



Message from Pastor

November 2021 Newsletter

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows (James 1:17).

I like Thanksgiving. I like it for, at least, a couple reasons. Pumpkin pie and, oh yeah, GOD!!! Of course, the latter is far more important than the former. Is God not amazing? Just think of what he has done. As James points out in the passage above, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights!" God is the maker of every pumpkin pie and, of course, infinitely more. In fact, not one good gift can be given or received apart from God.

I like this month of November within which Thanksgiving falls because it reminds me of that. It reminds me to stop and really give thought to all the good I've been given. It makes me pause and think about pumpkin pie, family around the holiday table who I hope leaves some pumpkin pie for me, and every blessing pumpkin-pie-related or not. (I guess I have pumpkin pie on my mind.)

But in all seriousness, I'm not that great at pausing and being grateful. If I can be honest with you, my mode of operation is often to be busy and, as much as I hate to admit it, to gripe about this problem or that issue or what I have to do next. It's not good. It's disrespectful to our Lord and Savior who gave me all I have - my life, my joy, my salvation, my family, you, my work, and little things like, you guessed it, pumpkin pie.

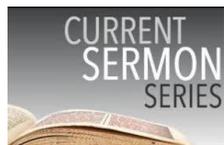
Not only that, but if it weren't for occasions like Thanksgiving, a holiday to stop and think and praise God, not only would I be tempted to live an entitled life, but I would fail to see that God even gives me perfect gifts in the disguise of hardship, trials, and struggles. I would fail to see my sins of complaining about difficulties, and, even worse, I'd fail to see that there's a good and perfect God behind all of it.

This is the season to stop and, in faith, give thanks to God for all these things, all the perfect gifts, whether blessings or hardships which are blessings in disguise.

Be sure to stop this season and join me in giving thanks. And, if by chance, you are in a time of life where it's hard to find anything to be thankful for, join me in starting with Jesus. Join me in thanking God for Christ, the One who came to us giving up all blessings, giving up his life on a cross for our forgiveness, and giving up the grave so we could too in the end. And from Him, Jesus our Savior, every perfect gift comes including the gift of gratitude.

Friends, we have so much to be thankful for. Give thanks. Amen.

Pastor Bill Monday



“Seriously, God”
Dates: Oct. 17 - November 21

Series Summary: This two-word question has been asked by believers, former believers, and never believers, calling into question the goodness and very existence of God. Even committed Christians wrestle with God's plan for their lives when pain, confusion, and grief interrupt their personal plans for the future. This series studies the book of Job, searching for God's biggest plans for our lives.

Week #4: Friends & Foes — Job's friends comfort him in his grief...for a while. As time goes on, however, their presence turns sour and an epic argument being about Job's life and God's plans. This message forces us to reflect on what we say (and don't say) when suffering takes over our story.

Week #5: The Long Wait — What strikes most readers of Job is how long the book is. The fairly short introduction and conclusion are dwarfed by dozens of chapters of words – Arguments. Complaints. Accusations. Laments. But perhaps the wordiness is the point. Perhaps Job is structured to prove to us that suffering is a long and challenging journey, even for the faithful, a journey that tests us and forces us to run back to our living Redeemer.

Week #6: God's Answer to Our Questions — The end of Job is simply stunning. What will God say to his suffering son? How will God answer all of Job's questions about pain, grief, and loss? How will God convince Job that He is still worth worshipping? The final chapters of the book provide the answers, which are a surprise and comfort to anyone who is suffering in this life.



Christmas Characters (starts November 28th)

Dates: 11/28 thru Christmas Eve

Series Summary: Modern celebrations of Christmas are filled with the classic characters—Santa, Rudolph, and the Elf on the Shelf. The first Christmas was filled with characters too, people that many of us can relate to. When God sent his Son into the world, the story first connected to an old, infertile couple with less than stellar faith, a virgin nobody from nowhere, and some third shift workers from the suburbs of Jerusalem. These details remind us that God always intended his Son to be for all people, since his love is for the whole world.

