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## November 2016

Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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# Election Day and the Christian

Something amazing happens in the United States of America every four years on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November. One government is removed and another government is put in place—and all this without a single shot being fired. November 8 is Election Day in this great Republic of ours. This has arguably been one of the strangest election years in history. Many people on both sides of the aisle are scratching their heads asking, "What happened?" "How have we gotten to this point?" "Will I be happy with *him*?"

Christians may be tempted to ask: "Does God favor the Democrats?" "Does

God favor the Republicans?" "Does God favor the Libertarians?" "Does God favor the Independents?" Each of those is the wrong question. The correct question isn't, "Is God on my side?" Rather, the correct question is, "No matter what political party I favor, am I on God's side?" Let's face it, there is no political party whose views, beliefs, and platforms will align perfectly with 100% of God's Holy Word.



So what's a Christian to do? We use our sanctified judgment which has been shaped by God's Holy Word and vote for the person that we believe is the best person for the job. Sometimes that choice can be difficult. Sometimes it's a no brainer. But in the end, when all is said and done, we can trust that God is directing the affairs of the world and world governments. That's why Paul wrote in Romans chapter 13, "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." God establishes each government for a purpose. In the Bible God raised up different governments and nations to either be a blessing for the people or bring judgment on the people. In this day and age, only time and hindsight can tell how God uses each government.

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## **Election Day and the Christian**

As Christians we are citizens of heaven through faith in Jesus, the crucified and risen Savior. We are also citizens of the United States of America. No matter who is in power in the government, we are to submit to their authority and acknowledge they are God's instruments "to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right." (1 Peter 2:14 NIV)

Since they are God's instruments, we are to pray for them—that God might give them wisdom, direction, and courage to do what is right for all people.

It's rather stunning, isn't it, that the apostle Paul instructed the first century Christians to pray "for kings and all those in authority?" (1 Timothy 2:2 NIV) Who was the king at the time? It was Nero—a man who persecuted Christians and ultimately had the apostle Paul executed. And yet, Paul said, "Pray for him." What was the goal? To keep the national peace.



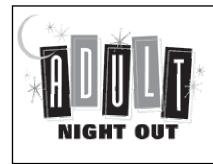
What are Christians able to do when there is peace and security within our borders?

We are able to "live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:2 NIV) We are able to share our faith in Jesus Christ without fear of reprisal. We are able to let our light shine in a dark and sin-filled world. We are able to share the precious message of sins forgiven through the blood that Jesus Christ shed on the cross. We are able to further Christ's kingdom work in our own congregation, community, and nation. And as peace and security reign within our borders, the economy can flourish. Then God's people can invest more and more into the spreading of the gospel for the salvation of priceless, blood-purchased souls. "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:3-4 NIV)

As sinners who have been born into heavenly citizenship through the rebirth that the Holy Spirit worked in us at the time of our baptisms, we will want to remain faithful to the Truth of God's Word and spread the freedom that only Christ can give—freedom from the power of sin, Satan and the sepulcher. As citizens of the United States of America, we will want to vote in accordance with our conscience that has been honed by God's Word. We will want to pray for all of our government officials so that freedom can reign. Then we will want to take advantage of the freedom our Constitution grants us by diligently sharing our Savior with all. May God bless each of you. May God bless America.

GREETERS				
Nov. 6	7:45	Gordon & Justine Port		
	10:30	Al & Sue Cederholm		
Nov. 13	7:45	Guy & Sue Repp		
	10:30	Dewane & Mary Scheidt		
Nov. 20	7:45	Mary Georg & Marilyn Abbey		
	10:30	Jean Hanewall		
Nov. 27	7:45	Deb Dehring & Sue Toll		
	10:30	Roger & Laurie Bargenquast		





The Board of Adult Discipleship is planning an Adult Night Out for Saturday, November 5. We will meet at Schmitty's Bar & Grill at 6:00 p.m. for pizza and refreshments. To cover the cost of room rental, soft drinks, and pizza, there will be a \$10 donation gathered. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We hope to have a great turn-out. All of our members 21 years of age and older, along with their guests, are welcome. This will be an opportunity for our members to get to know each other better and enjoy each other's company!

## Membership Matters

The matters of membership listed below were acted upon or recognized by the Coordinating Council at its October meeting.

