

# Praise on the Prairie

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Prairietown, Illinois

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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

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Brothers and Sisters of St. Peter's,

***Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered. Psalm 105:1-5***

The year was 1855: Franklin Pierce was President; the first bridge over the Mississippi River opens in what is now Minneapolis, Minnesota; Isaac Singer patents the sewing machine motor and Abraham Gesner patents kerosene; Congress approves \$30,000 to test camels for military use; and the California Gold Rush was drawing to a close.

It was in the 1855 that German settlers who came to the community known as Swets Prairie organized a church to meet their spiritual needs. The church, "St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Swets Prairie" began and has remained an important part of the small community which was later known as Prairietown.

One hundred sixty years! How amazing! One hundred sixty years of blessings! How wonderful! For 160 years, this House of God has served as a place where God's presence has dwelt, where His Word has been proclaimed, and where the sacraments have been administered.

This month, on September 13th, we will celebrate the anniversary of this congregation in a special way. Anniversaries are for those who want to remember. That is brought out most clearly in the verse selected for this message. This beautiful hymn of praise was written by a king...King David. He wanted his whole kingdom to be aware of and rejoice in the blessings of the Lord. His hymn of praise was written to help his people remember the great blessings they had received. May his words help us also to remember and rejoice in the blessings received by this congregation these past 160 years.

Throughout the years, St. Peter's congregation has experienced its share of challenges, but these challenges are looked upon as new opportunities. St. Peter's school – which celebrated its anniversary last month - has been in operation as long as the church and it too has been blessed. The school has been an asset to the church and has brought some of the school families into membership in the church. Even through the struggles and difficulties, the congregation continues to look to God for strength.

For now, St. Peter's is your house. This house has served this congregation and the Prairietown community well for 160 years. In this house Christ speaks to you, He nourishes you, He strengthens you, He forgives you, He lives and dwells in you. You glory in His name! You seek His face always. May you remember His wonderful works. Make them known throughout the world that others may rejoice.

Happy Anniversary, St. Peter's. May God continue to bless this congregation and each one of you!

**Pastor Skeesick**

## Preparing for Worship



Sept. 6 15<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost/communion  
Sun. Organist: Jim Wiemers  
10 a.m. Greeters: Judy & Lance Haynes  
Communion: Stacee Harbin, Miranda  
Hartley  
Elder of the week: Jerry Scheumann

Sept. 12 Worship/communion  
Sat. Organist:  
5:30 p.m. Communion: Sarah Helle

Sept. 13 16<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost  
Sun. Organist: Jim Wiemers  
10 a.m. Greeter: Norma Krohne  
Elder of the week: Charles Meyer

Sept. 20 17<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost/communion  
Sun. Organist: Donna Kinder  
10 a.m. Greeter: Marie Ruyle  
Communion: Judy & Molly Haynes  
Elder of the week: Myron Wiemers

Sept. 26 Worship/communion  
Sat. Organist:  
5:30 p.m. Communion: Janet Isenberg

Sept. 27 18<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost  
Sun. Organist: Donna Kinder  
10 a.m. Greeters: Stephanie & Mike Schaefer  
Elder of the week: Charles Tedrick



Banners: Stephanie Schaefer  
Flowers: Gloria Hacking  
Ushers: Aaron Kuethe, Adam Kuethe, Glenn  
Meyer, Babe Edsall  
Saturday: Fred Bort

What a privilege it was for Kathleen and I to be present for your celebration of 160 years of God's grace given to you! We were especially thankful that we could be part of that for 35 years. Your "open-armed" welcomes reminded us that Prairietown will always be our home. May God continue to bless His work in the place we call home. To God be the glory,

Mr. & Mrs. Schelp

The mere words "Thank You" hardly express how deeply my family and I feel for all the beautiful cards, memorials, monetary gifts, food, etc. given so generously with the recent death of my Dad, Steve Alley. Your words of encouragement, prayers, and expressions of concern during these past 3+ years during his failing health have meant more to me than you will ever know. The members of St. Peter's have a loving heart and for that I thank our Lord for the opportunity for Pastor and I to serve in this place. God's blessings to you all.