Week #1: Mr. Uncertain — Luke's Gospel begins with a clear reminder that the story of Christmas is more than a story. It is history, verified and recorded by eyewitnesses. The point of that careful research is to help people like Theophilus, and people like us, to be certain of the Christmas promises that we are about to hear. (Luke 1:1-4)

Week #2: Mr. Wrinkles — The first Christmas is filled with old people. Luke's main characters include Zechariah, Elizabeth, Anna, and Simeon, wrinkled saints whom God blessed to see, hold, and praise his only Son. These verses remind us that while the world is infatuated with youth and the next generation, our Father values all of his children, even his oldest ones. (Luke 1:5-25)

Week #3: Ms. Nobody — In the 21st century, the Virgin Mary is a household name. But in the 1st century, Mary from Nazareth is a nobody, a humble and sometimes hungry girl from the hills of upper Galilee. When Gabriel announced the news to Mary, she was stunned and overwhelmed with joy. So are

we. Jesus saves us, fills us, and lifts us up to join him in his Kingdom, a blessing we don't deserve but absolutely enjoy. (Luke 1:26-38, 46-56)

Week #4: Mrs. Disgraced — In the 1st century, motherhood was everything. That meant that Elizabeth, old and infertile, had nothing. But God worked a miracle to take away her shame and weave her into the story of the coming Savior. In a similar way, God reaches out to us, in our sin and shame, and offers us the miracle of grace, a connection to the Savior who has already come. (Luke 1:39-45, 57-80)

Christmas Eve: Mr. and Ms. Stressed — It doesn't take a Bible scholar to see the amount of stress that preceded the birth of Jesus. Roman occupation. Raised taxes. A mandated journey. Terrible timing. A pregnant fiancé and a steep climb to Bethlehem. No room in the inn. Can you imagine it?! But in the midst of that stress and chaos, Jesus was born. These details are a gripping reminder that God isn't waiting until life is peaceful and perfect to bless us. Instead, he shows up in the middle of personal, political, and relational drama and offers us Jesus, the one sent to save. (Luke 2:1-7)



Christmas Poinsettia order form enclosed in this mailing.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE TIMES

Thursday @ 6:30 pm and
Sundays 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30 am
The CORE – Sunday, 10:00 am & 4:00 pm

LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday's 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:00 am
Click "Live Stream" on our website or
Search 922 Ministries on Facebook or YouTube



On Monday, October 11th, we held an open forum and congregational meeting to make a decision regarding a school expansion. It was wonderful to see so many 922 members from

both campuses attend and discuss how best to carry out God's calling to us.

A brief meeting recap is provided below and a [Google Survey](#) has been created for you to continue to provide feedback and ask any additional questions you may have about the building plans and project. Please take the time to utilize this resource as we look to seek further input from you.

On Monday, October 11th, the 922 Ministries congregation unanimously approved a \$7.4M school expansion. This school expansion approval included three components:

1. Approval to make the down payment (\$460K) and begin the building project prior to a capital campaign.
2. Approval to launch a capital campaign to raise \$2.5M over five years.
3. Approval to seek financing for the remainder of the project (not to exceed \$7M).

We thank God that through the generous gifts of 922 members, \$1.78M has already been donated to move the project forward! \$780,000 of those gifts will help us lower the costs of the project while another one million dollar gift will come in over the next 5 years to help us cover the cost of the new building and along with the capital campaign, God willing, also lower the debt.

922 Ministries will be moving forward with Keller as the general contractor. Construction is planned to begin sometime in early 2022. Due to supply chain disruptions, the project, in its entirety, will not be completed for next school year. However, Keller is putting a plan together to complete the necessary classroom space by the beginning of next school year.



GREATER THINGS 2.0

On October 31, 2021, 922 Ministries will be launching a capital campaign, *Greater Things 2.0*, and will be seeking financial gifts of \$2.5M over five years. Through these generous gifts, and by God's grace, we will be able to offer Christian education for our congregation and our community now and for the next generation. Please join us on November 14th for **Commitment Sunday** as we look to do greater things...*together!*

If you haven't already seen the video in church that discussed the expansion, please take some time to watch at this link: [School Expansion Video](#)

Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance as we begin work on this project!

Check Out Our New Family Resources Webpage!

