

**TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**May 15, 2022 – 8:03 am**

Members present: Jen Reinke, Krista Enoch, Brian Knight, Tom Anderson, Pete Fannin

Guest present: Jackie Baldwin, Bookkeeper

President Peter Fannin called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

The meeting began with prayer led by Anderson.

Secretary's report was presented. Knight motioned to approve, seconded by Reinke. Motion carried.

No report was received from Pastor Janice.

The Financial Report was given by Knight and Baldwin. Our congregational finances are in order with no large variances with our budget proposal. Building maintenance reflects that we had repairs to the large refrigerator and the well (pressure tank and regulator switch). Offerings and attendance are up as compared to last year. Reinke motioned to approve the financials as presented, Enoch seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Anderson motioned to spend approximately \$800 to replace flooring in secretary's office, Reinke seconded. Motion carried.

The stage floor was discussed and options to surface the stage area in the great room. Enoch motioned to purchase flooring (up to \$800) for the stage, Reinke seconded. Motion carried. Help from the congregation will be needed to install the flooring.

President Fannin presented a bid for the parking lot sealing in the amount of \$11,000. The plan is to entertain more bids before a decision is made.

The Benevolence Committee will recommend a direction they would like to take to the Trustees at a later date.

The full church audit will be completed soon.

**New Business:**

Baldwin brought up a computer for the Financial Secretary as the laptop that we currently have is not working properly. Fannin said that he had a laptop that the FS could use, not necessary to purchase one at this time. Thank you Pete.

The next meeting was set for June 19, 8 a.m.

Enoch motioned to adjourn, Knight seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Anderson, Secretary



*August 2022*

*St. Peter's*  
*Proverbs*

*"Alive in the Spirit"*



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## A Message from Pastor Janice



Dear Friends,  
 Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, unless you are *born from above*, you cannot see the **Kingdom of God.**" "I assure you, no one can enter the **Kingdom of God** without being born of water and the Spirit."  
 When you were baptized, you were born from above—began a new life spiritually—and you entered the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is where God is enthroned as King—where He's in charge, where He rules and reigns.

The Kingdom of God is not the church. The Kingdom of God is not geographic. But it is a group of people—it's not an individualistic enterprise.

**Church**—the word in the Bible is *ekklesia*—means gathering or assembly of people.

Peter says (1 Peter 2:9): "*You are a **chosen people**. You are a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*"

So as a congregation (church) we gather/ assemble as God's people to be trained in how to show others the goodness of God! ***Each and every believer who is a part of St. Peter's needs to be GROWING in their love of God and GROWING in their love of others.***

**Such GROWING requires LEARNING and PRACTICING.**  
**LEARNING:** gaining new *information* from and about the Bible; gaining new information about how to live a Christian life.  
**AND PRACTICING:** Finding ways to apply what you are learning to real, day-to-day living so that you actually do grow. This is ***transformation:*** being transformed (not just instructed or given information) more and more into the image of Christ.

**LEARNING/GROWING happens in various ways, of course.**  
**LEARNING IN ROWS:** The INFORMATION we need to learn to better live our Christian lives can be attained by sitting in rows in front of a teacher. Such things as Bible studies, instruction on how to pray, teaching about how to think about and respond to what's going on in the world around us.

**BUT OF COURSE, WE NEED MORE THAN JUST INFORMATION! WE WANT TRANSFORMATION—CHANGE OF HEART AS WELL AS CHANGE OF MIND.**

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We have open dates available for Fellowship Hour. If you, a group, family, etc. would like to sign up for a date contact Jackie via phone at 715-754-2690 or email [stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com). Fellowship time is immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service and consists of donuts, bars, cookies or whatever you would like to serve and beverage.

## Tadych's Marketplace Receipts are Down

Tadych's Marketplace is continuing to give back to St. Peter's for receipts that are collected. We receive 1% of the total receipts that are turned in. For the first half of 2022 the receipts totaled \$5,676.06. This from \$13,194.41 collected in the last half of 2021. Remember to save your receipts. There are two areas on the kiosk in the welcome area to place them. For more information contact Tina Schultz.



## USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of ushers for August through December. Contact Jackie Baldwin if you would like to volunteer for a month which includes greeting people as they walk in and taking offering. Email Jackie at [stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com) or leave a note on her desk.





# Join us for Blessing OF THE Bikes ATVs & UTVs

Community Outdoor Worship

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Marion

Sunday, August 14, 9 am

Guest Speaker

Bruce VanNatta

Bruce Van Natta is the founder and president of Sweet Bread Ministries. He is a common, everyday person that serves the Living God who is anything but ordinary. His journey from prodigal son to full time ministry stretched out over three decades before culminating in a display of God's power and grace.



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**LEARNING IN CIRCLES:** True growth—through the application and practice of what we learn in rows (new information)—happens most effectively in circles. Sitting a circle with a few other people, each able to speak and question and respond. A safe place where you can trust one another and risk sharing your thoughts and questions and experiences, and together find wisdom from God and each one's life experience. **A small group of believers intentionally meeting with Jesus and with each other for the purpose of growing in their love of God and love of others.** We, the leaders of St. Peter's and I, very much want to encourage and facilitate the formation of such groups, so that everyone who is a part of St. Peter's can participate in this effective means of growing in faith and love.

Watch for news on when new small groups will be forming and when YOU can become part of this!

Blessings, *Pr. Janice*



## Blessing OF THE Bikes

### Bruce VaNatta to Speak

A Blessing of the Bikes, UTVs and ATVs, will be held on Sunday, Aug. 14, at the 9 a.m. service with Bruce VanNatta as the guest speaker. Bruce is the founder and president of Sweet Bread Ministries (one of our benevolent recipients. "He is a common, everyday person that serves the Living God who is anything but ordinary. His journey from prodigal son to full time ministry stretched over three decades before culminating in a display of God's power and grace".

