St. Peter's **PROVERBS** October 2023



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JANICE



Dear Friends in Christ, members of St. Peter's,

There's something new I'd like to try in these last months before I retire as you pastor: **To start building a preaching team** of gifted lay preachers who are members of St. Peter's.

I have invited Dale Rambo, Nancy Heiman, Brian K. Knight, and Rob Karski to be part of this team. The Elders and I will work together with them.

The plan is to have Rob and Brian preach once a month or so—just offer the sermon/ message, while I lead worship.

Dale and Nancy are very experienced lay preachers and they are available to fill in for me when I'm on vacation or

taking a continuing education Sunday. They will also be invaluable sources of wisdom for the newer preachers. The entire team will meet to help Rob and Brian prepare their messages and to critique their preaching afterward.

The goal is to begin to consciously build a team of preachers for St. Peter's under the guidance and direction of the lead preacher (me!). We will actively work together to craft messages that convey what God has to say to St. Peter's membership at this time. The idea is that we as a congregation don't need to depend on one voice to proclaim the word of God to us, but that the person responsible for the preaching of the word at St. Peter's (again, me!) can build a team that together can fully and richly share the gospel of grace with our membership.

This won't mean less work for me, but probably more—coaching, mentoring, encouraging others to do something generally takes longer than just doing it myself. But this is important work—equipping the saints to the ministry to which God has called ALL of us!

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to

LOOKING AHEAD!

- Oct. 1 Service Sunday
- Oct. 15 Worship in Pink

such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

Blessings,

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Let's come to worship our God and help to serve as we were taught!

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Sunday, Oct. 1 10:30 AM

Brief service followed by SERVING! Volunteer to serve by car detailing, making a treat for the sick/shut-ins, inside or outside church clean-up or a nursing home project.

Let's Serve for Our God!

Sign up at church or contact Kay Knight at 715-460-2131 or rascalo1@frontiernet.net

I Believe in God the Father Group Discussion

How many of you have it memorized? How many really think on what they are proclaiming when they profess their faith through the Apostle's Creed? In conjunction with confirmation classes, we be leading a small group study on exactly what we are saying out loud when we profess the Apostle's Creed. It will be a short 7-week group discussion to equip people with the foundational truths of our faith and love of God. All are welcome to join us. It will include a short video and discussion time along with great fellowship. There is no cost, so just come and bring your friends. Begins Oct. 4 (during confirmation) 6:30-8 p.m. through Nov. 17.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR KAY



As a Christian, the primary goal of parenting is to bring up godly offspring. This includes guiding them to love above all God, with everything within them; secondly to love others. John 13:34-35: So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Raising godly children always starts at home; we cannot leave it up to the church. We must be the example and love them unconditionally like our Father God has done for us.

I am praying these ideas can help guide us and give us hope through the rocky times, and to keep us in the Lord's strength in our weak moments.

Prayer: As parents, we should pray and intercede for those we are parenting, more than anything else - for your entire life! This is one of our most significant gifts to our child. It starts from when they are in the womb where you need to start creating a healthy spiritual atmosphere.

God's word: It is essential to train up a child in God's ways: (<u>Proverbs 22:6</u>: Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.) One keyway is by studying the word of God together, explaining its relevance. A family setting is crucial, aside from Sunday school and school.

Role model: Children copy what you do and not always what you say. Parents must be good role models. Inevitably mistakes are made, and sins committed. Parents must be vulnerable and show children how to deal with these. **The perfect role model to learn parenting from is God.** God is our Father and shows us how to parent.

Unconditional love: God loves us: (<u>1 John 4:9</u>: God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.). He showed His love by sending Jesus to die for us and reunite us with Him. This was love in action. We ought to love our children and show it in our actions, which at times may require sacrifice. In fact, God's type of love is agape or unconditional.

