

The

# Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

## From the Pastor

August 2017

*Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 11:27-30)*

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Through a pen-pal program, Juan and Harold became friends. Juan lived in Mexico while Harold lived in Minnesota. After many years of writing back and forth, Harold decided to take some vacation time and see exactly where Juan lived in Mexico. The trip south was non-eventful. Juan wanted to take Harold out in order to show him the gorgeous landscape of Mexico by horseback. Harold had never been on a horse before, but decided to give it a shot.

Juan took Harold out and showed him ancient ruins and forests; then he showed Harold towering mountains. Finally, Juan showed Harold a barren desert. Harold had a great time and he ate and drank only the fruit and water which He saw Juan eating and drinking.

It didn't take long before Harold began getting sick. Within days, Harold died. An autopsy revealed parasites and bacteria in Harold's body which had caused his death. Juan, who had eaten and drunk the same things as Harold, was unaffected. Juan, having grown up drinking the water and eating the fruit, had become resistant to the bacteria and parasites which killed Harold. Because his body had been prepared, Juan could safely eat and drink. Harold could not. What was safe for Juan and actually nourished his body was deadly to Harold.

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Holy Communion is given as a gift to nourish us as God's children. As Saint Matthew reminds us in chapter 26, it gives the blessing of forgiveness! However, what nourishes us is damning for others. See what Saint Paul writes, "*Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*"

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches (according to Scripture) that Jesus' body and blood truly are present in Holy Communion (Luther would explained it saying that Christ is present "in/with/under the bread and wine"). There are many churches which teach that only bread and wine are present – they teach and confess that the body of Jesus is not to be found with the bread and wine: they eat and drink without recognizing the body of Christ Jesus.

What nourishes us is harmful to others, even though they might be our family and friends. Often times we have family and friends visit us in church. Is it loving or unloving to feed them the body and blood of Christ, knowing they do not believe that Jesus is present with the bread and wine (or perhaps knowing that they have joined a church that does not believe the bread and the wine *is* Christ's body and blood)? Or, to put it another way, if the situations were reversed, would you rather have your friend keep you from drinking something that is dangerous, or would you be offended that they didn't offer you something to eat and drink, even if it was dangerous to your well-being?

As Christians, we are called to believe in God and love our neighbors. We, as the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, practice closed communion, withholding the Holy Sacrament from those whom it may harm. Do we show our friendship and love to our family and friends by allowing them to eat and drink with us? Or do we show our friendship and love by keeping them from eating and drinking to their condemnation?

In the opening story, Harold died after drinking water that was harmful to him. Because many people have been harmed from drinking the water in Mexico, travelers to that region are warned, "Do not drink the water in Mexico. Drink bottled water." It is a warning given in order to protect the travelers. It is a prohibition given out of love or concern for someone's health. Without a doubt, Harold would have preferred to be warned and forbidden from eating and drinking something that was detrimental to his body and life than to have table-fellowship with Juan. May we continue to hold fast to the word of God, and may we continue to love our neighbor.

–Pastor Lorenz

# News and Notes of St. Peter



## Congregational Christian Care

Please pray for, phone, visit, and or send a card or note to the following:

Jimmy Barnhart (cancer), relative of Laurie Trlak; Jay Beekman; Niki Boswell (stroke), niece of Diana Mason; Bertie Brooks (cancer), aunt of Leah Hiers; Maryann Clemmer (cancer), friend of Sandy Gast; Frank & Nancy Cozzen, brother-in-law & sister of Dewayne Anderson; Dorothy Davis (heart), friend of Norman Kochensparger; Don Fox (health concerns), brother of Barba Eickhoff; Robert Gernand; Pam Hite (terminally ill breast cancer), friend of Pam Wertenberger; Dolly (Ahlschwede) Kikuchi (cancer), relative of Diana Mason; Mark Mason (cancer), friend of Larry & Susie Baade; Dennis Miller (heart & stroke), friend of Ruth Moon; Kathy Neumann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Kelly Detamore-Palmer (heart), daughter of Madonna (Maybee) Detamore; Steven Spear (stroke), nephew of Donna Smith; Geneva Stetzel (stroke), aunt of Leah Hiers; Brandon Trlak (cancer); Christy Trlak (treatment); Steven Welker (stroke), son-in-law of Donna Dennis.