The service will be held outdoors. You may bring your own chair to sit outside or there will be chairs available for you to sit on.

Following worship a potluck lunch will be served. Meat and beverage will be provided. We are asking those members of our congregation (who are not riding bikes) to bring a side dish or dessert.

The service and fellowship time are open to anyone who would like to hear the Word of God presented by Bruce.

## A Message from Pastor Kay

This week, we are very involved with Bible Bootcamp 2022, VBS. And we are praying that all involved are becoming very capable Christians. We want them to mature into their own faithful lives. And that got me thinking ...

Our daughter-in-law can be heard at least a few times a day telling one of the toddler grandchildren to "use their words" when those small, beautiful children who are just learning to talk sometimes get frustrated or excited or whatever and they use grunts, groans, screams, whimpers or hand motions to try to tell us something.

As parents who love our children, we want to help move them from immaturity to maturity and part of that process is getting them to articulate what they are feeling or thinking. To truly grow, kids must learn how to use their words in the communication process.

What's true in parenting is also true in our congregations. If we really want to mature in our outreach effectiveness, we must use our words.

I recently had a conversation with a woman who told me that she never really talks about God with her neighbors, but she simply lets them see Christ in her. She had no intention and felt no obligation to try to share the Gospel message with them verbally.

Of course, we want to live the message. And, yes, we want to build loving, relational bridges with those around us. We must let our little lights shine with the way that we live.

But without words we are not sharing the message that can save them from a hopeless life and Christless eternity. As Romans 10:14 reminds us, *"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"*

I know there's lots of reason to stay quiet. But beyond all the excuses lurks the real reason for their Gospel silence....fear.

The fear of rejection, of losing friends keeps us silent. As a result, we're not willing to pay the price of following Jesus by risking relationships by bringing the Gospel up. Down deep inside we're afraid to rock the relational boat by sharing the very exclusive message of Jesus. We don't want to bring discomfort to peers because that may bring discomfort to us. It's like having a

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## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 2	Men's Group Town of Wyoming Meeting	8:30 am 7 pm
Aug. 3	Ladies Aid	12 pm
Aug. 6	Bible Study VDC Council Meeting	9-11 am 10 am-4 pm
Aug. 7	Worship	9 am
Aug. 9	Men's Group Quilters	8:30 am 9 am
Aug. 13	Bible Study	9-11 am
Aug. 14	Blessing of the Bike Worship with Guest Speaker Bruce VanNatta	9 am
Aug. 16	Men's Group	8:30 am
Aug. 20	Bible Study	9-11 am
Aug. 21	Worship	9 am
Aug. 23	Men's Group Quilters	8:30 am 9 am
Aug. 26	Reissman/Detert Wedding Rehearsal	5 pm
Aug. 27	Reissman/Detert Wedding	1:30 pm
Aug. 28	Trustee Meeting Worship	8 am 9 am
Aug. 30	Men's Group	8:30 am



2022 Budget at a Glance			
2022 Budget—\$146,424.68			
Budgeted For June	Income Received	Expenses	Net Income/ Loss
\$12,202.05	\$9,605.31	\$12,762.56	-\$3,157.25
YTD Budget			
Jan.-June Received	Jan.-June Expenses	Net Income/ Loss	
\$72,698.16	\$69,591.35	\$3,106.81	



9 a.m.  
through  
Sunday, Sept. 4

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syringe full of the cure to cancer but refusing to use it on a friend with cancer because you're afraid of hurting them with the needle.

But in Mark 8:38 Jesus made it crystal clear to his disciples that, "If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Don't be ashamed of Jesus. Don't be ashamed of his words. Communicate these words with a humble heart and a listening ear but communicate them...with your life AND with your lips.

**Have a blessed last few weeks of summer, and Use Your Words.--Kay**



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| Kathy Davids     | Aug. 2  |
| Abigail Opperman | Aug. 2  |
| Marge Larson     | Aug. 6  |
| Elaina Sacheck   | Aug. 8  |
| Calvin Preuss    | Aug. 11 |
| Brian Miller     | Aug. 12 |
| Andy Pingel      | Aug. 12 |
| Linda Baumann    | Aug. 22 |
| Bobbijo Stoltz   | Aug. 23 |
| Julia Peebles    | Aug. 24 |
| Ella Stuhr       | Aug. 26 |
| Ira Knight       | Aug. 27 |
| Tyler Ronek      | Aug. 30 |



**Tuesday Men's Group**  
 The men's group meets each Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Currently they are studying the 1 John. This group is open to any men of the community.



The Marion Food Pantry is in need of mac n' cheese and cereal or any non-perishable food items. Their wants are paper towel and dish soap. Items may be dropped off at church or at the House of Hope in Marion. For more information call 715-754-2665.

**\$1,500 Goal Exceeded!**

With a goal of \$1,500 Pastor Kay pledged to get a buzz cut on Friday during the family picnic. The goal was exceeded and the kids were able to raise \$2,511.78 The monies will go into a fund for Aurora and Quinn Burghduff, whose father, Larry, died very unexpectedly in April. The funds will be used for both girls to be able to attend Christian camps and retreats through their middle and high school years. Kay is also donating her hair to Locks of Love. Below are pictures of the buzz cut.



# Bible Boot Camp



Let me in!



9 Square



Wake up Pete!  
There's chocolate!



Dancing in the Spirit!



Crickets?



# FAMILY PICNIC

