

Praise on the Prairie

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ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Prairie town, Illinois

Rev. William Gleason Vacancy Pastor Melissa Burns, Principal

Youth & Adult Bible Class 9 a.m.

Sunday School, 9 a.m.

Worship, 10:00 a.m. Sundays and 5:30 p.m. the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the
month

Members of St. Peter's,

Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24

October is the month we celebrate Reformation Day, commemorating the day that Martin Luther posted his 95 *Theses* on the door of the Wittenberg church. One of the priceless scriptural teachings that came out of the reformation is the distinction between God's Law and Gospel. Luther demonstrated clearly that the scope of God's Law is all-inclusive. St. Paul says, "***All have sinned and fall short of God's glory***" (Romans 3:23). Before the bar of God's Law that demands perfect obedience, we all stand condemned, for we all have sinned; we all have rebelled against our Creator. Where the Law holds sway, none may offer excuses or works of personal morality or "decisions for Christ," or any other man-made hope, for all stand accused and all stand convicted.

Fruitless also are the efforts of sinners who attempt to use the Law as a ladder by which they hope to climb to heaven. God did not give His law to be the means of our salvation, but rather to make us "conscious of sin."

*It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature. (LSB 555:3)*

Left with the Law, our doom would be certain. But thanks be to God, for He does the impossible. This is the core of Paul's words. Just as "***all have sinned and fall short of God's glory,***" says St. Paul, so all "***are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.***" With the Law there are no exceptions: all are accused. With Calvary, there are no exceptions: all are justified. Jesus "***is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but for the sins of the whole world***" (I John 2:2). None may say that their sins are too small for the Law, for the Law condemns even the slightest sin. Yet, neither may one say that his sins are too great for Calvary, for Christ's saving death is all encompassing.

Furthermore, God has placed no price tag on this priceless gift. This grace of God is utterly free. It flows freely from the cross where our Savior paid the debt of human sinfulness, "*not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death,*" as Luther wrote in the Small Catechism. Because of the atoning death of His Son, God delivers a verdict that the world considers impossible: the declaration that we are forgiven, freely forgiven, for the sake of Christ!

A blessed Reformation Day to you all!

*As Christ's servant in your midst,
Pastor Gleason*

Preparing for Worship

Oct. 7 19th Sun. after Trinity/communion
 Sun. Organist: Donna Kinder
 10 a.m. Greeters: Connie & Gerald Schaefer
 Communion: Diane Oberkfell, Sandy
 Obrock
 Elder of the week: Rob Werden

Oct. 13 Worship w/communion
 Sat. Organist:
 5:30 p.m. Communion: Diana Peters

Oct. 14 20th Sunday after Trinity
 Sun. Organist: Jim Wiemers
 10 a.m. Greeter: Norma Krohne
 Elder of the week: Don Wiemers

Oct. 21 21st Sun. after Trinity/communion
 Sun. Organist: Jim Wiemers
 10 a.m. Greeter: Teri Dinnius
 Communion: Jean Pruett, Virginia
 Renfrow
 Elder of the week: Kevin Beers

Oct. 27 Worship w/communion
 Sat. Organist:
 5:30 p.m. Communion: Deanna Robertson

Oct. 28 Reformation Day
 Sun. Organist: Donna Kinder
 10 a.m. Greeter: Linda Wiemers
 Elder of the week: John Wiemers



Banners: Brenda Werner
 Flowers: Brenda Gusewelle
 Ushers: Lonnie Pruett, Craig Eden, Jeff Eden,
 Terry Johnson
 Sat. Fred Bort



