

GREETERS SCHEDULE

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| Sept. 2 | 7:45 | Gordon & Justine Port |
| | 10:00 | Diana Kent |
| Sept. 9 | 7:45 | Gene & Judy Zwicky |
| | 10:30 | DuWayne & Marilyn Zamzow |
| Sept. 16 | 7:45 | Deb Jaeger |
| | 10:30 | Judine Schicker |
| Sept. 23 | 7:45 | Guy & Sue Repp |
| | 10:30 | Joe & Nancy Birkholz |
| Sept. 30 | 7:45 | Ken & Jo Wendorff |
| | 10:30 | Judine Schicker |

Cleaning Schedule

| Week of: | |
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| Sept. 2 | Roger Bargaquist Mark Kollmann |
| Sept. 9 | Lynn Vermeulen |
| Sept. 16 | Terry Wickert |
| Sept. 23 | Terry Wickert |
| Sept. 30 | Jane Fell |



Fall Worship Schedule starts September 9.



Please call Gregg at 923 - 1583 to become a member of the "cleaning team".

Membership Matters

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

Adult Confirmations

- Josh Huebner
- Lindsay Huebner
- Phil Binversie

Affirmations of Faith

- Samantha Hartwig
- Jason, Crystal, Jaedalynn*, and Zaeron* Zellner
- Elizabeth Skotartzak

Baptisms

- Lindsay Huebner
- Zoe Huebner
- Isabella Huebner
- Kyle Williams
- Lilith Anne-Rose Hartwig
- Mason Waters

Requests for Transfer Out

- Scott Kramer to Redeemer, Fond du Lac
- Kathleen Wilmot to Our Savior, Zion, Illinois

Funerals

- Floyd Schwecke
- Marcia Wightman

Removal (Unable to Serve)

- Gabriella*, Kennedy*, and Liam* Dyer



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Keep on Growing!

**“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”
2 Peter 3:18**

Arthur C. Clarke, famous British science fiction writer and futurist once wrote, “For every man, education should be a process which continues all his life. We have to abandon, as swiftly as possible, the idea that schooling is something restricted to youth. How can it be, in a world where half the things a man knows at 20 are no longer true at 40—and half the things he knows at 40 hadn’t been discovered when he was 20?” Arthur C. Clarke was right about one thing. “Education should be a process which continues all one’s life.”

When Peter wrote, “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” He is encouraging Christians of every age to keep on growing, for our learning about our Savior is never done. For who can claim to know the whole will and knowledge of God?

This encouragement comes at the end of Peter’s letter, where he looks ahead to the Last Day. He does not want us to forget the seriousness of that time. On the Last Day the earth and everything will be destroyed by fire. There will be a judgement of all people either to eternal life or eternal death. The wicked will be destroyed in the unbelief, yet the righteous will be saved by their faith in Jesus. Peter’s point is simple; make every effort while your life endures to grow in knowledge of your

Savior Jesus. Only faith in Christ will save you and your family. It is that important.

In our August 12 sermon, *if you missed it you can look it up on our website*, we stressed the importance of Christian education for all Christians. Namely, that if you are not growing in your faith, you are losing it. Only through continual study of God’s Word will the Holy Spirit strengthen and keep us in faith on the way to eternal life.



This month we begin another full year of church worship and Christian education. Make a commitment this year to attend adult Bible study, and bring your children to Sunday school, and teen class. Make a commitment

to *keep on growing* in the knowledge of Christ your Savior. The more you learn; the more comfort you receive from the sacrificial work of Christ, the more strength you receive to live a godly life, the more certain you become of God’s promises, and the more hope you have of your eternal life.

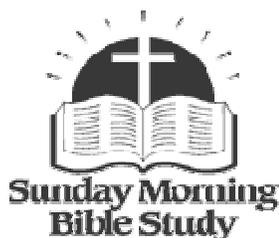
God has given us his Holy Word for learning. God has blessed our church with pastors and teachers ready to dig into God’s Word with you and help you come to a deeper understanding of God’s grace and love. All that is needed is you!



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

THE WORD OF THE LORD GROWS: A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

Come join us on Wednesdays at either 10:00 am or 7:00 pm as together we witness the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it spread in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Our first class will be **Wednesday, September 5.**



SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS RESUMES

Please join us for Sunday Bible Class beginning on **September 9.** We'll continue our study of the *Ninety-five Theses for the 21st Century.* Because each class is a different topic, you can jump in at any time. Come grow with your fellow believers!

YOUTH MINISTRIES 2018

Here are some of the youth opportunities for fun, friendships, and growing in faith as we look to the year ahead.

Sunday School:

For children Pre-K through 5th grade, beginning Sunday September 9 at 9:00 am, meeting in the music room. Our Sunday School is designed to take our children through the Old and New Testaments hearing of God's amazing love for his people, along with crafts and singing opportunities. Contact Amy Steiner at 539-6300 (call/text).

