World" by Ben Pierce

In the Jesus in the Secular World
small group study, Ben Pierce
combines vivid illustrations from
years of front-line ministry with
practical Biblical principles for how
we can reach the secular world. This
8-part series is designed to give you
an in-depth understanding of the
secular mindset, inspire personal
revival, and equip you with practical
next steps to engage the secular
world with the powerful Gospel
message relevantly.

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.

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for EQUIP

We invite you to come and join us
for EQUIP each Wednesday at 7:00
p.m. as we walk together in living out
our faith in Jesus Christ. Each
Wednesday includes some
contemporary worship songs as well
as a topical discussion about how we
can be EQUIPPED for life as a
follower of Christ. Join us and bring
someone with you.

Deshler Lutheran School Board Minutes 9-21-2020

Attendance: Todd Voss, Scott
Laaker, Brian Schardt, Dale Endorf,
Shannon LeFave, Galen Sasse, Pastor
Francik

Visitors: Juli Reinke

Galen Sasse opened with devotion.

Meeting agenda approved as
presented.

August minutes approved as
presented.

Treasurer's Report: Current
balances: General Account
\$49,131.42; Hot Lunch \$1,982.34;
Chapel Account \$311.32; Needs
\$40,240.77; Flex CD \$6,396.79; LCMS
Endowment \$7,268.91; Lutheran
Church Extension Fund \$41,624.00
Shannon made motion to approve,
seconded by Galen, motion carried.

Trustee Report: The list presented
by Galen is as follows: Fixing the gym
clock; Adding bottle fill to other

DLS Board Minutes Continued

water fountains; Tree trimming next spring

Pastor's report: 7th and 8th grade religion is being taught by Pastor Francik 1st and 3rd quarters, and Pastor Flores the 2nd and 4th Quarters. All is good.

Administrator's Report:

1. Mid-term 1st quarter: the kids are adjusting well, and everything is going great.
2. The 5th & 6th grade class is leading chapel on 9/24.
3. Singing at congregations 9/27 & 10/11 will be done by video to be shown at the churches.
4. Health screening to be done by the school nurse on 9/28.
5. Field Trips- Earth Jam 10/14. Trying to do educational ones.
6. Fall Musical-*Not Your Average Joe* is still a go.
7. Backpack Program- Started 3 years ago, thankful for the program.
8. National Fire Prevention Week- Oct 4-10

Old Business:

- A: Kitchen countertops- School Board will need to help with removal looking @ Oct 15 & 16.
- B: Bottle fill- Retro kit, we are looking at it to get installed.
- C: Freezer Sensor- Steve Harms will help install when it arrives.
- D: Call process guidelines- Tabled
- E: Fall Admin conference- Canceled, but have a virtual option.

New Business:

- A. Rule 14- Need to have Tyler S. sign off on it and get it sent back.
- B. School Budget 2021 on next school board meeting.

Dates to remember:

- 9/24 5-6 grade chapel
- 9/28-29 Health Screening
- 10/7 1:53 dismissal
- 10/14 Earth Jam
- 10/14 End of 1st Quarter

10/15-16 No School @ DLS
10/19 Board of Education Mtg @
8-Devotion Brian Schardt

Adjournment: Motion by Galen and seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

Closing prayer by Pastor Francik.

Submitted by Scott Laaker

St. Peter Voters Meeting Minutes 10-18-2020

The St. Peter Lutheran Church quarterly voters meeting was called to order by President Steve Harms at 11:05 a.m. on Sunday October 18 with 26 voting members in attendance. Pastor Francik opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report

One change to the quarterly voters meeting minutes held July 19, 2020 was noted. In the School Board report, the Payroll Protection Program dollar amount should be listed as \$59,000 instead of \$50,000. President Harms asked for a motion to accept the July meeting minutes as corrected. Motion made by Logan Schardt seconded by Scott Laaker. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Francik reviewed the 2020 3rd quarter church statistics. Membership losses through transfer the past quarter were Danielle Smith, Haylyn & Jaydin Mackey to St. Peter's Lutheran (LCMS), Davenport, NE. Membership gains through Confirmation were Stormi Capek, Brooke Sasse, & Allie Vieselmeyer; through transfer Kevin Kruse from Trinity Lutheran, Lincoln, NE. Membership as of September 30, 2020 is as follows - 297 Baptized, 246 Confirmed, & 223 voting members.

