

# November 16th, 2023

<u>Mission Statement</u> St. Peter Lutheran School exists to help parents bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord, to provide academic excellence using God's Word, and to share the Gospel of Christ with the world.

### **Church Singing:**

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Grs K-2 10:30am Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Bells 8:00am Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Grs 5-8 8:00am

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Program 10:30am & 4:00pm

#### **Thank You**

To EVERYONE from the 'outside' and those from the 'inside' who help with any event that takes place at school (Grandparents' Days / Veteran Day / Walk-a-Thon / Family Fun Nights etc) we greatly appreciate all you do to make St. Peter a special place that shares Jesus crucified.

#### **School Growth**

St. Peter Lutheran Congregation will have a voters' meeting on Sunday, November 26, between services to extend a call for a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. This will be the third added position for the school in two years. This additional teacher will allow us to split 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade into two separate rooms.

#### **Parental Worrying**

When my children were still at home, I worried about many things: grades, behavior, curfew, etc. There was not one time that my worrying did any good. As a matter of fact, it was wrong for me to worry. The article I am recommending you read talks about worrying. It be found by following this link <u>Forward in Christ</u>.

#### **Honk for Veterans**

Last Friday, students went out onto the sidewalk in front of church with signs and 'enthusiasm' to get vehicles to honk in appreciation for our veterans and service men/women. The teachers keep track of the number of honks. The results are as follows: Kindergarten -61 / grades 1/2 - 113 / grades 3/4 - 70, grades 5/6 - 93, and grades 7/8 - 76. The average per group was 82.6 honks. STUDENTS, WAY TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR OUR VETERANS!

#### Walk-a-Thon

BLOWN AWAY! Once again, the students and their sponsors have gone above and beyond to raise money for our teacher/pastor/staff minister training college – Martin Luther College located in New Ulm, Minnesota. The total raised was \$5,774.50 and we still have mission offerings from September through mid-January to add to that amount. God be praised! Results of that day follow:

**Total number of laps** for the school: 1606 (2022 = 1,340 laps)

400 miles covered by the students by completing 1606 laps (traveling from St. Peter's to Indianapolis, Indiana).

**Laps By Grade Level**: 4K=25 4<sup>th</sup>=270 K=214 5<sup>th</sup>=45

1st=196 6th=160 2nd=266 7th=185 3rd=145 8th=100

# of students that had 20 or more laps= 14 (2 @ 27)

# of students that had 10-19=85

# of students that had 5-9 = 2

### **The Christmas Giving Tree**

In the words of our Savior, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Once again this year, our school will be doing something different for classroom Christmas gifts. Rather than doing a student gift exchange, each class will sponsor a child from our church's Giving Tree. These children are part of our community who come from families that are experiencing difficult times and may not be able to afford Christmas gifts on their own. We are asking that each child considers donating \$5-\$10 which would then be used to purchase gifts for the child chosen for their classroom. **Please send your donation to your child's teacher by Tuesday, November 28th.** Thank you in advance for helping a child experience one of the joys of Christmas.



**Thanksgiving Break:** There is no school November 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving break. School will resume on Monday November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Free Vision Screening:** Waupaca Lions club with be doing free vision tests on December 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's. A permission form was sent home last week and needs to be returned by Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> if you would like your child to have a vision test done.

**Christmas Concert:** Join us for music and fellowship Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 3:00 PM in the school commons with refreshments, crafts, & piano music and at 4:00p a sacred concert in the Church Sanctuary with traditional & contemporary songs.

**Craft Fair Information:** Please see the attached flyer for the upcoming Craft fair at St. Peters.

## Classroom News:

#### Mr. Miller's Classes

Eighth grade Math will have a test on Monday and Tuesday next week. It will be on the chapter of 'Analyze and Solve Linear Equations'. Catechism grades 5/6 started their study on the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment. Topics of lessons will include: Marriage, Sins of Adultery, and A Pure and Decent Life. Art grades 3/4 will attempt to create curved lines using straight lines but at the same time be 'very colorful'.

**4K News**: This week in 4K we are talking about how God helped His people take the city of Jericho and how God talked to Samuel. We are talking about the letter I and made an iguana and painted ice cream. We painted a turkey using a paper plate. We finished our story La Tortuga and started a new story, The

Elves and the Shoemaker. We have started learning our song for the Christmas Program. We are also cutting more for our art projects. Our name writing is improving and so is our coloring.

**Kindergarten News:** Coming home today is a reminder that our Christmas book order is due tomorrow! **SHOP OUR CLASS PAGE:** <a href="https://orders.scholastic.com/THWR2">https://orders.scholastic.com/THWR2</a> by tomorrow afternoon. We sing for church THIS SUNDAY at 10:30 am. Please have your children sit with you and come up at the Pastor's direction.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade News: The first graders are learning a new song to help them with the doubles plus facts. We are also learning about the first Thanksgiving and how the Pilgrims came to America to worship God in their own way. We are very fortunate to live in a country where we can worship God freely every day. May God bless you with a happy and grateful Thanksgiving.

**2**nd **Grade News:** 2nd grade was full of engineers this week! We were tasked with the challenge of building a tower that could survive a windstorm and a bridge that could support a bus full of children. In English, we began writing a persuasive paragraph that incorporates their Christmas list. Although it's only Thanksgiving next week, we will start preparing for the Christmas service soon. The children are looking forward to sharing the news of our Savior's birth with you!

**7**<sup>th</sup> **& 8**<sup>th</sup> **Grade News:** Seventh and Eighth graders have been reading a novel of their own choosing for the past ten days. Students' books are to be finished by November 22. They all should have started to work on their book project that goes along with their novel. Next, we will be finishing our second Christ Light unit. We have been learning about how we can be Christians in a world filled with many cultures. Students have been exploring ways to share God's word with people who are different from them. In science students' are wrapping up their investigations of the Populations and Ecosystems Unit. All students are starting a new narrative writing piece this week after studying literary elements. Seventh graders have begun a new topic in math. They are still working with proportions but also finding percentages and applying this concept to real world problems, like shopping and payroll.