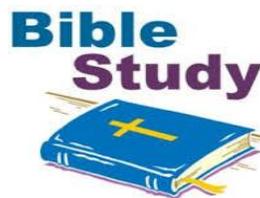
Check out our new [Family Resource page](#) to help encourage our families to dig more into the Word. At 922 Ministries, we believe faith is home grown and to have recommended resources easily accessible for your various seasons of family life is the least we could do. Take a look at: 922ministries.com/familyresources and start building

Church/School Office Hours

Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
(Closed 11/25-26)

Phone #: 739-2009 The CORE #: 364-0200

Dinner Auction – St. Peter Lutheran School, a 922 Ministry, invites you to enjoy a night designed to benefit all students and enhance learning opportunities! The 2021 *St. Peter Soiree* will take place on Friday, November 5, 2021, from 5:00-9:00 pm at the Grand Meridian in Appleton and the Theme is *Casino Royale*. **Tickets are available via the school website home page.**



Please look online at stpeter922.com/groups or our 922 App to see the current Bible Classes or look for the sheets in the turning Information racks!

Sign-up for these studies at stpeter922.com/groups or our 922 App or contact Pastor Jim at 739-2009 or pastorjim@922ministries.com with questions on these Bible Classes.

FVL's Annual Veterans Day Breakfast & Service is set for Thurs., 11/11 from 8:00-10:30 AM. Veterans from the FVL Federation and their family members are invited. Registration is by phone or online at fvlhs.org/news. Please register by 11/8 for planning purposes. After breakfast, a special worship service will be held in the auditorium.



St. Peter's current greatest needs are:

- Worship Service Slide Runners
- Bible Discovery Check-in Helpers, Teacher Helpers & Youth Helpers
- Ushers for 10:30 Service
- Greeters for 4th Thursday Service
- Special Event Serving Opportunity for Advent by Candlelight: Setup, Cleanup and Food & Drink Serving

Maria Keuschel, Ministry Engagement Coordinator
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Thanksgiving Services @ St. Peter
Wednesday, 11/24 @ 6:30 pm
Thursday, 11/25 @ 9:00 am
(Note: No service in the evening)

Special birthday wishes to the following members who are 70+ years this month!!

Elmer Geiger (11/02)
Barry Falk (11/03)
Dennis Tiedt (11/04)
Bill Schwab (11/05)
Sandie Koenig (11/08)
Bonnie Riesenweber (11/15)
Bob Gehring (11/16)
Larry Keen (11/18)
Ken Uhlenbrauck (11/19)
Cheryl Poehlman (11/20)
John Borree (11/22)
Elaine Krueger (11/24)
Don Treichel (11/25)

*Enjoy a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
and a sweet day
BLESSED BY GOD*



Ladies Advent by Candlelight

This event will be held at The CORE on Saturday, December 4th at 2:00 pm (doors to the worship area will open at 1:20 pm).

Come enjoy the message of the season, along with great music. Seating will be on a first come first serve basis, but you **WILL NEED** to preregister due to limited space. This is open to all women ages 8 years old and up. Registration will be November 4 - 21st - watch for a link to sign up online or at the Information Center in Church. Or you may contact Rhonda Dietzler in the office at 739-2009. There is no cost to attend this event. A free will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of the event. If possible, please bring (brand new) bath towels and/or women's pajamas sizes sm. & med. and boys & girls pajamas sizes 3T - 16 to be given to *Harbor House Domestic Abuse*.



Back this year, 922 ministries will be providing Christmas gifts for families in need in our community. Those gifts are then distributed through the relief agency LEAVEN of Appleton. Gift boxes will be provided starting November 14th and will be located in the church coat room or you may provide your own wrapped shoebox (not sealed and top & bottom separate). Instructions will be inside the boxes. If you provide your own box, please ask for instructions. **Please have these gifts back to church by December 5th.**

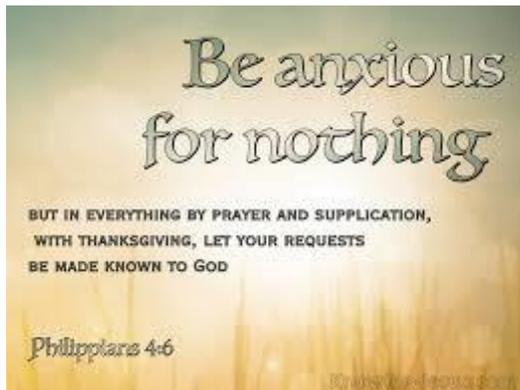


There will be a "Giving Tree" to benefit *Pillars* set up in the Gathering Area with ornaments stating different gifts that can be purchased for the homeless starting November 21st thru December 12th. Gifts will need to be returned to St. Peter **no later than December 19th**, when the shelter will be distributing the gifts to those in need.