Disciples Of Christ:

For teens 6th-10th grade, beginning Sunday September 9 at 9:00 am, meeting in the multi-purpose room. Our D.O.C. group meets to dig deeper into books of the Bible, gets involved in service projects, and plans social outings. Contact Pastor Guse at 517-9000 (call/text).



Lutheran Girl Pioneers:

For girls 1st-8th grade, meets the first Tuesday night of every month in the commons. Through this program, our girls have devotions, develop skills, perform acts of service, and develop friendships. Contact Brindah Birkholz at 608-669-2380 (call/text).

Boys Club:

For boys of all ages. Events are planned throughout the year to help raise our boys into Christian men. This group also invites parent volunteers. Contact Josh Guell at 602-5290 (call/text).

It's that time of year again.

WE NEED YOU!

We're looking for MORE singers to join our friendly, welcoming, and dedicated adult choir.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm **1st Rehearsal:** September 5

Seven dates to sing in 2018 including:

Reformation, Thanksgiving Eve, Christ Child Concert, Christmas Day

Eight dates to sing in 2019 including: singing in both services for Palm Sunday & Easter



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation.*

Ps. 95:1

For more information, contact David Koepsell: davidkoepsell@stpetersfdl.net 920-602-7740



Rejoicing in the House of the Lord!

Ten Years of Gathering Around the Lord's Blessings

September 30 marks the culmination of our anniversary celebration. The focus of worship that day will be *Church Symbols*. The school children will be singing in both services and entertaining us at the meal organized by Evening Circle. God willing, we will be able to meet our special offering goal of \$33,000 to reimburse the city of Fond du Lac for expenses related to our construction. Offerings exceeding our goal will be used to pay down our accumulated deficit. Please plan on joining us for this celebration and meal as together we praise God for his continued blessings on our church family!



NURSING POINTS OF INTEREST

Does Your Pet Have a Weight Problem?

Cats with diabetes, dogs with cancer, and birds with high cholesterol or even rabbits who cannot turn around to clean themselves—what do these animals all have in common? They are either overweight or obese, and it's serious.

"We have a problem—almost all of American pets are overweight or obese," explained veterinarian Dr. Ernie Ward, founder of the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention. "The latest statistics show that approximately 54 percent of dogs and 59 percent of cats are overweight or obese as determined by their veterinarian," Ward said.

How can you tell if your pet is overweight?

For more common pets, such as dogs and cats, Ward recommends looking at their belly fat. If their belly is hanging down or dragging on the floor, it's a problem. You should also be able to feel your pet's ribs—they should feel like the knuckles on your hand when you make a fist.

But for more exotic pets—such as birds, rabbits, ferrets or guinea pigs—it may be harder to tell, and you must visit your vet, said veterinarian Dr. Laurie Hess. She's a bird and exotic animal specialist.

To determine if a pet is overweight or obese, veterinarians use something called the Body Condition Score, or BCS, according to Ward and Hess. This looks at lean muscle mass, the size of the animal, where they carry their weight and excess abdominal fat.

In her practice, Hess often sees obese birds, rabbits and even ferrets. "The saddest obese animal I've ever seen was a pet possum that was so grossly obese it couldn't stand up," Hess recalled.

Overweight or obese animals aren't cute, according to Ward. It's a hazard to their health, shortening their life span, and your wallet as you pay for expensive treatments, Ward and Hess warned. "Sadly, most of the medical conditions we see in humans who suffer from excess weight, we see in dogs and cats," Ward said.



"Overweight pets can suffer from osteoarthritis, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, kidney disease and many forms of cancer. There is clear evidence that they are associated with excess fat issues, and it affects pets' quality of life," he explained. "If you want your pet to live a happier life, you have to keep it at a lean weight," Ward said.

There's also a financial burden associated with poor pet health. Diabetes treatments for cats are a minimum of \$1,000-\$2,000 per year, and osteoarthritis costs at least \$500-\$1,000 to treat, according to Ward.

For more exotic pets, such as a bird with a heart condition, Hess explained that you cannot perform heart surgery, so regular blood work and visits to the vet are necessary to monitor their health. As in humans, proper diet and exercise are the answer to reducing excess pounds and maintaining a healthy weight.

Both Ward and Hess advise that pet owners follow instructions from their veterinarian as to how much food to feed their pet, and replace processed treats with fresh snacks such as baby carrots, green beans, lettuce or other vegetables, depending on the breed.

For pet owners who spend their day away from home, it is important to make sure the pet has enough exercise and stimulation during the day, Ward added.

For some, that could include hiring a pet sitter or walker. "I have a friend who is a dog walker, and every day she goes to a house where there is an older Amazon parrot between 30 to 40 years old," Hess said. "She is paid to exercise the bird, and he is always excited to see her. He runs around the floor to her while she's there."

Both Ward and Hess suggest speaking to your veterinarian about your pet's weight at every visit. "If your vet doesn't want to talk about it, find a new vet," Ward said.

*Information obtained By Gia Miller, Nov. 9, 2017
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