



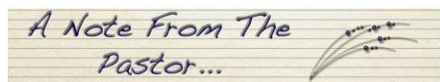
October 2023

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

This month I wanted to use my article to remind us how Deshler Lutheran School is supported financially.

Later in October, the school board will put together a budget. They will budget what they believe will be the expenses for 2024 and come up with a final total. The amount that the board believes will come from tuition (for any student who is not a member of St Peter or Friedensau) will be subtracted and then the rest of the amount will be divided up between St Peter and Friedensau by a formula that was created and voted on many years ago.

This formula is the percentage of the # of students from that congregation divided by total students from the two congregations. Then you add the percentage of the congregation's communicant members divided by the total of communicant members. You add those two percents together and divide by two and get the percent of financial responsibility for each church.

Below you can see it from the numbers for St Peter's support in 2023.

St Peter Students – 20
Friedensau Students – 11
Total Association Students – 31

St Peter Communicant Members – 241
Friedensau Communicant Members – 105
Total Communicant Members – 346

St Peter Students – $20/31 = 64.51\%$
St Peter Members – $241/346 = 69.65\%$
 $64.51\% + 69.65\% = 134.16\% / 2 = 67.08\%$

St Peter's % - 67.08%
Friedensau % - 32.92%

I know we talk at different times about inactive members and people letting us know if they have moved or are going to a different church. We care about making sure they are growing in their faith and connected to a group of believers. You can also see that our membership numbers are connected to our financial support of DLS. If kids or grandkids or others have moved away or have joined another church, it is really important that we know.

Due to the way our financial support is given to Deshler Lutheran, this allows

students at our association congregations to not pay tuition. Since the members don't have to pay tuition, the hope and prayer is that the money that would have been paid for tuition would be given for offering at church. We recognize that some of our families may not be able to give all of that amount, but as I wrote in the financial letter that was sent out, giving is about the heart, not about the amount. Even a small amount shows a heart that is responding to the Lord's generosity.

Please remember that the final budget is voted on by YOU at the association meeting on Sunday, November 5. It's really important for you to be there and share your thoughts. We also want input from you at congregational meetings.

DLS is such an incredible place. God is changing lives and families through the ministry at DLS. We want to make sure that DLS is around for many years to come. We want to continue to be faithful stewards and support DLS in many ways and make sure it is financially stable for the future.

In Jesus – the Healer of the hurting,
Pastor Brian

Official Acts

3rd Quarter 7-1-2023

Membership.....	7-1-2023
Baptized.....	297
Confirmed.....	246
Voting members	211

MEMBERSHIP GAINS

Through Baptism

8/13/2023.....	Jaxton Travis Betten
8/13/2023.....	Sage Lainey Renz

MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

Date	9/12/2023 Funeral & Burial
For	Roger Finke
Date of Death 9-9-023.....	
Age - 77.....	
Cemetery – St. Peter Lutheran	

Through Transfer

Through Release

9-13-2023	
Joseph Hansen to Trinity Lutheran Church, Friedensau, NE	

OTHER OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism

7/24/2023.....	Robert E. Keim
9/16/2023.....	Luca Ray Bledsoe
9/16/2023.....	Lyra Moon Bledsoe

End of 3rd Quarter 9-30-2023

Baptized.....	297
Confirmed.....	244
Voting members	209

Financial Update

As of Sept. 17, 2023 (37 Sundays)

General Budget

Offerings Received	\$240,115.19
Offerings Budgeted	\$288,296.50
Difference	\$48,181.31

Missions-Nebraska District Support

Goal	\$4,980
Received	\$3,272
Difference	\$1,708



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

- 10/01 **“The Way through the Maze”**
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out.
(Psalm 25:4-5)
- 10/08 **“Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord”** Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock. “The Lord is my Shepherd...” That’s how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful. (Psalm 23)
- 10/15 **“Help the World Rejoice”**
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. (Psalm 81)
- 10/22 **“Matching Place”** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler (Psalm 96:13)
- 10/29 **“TBD” Lutheran Hour Speaker:**
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

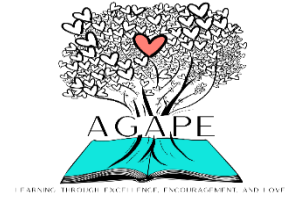
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“Gods at War” By Kyle Idleman