#### **Transfers Granted**

Agnes Locht to Faith, Fond du Lac Beth Bergman to St. Paul's, North Fond du Lac Kathy and Scott McNinch to Good Shepherd, Fond du Lac Dave, Brenda, and Sam Schecher to St. Paul's, North Fond du Lac Chad, Londynn, Hudson, and Charlotte Christiansen to St. John's, Newtonburg, WI Steven, Amanda, Zachary, and Madison Pribnow to Abiding Love, Cape Coral, FL Chris Stoffel to Grace, Oshkosh Amy Jo Curtis to St. John's, Lomira

#### **Unable to Serve and Removed**

Tasha Rockow Shane, Lynn, and Hailey Heisler Pamela and Alicia Loehr Melanie Scholz Shelby Schuppe Jon Madderom

Travis Huizenga



#### Baptisms

Emersyn Rhoades Calithia Turdo

#### **Received by Transfer**

Michael Lenz from Trinity, Dundee

Travis, Lindsey, and Austin Roehl from St Paul's, North Fond du Lac



Cleaning	Schedule

Week of		
Nov. 6	Jane Fell	Please call Gregg at 923 - 1583 to
Nov. 13	Rick Beekman	become a member
Nov. 20	Lynn Vermeulen	of the "cleaning
Nov. 27	Terry Reynolds	team".

### **HEARTFELT THANK YOU'S**

Pastor and Pam Zuberbier want to thank all of you who expressed your love and support for the shared Gospel Ministry of our St. Peter's Family. We are filled with gratitude for your prayers, cards, and gifts. We also want to thank all who made the celebration special: directors, musicians, singers, worshipers, and the large number of people

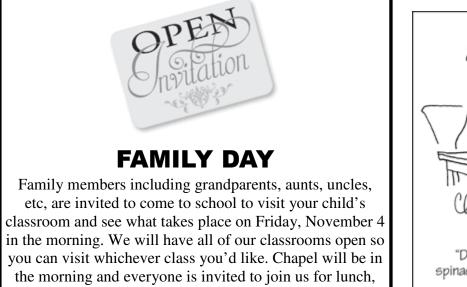
who prepared and set up for the meal, along with all those who attended the meal. May God continue to bless our work together for many years to come. Once again: Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Heidi Zabel wants to thank you for the celebration of her 25 years in the public ministry. The kindness and generosity you showed me through the special service, the display, the reception, the statue of Jesus and the children, and the monetary gifts are greatly appreciated and accepted with humble gratitude.

May God continue to bless the ministry of St. Peter's Church and School, and all those who serve. "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty." (Luke 17:10)

## HIS DAYS, MY PRAISE

*His Days, My Praise* is a daily devotion journal written by 12 WELS women for all women. With outreach as its purpose, it will encourage you to spend time studying God's Word, reflecting on how each message applies to your life here on earth, and offers praise and thanksgiving for all He has done and still does for you. It is available at Northwestern Publishing House in Milwaukee, and on their website at www.nph.net for \$19.99. Copies will also be available at St. Peter's during the School Book Fair from October 31-November 6 in the school library, and at the Evening Circle and Gleaners meetings at the discounted price of \$15.00.





starting with kindergarten at 11:05am.





## A Season for Thanks

With the Thanksgiving season coming up, it brought to mind for me the words of Paul as he wrote to the congregation he had begun in Thessalonica –"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we teachers here at St. Peter's Lutheran School have much for which to be thankful as we look upon the congregation which we have been blessed to serve:

- This year the Lord has blessed us with a growing student body of 154 students. Our Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade rooms have hit their maximum capacities. We are expecting another large Kindergarten class next year as well.
- We have been blessed with a wonderful facility in which to teach God's little lambs.



- All of our classrooms now have Smart Board technology thanks to generous donations from the congregation members above and beyond their offerings.
- Our doors are now locked securely during the school day for the safety of our children and for the assurance of our parents who have placed them in our care.
- We have been blessed with many volunteers that help with all the different activities and needs our school has to fulfill.
- We are thankful for the newly renovated soccer field, parking lot, and softball diamond for our children's athletic use. The little ones are also giving thanks for the new swings that have been added to the play-ground.
- As technology continues to grow, the Lord has seen fit to bless us with expanded internet usage in the last year, as well as an increase in the number of chrome books for teaching our children.
- Our school has been blessed with wonderful teachers, a fantastic support staff, and supportive pastors who all work together to minister to the families of our congregation.
- These are but of a few of the blessings we have received in the past year, as the Lord has given too many to truly give a full listing here.

Most of all – we are thankful to have a school that allows us to teach God's Word in its truth and purity to the next generation, without hindrance to the gospel in our free nation, and with the support of a congregation that sees the need to teach the future generations the Word of the Lord. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. Mildebrandt

## The Best Things in Life are Free!

Some of the best things in life include Christian friends and family and along with those, Christian fellowship. These are available in abundance at St. Peter's Evening Circle.

The next meeting is Monday evening, November 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. No dues or membership. Just interested and interesting women! We'd love to welcome you there.

NURSING POINTS OF INTEREST

## **Medical Terminology**

Do you ever wonder what the Doctor or Nurse is talking about when they are talking about different systems in your body? Here is a cheat sheet. (Who knows it might even help with a crossword puzzle.)