Kathy Alley Skeesick and Family

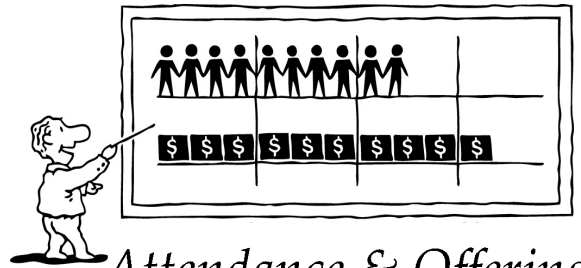
OPERATING BUDGET 2015	\$ 310,435
AMOUNT NEEDED	5,970

OUR CHALLENGE THRU AUG. 23	\$202,980
OUR RESPONSE THRU AUG. 23	189,632
SHORT	13,348

### MISSION

2015 BUDGET	\$ 14,000
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	269

OUR CHALLENGE THRU AUG. 23	\$ 9,146
OUR RESPONSE THRU AUG. 23	4,264
SHORT	4,882



## Attendance & Offering

### August Attendance

	Divine Service/ Lord's Supper
August 2	265
August 9	65
August 16	132
August 22	32
August 23	132

### August Financial Report

	HOME	MISSION FUND	BUILDING	DEBT	TUITION
August 2	\$5,991.25	\$ 30.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 50	\$1,197.58
August 9	\$3,698.00	\$ 225.00		\$ 300	\$ 200.00
August 16	\$5,330.00	\$ 40.00			\$ 300.00
August 22 & 23	\$4,554.11	\$ 40.00	\$ 65.00	\$237	\$ 200.00

### SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS

**Hospitalized:** Donald Duewer in Anderson

**Therapy facility:** Marie Franke in Liberty Village, Maryville

**Recovering at home:** Keith Eden, Teri Dinnuius, Maurice Duncan, Mike Bell, David Peters

**Care facilities or homebound:** David Kinder, Murray Center, Centralia, Doris Meyer Rosewood in Edwardsville, Bill McCracken at home; Herb Lesemann at home; Wilma Becker Glenwood, Staunton, Gloria Barenfenger in Villa Rose; Lud Cogozzo Cedar Hurst in Edwardsville; Betty Dustmann in Cedar Hurst; Chester Duelm in Heritage Manor, Mildred Dustmann in Glenwood

**Dealing with cancer:** Gary Bernhardt

**Ongoing Health Issues:** Gerald Schaefer, Doris Meyer, Rocky Lane, Aaron Peters; Denise Horton

**All serving in the Armed Services:** Anthony Skeesick, Paul Bertels, Rachel Johnson, Jeff Eden, Evan Wiemers, Jake Dustmann, Ryan McClure, Todd Oberkfell

**Pray for Foster...** This youth has been in Bible Study at Pere Marquette every week. Foster is in his 3rd reading of the Bible. He is a Catholic, firmly believes Jesus died for him and expects to return home before September 1st. Foster will become a father this fall, pray he will be a good Christian parent and continue in his walk with his Lord. Diana Karlen

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Membership Changes

8/26/15 Andrew Scheumann transferred to Our Savior Lutheran in Louisville, KY



8/23/15 Peyton Elizabeth Stalcup  
Daughter of Tyler & Amanda (Fiorentin)



Christian School

### SCHOOL NEWS

We now have two weeks of school, and we are excited about walking with Jesus this year! "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them," from Ephesians 2:10 is our theme verse. God has created many good works for us to do because of His son, Jesus. As we follow His example we look forward to the plans that God has for us. Our Chapel offerings this year are going for Habitat for Humanity, whose mission statement is, "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope." Their workmanship on homes can be an example for us.

We thank all those families who came for the work day in July: Werdens, Sprugeons, Burns, Pruett, Borts, Schaefer, McCallas and Sherfys. Your work was SO MUCH APPRECIATED! Thank you!

Some of our boys are playing on our small school team conference to play against the larger conference schools. Mrs. McCalla is coaching a

club volleyball team for our first to seventh grade as they are all beginning players. Ms. Ray has nine preschool students (our largest ever), Mrs. Burns has six first and second graders, Mrs. McCalla has nine third to fifth graders and Mrs. Reynolds has five sixth to eighth graders. We are so blessed to be able to give our students so much individualized teaching.