A Wonderful Opportunity for Those at Least 70½ Years Young:

In December, 2015, the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act was passed. The Act made permanent the IRA charitable rollover, allowing for individuals age 70½ and older to make **tax-free** distributions from individual retirement accounts (IRAs) to a qualified charitable organization. An IRA rollover is a tax-exempt distribution from the donor's IRA.

The amount transferred can be used to meet the donor's required minimum distribution. The treatment continues to be capped at a maximum of \$100,000 per taxpayer each year. Now is a good time of the year for you to talk to your financial advisor and tax professional to further explore the possibility of a gift from your IRA and see how your gift can benefit both donor and recipient!



The next Pantry collection is November 14th. They currently are in need of: Canned chicken, canned stews and chunky soups, crackers (buttery/cheese flavored, no saltines please at this time), canned mandarin oranges and fruit cocktail/mixed fruit, cookies, bath tissue, facial tissue, napkins, paper toweling. NOTE: They do not distribute expired or damaged non-perishables.

Please bring your pantry items and monetary donations to the office between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday-Friday or to the church kitchen before worship services. Monetary donations can also be placed in the box on the counter in the church kitchen. These are used to purchase gift cards to be given to families to purchase perishable items. Please make your checks payable to: *Apple Valley Food Pantry*.



November OWLS News

All seniors, 55 and older, are invited to join the OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) The next meeting of OWLS will be held on Tuesday, November 9, at Pizza Ranch on Appleton's west side. The address is 5450 W Integrity Way. It is just north of Costco. Enjoy a lunch (Dutch treat) at noon, followed by a presentation at 1:00 pm. A business meeting will conclude the afternoon. The speaker will be Officer Johnson from the Grand Chute Police Department. She will speak about scams that we are confronted with by phone and online. The main topic of the business meeting will be the future of our organization. Join them!



Advent Service: Wed., Dec. 8th @ SPL – 6:30 pm
 CDS Christmas Service: Dec. 21st @ FVL – 6:30 pm
Christmas Services:
 Dec. 23 @ SPL – 6:30 (Contemporary)(livestreamed)
 December 24: 11:00 & 1:00 (Contemporary)
 3:00 (livestreamed) & 5:00 (Both Traditional)
 The CORE: 4:00 pm (livestreamed) & 6:00 pm
 Saturday, 12/25 @ SPL – 9:00 am
 Sunday, 12/26 @ SPL – 7:30 ONLY (Traditional)
 The CORE: 10:00 am & 4:00 pm both with Q&A



Freedom VFW Post 7692 and Auxiliary along with the Freedom Lions Club are cordially inviting the residents of the Freedom School District, age 60 and older, to the 48th Golden Agers Christmas Dinner.

WHERE: The Colonial House Supper Club
 (N4330 Cty. Rd E, Freedom, WI)

WHEN: Thursday, December 2, 2021 at
 12:30 p.m.

Attendance will be by reservation only – and must be made by Friday, November 19, 2021 by contacting Cathy Vander Logt at 920-788-4191 and leaving the following information . . .

- 1 – Name of individuals attending
- 2 – Name and phone number of a contact person for Information purposes

Request for New College or Military Addresses

If your child has entered college or the military and has a change of address, we would appreciate this information so we can keep in touch with them. If possible, we would also like their email address to keep them up-to-date on what's going on at 922 Ministries. Please send this information to: gloria.plamann@922ministries.com or call the office at 739-2009.

Joint Ladies Advent by Candlelight at FVL

November 27, 2021 @ 1:00 pm
(doors open at 12:30)

You are invited to come and quiet your heart with family and friends from other congregations and celebrate the true reason for the season.



Musicians needed!

With the beginning of a morning service at the CORE campus, we could use more musicians to join the 922 Worship Team! If you have a gift in this area, mark your interest on a Communication Card on Sunday, or send an email to jonathan.favorite@922ministries.com.

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Ladies Quilting Ministry

The St. Peter Quilting ministry is one that touches many people. Every new baby that becomes a part of our church family receives a quilt, as do members and friends who are homebound, in the hospital or facing treatments for cancer and other illnesses. You don't have to know how to sew, you can be taught different things that can help. This group will meet each Thursday 8:30-11:30 am in the room upstairs in the 1910 Centre (historic school building across from the church). If you're interested in helping the quilting ministry in any way, please contact Karen Peters at 739-2924.

