

St. Peter's PROVERBS

September 2023



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JANICE



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Continue to watch for information about the activities of the Transition Team and Prayer Team, and how you can give your input and support this process by your prayers!

We will soak this process in prayer and in good communication amongst ourselves! So ask your questions, express your emotions, voice your opinions—openly, and in love for God and one another. Above all, PRAY and listen to each other and Holy Spirit. May God make this time of transition an exciting adventure in His grace!

In the meantime, our life together as a congregation goes on and I am busy, getting another year of Confirmation instruction for our 7th, 8th and 9th graders going, planning another churchwide IMMERSION into the Bible,

starting this winter—using *Immerse, The Reading Bible, BEGINNINGS (the first 5 books of the Bible).*

GOD IS GOOD. GOD IS AT WORK AMONG AND AROUND US. PRAISE GOD!

God loves you and so do I,

Pastor Janice Kuder

LOOKING AHEAD!

- ♦ Sept. 10 Corn Roast & Drawing for UTV am thru Sept. 10
- ♦ Sept. 17 Sunday School Starts

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR KAY



As we gear up for the new school year, one thing should be on the minds of each of us: Youth matter. At face value this is not a deeply profound statement, so why say it? Youth matter! The whole world knows this reality, but knowing that something matters, that it is important, is only the beginning. Those who know and understand that youth matter don't simply sit still with this knowledge, they take action. Why? Because they understand that when something matters, it demands action from those who comprehend its value.

What defines youth? They are young, dependent, impressionable, and moldable. They have energy, passion, and are unbridled by realities in their dreams for the future. However, perhaps the most important thing about youth is that they are the future.

The adult world often overlooks youth, content to dismiss them and their thoughts, opinions, and dreams, because they believe youth are simply too young to have anything of value to add. If youth matter, shouldn't that affect the way the adult world engages and interacts with them? If today's youth are tomorrow's adults, doesn't it stand to reason that the adult world should be extremely interested in the youth of society?

For the last several decades, the Western Church has all but ignored this vital group. Now, before you say, "Not true...our church has a thriving youth ministry," please understand that engaging the youth goes well beyond simple Wednesday night confirmation and Sunday school. Engaging young people requires moving into their world. It means investing in them without expecting anything in return!

Consider these realities:

94% of all Christians are saved before the age of 18.

70% of all young people who grow up in the church leave by 18.

ONLY 4% of the millennial generation has a biblical worldview.

If the Church really understood why youth matter, these numbers would not be what they are.

So what needs to be done? These amazing kids are seeking answers! The Church has failed to provide answers for them, so they have turned to other sources. The tragedy here is that the Church possesses the greatest set of answers ever written! The Bible...God's Holy Word. However, as the Church has continued to question, turn away from, minimize, and reject God's Word, its youth have done the same, shunning the very source of the answers for which they seek.

Hold fast to God's Word! - The Bible is the inerrant Word of God. It is "perfect," "sure," "right," "pure," "clean," and "true (Psalm 19:7-9)." It is the source for all wisdom and understanding. It is the believer's manual for living a godly life, and the power of God for the salvation of sinners.

AND youth ministry is not a task only for the youth pastor and a team of youth leaders. It is the job of the entire church. The task of harvest must be undertaken by the entire congregation. Why do youth matter? They are dynamic! They are open to change! They are willing to give up everything for something that they are committed to! With such a plentiful harvest actively seeking the answers to this life, answers which are to be found within the Scriptures, the Church simply cannot afford to ignore youth any longer. To do so would be a blatant disobedience of Jesus' command to "make disciples."

So with the new school year starting, let's work together with God

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St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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Pastor Janice M. Kuder – Senior Pastor

Pastor Kay Knight – Youth Pastor

July 25, 2023

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TRANSITION TEAM MEMBERS:

Pete Fannin, Tom Anderson, Nate Bonikowske, Sarah Holder, Connie Bestul, Little Brian Knight, Rob Karski, and Elders: Lee Rambo, Tom Bestul, and Dave Schmidt.

TRANSITION PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS:

Nancy Heiman, Faye Miller, Judy Anklam, Krista Enoch

St. Peter's Outdoor Worship, Potluck & ATV Drawing

SUN 10 SEPT.

WORSHIP 10:30 AM, POTLUCK 11:30 AM
ATV DRAWING 12 PM

Enjoy worship in the outdoors (bring your chairs), followed by a delicious potluck meal and drawing for 2023 Polaris Sportsman 450 H.O. ATV

Tickets are available from Pete Fannin or any of the men's group.
\$10 each or 3/\$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.

Funds will be used for area benevolence needs.
Need not be present to win.



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and each other to make this most productive yet!

Blessings! 

**AGE 3 YEARS
TO 9TH GRADE**

SEPTEMBER 17

9-10:15 AM

**WELCOME BACK
TO CHURCH
SUNDAY**

- Free to all attending
- Open to all, do not need to be a St. Peter's member

Blessing of the backpacks for a safe and wonderful school year will be held and Bibles will be handed out to any child in 1st grade and 6th grade and those who do not have one already during the 10:30 a.m. worship.