Our PTL's first fundraiser begins in September with Yankee Candles and magazine sales. Our PTL covers all trash bills for our church, the school's portion of grass mowing, all sports costs, technology for our school, and school events.

Melissa Burns

CPR and AED training

Our School Board has arranged for an instructor to come to our location for CPR/AED training. It will be held September 21, Monday evening, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Cost is \$50, which includes your book. Course completion cards will be awarded at completion of course and are valid for two years. Please email Mrs. Burns at [mburns@madisontelco.com](mailto:mburns@madisontelco.com) or call 888-2252 to get registered.



**DEBT REDUCTION ON BORROWED MONEY**— we have a debt of \$15,000 for borrowed money from the Memorial Fund and \$3,000 from the Curt Reinacher estate. We have collected \$15,172 to date. This, therefore, leaves a balance on the debt of \$2,828.



**ST. PETER'S** is celebrating the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its church on Sunday, September 13. Bible Study/Sunday School at 9 a.m. Rev. John Meyer will preach at 10:00 a.m. Church Picnic following in grove behind church. There will be brats, hot dogs, chips, drinks, ice cream. Also games, pony rides, bounce house, and music by Whiskey River Band.

The Anniversary Committee

## **WIFFLE BALL**

**TOURNAMENT...** There will be a WIFFLE ball tournament on Saturday, September 19th from 2-6 pm at Worden Park. Teams of four players are needed. All ages welcome. Prizes for winners. Portion of proceeds will go to St. Peter's Lutheran School. Please contact Rob Werden (888-2862) for more information.



**Reminder!!!** The chicken dinner is on Sunday, September 27. **Members are asked to bring 3 pies or 2 desserts.** Mark your calendar and please think about helping to make this year's dinner a success. Contact Gary Burns (888-2813) or the church office if you are willing to help.

**LENDING LIBRARY...** Contact Diana Karlen to borrow any book: "Go East Young Man" - autobiography of William Douglas; "Faith, Hope and \$5000" - story of Monsanto "Steamboats Come True" - first American invention of world-shattering importance "The American" - novel by Henry James

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE** The names of the 8th grade students and confirmands were distributed to LWML members as their Prayer Partners for the school year. LWML Sunday will be October 4th, the quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief will be dedicated during the service. The Wednesday Group will resume meeting in September, meeting for Bible Study every Wed. AM. There are two events scheduled in October. The District Fall Retreat will be at Zion, Bethalto on Oct 3, there will be an ingathering for the Oasis Women's Center in Alton. The Zone Fall Workshop will be at Concordia, Cottage Hills on Oct 17, this ingathering will benefit the Seminary in St. Louis. Contact President Wilma Braasch for the items requested for each ingathering, or watch the Sunday bulletins. School kits have been assembled and packed for sending to Lutheran World Relief, it is hoped to have 50 kits ready by shipping in early October. Quilts have been made for both LWR and Orphan Grain Train, and also lap blankets for residents of 4 Nursing Homes. A new project has been making

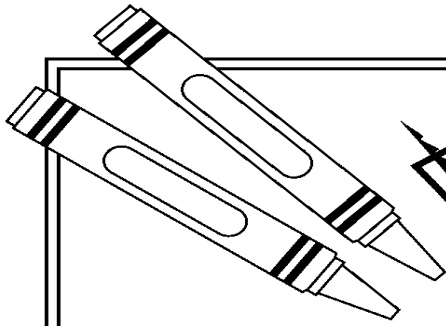
the tops for lap blankets using denim squares, these will be made into lap blankets for Veterans in IL hospitals. Our LWML has been putting together **PERSONAL CARE KITS** for LWR for several years. Members of the congregation are invited to join us. Each Kit contains: 1 bath towel, dark color preferred; 1 adult toothbrush; a sturdy comb; a metal nail clipper and 2 or 3 bars of soap. We have nearly 100 toothbrushes, not many of any of the other items. Please leave donations in the black tub under the mailboxes. God bless you for your service to others who have so little compared to us in America. Diana Karlen

**UNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is hosting a fundraiser in Prairietown on September 12, 2-10 p.m., entitled "When I'm 64 -Nothing But the Beatles." A family friendly event, there will be live music all day, and a children's activity area. Concessions may be brought in or purchased on site. A free will donation will be accepted. For contributions exceeding \$100, a special hospitality tent, complete with food and beverages, will be available. For further info, or to become a sponsor, visit [www.unityesl.org](http://www.unityesl.org) or our Unity Facebook Page event for "When I'm 64."