Card Making Ministry



Join the fun in making greeting cards for our homebound members, those in the hospital, new babies, etc. This group meets every second Tuesday of the month in the 1910 Centre (the old building located across the street from the new church) at 6:30 pm. The next meeting is November 9th. Everything is supplied! Just bring yourself. Any questions? Please don't hesitate to call Luella Kietz at (920) 731-1650.



ORGAN CONCERT:

On Sunday, November 7th, Grace Lutheran Church, (1390 Breezewood Lane, Neenah) will dedicate their new Inspire Rogers organ in the morning service. That afternoon they will have an organ concert beginning at 1:00 pm. You are invited to attend as Pastor Paul Meier, an accomplished organist, will conduct the concert ranging from popular and favorite hymns (some singing) as well as other kinds of music to give you a taste of the capability and beauty of our organ.



What's it all about? Live chats with our pastors, live prayer, Christian advice, meaningful conversations, new and growing friendships, useful resources, and more! Much of the activity takes place in our private Facebook Group. Request to join today! Visit 922church.online for the link and instructions. Check our website weekly for a schedule of online events. While you're there, subscribe to the weekly email update.

MEDITATIONS & FORWARD IN CHRIST
The latest editions of "Meditations" & "Forward in Christ" are available for you at the Welcome Center or office. These are great personal resources for spiritual growth, containing devotional content and practical advice for Christian living. *Time of Grace* literature is also available in a new display on the wall by Information Center.

PLEASE NOTE
If you would like a monthly newsletter mailed to you, please contact the office or email Gloria at gloria.plamann@922ministries.com.



November 7, 2021



Join Pastor Mike Novotny for *Time of Grace*, a 30-minute Bible study program. The program airs globally via

various outlets. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit timeofgrace.org/waystowatch or call the Time of Grace office at 800.661.3311.

Find the website or network TV time that works best for you.

Over the Air—Local Channels

WGBA—Sunday, 6:30 a.m.

National Cable and Satellite Channels

Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN)--Thursdays at 3:30 pm

Freeform - Thursdays at 5:30 a.m.

The Cowboy Channel (Family Net) Sunday 8:00 a.m.

American Forces Network (AFN) – Spectrum, Sunday at 7:00 pm



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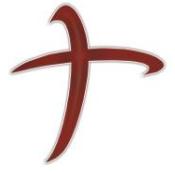
Please note that we invite people to speak with any of these men listed above, if you have any questions at any time.





Youth and Family Ministry

November 2021



ENVISION THE FUTURE

The parenting journey begins full of hope.

When you hold your infant child, you dream of what he or she will become. A doctor. A professional athlete. Perhaps follow in the footsteps of Mom or Dad. Have a good career. Maybe a family of their own someday. Grow intellectually, physically, and spiritually.

You want your children to succeed in life. The possibilities are endless.

You begin to think about your role in your child's success, and you pledge: *I'm going to give this child the very best opportunities. The best schools. The best coaches. The best social circles. The best family memories.*

I'll give you my best.

Then reality sets in. You wake up one day and do an honest assessment of your day-to-day life as a parent.

Some days, you hit a home run. Everyone is happy. The kids are fed. Homework and chores are done. There may even be a sense of peace and calm that makes you proud to be a parent.

Other days, you strike out. Everyone is miserable. You make it a Hot & Ready pizza night from Little Caesar's because you don't have time for anything else. Your children, who were demanding your attention on the way home from school and practice, now need to be motivated to get their homework done.

You give it your best, but your best doesn't always feel good enough. How do I know whether I'm doing a good job? Focusing on the right things?

Where are you headed?

It's good to ask this question from time to time – to take an honest assessment of where you are as a parent. Stephen Covey, bestselling author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, coined a phrase for those who make plans: "Begin with the end in mind." One of the ways he encourages you to put this habit into practice is by visualizing your own funeral. Who is there? What are they saying about how you lived your life? The relationships you had? How would you change your priorities if you only had 30 more days to live?

OK, this might be a bit morbid. What Covey is saying, though, is to think about where you want to be at the end of your life and then start living with those priorities. Where do you want your children to be in 10, 20, 30 years – or for eternity? What priorities do you want your children to have?

I want him to use his talents and abilities for good.

I want her to make friends.

I want him to be kind and helpful to others.

I want her to be strong and courageous.

I want my children in heaven with me some day.