Contact Kay at 715-460-2131 or rascal01@frontiernet.net with questions



Marion



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

2023 Budget at a Glance

2023 Budget \$145,442.79

Budgeted For May	Income Received	Expenses	Net Income/Loss
\$12,120.23	\$9,661.30	\$11,120.52	-\$1,459.22
Budgeted For June	Income Received	Expenses	Net Income/Loss
\$12,120.23	\$9,839.39	11,064.72	-\$1,225.33

Thank you

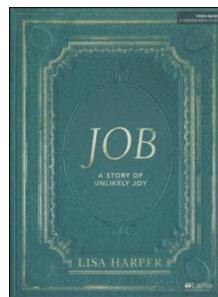
Thank you to everyone for all of the thoughts and prayers throughout David's hospital stays and treatments. The money and gas card from church funds and the men's group were much appreciated. We are very thankful for the money donated through VBS and Pastor Kay's willingness to get slime poured over her head. She didn't like the idea when I first told here, but she came through for David and he did get to watch from a distance.

We are using the money to help offset the cost of gas for our weekly trips t Milwaukee over the next several months for follow-ups with David's bone marrow transplant team. We cannot express how much the cards, emails, phone calls and the messages are appreciated.

The Soik's

Book of Job Bible Study

Jackie Baldwin will host the Book of Job Bible study. This study is similar to the studies held previously but will be taught by Lisa Harper. Bible Study Books are \$16.85 each. Wednesday classes will begin on Sept. 27 through Nov. 8 from 9-11 a.m. Sunday classes will begin Oct. 1 through Nov. 12, from 6-8 p.m. Anyone who would like to attend let Jackie know by Sept. 15 so that books can be ordered accordingly.



Scott & Patty Beck
Sept. 8, 5 Years

Jim & Heather Haacker
Sept. 10, 29 Years

Justin & Kotti Hintz
Sept. 12, 8 Years

Jack & Rosie Bazile
Sept. 14, 60 Years

Adam & Tina Anderson
Sept. 17, 12 Years

Braden & Krystal Paulson
Sept. 21, 4 Years

Steven & Nichol Soik
Sept. 22, 16 Years

Bruce & Kris Zillmer
Sept. 28, 22 Years



Erin Bonikowske	Sept.4
Janice Kuder	Sept. 4
Jordan Enoch	Sept. 5
Braden Paulson	Sept. 8
Derek Peebles	Sept.12
Kelsey Zillmer	Sept. 16
Kris Zillmer	Sept. 16
Ron Nyhouse	Sept. 18
Marvin Beyersdorf	Sept. 19
Lyn Mortenson	Sept. 21
David Schmidt	Sept. 22
Margie Schmidt	Sept. 22
Shannon Hickey	Sept. 23
Audrey Hintz	Sept. 25
Darla Waite	Sept. 27
Abigail Bonikowske	Sept. 30



Card & Game Luncheon

You are invited to attend the St. Peter's Ladies Aid Card and Game Luncheon for an afternoon of fun. Bridge and Sheepshead will be on the agenda as well as games, prizes and a door prize. Cards and some games will be provided. If you have a specific game you and a group of friends enjoy, please feel free to bring it along.

- Where:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church, N10685 Petersen Rd., corner of Hwy. G & Petersen Rd., Wheelchair accessible
- When:** Wednesday, Sept. 20
- Cost:** \$10 per person, payable at the door
- Time:** Registration 11 a.m.
Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
Cards Games 12:30-2:45 pm
Prizes 2:45-3 p.m.

In order to plan food, prizes, etc., please RSVP by returning the lower half of this invitation to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, N10685 Petersen Rd., Marion, WI 54950 by Sept. 6. Any questions call Judy at 715-754-5552. If you wish to play with friends, you may register as a table. When registering, list all participants at your table and we will do our best to honor your choices.

If you are registering a table please list all people at your table.

Sheepshead ___ Bridge ___ Other Games/Cards ___ Individual ___ Table ___

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____



SEPTEMBER

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3	Worship 9 am								2
4	Labor Day								9
5	Men's Group 8:30 am Quilters 9 am Town of Wyoming Mtg. 8 pm								8
6	Ladies Aid 12 pm Conf. Parent's Mtg. 6:30 pm								7
10	Worship 10:30 am Potluck Lunch 11:30 am Drawing for ATV 12 pm								15
11									16
12	Men's Group 8:30 am Quilters 9 am								14
13	Confirmation 6:30 pm								13
17	Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:30 am Trustee Mtg. 11:30 am								23
18									22
19	Men's Group 8:30 am Quilters 9 am								21
20	Card & Game Party 11 am-3 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm								20
24	Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:30 am								29
25									28
26	Men's Group 8:30 am Quilters 9 am								27
27	Confirmation Roadside Clean-up 6:30 pm								26
30									30