

# **MAY 15/JUNE 15-NEWSLETTER**

*From the Pastor's Desk*

*“Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle,  
Set apart for the gospel of God” Romans 1:1*

Dear Members of St. Peter's,

Greetings in the Name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

In the verse above from Romans 1:1, Paul introduces himself to the church in Rome as a servant of Christ Jesus. Having never been to Rome, he knew that he was going to be in Rome soon enough when he penned this letter to them. And so he begins with an introduction as to who he is and what God had called and “set apart” for him to do.

In the same way, I would like to introduce myself to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

I was born January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1965 in Milwaukee, WI. When I was 6 months old, my dad graduated from the WELS seminary in Mequon and we moved to Burnsville, MN where we lived for 7 years. Since then, I have lived in 8 different states and have moved more than 20 different times.

I served as a Lutheran School teacher for 11 years before answering God's call to begin my studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. It was while I was attending school there that I met and eventually married my wife, Melanie. Throughout our nearly 19 years of marriage, we have been blessed with three daughters: Grace, Hope, and Joy. I have served as a pastor in Wisconsin, Illinois (Mt. Pulaski), and North Dakota for a total nearly 15 years.

While serving most recently in North Dakota, I was diagnosed with Lymphoma and underwent chemotherapy for 6 months. Shortly after treatments, I resigned my call in North Dakota and my wife was offered a job to teach Kindergarten at Bethel Lutheran School in Morton, IL (where I also began teaching part time K-8 classroom music and Band). Our family has lived in Tremont, IL for nearly two years now, and I have felt the desire to return to full time pastoral ministry.

It is a joy to be able to serve as your vacancy pastor, and I pray for all of you as you continue to go through the Call process.

In Christ,

Pastor Mark R. Drews



**SUNDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE LOWER LEVEL.**

Our annual Youth garage sale will be held on Saturday, June 29<sup>TH</sup>

If you have items to donate for the sale please bring them to the church and put in the ABC room. If you have oversized items please call the church and we will let you know where to store that item. Thank you!

Other ways to help our youth to attend the gathering, see the envelopes on the bulletin board in the gallery.

***From the Treasurer***

Apr-19	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Totals
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 7,612.00	\$ 7,612.00	\$ 7,612.00	\$ 7,612.00	\$ 30,448.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 16,411.99	\$ 3,019.49	\$ 123.30		\$ 19,554.78
Offerings	\$ 6,839.51	\$ 7,629.00	\$ 8,183.00		\$ 22,651.51
	\$ (9,572.48)	\$ 4,609.51	\$ 8,059.70	\$ -	\$ 3,096.73

Debt Reduction- Since January 2018, we have paid additional mortgage principal payments of \$320,110. This will save us approximately \$722,472 in interest over the length of the loan.

Electronic giving can be set up as 1 time giving, weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually or any time increment you choose.

## Thank you, St. Peters!

It is with grateful hearts that LWGP thank the congregation of St. Peter! With donations of baked goods and desserts and/or a monetary donation towards the Benevolent Fund, we were able to raise over \$1,200. The *Just Desserts* Bake Sale on April 26th at Lutheran Hillside Village was a sweet success! *Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. Proverbs 16:24*

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### **\*KEEP THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR WITH IMMEDIATE MEDICAL NEEDS IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Eldon Schoedel, Lori Gunther, Mike Sutton, Dave brother of Julie Parlier, Marjorie Cutright Aunt of Les Newton, Ashley Howard- granddaughter of Dennis and Ruby Lindo, David Wright son of Lyle, Mark Tate (uncle) of Gayle Vollrath, Nicole (VanBrooker) Sager, Cassi Janoski lung cancer, Jim brain cancer, Augie Eble friend of Paula Smart, Larry Howerter-Debbie Inman's brother, Nicholas Faichney grandson of Sandra Ragon, Lyle Lascelles, Harold Boe, Katie Bucio neck tumors, Ron Swords, Frank Horvath, Don Theobald, Pat Walker, Shana Petrucci-Tom Magnusson's niece diagnosed with MS, Marlene Nimmo, Aleene Geier, Clarence Noe eye cancer, Rex Swords nephew of Ron & Shirley recovering from an accident, Ed Bradford, Michael health issues.



**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY** \_\_\_\_\_ Andrew Benedict, Jereme Martin, Brady Martin (deployed), Dalton Belcher (deployed), Jacob Brandt (deployed Japan), Joe & Jake Gunther, Michael Lewis, Roger & David Masters, Trent Barron, Doug and Delia Gardner, Lauren Tranchitella, Andrew Nicely.

### **MATURING DISCIPLES:**

**\*\*SUNDAY A.M.,** Sunday Classes continue each Sunday, from 9:30-10:30 A.M. in The LOWER LEVEL.

**\*\*TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** Classes gather each Tuesday, in the lower level from 10:00-11:30

### **MISSIONS/KYRIE "HEARTS AND HOPE FOR UGANDA (HH4U)**

**1. Keep the aluminum cans coming.**

**2. LOVE PACKAGES: Missions is collecting used Bibles and used Christian materials to send to Love packages. A box is located in the narthex to collect these items.**

## Good Samaritan Ministry

The Good Samaritan Ministry at St. Peters provides contact to short term and long term shut-in persons that are home bound or in nursing facilities. There are 3 ways to do this, via mail, phone or in person visits. We currently have 8 members trying to service 22 shut-ins. We are seeking additional members to help us let these people know that we have not forgotten them, and we care about them. We provide training and assign members of our group to specific shut-ins. We are seeking additional members to our ministry group to increase the frequency and kinds of contact for our shut-ins. Do you feel you could visit with one of the shut-ins? One of us could go with you to get you started. Could you take the time to call some once or twice a month? Could we count on you to send them a note or card occasionally and for holidays? We have a couple of volunteers willing to begin a greeting card squad to help us. Please let us know if you would like to help with this?

Are you willing to join us in our ministry? If you are willing, contact Gayle Fidler 309-922-9675.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2019!**

**Sunday, July 28 - Thursday, August 1**  
**5:30 - 8:15 p.m. (Meal served at 5:00 p.m.)**

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## **CONNECT NEWS**

**Confirmation** - Congratulations to **AIDEN FARMER** who will be confirmed at the 10:45 service on May 12!

**May 8** - Last CONNECT meeting for this school year.

## **JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

Every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. for PreK - Adults  
**Do you know the children's Sunday School opening has a new home?**

**Openings are now held in the Education Office**  
**at the end of the balcony corridor above the multi-purpose room.**



## Mary/Martha Annual Event

Join us for Plant Bingo, Thursday, May 16th at 6:00pm in the  
multi-purpose room.

Avanti's, snacks & dessert will be provided

Come and win your favorite plant/or garden goodie.

Great door prizes

All ladies and their friends are invited.

(Please bring something to carry your plants home)

Sign up on the bulletin board..

## Church Classified from our Members----- 2019

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Kristin Anderson (645-7142)

Piano lessons in my home children & adults. Given in my home Germantown Hills

Magnusson Construction

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Tom Magnusson, E Peoria, Il. (309) 694-7831

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