

St. Peter's PROVERBS

JUNE 2023



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JANICE



Dear friends,

THIS IS WORTH REPEATING!

We (St. Peter's) had a word from God several years ago: that we need to be a '**church on the move.**' As leaders, the Elders and I have been seeking to understand how we can do this. One of the ways I see that we can do it is by moving "**Out of the 4th Place.**" That's the title of a book by Matt Broweleit and Dudley Callison which posits that churches are operating in the wrong place in our society—in the 4th place.

The first place is the home—private life. The second place is work or school—productive life. The third place is where we go to unwind—informal public life. A favorite tavern or coffee shop or park. Church buildings don't fit in

any of these categories. **Churches are part of the fourth place. And that's not a good thing for the church. It's actually quite a large problem.**

If the third place is informal public life, then there must be a fourth category, formal public life—**the fourth place**. The fourth place, then, would include such institutions as country clubs, temples, stadiums, and yes, churches. They are fourth places, formal public institutions—*places of insiders and outsiders*, those with tickets and those without. If you have ever wondered why your church felt like a country club, this is likely the reason.

Why is being in the fourth place the wrong place for the church? For starters, because **Jesus intentionally moved church out of the fourth place**. Remember the Old Testament temple? It was a big building that people went to in order to worship God. The temple was a fourth place. Jesus changed that. Jesus is the temple. Remember, when he said, "Destroy this temple and I'll raise it in three days" (John 2:19), Jesus wasn't talking about a building. He was talking about his body. In other words, Jesus took something that used to be a fourth place, the physical temple, and he moved it right into the normal rhythms of his culture. **The temple became human and walked around the neighborhood.**

LOOKING AHEAD!

- ♦ July 2 Independence Day Pig Roast
- ♦ Aug. 6 Center Shot
- ♦ Sept. 10 Corn Roast & Drawing for UTV am thru Sept. 10

Not only did Jesus move the church out of the fourth place, so did the early church. If Jesus and the early church avoided the fourth place, why is it so normal for us?

Why is church in the fourth place such a big problem? Here is why: the fourth place is

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**BIKE/UTV
BLESSING SUNDAY
JUNE 4TH-9AM**

**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
N10685 PETERSON ROAD, MARION, WI**

ALL BIKES/UTV'S WELCOME

OUTDOOR SERVICE WITH SPECIAL GUEST LYNN KLOETZBUECHER

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR KAY



SUMMER! Yay or nay?

Do you remember when summer was relaxing? Most parents will say it depends on the day. When the kids are fighting for the 50th time that day. Or the floor you mopped at 10am is a mess by 10:20. OR you've got a collection of half-started projects because the morning was spent intervening in catastrophes...Where do you find that grace & rest Jesus promised?

It's clearly a new day when it comes to planning out our kids' summer. My memory may fail me, but I can't remember one time when I overheard my parents discussing which camps their three kids were going to attend, coordinating dates to ensure we had friends with us, and trying to decide what educational materials we should work through to be sure we didn't lag behind next year. God

forbid our tournament team calendars conflict with our family vacation.

Here's how it went in my house as a kid on the farm, and probably yours: Vacation Bible School in June. (**VBS is July 17-21 this year.**) That was the plan.

Somehow in spite of my parents' failure to orchestrate each and every second of our summer, we had a great time in just keeping it simple. Albeit, the bar was lower "back in the day." (Kool-Aid to cool off, Sun-In for that not-so natural highlighting, all topped off with a heavy dose of gluten-ridden cuisine). In the words of an esteemed '80s icon – "those were the best days of my life." Okay, maybe I'm exaggerating.

Yes, our kids love the camps and all the activities, no doubt. But they also love down time, and there are a limited number of summers you get to just be a kid. Limiting activities and allowing kids to "refresh" sounds terrific in practice, yet it's a recipe for disaster if we aren't careful and thoughtful. Nothing brought out my bad parenting like arguing kids, the gosh-darn heat, and ungrateful attitudes repeatedly sounding the "I'm bored" mantra.

So I have tried to gather some thoughts on how to make our summers more purposeful. So here are a few ideas if you are looking down the barrel at June and feeling a bit intimidated.

Serve Others - I was talking to a friend about what we thought Jesus would do with his summers: we concluded that he served others everywhere, all the time, wherever he went. Summer provides the time and opportunity for us to model this with our kids. It doesn't have to be complicated: take snacks to firemen, do random acts of kindness around town, make blessing bags for the homeless. One friend said she finds a way for her daughter to share her gift for music by coordinating with nursing homes to have her play the piano for the residents. Where can your child use their gifts and talents to serve others? A little creativity and intentionality goes a long way when it comes to serving and getting your kids involved.

Biblically Parent the Gaps - Find a topic to focus on and study biblically with the kids each summer. Summer often seems to reveal some heart issues with kids that need nurturing and correction. Often times it relates to how they treat each other and their attitudes. Summer is a great time to find a topical Bible study (age appropriate, of course), and work through it with your kids. A few ideas: entitlement, selfishness, salvation, self-esteem, self-control in thoughts and words . . . the ideas are endless. Memorizing scripture on fear, self-control or other struggles they may be facing is another great way to make a lasting impact.

Maximize Family Time - Finally, summer allows us the time to prioritize our families and get some old fashion bonding in. Whether your family likes to camp, read, travel, or simply

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preaching messages to our world that we would never want to say with our mouths. Our mouths are preaching the greatest messages in the history of the world: reconciliation with God, restored community with each other, purpose in the world. Our forms, however, are often preaching the exact opposite messages: separation from God, separation from each other, separation from the world.