It's often said that children do not come with an instruction manual. As a Pastor, I beg to differ. The Bible is an excellent instruction manual for parents. The people in the Bible teach us a lot about life priorities. Take, for example, the Children of Israel. As we read the stories of their release from tyranny in Egypt, their wanderings in the desert, how God set them apart and protected them during their journey to the promised land, we see parallels to our own lives.

God released us from the tyranny of sin through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus on the cross.

He sets us apart in this world. As His dear children, we are to live lives that are different from those around us. He does this for our good, to keep us safe and close to Him as we travel toward the promised land, heaven.

He does all this out of love for us, because the God of the Bible wants us – His dear children – to be in heaven with Him some day.

You see, God has an end in mind. He wants His children to be with Him for eternity. That's His top priority. He sacrificed His own Son because we are that dear to Him.

And because He has entrusted us parents with a new generation of His dear little children, He will provide us with parenting instruction, and the strength to do it.

"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:31-32)

The highest priority for parents must be helping our children know and love the God who loves them so much.

Here is what God told the Children of Israel before they entered the promised land:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

"When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt." (Deut. 6:4-12)

Those few verses sum up God's instructions for parents. Over the years, you have the distinct ability to shape your child's future – an ability that no one else on the planet possesses. Just as God wanted for the Children of Israel, you want them to have prosperity in the land. You want them to live here on earth fearlessly and courageously. You want them to always remember, *"The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* (Joshua 1:9)

And then there is the eternal future. When there is so much youth and vitality in our children it's difficult to envision anything less than a long life. And yet, you don't know the length of their days, let alone your own. So, let's live with the end in mind: heaven is our destination.

We must parent every day with the mindset that our children are on loan from God. We as parents are blessed to be in the position of guiding these precious children to that place of joyful reunion with God and all His children for eternity.

(This article is from Pastor Bill's Family Discipleship Commission website: myfamilytable.org. Many more articles and resources are there for free to help families grow in their relationship with the Lord. May God bless our families!)

Pastor Bill Monday & Matt Werner

"...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done ... so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands." Psalm 78:4,6-7

922 MINISTRIES

Director of Operations Report – November, 2021

- 1) We had an outstanding turnout for the 2021 edition of Trunk or Treat held in the St. Peter Lutheran parking lot on Saturday, October 23. We had over 30 people who were gracious enough to use their vehicles to help host the event and we had hotdogs, snacks and caramel apple treats available as well. There were games and hot chocolate and we were actually caught off guard by the huge turnout. A beautiful October day brought out a lot of people and it was gratifying to see it become such a popular event.
- 2) The mezzanine area above the gym on the west end of the building has received some much needed attention. The floor has been filled in, there is now a railing around the entire area that is open and Buss Electric helped out with some lighting. There is a little bit to do yet but it is helpful that we upgraded a storage need as space challenges on this campus continue to be an issue.
- 3) Due to space limitations in the main building of the St. Peter Campus, we are trying to be creative with the space that we have. I use the conference table (formerly in the Heritage Room) as my workspace, now located in the coat room off the information center in the gathering area outside of church; most of the time I work from home... There are two Bible studies being held in the Quilting room of the 1910 Centre (the older school building on the west side of French Road). Also, we hold our weekly staff meetings in the 1910 Centre as well, as that's the only available space.
- 4) Because there was no school on Friday, October 23, a few of us took advantage of empty hallways and cleaned out and reorganized a paper and supply closet in the 1982 building. Some generous people have donated construction paper and other kinds of paper and supplies and that closet was a storage area for lots of different types of school supplies. The storage area now has paper organized by size and color and well-labeled containers for a wide variety of supplies.
- 5) We are utilizing some special grant money to acquire higher-grade filters to make our HVAC system run more efficiently and remove more types of particles from our circulating air.
- 6) We had the pleasure of hosting Life Line Screening on Friday, October 29. They have utilized the ministry center area of our building for several years now and they have nothing but positive feedback for our facilities and the people here. Special thanks to Sherry Krautkramer for being the hostess and ambassador for this event.
- 7) Thanks to everyone who donated all the clothing and personal items for distribution to the Afghan refugees. My big brother, Steve Dietzler, helped to coordinate this drive and he personally delivered items to Ft. McCoy in the western part of the state. Three pickup trucks full of supplies were donated by the generous people of 922 Ministries.

Give Thanks - NOVEMBER 2021

When I was a missionary in Russia, Thanksgiving was one of the roughest holidays for me personally. Russia doesn't have a nationally recognized day of Thanksgiving. The last Thursday of November was like any other day, and that was sad.