Grasping medical terminology starts with knowing the body's systems, recognizing medical root words commonly used, understanding the Greek influence in medical terminology, and learning those pesky hard-to-spell medical words.

### YOUR BODY'S SYSTEMS

Your body is made up of many systems, each having their own vital parts that work together. This list represents your bodily systems and the specific parts that comprise them:

- Skeletal: Bones, axial skeleton, appendicular skeleton, and joints
- **Muscular:** Muscles and tendons
- Integumentary: Skin, hair, nails, and glands in skin
- Sensory: Eyes, ears, nose, skin receptors, and mouth
- Cardiovascular: Heart, blood vessels, and blood
- Lymphatic: Tonsils, spleen, thymus, lymph nodes, lymphatic vessels, and lymph fluid
- **Respiratory:** Nose, pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchi, and lungs
- **Gastrointestinal:** Mouth, esophagus, stomach, small and large intestines, pancreas, liver, and gallbladder
- Endocrine: Hormones, pituitary gland, thyroid, adrenal glands, pancreas, and gonads
- Nervous: Brain, spinal cord, ganglia, nerves, and sensory organs
- Urinary: Kidneys, ureters, bladder, and urethra
- **Reproductive:** Ovaries, uterine tubes, uterus, and vagina in females; testes, ducts, penis, urethra, and prostate in males



### NURSING POINTS OF INTEREST

### **Medical Terminology**

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### **COMMON MEDICAL ROOT WORDS**

- Abdomin/o: Abdomen
- Aden/o: Gland
- Anter/o: Front
- Arteri/o: Artery
- Audi/o: Hearing
- Bio: Life
- Brachi/o: Arm
- Bronch/i, bronch/o: Bronchus
- Carcin/o: Cancer
- Cardi/o: Heart
- Col/o: Colon
- Cyt/o: Cell
- Derm/a, derm/o, dermat/o: Skin
- Dors/i, dors/o: Back or posterior
- Encephal/o: Brain
- Gastr/o: Stomach
- Gynec/o: Female
- Hemat/o: Bl ood
- Hist/o, histi/o: Tissue

- Intestin/o: Intestine
- Lapar/o: Abdomen, loin or flank
- Lymph/o: Lymph vessels
- My/o: Muscle
- Neur/o: Nerve
- Ocul/o: Eye
- **Ophthalm/o:** Eyes
- Optic/o, opt/o: Seeing, sight
- **Or/o:** Mouth
- Ot/o: Ear
- Path/o: Disease
- Pharmac/o: Drug
- Pulmon/o: Lungs
- Sept/o: Infection
- Thorac/o: Chest/thorax
- Thyr/o: Thyroid gland
- Trachel/o: Neck or necklike
- **Trich/o:** Hair or hairlike
- Ventr/i, ventr/o: Front of body

From Medical Terminology For Dummies, 2nd Edition by Beverley Henderson, Jennifer Lee Dorsey

## Medical Terminology



## **INFLUENZA CLINICS**

Your parish nurses are strongly suggesting that everyone get their influenza vaccination. This shot is available at many drug stores like Walmart, and Target, as well as medical clinics, and the FDL County Health Department. With most insurance there is little or no copay. We are also strongly encouraging the pneumonia vaccination. Due to the increasing availability and decreased cost of these vaccinations, we will no longer be offering them at St. Peter's. God's blessings and good health from your St. Peter's Parish Nurses!





## **2017 CREATION CALENDARS**

The 2017 Creation Calendars are in and they are beautiful! These calendars are great for family planning or to give as gifts this holiday season. Each month contains a beautiful picture of God's creation and an inspirational Bible passage to go with it. The calendars are available in the church entryway at the cost of \$7.00 each.

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Thank You's

On behalf of the Board of Adult Discipleship and the entire St. Peter's church family, a sincere thank you to the many volun-



teers who made the celebration of Pastor and Pam Zuberbier's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the ministry a success! Those groups and individuals include: Donna Tetzlaff and Ladies' Evening Circle, Pastor Guse, Gleaners, Altar Guild, Adult & Faculty choirs, Adult Bible classes, Event Set-up team, Linda Lueck, Susie Kollmann, and

any others that may have been missed here. Thank you!!



When local time is about to reach 2 am the clocks are turned back one hour to 1 am instead. Sunrise and sunset will be an hour earlier on **Nov 6, 2016** and there will be

more light in the morning! Don't forget to turn your clocks back, or you will be an hour early for church on Sunday!

NOVEMBER 1 - 15	Alton	NOVEMBER 16-30
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Ann Trewin		Sue Repp
Kathy Trewin Michelle Trewin		Mary Scheidt

Look for our flower chart on the bulletin board at the end of the member mailboxes. Please be sure to call Else Cuppan at 922-8672 when you plan to donate flowers so that proper delivery and placement arrangements can be coordinated.