Remember, Jesus moved the church out of the temple—out of the fourth place. Unfortunately, the church moved back in. When did that happen? How did we move back into the fourth place? The short answer is that in fourth century Rome, Constantine helped to rebuild the temple of stone that Jesus had turned to flesh. When Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, he rebuilt Christianity not as a living temple scattered throughout all of the cultures of the world, but instead as a place of its own religious culture. Rather than expressing the beauty and diversity of the cultures of the world, the church would express the culture of the fourth place.

I encourage you to reflect on this! How is God calling us to be a **church on the move?** And how might we move St. Peter's **out of the 4th place?**

Blessings, Pr Janice

No Newsletter for July and August!

No newsletter for July and August will be done. We will do our best to place announcements in the weekly bulletin, on Facebook and emails through Constant Contact. If there is an something that you would like announced, contact Jackie at stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com or call the church office at 715-754-2690 on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Can You Help?

We are in need of someone to take over the task of receiving and tallying the receipts from Tadych's Marketplace. Tina Schultz has been doing this for several years, but because of her workload is no longer able to do this. The task involves



Jon & Kyla Heiman
June 3, 9 Years

Brian & Meadow Knight
June 10, 6 Years

Shorty & Faye Miller
June 18, 35 Years

Jacob & Amber Selle
June 20, 8 Years

Tim & Lisa Remer
June 21, 20 Years



House of Hope Resale Store

The House of Hope Resale Store, Marion, is staffed by volunteers of local area churches. St. Peter's staffs the store the third week of every month. We are in need of volunteers to help staff the week. Days and hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 2-5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon. If you are able to volunteer any of these hours, contact Lola Zaug at 715-754-5774.

Youth Lock-Out Fun!



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just do nothing together, summer is the time to regroup and get back to the basics of family bonding that are often railroaded by the demands of the school year.



Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Have a very blessed summer!--Kay

2023 Budget at a Glance			
2023 Budget \$145,442.79			
Budgeted For March	Income Received	Expenses	Net Income/Loss
\$12,120.24	\$10,744.97	\$11,490.63	-\$745.66
Budgeted For April	Income Received	Expenses	Net Income/Loss
\$12,120.23	\$17,350.66	\$14,100.71	\$3,249.95



The Marion Food Pantry needs for June are peanut butter and jelly or any non-perishable food items. The Food Pantry wants are paper towels and dish soap. Items may be dropped off at church or at the House of Hope in Marion.



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RAFFLE

Have you purchased your tickets yet? The Men's Group is selling raffle tickets to win one of three prizes. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Grand prize is a 2023 Polaris Sportsman 450 H.O.



ATV, provided by Caroline Motor Sports, Caroline; 2nd prize is a Barnett Whitetail Pro Star Crossbow and 3rd prize is a \$100 Shell gas card. Tickets are available from Pete Fannin or any of the men's group. Drawing will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10, 12 p.m. at St. Peter's. Need not be present to win. Funds will be used for area benevolence needs.



Hanna Arndt	June 1
Melissa Smith	June 4
Dale Rambo	June 8
Alison Ritchie	June 9
Jon Jossie	June 14
Elijah Smith	June 14
Ayrabel Kohel	June 15
Aevery Phillips	June 15
Lee Baldwin	June 17
Shorty Miller	June 18
Destiny Weed	June 20
Tina Schultz	June 21
Trinity Bestul	June 22
Shawn Bazile	June 23
Parker Miller	June 23
Tim Remer	June 25
Landon McCallister	June 28
Deb Schellin	June 28



All kids 3 years old
through 8th grade.
Register now!

St. Peter's VBS

**"WE AIN'T
'FRAID A NO
GHOSTS!"**

**JULY 17-21,
2023**

**at St. Peter's, Big Falls
1-4pm daily**

*Volunteers needed!
Snack donations
being accepted.*

**FAMILY
PICNIC:
FRIDAY**

1-4PM

For more info: contact Kay Knight,
715-460-2131, rascal01@frontiernet.net

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

All children pre-school ages 3 – completion of 8th grade are welcome!

Older children are encouraged to come to help out!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, N10685 Petersen Road, Marion will be hosting Vacation Bible School July 17-21, 2023 from 1-4 p.m., with registration starting at 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers to help are also welcome! Questions? Call/message Kay Knight at

715-460-2131/rascal01@frontiernet.net

or St. Peter's Lutheran church at 715-754-2690.

Child's Name: _____ Grade Completed: _____

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Parent(s) Name: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Church: _____

Any medical concerns, allergies, special diet we need to be aware of?

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As parent/guardian of the above named minor, I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in St. Peter's VBS program. I also grant permission for Kay Knight or any other adult volunteer from this church to take whatever steps may be necessary to obtain emergency care as warranted for the well being of my son/daughter. These steps may include but are not limited to the following;

- Attempts to contact a parent or guardian
- Attempts to contact student's physician
- Seek medical examination/treatment for injuries/condition by medical professional

Parent's signature for permission: _____

Date _____



JUNE



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4 Biker/UTV Blessing Worship 9 am	5 Men's Group 8:30 am Town of Wyoming Mtg. 7 pm	6 Men's Group 8:30 am Town of Wyoming Mtg. 7 pm	7 Ladies Aid 12 pm	8	9	10
11 Worship 9 am	12	13 Men's Group 8:30 am Quilters 9 am	14 FLAG DAY	15	16	17
18 FATHER'S DAY Worship w/Baptism 9 am Trustee Mtg. 10 am	19 JUNETENITH	20 Men's Group 8:30 am	21 Pastor Janice on Vacation	22	23	24
25 Worship 9 am Pastor Janice on Vacation	26	27 Men's Group 8:30 am Quilters 9 am	28	29	30	