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Monthly Newsletter

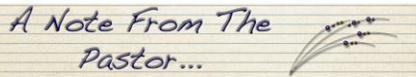
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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

2023! Wow, it is hard to believe we are at the beginning of a new year. 2022 was filled with so many blessings here at St Peter. I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the upcoming year.

As we start this year, may we be reminded of God's call to faithfully steward the blessings He has given to us, specifically these:

Time – All of us get the same amount of time each day – 24 hours. How much time do you spend on social media or online? How much time do you spend watching news? How much time are you spending in God's Word and prayer? Recommit to spending more time in God's Word in the upcoming year.

Talents/Spiritual Gifts – God has made you unique. He has given you unique talents and gifts He hasn't given anyone else. They aren't meant to be kept in the closet or in the drawer. They are to be used. Please consider finding a way to use or continue to use those gifts for Jesus in this upcoming year.

Treasures – I know for some of us it continues to be a struggle. Inflation has

hit you hard with rising gas and food prices. Jesus reminds us that where our treasure is, our heart will follow (Mathew 6:21). Perhaps this year, you are going to commit to giving back to the Lord through church for the first time. Perhaps, God is leading you to increase your giving for all He has given to you. You have been given these blessings to make sure others hear the Gospel.

Relationships – God has blessed you with other people in your life. Whether it is spouse, kids, grandkids, friends, people at church or a friend who is not a Christian, God has placed them in your life so that you can display Christ to them. Perhaps this year, you are going to work a little less, so you can invest in people more. Perhaps it is more trips to coffee or having someone over for dinner to spend quality time with them. The only thing you can take to heaven with you is other people. Invest in others that they may see Jesus in you.

May the Lord bless us in 2023 and beyond.

In Jesus – the Healer of the hurting,
Pastor Brian



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Stewards
What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

Your Past Does Not Define Your Future

New Year's is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it's over), and we look to the future in hope and anticipation, and perhaps with some worry, for what it holds.

The point is that New Year's celebrations remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be, what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we've lost. Who we've lost.

St. Paul writes: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will

produce thanksgiving to God” (2 Cor. 9:6–15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord will both supply and increase what we need to give to the church for its work in the world. He tells us that this work God does in us will enrich and bless us in every way, and through this, will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving in years past and change what needs to be adjusted, improved, or done away with altogether.

First, attend worship to receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. If you’ve not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God’s Word and receive the Lord’s Supper receive His invitation to come and receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn’t want your money. He wants you — all of you (Matt. 22:20–22).

Second, pray for the Lord’s help. Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1–16).

Third, consider what the church is and what the church does. The church is a place of mercy. It inhales the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward neighbors. You are a member of the church, of God’s family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God’s mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the church in the world, as the Israelites did in the Old Testament (Lev. 27:1–34).

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament’s teaching on supporting the work of the church. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what’s left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, or ten percent. The New Testament gives freedom to be generous, to give more for the Church’s work. Are you relying on God’s promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these,

repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.

So, don’t let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God’s gift to you for this body and life.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry:
lcms.org/stewardship

Official Acts

MEMBERSHIP Loss

Date – 12-10-2022 Funeral
For – Dennis Harms
Date of Death – 12-4-2022
Age 73
Cemetery – Bethlehem (Kiowa)



As of December , 2022 (50 Sundays)

General Budget

Offerings Received	\$315,469.89
Offerings Budgeted	\$361,931.50
Difference	\$(46,461.61)

Missions-Nebraska District Support

Goal	\$6,731
Received	\$4,050.73
Difference	\$(2,680.27)



Anytime at lutheranhour.org

Sunday mornings:

06:30	KFAB	Omaha	1110AM
07:30	WIBW	Topeka	580AM
08:00	BOTT	N. Platte	107.6FM
10:00	KRVN	Lexington	880AM

01/01 **“Out of Egypt”**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony Cook – “Out of Egypt I called my son.” With these words the Gospel of Matthew reveals the rich and interconnected history of the young nation, Israel, and the young Savior, Jesus. Follow them on their journeys to discover the true Israel and what He means to your life today. (Matthew 2:13-23)