*Thank You
Notes*

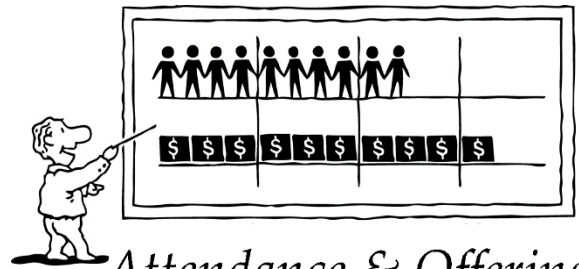
Friends of St. Peter's,

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the Farewell Reception of August 26th and all who attended and were involved. From the worship service to the final farewell I was overwhelmed. Thanks to the committee that planned the event and put it all together. Thanks to all who attended the wonderful meal and for all of the kind words shared. I am so grateful for the many gifts received, well wishes, and written sentiments that were given. I especially wish to thank St. Peter's congregation for the most generous monetary gift given. Overall, it was a wonderful way to bring 43 years of church work and 12 years as Pastor of St. Peter's to an end. I will be forever grateful for the memories I have of the 12 years I served as Pastor. I am looking forward to this retirement stage of my life and I pray God's blessings upon the congregation that will be forever in my heart. Thank you!

Pastor Skeesick, emeritus

BUDGET REPORT

OPERATING BUDGET 2018	\$297,651
AMOUNT NEEDED	5,724
OUR CHALLENGE THRU SEPT.23	217,512
OUR RESPONSE THRU SEPT. 23	204,497
SHORT	\$ 13,015
<u>MISSION</u>	
2018 BUDGET	\$ 8,250
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	159
OUR CHALLENGE THRU SEPT. 23	\$ 6,042
OUR RESPONSE THRU SEPT. 23	3,439
SHORT	\$ 2,603



Attendance & Offering

September Attendance

	Divine Service/ Lord's Supper
September 4	83
September 8	19
September 9	99
September 16	95
September 22	32
September 23	50

September Financial Report

	HOME	MISSION FUND	BUILDING	DEBT	TUITION	METRO EAST
September 4	\$ 2,490.90	\$ 10.00	\$ 151.00		\$ 826.67	
September 8 & 9	\$ 4,619.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00		\$1,602.50	\$ 50.00
September 16	\$ 5,147.00	\$ 130.00			\$1,400.00	\$ 100.00
September 22 & 23	\$10,539.75*	\$ 1000			\$ 611.67	

*Includes chicken dinner of \$7,369.75



SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS

Hospitalized: John Dinnius

Recovering at home: Gloria Hacking

Dealing with Medical issues: Wilbur Goebel

Dealing with Cancer: Stephanie Schaefer

Care facilities or homebound: David Kinder, Murray Center, Centralia; Wilma Becker in Heritage Manor, Lud Cogozzo in Cedar Hurst in Edwardsville; Marian Isenberg in Cedar Hurst, JoAnn Lesemann in Villa Rose; Dennis Gusewelle in Edwardsville Nursing & Rehab; Robert Werner in Glenwood; Charlotte Werner in Heritage Manor; Maurice Duncan at home; Mary Franklin at home; Frances Westerhold in Glenwood

Ongoing Health Issues: Ben Goebel, Mike Bell, David Peters, Aaron Peters; Denise Horton, John Dinnius

All serving in the Armed Services: Jeff Eden, Todd Oberkfell

CHURCH STATISTICS



Welcome
Our New
Member

9-7 Jonathan Farris has transferred here from Concordia, Cottage Hills. He and his wife Paula live at 200 Willow Run Dr. in Moro.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



DEBT REDUCTION ON

BORROWED MONEY—we have a debt of \$46,500. To date we have collected \$6,041. This leaves a balance on the debt of \$40,459.

PASTOR GLEASON'S OFFICE HOURS

are Thursday mornings from 10-12. He is also available by phone/text (618-381-6195) or email: wgleason@stpaulhamel.org for emergencies or to make other appointments. He is off on Friday.



VOTER'S MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm. Please make plans to attend.

CHICKEN DINNER UPDATE...we have frozen chicken left that we are selling at \$7.00 a bag of 16 pieces. Contact the church office (888-2250) if you would like to purchase.



HUMAN CARE for October will be monetary donations for shipping items to LWR. Donations may be put in an envelope and put in the secretary's mailbox in church.

METRO-EAST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL'S 39th Annual Night of Knights Dinner Auction is coming up on Friday, November 2 at the Gateway Center in Collinsville. Doors open at 5:00 pm, Dinner Buffet begins at 6:30 pm, and Live Auction starts at 8:00 pm. Reservations are required and due by October 12th. Tickets are \$55.00 per person. Join us for a fun night. Tickets can be purchased through our website (<http://www.melhs.org/auction>).