There are gods at war within each of us. They battle for the throne of our hearts, and much is at stake. This is why idolatry is the most discussed problem in the entire Bible. Behind every sin struggle that you and I have is a false god that is winning the war in our lives. Don't give in to the myth that gods are only statues that people of other cultures or long ago worshiped. Pleasure, romance, sex, money, and power are just a few of the gods that vie for our allegiance in today's society. Join Kyle Idleman in this study, as he explores these gods. When the Lord God takes His rightful place on the throne of our hearts, we will have victory.

The Lord calls us to be strong and courageous in our life as His followers. It's as true for us as it was for Joshua, who was responsible for leading the Israelites into a land promised to them but filled with enemies and obstacles.

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.



Jesus Revolution by Greg Laurie and Ellen Vaughn October 16th

Our book group will gather on October 16th to discuss the book *Jesus Revolution* by Greg Laurie and Ellen Vaughn. If you enjoy reading, we invite you to come and be part of our discussion. You can get the book list for the rest of 2023 from Pastor Brian.



From the Principal's Desk

October 2023

The 2023 school year is speeding along! I can't believe we are already looking at the end of September. It has been a great month at DLS! We are very excited to welcome new student Mia Werner and her family to our DLS school family! This moves our enrollment for the 23-24 school year up to 59 students. In addition to studying God's Word and growing in our other subject areas, students have been on the move. Mrs. McCown's class attended Ag Venture Days in Geneva. Mrs. Voss's class traveled to Liberty Cove for a Water Jamboree. The 7-8 grade students have been busy preparing for their classroom chapel on Sept. 21. The 5-6 graders hosted a successful Red Cross Blood Drive at DLS on the 12th. The DLS Choir will be singing and worshipping at Trinity-Friedensau on Sept. 24. God has indeed blessed us with a wonderful month!

We look forward to an exciting October. Students in the upper grades will begin working on the DLS 5-8 Fall Musical. Plan on joining us for the performance on Friday, November 3 at 7:00 pm. If that doesn't work, you are welcome to attend our dress rehearsal on Thursday, November 2 at 1:15 pm. More information about the musical will be coming; watch for it!

Surprisingly, the first quarter will be coming to an end on October 11. The DLS teaching staff will be attending the Great Plains Lutheran Educators' Conference on October 14-16 at Concordia University. The DLS Choir will be singing at St. Peter-Deshler on Sunday, October 22. Parent-teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 25. During the month of October, DLS will celebrate Pastor Appreciation, Fire Prevention Week, and Manufacturing Month. The long-standing tradition of DLS Christmas Card Sales will run from Sept. 29-Oct. 25. And Fall Break will be enjoyed by all on October 27.

October will also be a busy month of preparation for the 2023 Biennial Deshler Lutheran School Dinner Auction that is coming up on November 18. Planning is well underway, and we hope you will be a part of this year's event! There are many ways to get involved. Invitations were placed in church mailboxes near the end of September. We hope you will join us for a fun evening and great cause! Invite others to join you. Our committee is in the process of gathering items and donations for the auction; donated items need to be submitted by October 20th to be in the Auction Catalog. Thank you in advance to everyone for supporting this event! God has abundantly blessed this event in the past and we look forward to seeing all He will do!

Thank you for all you do for DLS!! Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will work in mighty ways in the lives of students, staff, families, churches, and community this year!

In Christ,

Todd Voss, Principal

"Connected in Christ!"

Calendar of Events:

10/5 Chapel @ 10
 10/11 Early Dismissal 1:50 pm
 10/12-13 NO School – Teacher Convention
 10/14-16 Great Plains Lutheran Educators' Conference
 10/16 NO School – Teacher Convention
 10/16 Board of Education
 10/18 Pastor Appreciation
 10/19 Chapel @ 10
 10/22 DLS Choir Sings @St. Peter
 10/26 Chapel @ 10
 10/26 Early Dismissal 1:50 pm
 10/27 NO School – Fall Break
 10/31 Reformation Day



Deshler Lutheran School

Board of Education Meeting Minutes August 21st, 2023

Attendance: Todd Voss, Pastor Flores, Pastor Francik, Gage Baker, Jeremy Schardt, Justus Harms, Trent McCown, Tyler Harms, Tyler Stengel

Todd Voss opened with devotion.