- 01/08 **“Gifted”** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler – What if we learned to see this world and everyone in it as gifts from God? (Colossians 1:16)
- 01/15 **“Gifts to Share”** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler A body of water becomes stagnant when there is no outflow. The same could be said of us. (Colossians 1:29)
- 01/22 **“Whatever You Do”**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge (Colossians 3:17-21)
- 01/29 **“Hopelessly Hopeful”**
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Colossians 1:27)



“How to Face Life’s Challenges”

Stephen Foster presents this six-part series on how Jesus’ teachings unlock some of life’s major challenges. Each session will equip you with Biblical, practical, and relatable application relating to different challenges. Be inspired and encouraged to approach each of these struggles or setbacks with confidence in the love, power, and wisdom of Jesus, who is worthy of our worship even amidst the very real difficulties of life.

Please contact Pastor Brian or Todd Voss to get started with RightNow Media. Also, check out Pastor Brian’s video on how to get set up with RightNow Media. The video can be found on our Facebook and YouTube pages.



(EARNING THROUGH EXCELLENCE, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND LOVE)

Monday, January 9th

Our book group will gather again on Monday, January 9th to discuss *Fostered by Tori Hope Petersen*. If you enjoy reading or know people that do, we invite you to come and join us on the 2nd Monday of the month for our book discussion time. You can see the list for

the first half of 2023 on the bulletin board.



January 2023

From the Principal's Desk....

Happy New Year from Deshler Lutheran School! It's hard to believe that another calendar year has passed. First semester of the 22-23 school year has indeed sped by. We praise God for all He has done in and through Deshler Lutheran School and look forward, with much anticipation, to what He will do next. May each of us be vessels for the Kingdom work that He would have us do.

We look forward to the month of January with much excitement. Students will return to school on January 3rd to begin second semester. DLS will be celebrating Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 11th as we honor our men and women who "Serve and Protect." DLS students will be participating in the Thayer County Spelling Bee on January 16. And DLS will celebrate National Lutheran School's Week January 22-29. The celebration kicks off with our DLS School Carnival on January 22 from 4-6 pm. All are invited and there will be opportunities for you to join in the fun and help. We will have dress-up days, servant events, all-school devotions, and more. This year's on-line mission trip will take us to the country of India. We will wrap up the celebration by singing at Trinity-Friedensau on Sunday, January 29th.

We finished the 2022 calendar year out with a flurry of activities. On December 3, DLS hosted Cookies with Congregations. We had approximately sixty guests join us for chapel, cookies, and a special presentation by Rick & Janell Stengel on our chapel project—Our Daily Hope, a special ministry to the people of Roatan Honduras. It was exciting to learn about how God is at work through Our Daily Hope, and we are thrilled to help purchase groceries for families in need as they learn about God's Word and the life-changing love of Jesus.

The Deshler Chamber Christmas, which featured the Lion's Club Pancake Feed and DLS Cookie Walk was held at DLS on Dec. 10th. We had a great turn out

for the event as the gym was filled with a steady flow of guests. Thank you to FOS and everyone that baked, bought, worked, and supported this year's Cookie Walk. We had an excellent assort of Christmas treats and baked goods. Money raised from the event will go towards the purchase of portable staging to be used at our musicals.

The 7-8 grade classroom participated in this year's Virtual Career Day sponsored by Education Quest and the Nebraska 4-H. Our students were able to learn a variety of information about careers in Health Sciences, Education & Human Science, Communication & Information Technology, and Skilled & Technical Sciences. A panel of people from a variety of careers in each category shared information about their careers and helpful hints for students that are interested in pursuing careers in their areas.

Students in grades 5-8 enjoyed attending and singing during an Advent service at Faith Lutheran in Hebron on December 14th. The students sang "Share the News" during the service and enjoyed a time of fellowship and food beforehand.

On December 15th, Mrs. Mumm's 1-2 class blessed us all by leading chapel. The students did an outstanding job of leading us in worship as they shared the Christmas story. A recording of their chapel is currently posted on DLS's Facebook page & St. Peter's YouTube Channel and will be posted on Trinity-Friedensau YouTube channel soon. We praise God for the outstanding job the students did! If you weren't able to attend, be sure to check out the recording.

May Christmas joy fill our hearts each day of the new year ahead! We look forward, with much anticipation, to all that God will do in the year ahead.

Happy New Year!
In Christ,

Todd Voss, Principal
Deshler Lutheran School
Making Disciples for Life!