Pastor Francik touched on the following topics

- As people are returning to worship, touch base with people that you see in community that you haven't seen lately in worship
- We will continue to live stream the service each Sunday on Facebook & YouTube
- We are meeting for Bible class in the sanctuary & at Deshler Lutheran for Sunday school
- We have started "EQUIP" on Wednesday night which includes contemporary worship songs, prayer time & discussion of biblical topics. We have changed the time from 6:30PM to 7:00PM
- My goal for the church is to start & finish reading the New Testament in 2021. I will share a suggested reading plan in the coming months

Elders' Report

A new two-year partnership with Faith has been drafted & will be voted on in New Business

Trustees' Report

The following items were presented

- Minor odds & ends have been taken care of
- Stonebrook inspected the roof & everything is ok.
- A display case outside of Pastor's office has been constructed by Harvey Sorge to house the old communion ware & baptismal font

Treasurer's Report

- Due to Deshler Lutheran School receiving money from the Payroll Protection Program St. Peter is under budget as DLS waived a couple of monthly payments
- The final PPP forgiveness is still on track as the process is just taking a very long time

The balances in the various balance sheet accounts as of Sept. 30, 2020
General Fund \$31,921.25
Scholarship Fund \$4,183.12
Building Fund \$11,126.32
Building Fund Video Balance \$35.00
Building Fund Lillich Landscaping Balance \$300.00

Voters Minutes, Continued

Building Fund Screen Balance
\$569.60

Building Fund Lights Balance
\$1,551.54

Cemetery Fund \$13,900.29

School Board Report

Todd Voss went over the DLS activities that have occurred since the last voters meeting

- Thankful to be able to start the new school year on time. Students adjusting well to the current protocols
- Thankful for all of the volunteers to help with temp checks & other items so staff can spend time in their classrooms
- Debra McDonald new teacher for 1st & 2nd grade
- 2 new students have arrived – total of 50
- Mrs. Voss had a beautiful teaching moment with the story of Abraham-Isaac. Not everyone has had the privilege to hear these Bible stories. This allows kids to be brought to Christ
- 1st quarter has just ended, parent-teacher conferences coming up
- Kids sang virtually at St. Peter October 11
- Kitchen countertops have been installed by the DLS Board
- Pastor appreciation event coming up in October
- 5th & 6th grade led chapel recently & had a good message
- 3rd & 4th grade will lead chapel on November 5
- Two good field trips close by K-2nd @ Victory Too and 5th & 6th @ Earth Jamboree
- Association meeting November 1st at Trinity-Friedensau 7:30 pm
- Kids will go to Deshler Public for the Veterans Day program
- This year's 5th - 8th grade musical will be *Not your Average Joe*

- CARES Act will provide funding for iPads

Cemetery Report

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Partnership with Faith Lutheran in Hebron

The elders of Faith & St. Peter have met & developed a two-year partnership between the two churches.

- Faith has approved this agreement. In this agreement, both churches will share a joint bulletin so that each church will know what is going on at Faith & St. Peter
- Communion will be held on the same Sundays at Faith and St. Peter – the 1st & the 4th
- \$13,000/year commitment from Faith to St. Peter will take effect January 1, 2021
- The complete agreement can be found with the other weekly documents in the Narthex @ St. Peter

Old Video Equipment - It was decided to give away the old video equipment (26 years old) to Pastor Friesen of the Hebron Bible Church.

Dale Schardt made a motion to adjourn, Mark Schardt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mark Varner

Recording Secretary



From Our Missionaries



Rev. Kaster leading online service from our apartment

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Greetings and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.

Like much of the world, it is a worrisome time here in Prague. Every day tells us of thousands of new cases of COVID-19 infections. And now, we are again under a state of emergency, limiting our activities. It seems, honestly, as the perfect time to be here in order to speak of the peace of Christ to a nation that is confronted with life and death issues. But it is the same there in the USA! People now, more than ever, need to hear of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and that He has conquered death and gives to us eternal life.

We thank you for all your support - both in prayer and in donation - to keep us on the mission field. Please, pray that Czechs throughout the nation would be drawn to the faith of Jesus Christ and know the peace of Christ that you and I have. We are here praying for you!

We commend you to Christ,

Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster
Your Missionaries to the Czech Republic



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| Kelli Schardt..... | 2 |
| Campbell Bohling..... | 5 |
| Kinzley Bohling..... | 5 |
| Evan Endorf | 6 |
| Lakin Schardt | 8 |
| Jaden Siegle | 10 |
| Carol Sorge..... | 12 |
| Larry Lueders..... | 13 |
| John Noojin..... | 16 |
| Jadelyn Calkins..... | 19 |
| Dillon Schardt..... | 20 |
| Colleen Kruse..... | 21 |
| Douglas Schardt | 24 |
| David Larkins..... | 25 |
| Lori Schardt | 25 |
| Joseph Dunlap..... | 26 |
| Naomi Grupe | 26 |
| Marilyn Barga..... | 27 |
| Nancy Lueders..... | 27 |
| Tanner Bauer..... | 28 |
| Reese Harms | 30 |