In my family growing up, Thanksgiving was all about the goodness of God, and it happened in the context of immediate family. For whatever reason, we didn't typically go see other relatives at Thanksgiving, and others didn't come stay with us. But it wasn't unusual for fellow church members to join us for the Thanksgiving meal. Anyone who didn't have a place to go was welcome at the Ewart home for a traditional family feast. My memories are of good food, laughter, generosity to church family, and worship focused on the goodness and provision of God.

How will you celebrate Thanksgiving this year? Maybe around the dinner table this year, you might read and discuss one or more of these Bible verses.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 — Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- Psalm 103:1-4 — Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits — who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.
- Colossians 2:6-7 — So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.
- 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 — "Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."
- Psalm 145:15-16 — The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- 1 Chronicles 16:34 — Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

~ Pastor Michael Ewart



Christmas Poinsettias



Everyone will have the opportunity to purchase Poinsettias to decorate our worship area for the Christmas season in honor or memory of someone. This will be acknowledged in one of the church services during Christmas.

The cost will be \$22 per poinsettia plant and St. Peter will purchase all of the plants.

All orders should be put in the box at the Information Center desk or to the St. Peter office by **November 28th**.

In Memory/Honor of _____

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| <p>Please Note: The CORE celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first and third Sunday of each month.</p> | <p>1 Culver's "Share Day" – all day at Little Chute location Board of Ed Mtg.-6pm Bible Class – 6:30pm</p> | <p>2 Pastor's Circuit Mtg. – 8:30am - Noon</p> | <p>3 Bible Foundations – 5:30pm Conf Class – 6:45pm Christian Recovery – 6:30pm @ CORE 922 Teens – 7:15-8:30pm</p> | <p>4 Early Bird Class-6:30am Children's Chapel – 8:30am Quilting – 9am Worship – 6:30pm</p> | <p>5 NO School -5K-8 ECM OPEN St. Peter Soiree @Grand Meridian – 5-9pm</p> | <p>6 Men's Open Gym- 7:15am</p> |
| <p>7 Worship – 7:30; 9 & 10:30am Bible Class – 9am Bible Class -10:15am (online) Bible Discovery – 9am CORE – 10am & 4pm CORE Kids – 10 am</p> | <p>8 . Brewster Village – 9:45am Bible Class – 6:30pm</p> | <p>9 Card Making – 6:30pm (1910 Centre)</p> | <p>10 Communion – 10am (masks required) Bible Foundations – 5:30pm Conf Class – 6:45pm Christian Recovery – 6:30pm @ CORE 922 Teens – 7:15-8:30pm</p> | <p>11 Early Bird Class-6:30am Children's Chapel – 8:30am Quilting – 9am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30pm</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13 Men's Open Gym- 7:15am</p> |
| <p>14 Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30; 9 & 10:30am Bible Class – 9am Bible Discovery - 9:25am Bible Class -10:15am (online) CORE – 10am & 4pm CORE Kids – 10 am</p> | <p>15 Leadership Mtg – 5:30pm Bible Class – 6:30pm</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17 Country Villa – 9:45am Bible Foundations – 5:30pm Conf Class – 6:45pm Christian Recovery – 6:30pm @ CORE 922 Teens – 7:15-8:30pm</p> | <p>18 Early Bird Class-6:30am Children's Chapel – 8:30am Quilting – 9am Worship – 6:30pm</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20 Men's Open Gym- 7:15am</p> |
| <p>21 Worship – 7:30; 9 & 10:30am Bible Class – 9am Bible Class -10:15am (online) Bible Discovery – 9am CORE – 10am & 4pm CORE Kids – 10 am</p> | <p>22 Bible Class – 6:30pm</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24 Communion – 10am (Masks required) Worship – 6:30pm NO School or ECM Thanksgiving Break</p> | <p>25 Worship – 9am Happy Thanksgiving!</p> | <p>26 Office Closed NO School or ECM Thanksgiving Break</p> | <p>27 Men's Open Gym- 7:15am</p> |
| <p>28 Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30; 9 & 10:30am Bible Class – 9am Bible Discovery - 9:25am Bible Class -10:15am (online) CORE – 10am & 4pm CORE Kids – 10 am</p> | <p>29 Bible Class – 6:30pm</p> | <p>30</p> | | | | |