Calendar of Events:

- 1/3 School Resumes
- 1/5 Chapel @ 10:00
- 1/11 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day @ DLS
- 1/12 Chapel
- 1/16 Thayer County Spelling Bee
- 1/19 Chapel

1/22-29 National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW)
1/22 DLS School Carnival 4-6 pm
1/26 Chapel/1/29 DLS Choir Sings @ Trinity-Friedensau

Voters Meeting Election Results 2023 Church Council Members

- President** – Steve Harms
- Vice President** – Dale Hoops
- Elders** – Brad Cooper & Matt Bohling
- Trustee** – Grant Hansen
- Recording Secretary** – Mark Varner
- Financial Secretary** – Leisa Bohling
- DLSA Board** – Justus Harms & Kolby Finke
- Cemetery Committee** – Greg Hornbostel
- Envelope Committee** – Rodney & Sheryl Achterberg, Mark & Barb Schardt, Brian & Julene Schardt, Aaron & Kinsey Bohling

Kindergarten



We wish you a 2023 filled with Jesus's hope, love, joy, and peace. Thanks for all you do!

Love, Mrs. Reinke and our precious Kindergarten Friends

1st and 2nd Grade

First and second graders have been adjusting to the colder weather...or maybe it's just me! We've been talking about Good Times and Bad Times in the Bible and also the Faithless and Faithful. Talking about how we should be putting all our trust in the Lord, even when what we're praying for doesn't happen when we want it to. In Science we learned all about Mercury and even got to make our own model out of salt dough. We also have been enjoying getting ready for Jesus' birth by making ornaments and lighting up our room. They gave me a big "YESSSS!!" when I asked if they were ready for Christmas break!



- 5 Graylee Meyer
- 6 Pastor James Moll
LeAnna Renz
- 7 Laura Worley
- 11 Beverly Harms
- 12 Ashlyn Cooper
- 14 Alan Bohling
- 15 Marla Finke
- 18 Pastor Brian Francik
- 19 Blakely Bohling
- 23 Roger Finke
- 24 Julian Voss
- 25 Randall Meyer
- 26 Tyler Harms
- 27 Stormi Capek
Marjorie Holle
- 31 Jamie Calkins
- 31 Skylar HorseChief
Lola Ralston
- 3 Tanner Bauer
- 4 Jason Poppe
- 6 Gina Scollin



- 9 Matthew Sasse
- 10 Dale Hoops
Dillon Schardt
- 11 David Larkins
Madison Sasse
- 15 Don Betten
Barbara Schardt
- 17 Shelby Farnstrom
Pastor James Moll
- 19 Audra Capek
- 20 Nicholas Houtwed
- 21 Campbell Bohling
Reese Harms
- 22 Beverly Harms
- 28 Marilyn Bargaen
- 29 Sheryl Achterberg
- 31 Marla Finke

No Anniversary's for January



January Jobs

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| Elder | Mike Zucker |
| Acolyte | Logan Schmidt |
| Flowers | Colleen Kruse |
| Envelope | Todd & Amy Voss |
| Committee | Aaron & Kinsey
Bohling |
| Sound | Doug Schardt |
| Video | Jon Peters |
| Backpacks | Pam Werner |



The Junior High Youth Group enjoyed a Traveling Mystery Dinner in December, traveling to the homes of various members of our congregation to eat the different courses of their meal and play games. We are very grateful for Todd & Amy Voss, Doug & Karen Schardt, Dale & Lori Schardt, and Andy & Ellen Schmidt, who hosted our youth for this fun event. Thank you for supporting our

youth and making this evening possible. In January, our youth will gather to eat, make tie blankets for the Foster Care Closet in Beatrice, and play board games. Youth are welcome to bring their favorite board game if they would like.

St. Peter Lutheran Women's



Missionary League

Ladies: You are invited to join the LWML members in Bible Study and fellowship on Thursday evening, January 5th at 7:00 pm.

Quilt Tying will begin on Thursday January 12 from 9am to 5 pm. Come help put together quilts which will be sent to Orphan Grain Train to distribute to people who need them. Contact Joyce Schardt for more information. 402-365-4139.