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|-----------------------|----|
| Kalli Farnstrom | 3 |
| William Finke | 3 |
| Brooks Kresser..... | 4 |
| Monica Bohling..... | 5 |
| Janice Klaumann..... | 6 |
| Kalab Reinke | 6 |
| Bryce Sedlachek..... | 11 |
| Annette Ohlrich | 13 |
| Pamela Lemke | 15 |
| Joseph Dunlap..... | 16 |
| Helen Watson..... | 16 |
| James Bohling | 17 |
| Rebecca Drew..... | 18 |
| Karla Deepe | 19 |
| Kelli Schardt | 19 |
| Janet Robertson..... | 21 |
| Kayson Biltoft..... | 22 |
| Cooper Laaker | 30 |

Seasonal Cards and Napkins

Thanksgiving cards as well as Fall and Thanksgiving napkins are available in the card bookcase in the Narthex.



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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hayden & Shelby Farnstrom..... | November 4 3 years |
| David & Janet Larkins | November 18 43 years |
| Everett & Marilyn Schardt | November 21 49 years |
| Bruce & Tami Finke..... | November 23 29 years |
| Delbert & Luella Holtzen..... | November 25 25 years |
| Steven & Beverly Harms | November 28 50 years |





Faith Lutheran Church - Hebron

Drive-By our Homebound Event

Sunday, November 1st

2:00-3:30pm

All are invited to join the caravan as we cruise by Faith's homebound family's homes. Please meet in your car at Faith at 1:45pm to get a map!

Things you can do before:

***Make fun signs to hold out your windows
*Bring some balloons to hold out your car windows
*Wear a cool hat and a Big Smile!**

LLL Fall Rally November 8 at St. Peter's, Davenport

Everyone is invited to the LLL Fall Rally on Sunday, November 8 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church-Davenport. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. with a meal to follow. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Mick Onnen is the guest speaker and will talk about the mission trip he and his wife Nila took to Cambodia and Thailand. A freewill offering will be collected to fund Nebraska LHM projects. To RSVP please sign up on the bulletin board at St. Peter or contact Pastor Brian, Doug Harms or Colleen Kruse by Monday, Nov. 2.

From the Principal's Desk...

Wow! As I pause to type this article, I can only praise God for His abundant goodness! Yes, I know that 2020 has been a year filled with many new challenges for all of us; yet, I'm amazed at God's goodness through it all. God is faithful. He is good. And, He is more than enough for all our needs.

The month of November is forever associated with Thanksgiving and we have so much to be thankful for at Deshler Lutheran School. We praise God for our students, families, teachers, staff, valuable volunteers, and generous supporters—like you! Thank you for being a critical part of our ministry through your prayers, support, and service! Please know that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of our students, families, and staff. Continue to pray that God works in mighty ways and leads more families to DLS!

We are very thankful that the school year continues to move forward with students in the building. After much questioning throughout the summer months as to if and how we would reopen schools, first quarter is already in the rear-view mirror. Classrooms are busy, field trips have been taken, we praise God in chapel every Thursday, successful junior fall sports have concluded, parent-teacher conferences for first quarter occurred, and the march towards Thanksgiving and Christmas has begun!

With COVID-19, we all understand that normal activities are certainly subject to change. However, we are moving forward with preparations and planning for several special activities. On November 5, Miss Werner's 3-4 classroom will be leading chapel. On November 11, DLS K-2 students are planning on participating in the Community Veteran's Day Program at DHS (details of this event are still under planning due to COVID). The 5-8 grade students are working diligently to prepare for our fall musical entitled: "Not Your Average Joe." This year's production, which is based on the story of Joseph with a fun 50's twist, is

From the Principal's Desk, Cont.

scheduled for November 20 at 7:00 pm. It has great music and an excellent message.

It is our prayer that all these events will occur and that students will remain in our building. Our trust is firmly in the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. And it is in Him and through Him that we have much to be thankful for! Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,

Principal Todd Voss
Deshler Lutheran School
"Sent to Serve!" – Matthew 20:28

DLS Kindergarten and K-4 Field Trip

We're sure enjoying our Fall season in our Deshler Lutheran Kindergarten Class.

We were able to join our 1st-4th grade friends on a wonderful field trip to Burger's Barn/Victory Too! "Kathryn from Kentucky" (aka Mrs. Burger) met us along the Oregon Trail, and in her southern accent and Pioneer attire, she shared about the Pony Express and other fun facts from our local history!



"Kathryn from Kentucky" along Oregon Trail

We also got to print and paint our own T-shirts, swing on a rope swing, enjoy lunch in a gorgeous setting near the pond, sing our theme song "Whoever Would be Great" along to Mrs. Burger's guitar, and play a game from the Pioneer Days, "Chicken on the fence post, can't dance

Josey"! What a blast, and gift of time and love from the Burgers! And to wrap it all up, Phinn and Ivy invited us to the Timber just down the road for an amazing Fall walk and Scavenger hunt! An incredible day!