The agenda stood approved as presented.

Minutes stood approved as presented.

Treasurer Report:

General Fund: \$39,327.39

Hot Lunch: \$24,662.43

Needs Account: \$49,968.32

Chapel Account: \$101.27

Library Fund: \$2,060.06

CD: \$6,500.52

LCMS Foundation: \$7,999.62

Extension Fund: \$42,679.61

Motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Jeremy Schardt;

seconded by Gage Baker. Motion carried.

Trustee Report: Mowing schedule was discussed.

Pastors Report: Pastor Flores presented a schedule of what he will be covering during confirmation class throughout the year.

Administrators Report:

1. Thayer County Fair – Parade and Fair Booth.
2. Tree work at schoolhouse – Thanks to Mark and Barb Schardt for doing more tree removal work at the house.
3. Back-to-School Night – Thanks to the Thayer County Livestock Feeders for providing the beef for the meal and thanks to Trinity LLL members and St Peters Men's Bible Study Group for grilling.
4. Enrollment for 23-24 – Currently 58 students are enrolled.
5. Flowers a month club.
6. School Pictures on August 25th.
7. MAP Testing.
8. Field Trips – 3&4 to Ag Adventure in Geneva. 5&6 to Water Jamboree at Liberty Cove. 7&8 to Superior Vineyard.
9. 5th & 6th grade blood drive on September 12th.

Old Business:

- A. Kitchen – Still researching new appliances. Jean Schardt has applied for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grant.
- B. Shared Services – Services will start after Labor Day. Thankful for the great cooperation with Deshler Public Schools.
- C. LB:735 Update.
- D. Constitution Review – We will go over possible changes at the September meeting.

New Business:

- A. Playground – There is a newly donated picnic table, and we need to add more woodchips to the playground. We may be

able to receive a grant to pay for them.

- B. EANS II – Through the EANS program we would be able to hire a Para for the school to help in the classrooms. This would be funded by the EANS program at no cost to the school. Todd Voss was going to proceed with looking into finding someone to help out.
- C. Dinner Auction – November 18th.

Dates to Remember:

- A. 9/6 – FOS/Dinner Auction Meeting
- B. 9/18 – Board of Education Meeting @ 8:00 pm.

Justus Harms made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Tyler Stengel. Motion carried.

Submitted by Justus Harms

Kindergarten



What fun we've had learning about living and non-living things in our world!

Our Kindergarteners got to collect pebbles and seeds of similar color and size in a jar, add some water, sunlight and air, and see which ones were actually living!

Wow, were we surprised when after nearly a week of no change, we returned from Labor Day weekend to discover the beans had suddenly grown so fast and strong, they knocked the loose-fitting lid right off onto the floor!!

When we have on the full armor of God and keep growing in the Holy Spirit, He helps us through obstacles in life. We can't always see the growth, but He's there supporting and carrying us through! And those roots? We saw after a few more days that since they weren't firmly planted in the soil, they didn't have a firm foundation and became weak. We memorized the song, "Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day, and Your Faith Will Grow, Grow, GROW!!

Growing and "Connected in Christ!"

Mrs. Reinke and our Kindergarten Friends

1st and 2nd Grade.



The 1st and 2nd graders have been adjusting to the classroom very well! We gained a new student at the end of September, so it's been fun getting to know her. They've had a lot of fun talking about plants in science and have enjoyed our nature walks. We also have been loving this cooler weather!

Kalli Mumm

3rd and 4th Grade.



Pictured from back left: Wyatt Kane, Savannah Patterson, Maddyn Harms, Laynee Hudson, Alex Morales

From middle left: Jase Stengel, Chase Laaker, Katherine Holley, Aadyann Justus

Front from left: Kade Stengel, Cameron Schardt, Kaylin Kidwell, Izzy Scollin, Brooklyn Spellman, Casey Laaker

Hello from the 3rd & 4th grade classroom!