This is the biggest fundraiser at MELHS, which helps to provide scholarships for students with financial needs, improve school safety, upgrade technology, and much more. These dollars are vital to providing our students with excellent academic, athletic, and spiritual endeavors during their time at MELHS.

DAILY TASKS

When I awoke this morning, I asked, "How shall I live this day?" The answers were all around me:

The fan said, "Keep your cool."

The ceiling said, "Aim high."

The window said, "Look outside yourself."

The clock said, "Every minute is precious."

The calendar said, "Stay up to date."

The door said, "Take advantage of opportunity."

The floor said, "Kneel down and pray."

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OCTOBER



October Birthdays

Jillian Meyer	2 nd
Benjamin Goebel, Bob Horton	3 rd
David Peters	4 th
Jennifer Halusan, Nikki Schaefer	5 th
Kendall Shaffer	6 th
Mary Eberhart, Jim Franklin	8 th
Michael Bell, Linda Tedrick	9 th
Jacob Goebel, Erica Wallace, Remi Werden, John Wiemers	14 th
Brett Dustmann, Marie Ruyle	15 th
Jonathan Becker	16 th
Aiden Coleman, Evelyn Goebel, Emily Kuethe, Nora Thornton	17 th
Wilma Braasch	18 th
Dan Calcaterra, Kelly Thirion, Mabry Wiemers	19 th
Dennis Gusewelle	20 th
Lisa Loew, Aaron Peters	21 st
Kayla Toenyes	22 nd
Beth Pruett	24 th

Joan Borgmann, Greg Tedrick	25 th
Gloria Hacking	26 th
Jo Marie Boyd	27 th
Keith Renfrow	28 th
Camille Thirion	29 th
Michelle Goebel, John Gusewelle	31 st

October Anniversaries

Dean & Jennifer Halusan	25 years on 10/2
Greg & Lisa Tedrick	18 years on 10/2
Don & Linda Wiemers	40 years on 10/7
Brett & Casey Dustmann	14 years on 10/9
Chad & Stacey Harbin	8 years on 10/9
Glenn & Janine Meyer	15 years on 10/11
Michael & Diane Bell	32 years on 10/18
Robert & April Dudley	15 years on 10/18
Matt & Nikki Schaefer	20 years on 10/24
Terry & Barb Johnson	34 years on 10/27
Victor & Taun Spurgeon	18 years on 10/27

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 PM Volleyball at Zion, Staunton 7:00 PM Planning Council	3 6:45 AM Ladies Bible Study 8:30 AM Chapel with Rev. Hofferber	4	5 No School - Teachers' Conference	6
7 Elder of the week Rob Werden 9:00 AM Youth & Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship w/communion	8 No School Columbus Day	9 7:00 PM Voters Meeting	10 6:45 AM Ladies Bible Study 8:30 AM Chapel w/Rev. Speckhard 1:30 PM Ladies Aid	11 7:00 PM Elders meeting	12 3rd-8th Grade Field Trip End of 1st Quarter	13 5:30 PM Worship w/communion
14 Elder of the week Don Wiemers 9:00 AM Youth & Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship	15 Volleyball Conference Tourney	16 Volleyball Conference Tourney	17 Grandparent's Day Volleyball Conference Tourney 6:45 AM Ladies Bible Study 8:30 AM Chapel w/Mrs. Burns	18 Volleyball Conference Tourney	19 Volleyball Conference Tourney	20 Volleyball Conference Tourney
21 Elder of the week Kevin Beers 9:00 AM Youth & Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship w/communion	22	23	24 6:45 AM Ladies Bible Study 8:30 AM Chapel w/Dr. McLaughlin from Unity	25	26	27 5:30 PM Worship w/communion
28 Elder of the week John Wiemers 9:00 AM Youth & Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship	29	30	31 6:45 AM Ladies Bible Study 8:30 AM Chapel w/Mrs. Biermann			