We thank Jesus for each other and the beauty of FALL, including our lovely maple tree on our playground!

God bless you all, Mrs. Reinke and our Kindergarten Class

Maple tree on our playground!

Ryker Kane, Chase Laaker, Jenna Haller, Jentry Wit, Evan Langness, Isabella Scollin



Ryker printing T-shirt



Izzy & Jenna waiting for shirt



Five shirts are done



Chase swinging

K-4 Field Trip to Burger's Barn/ Victory Too, Continued



Jenna swinging



Fall Walk & Scavenger Hunt



Picnic near the pond



Burger's Barn Sing-Along



Izzy & Jenna singing to Guitar! (at Burger's)

DLS 3rd & 4th Grade

Hello! The 3rd and 4th grade classroom has been pretty busy this October. We started out the month with Fire Safety Week. The Deshler Volunteer Fire Department was gracious enough to come visit and tell us about what we should do to be safe if we are in a building that catches fire. We also were able to go on a fire truck ride. That, of course, was a pretty big highlight! We were also able to go with the kindergarten through 2nd grade kids to Victory Too for a field trip. We learned all about the Oregon Trail, made magnets and t-shirts, play on a rope swing, and then we were even able to go on a nature walk thanks to Dennis and Susan Harms. It was a fun-filled, beautiful day! Through all these fun activities, we are still learning in the classroom. We started learning our multiplication tables, which is not always easy at the beginning. However, the kids are working hard, which is all I can ask! We are also learning about all the past presidents. There were some great men in our country! Overall, we are just so thankful to still be in school learning. Thank you again for your support!

In Christ,
Rachel Werner, DLS 3&4 teacher



The 3rd and 4th graders with their newly printed t-shirts from Left: Haylyn Mackey, Phinn Harms, Scarlett Holtzen, Jaydin Mackey, Gavin Endorf, Mason Finke-Thompson, and Natalie Kressler

DLS 1st & 2nd Grade

Hello All!

Wow, we have been BUSY the last few weeks of the 1st term. The local fire department came to the school on Monday, October 5. They gave an amazing presentation followed by the students' favorite part – a Fire Truck Ride!! We made bird homes from gourds given by Fred and Ardie Maschmann. A little side note, when Mr. Maschmann stopped by to drop the drill off, we realized he had taught at least one parent of the majority of 1st and 2nd grade students (even some of their grandparents).

On Friday, October 9, the K-4th went to Victory Too. They had a great time making and painting a T-shirt, swinging on the rope swing, learning about the Oregon Trail from Katherine (AKA - Mrs. Burger), singing, playing games, exploring the Timbers at Mr. and Mrs. Harms and many more activities.

We feel very blessed to be able to integrate these hands-on opportunities into our learning environment. We also praise and thank our Lord for the being able to meet at school for the entire 1st quarter.

Peace & Blessings,

Mrs. McDonald and the 1st & 2nd Graders



DLS 5th & 6th Grade

Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good!

We have completed the first quarter, and we are so thankful that we have been able to stay "in school"! We've been busy with the story of Joseph, adding fractions, studying bacteria and viruses, as well as proper use of capitalization.

We went on a field trip to Clay Center, NE. We attended Earth Jamboree. Our class attended sessions about drones, GPS, recycling, game and parks, and decomposition. Our Little Blue Natural Resources District really does a nice job putting on this event.

I am really enjoying the "Family of the Week" DLS started this year! It's a great way to lift up each of our school families in prayer throughout the year. (I even had a student ask me in chapel, "So, what do we have to do to be the family of the week?"). I reassured her it was a completely random procedure and that her family would eventually be "on the list."☺

Families to pray for each week in November:

November 5--(2nd) Ivy and (4th) Phinn Harms; Justus & Jolene Harms

November 12--(K) Evan Langness; Pastor Jon & Hannah and Judith and Marjorie

November 19--(3rd) Scarlett, (6th) Grady, and (8th) Wyatt; Mark & Tricia Holtzen

November 26--(3rd) Jaydin and (4th) Haylyn Mackey; Danielle & Konrad Russ

Blessings to you all! Happy Thanksgiving!

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Amy Voss



The 5th and 6th Graders attended Earth Jamboree at the Clay County Fairgrounds.



Rigley M., Barrett H., and Lainey V. get instructions for their GPS from our session leader.



Dillon S. works on creating his paper plate drone.



Cooper L., Johnnie Z., and Dean B., use GPS to locate a tree on their scavenger hunt.