Discipline: Love is not letting a child do as they please. In fact, it is the opposite. There must be an element of correction and punishment and an appreciation of consequences. It is clear God disciplines those He loves (<u>Hebrews 12:5-12</u>). We should do likewise.

Forgiveness: Children need the assurance that we will always forgive them, just as our Father in heaven forgives us all. However, as parents we also need to teach our children to genuinely repent when they have done wrong, and to seek forgiveness. They also need to forgive, as shown in the Lord's prayer.

And thank You God for The Helper: The Holy Spirit is our Helper. We need help in parenting. We need to pray and ask Him, and He will direct, counsel, encourage and assist us as we raise our children.

It is comforting that God is with us in our parenting role. He has blessed us with children and entrusted them to us, and so we look to Him. And raise them up to Him. Have a very blessed day!

WORSHIP IN PINK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15







ALL TOGETHER AGAINST BREAST CANCER

WE SUPPORT THIS CAUSE!



The Marion Food Pantry needs for October are peanut butter and chicken noodle soup or any non-perishable food items. The Food Pantry wants are shampoo and laundry soap. Items may be dropped off at church or at the House of Hope in Marion.

TRUSTEES MEEETING July 23, 2023 – 10:00 am Trustees present: Krista Enoch, Brian Knight, Tom Anderson, Pete Fannin, Patty Beck (by phone)

Ex-Officio present: Pastor Janice & Jackie Baldwin

Pete Fannin called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

Opening prayer was led by Knight.

The June 18, 2023 secretary's report was presented. Motion to approve was made by Knight and seconded by Enoch. Motion carried.

The secretary's report was presented by Knight. We are \$1,200 in the red at this time. Use of the Benevolence Funds that the Trustees are in charge of was discussed. Anderson motioned to approve the

financials; Knight seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Janice gave her report. The Transition Team and Transition Prayer Team have been formed. A letter announcing her intention to retire and the formation of the two teams will be sent to the congregation via Constant Contact and USPS to those who do not have email. Motion to approve Pastor's report was made by Enoch, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Working on getting the Great Rom floor cleaned and rewaxed.

The AED training will be held on Sunday, Oct. 8, following worship.

New Business:

The LCMC Annual Meeting & Gathering will be held in St. Charles, MO. We are eligible to have 2 delegates. Baldwin will put a notice in the bulletin to see if anyone would like to attend.

Fannin reported on pest control from Terminex of \$350 to start and \$150 quarterly. Discussion was held. Anderson and Fannin will continue to work on a solution.

Next meeting will be held on Aug. 20 following worship

Beck motioned to adjourn, seconded by Knight. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. Respectfully submitted,

Tom Anderson, Secretary



Aaron Koeppel Oct. 2 Kristi Stedjee Oct. 2 Mason Draeger Oct. 3 Heather Haacker Oct. 3 **Richard Madson** Oct. 4 Nancy Morris Oct. 6 Dan Bestul Oct. 8 Oct. 15 Glenn Davids Jr. Joe Stuhr Oct. 15 Oct. 17 Ralph Baumann Amy Bestul Oct. 18 Owen Orvedahl Oct. 20 Sandy Krause Oct. 24 Stanley Phillips Oct. 25 **Beverly Stolz** Oct. 25 Jonathan Arndt Oct. 26 Stella Koeppel Oct. 27 Tiffany Bestul Oct. 28



Bob & Brenda Jashinsky Oct. 17, 42 Years

Lee & Jackie Baldwin Oct. 18, 32 Years

Brandon & Sarah Blashe Oct. 18, 26 Years

Jeremy & Brenda Brady Oct. 23, 13 Years

Adam & Bobbijo Stoltz Oct. 23, 2 Years

Richard & Penn Madson, Oct. 24, 42 Years

Nate & Erin Bonikowski Oct. 28, 17 Years

> Carlos & Jennifer Bartolone Oct. 31, 3 Years

Robert & Kim Karski Oct. 31, 31 Years

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