**PASTOR WILLARD AND STEPHANI MEYER** of Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto, are leading a tour entitled, "On the Trail of Martin Luther," departing next year on September 14, 2016 from St. Louis. This 11-day tour is specifically designed to connect us with the places Dr. Martin Luther lived, studied, worked and preached. There will be a special travel presentation on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 (6:30 p.m.) at Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto, Illinois. To learn more about this trip you may request a brochure from us by calling us at (618) 377-9815 or e-mailing us at [revwilly@charter.net](mailto:revwilly@charter.net).

## **A PRAYER FOR PERSPECTIVE**

Eternal God! Grant us gratitude enough to look backward and be thankful; courage enough to look forward and be hopeful; faith enough to look upward and be humble; kindness enough to look outward and be helpful Amen



# PUZZLE

## AMAZING ANIMALS

God created a rich variety of animals to live on the earth.

Directions: Write the name of each animal next to its picture. Then fill in the correct letters to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.



1 \_\_\_\_\_ 4



2 \_\_\_\_\_ 9



14 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 11



12 \_\_\_\_\_ 8



17 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ 16



19 \_\_\_\_\_



18 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 3



6 \_\_\_\_\_ 15

“How \_\_\_\_\_ are your \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
8 6 15 11 12 2 3 20 13

0 \_\_\_\_\_ ! In \_\_\_\_\_  
1 2 3 4 12 7 13 14 2 8

you \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
8 6 14 9 6 1 1

the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_  
9 6 3 10 16 17 18 1 1

of your \_\_\_\_\_ .”  
19 3 9 6 10 18 3 9 13

Answers:  
leopard, dove, donkey, worm, fish, camel, butterfly, ant  
“How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all: the earth is full of your creatures.” (Psalm 104:24, NIV)

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*September*

**September Birthdays**

Randy Ellis	1 <sup>st</sup>
Madelyn Allman, Jenna Harbin	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Carla Ellis, Helen Flatau	5 <sup>th</sup>
Jerry Bock, Dorothy Goebel, Evelyn Saunders	7 <sup>th</sup>
Tony Lebo, Donna Scherff	8 <sup>th</sup>
Sara Goebel, Diana Peters, Lonnie Pruett, LeAnn Steinbrook	9 <sup>th</sup>
Amy Goebel	10 <sup>th</sup>
Mildred Dustmann	11 <sup>th</sup>
Casey Dinnius, Patrick Thirion	12 <sup>th</sup>
Courtney Peters, Gerald Schaefer	13 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Paul	14 <sup>th</sup>
Zeke Bettorf	15 <sup>th</sup>
Tabby Mayhan	16 <sup>th</sup>
Jai Kansal	18 <sup>th</sup>
Kathy Skeesick	19 <sup>th</sup>
Judy Haynes	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Chad Harbin, Jerad Rather, Jan Toring	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Karlie Schneck	27 <sup>th</sup>

Brooke Wiemers	28 <sup>th</sup>
Janine Meyer, Virginia Singleton	29 <sup>th</sup>
Denise Horton, Nancy Wiemers	30 <sup>th</sup>

**September Anniversaries**

Roger & Beverly Dustmann	37 years on 9/2
Dennis & Jeanine Gusewelle	49 years on 9/3
Jim & Bonnie Bushrow	29 years on 9/5
Ron & Janet Isenberg	47 years on 9/7
Mike & Stephanie Schaefer	26 years on 9/9
Zeke & Marina Bettorf	18 years on 9/12
Michael & Sue Goebel	35 years on 9/14
John & Emily Gusewelle	9 years on 9/16
Jeffrey & Sarah Helle	13 years on 9/21
Adam & Courtney Peters	2 years on 9/21
Wilbur & Iona Goebel	59 years on 9/23