Direct Deposit Offerings - Automatic withdrawal is available to give your offerings here at St. Peter. Signup forms are available in the Narthex, or if requested can be mailed or emailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Sara Kresser, at 402-984-2453 or fourleafclover9@hotmail.com.



Giving Online - You can give online using a debit or credit card. Click on the "Give" tab on www.stpeterdeshler.org, then select "Click to Give." Please note: There is a fee for using a debit or credit card. It will be deducted from your offering unless you choose to cover the fee.



Contact Pastor Brian or any C.A.R.E. Warriors Team Member for more information.

Discipleship starts with relationships. (Acts 2:42-47)



Collecting for Gospel Mailers - Bibles, New Testaments, Concordia Self Study Bibles, Luther's Small Catechisms, English Dictionaries, Sunday School materials (CPH only), Bible study guides (CPH only), Sunday School or VBS Puppets (durable for use as fun toy in orphanages) Please leave requested items in the tote located in the front entrance coat room.



Thank you to all who have been collecting and submitting Best Choice UPC's. 4000 UPC's were collected this year and the proceeds will go to Deshler Lutheran School. Thank you, Marilyn Barga, for counting these.

Keep Saving! Simply buy products from the Best Choice® family of brands at your favorite local grocer and save the UPC (proof of purchase) from the product's label. Deshler Lutheran School will earn \$30 in cash for each bundle of 1,000 UPCs collected and mailed to Best Choice Save-A-Label. Our collection jar for the UPC labels is located in the coatroom.



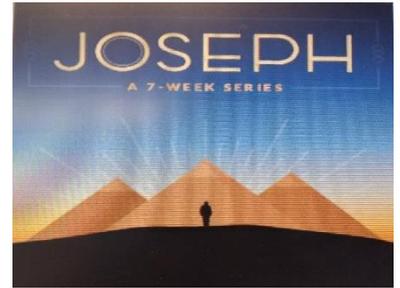
Available In the Narthex – Sunday Bulletins, Pastor Brian's Daily Devotions (Located in the Plastic Holder next to the Mailboxes), *My Devotions*, *Portals of Prayer*, *Life Date*, Faith Mentor Info, Hand Sanitizer, etc.



Are You on Facebook? - Check out the St. Peter, Faith, and DLS Facebook pages, like, and follow them to get updates on your feed. We are continuing to find ways to encourage the body of Christ in the technology world.



Video of Services - A DVD of each Sunday service is available in the white basket on the mailbox shelf after each service. All videos are available for anyone to take home, watch, and return.



Joseph - Bible Study Faith Lutheran Hebron - Joseph's story is filled with family conflict, betrayal, temptation, forgiveness and redemption. All along the way, we see God at work. Everyone is invited to join us for a light meal and study. Watch the calendar for monthly dates.



January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No School 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion	2 No School 7:30pm Elders Meeting	3 8am DLS Resumes	4 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation 8pm Choir	5 10am DLS Chapel 7pm LWML	6 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders	7
8 9:45am Worship with Installation of Officers 11am Men's Group Pancake Breakfast 11am Sunday School & Bible Class	9 7pm Agape Readers	10 11:30am Pastor @ Circuit Meeting	11 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation 8pm Choir	12 9am Quilt Tying 10am DLS Chapel	13 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders	14
15 9:45am Worship 11am Sunday School & Bible Class	16 7:30pm DLS Board of Education Meeting	17	18 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation 8pm Choir	19 9am Quilt Tying 10am DLS Chapel 7:30pm Council Meeting	20 Pastor's Sabbath 12pm Newsletter Content Deadline 1pm Bulletin Folders	21
22 9:45am Worship with Holy Communion 11am Annual Voters Meeting 11am Sunday School 4pm Community Carnival @ DLS	23 7pm Men's Bible Study	24	25 12:30pm Bulletin Deadline 3:45pm Midweek Confirmation 8pm Choir	26 9am Quilt Tying 10am DLS Chapel	27 Pastor's Sabbath 1pm Bulletin Folders and Newsletter Assembly	28
29 9:45am Worship 11am Bible Class No Sunday School	30	31			January Jobs Elder Acolyte Flowers Envelope Committee Sound Video Backpacks Mike Zucker Logan Schmidt Colleen Kruse Todd & Amy Voss Aaron & Kinsey Bohling Doug Schardt Jon Peters Pam Werner	

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