We have had a pretty busy beginning of our school year. We already went on our first field trip of the year to AgVenture Day in Geneva. We learned a great deal about animals, crops, and all the facets of our agricultural industry. We are very thankful for all the work and help that went into that event! We have also been learning about the weather in science class. It is amazing all the things God thought about when He was making our world! Thank you all so much for your support of our school!

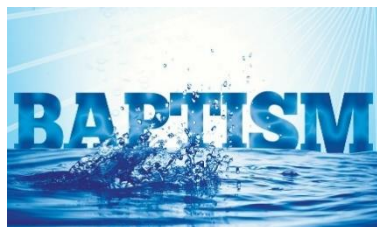
In Christ,

Mrs. Rachel McCown, 3&4 teacher



- 2 Gary Hinz
- 4 Creed Renz
- Rhett Meyer
- 5 Jaida Kidwell

- 6 Hayden Farnstrom
- 7 Tamara Meyer
Gloria Reinboth
- 8 Kayson Biltoft
Ryder Kruse
- 9 Neil Bohling
Kyleigh Lopez
- 11 Scott Finke
- 12 Tamera Noojin
- 13 Josh Kresser
Victor Sorge
- 17 Jolene Harms
- 18 Janice Klaumann
- 23 Brett Finke
Aubree Kidwell
Brooks Kresser
Annette Ohlrich
- 25 Jamon Harms
Pamela Lemke
- 26 River Kruse
Allie Vieselmeyer
Helen Watson
- 27 Karla Deepe
Kora Betten
- 28 Janet Robertson
- 29 Monica Bohling



- 2 Everett Schardt
- 4 Heath Finke
- 5 Donna Genung
Kari Betten
- 13 Joseph Ruhnke
- 15 Alan Holle
- 16 Kinsey Bohling
Jaida Kidwell
Kaylin Kidwell
Beckham Renz
- 18 Bridgett Mosier
- 19 Janice Hornbostel
- 22 Gary Hinz
- 23 Mason Thompson-Finke
- 24 Pamela Harms
- 25 Hayden Farnstrom
- 27 Casey Laaker
Victor Sorge
- 28 Hayden Calkins
Scott Finke
Gloria Reinboth
- 31 Gavin Endorf
Susan Harms



- 14 Roger & Marilyn Genzmer
- 21 Scott & Roberta Laaker
- 22 Tyler & Krista Harms
- 24 Michael & Tiffany Finke

REMINDERS



October Job Duty

Elder	Mike Zucker
Acolyte	Jonathan Zucker
Flowers	Lori Schardt
Envelope Committee	Todd & Amy Voss Brian & Julene Schardt
Sound	Doug Schardt
Video	Jon Peters
Backpacks	Sheryl Achterberg

YOUTH GROUP



We were delighted to serve at the Foster Care Closet again in September, as we hauled all of their winter clothes up out of the basement to get them ready for families to receive as we head into the colder months. The youth also

enjoyed playing mini golf and eating shaved ice after we served.

Our giving tree is set up in the narthex of the church. If you would like to help support this ministry, please take a look at our needs and return your donations by October 1.

We are planning a taco/nacho meal on October 22 to raise funds to attend the youth gathering again this year. Please make plans to join us for lunch after church that day. We are very grateful for all of your support!



LWML Fall Rally Saturday, October 7

We are planning an enjoyable and informative time of fellowship for the LWML Deshler Zone Fall Rally at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (208 W 10th St.) in Davenport on Saturday, October 7. Registration begins at 8:30am with the Rally beginning at 9:00am.

The theme is "Let Your Light So Shine." Short-term mission trip leader, Rev. Michael Awe, will be our speaker. Come and hear about what God can do through short-term mission trips, through simple lay people like you and me.

Ingathering for the day will be offerings to assist Pastor Awe in his many mission trips.

All women and young girls and pastors are welcome - bring a friend or two to share some special time together.



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)



Keep Saving! Simply buy products from the Best Choice® and Always Save® 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. The jar is located in the coat room.



Available In the Narthex –

Sunday Bulletins, My Devotions, Portals of Prayer, Life Date, Faith Mentor Info, Announcements, Newsletter, Direct Deposit Slips, Cemetery Policy, Annual Report, Phone Directory, 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 in the Narthex. All videos are available for anyone to take home, watch, and return.



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday														
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