**Englewood Health & Rehabilitation** – Mildred Craig  
**Heritage of Huntington** – Maxine Stetzel; Robert Gernand

**Heritage, Warren** – Edward Campbell, Jr.  
**Miller's Merry Manor** – Neil & Sandy Stonebraker; Charles Weicht

**Markle Health & Rehabilitation** – Jean Simmons  
**Norwood** – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee; Rick Roth  
**Home** – Jason Cozad; Shirley Powell; Pete Weicht (heart)

If you discover that the information has changed, please call the Church office so we can update this list.

## Tape Ministry

If you are unable to attend the worship services for any reason, including short-term recoveries, we would be happy to drop off a copy of the sermon or tape of the service which includes a bulletin. Please call Pam and Jack Wertenberger at 356-8139 or Pam's cell phone: 260-388-2507 to arrange for delivery. If you have received and listened to previous tapes, please place in a bag and hang on your door for pick up when a new tape is delivered, if we don't see you. Thanks for your help.

Jack & Pam Wertenberger



## Greeters

Greeters for the following months are:

### SEPTEMBER

Sat	5:00	Sue Ann Eltzroth and Roseanne Christ
Sun	10:15	Linda Hollowell

### OCTOBER

Sat	5:00	John, Jennifer and Jase Gunn
Sun	10:15	Dick and Jane Winkelman

### NOVEMBER

Sat	5:00	Ted and Janet McElhaney
Sun	10:15	Holly Cuttriss



## Mission Envelopes

Please prayerfully consider using your mission envelopes each month. Mission envelopes are in your pledge envelope box at the beginning of each month.



## 80 Plus Birthdays this month!

### August

Date		
August 4	Mildred Craig	91
August 10	Donald Fischer	86
August 19	Ruth Guhl	85
August 28	Betty Pike	82

*Happy Anniversary*

## August Anniversaries

Date		# Years
August 15	Terry & Leigh Ann Jones	25
August 15	Phillip & Penny Cuttriss	30
August 21	George & Barba Eickhoff	62
August 24	Timothy & Tara Bischoff	21
August 27	Harlan & Kimberly Schmittler	29



## A Little Heavenly Humor

### A Morning Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,  
So far, today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or self-centered. I'm really happy about that so far. But in a few minutes I'm going to be getting out of bed and then I'm going to need a lot of help. Thank you! Amen

## Hospital Contact Information

Please be sure to list Pastor Lorenz on contact information upon entering the hospital or nursing home even for rehabilitation. Because of HIPPA, information is not released to the pastor.

## Love INC Unity Feast

SAVE THE DATE: August 20, 2017

Love's Seventh Annual Unity Feast to be held at iab Financial Bank Heritage Hall at the Fairgrounds. Time 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

If interested in volunteering on Saturday (prep) or Sunday (prep, serving, clean up) please contact Love (260) 356-0933. If interested in donating items for the dessert table and/or bake sale, please contact Barb Derr at 356-3545 (leave a message if needed, she'll get back to you asap).

Did you know that St. Peter Lutheran furnishes the pork for the feast? General Guild pays for the pork and Joyce Gravley purchases and prepares it.

## St. Peter Organizations

**Ladies' Guild** – Will NOT meet in August. The next meeting will be Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the reception room of the education building.

**St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS)** – Meeting at noon on August 9<sup>th</sup> at **Moe's**. Join in the good food and fellowship.

**Dorcas Circle** will NOT be meeting during the summer months. The next meeting will be September 20.

**Quilters** The quilters will NOT be meeting during the summer months. Quilters will resume on Wednesday, September 6.

**LYF Youth** will be meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room of the Church Education Building.

**Choir:** Do you like to sing? Please join the choir on Wednesday evenings at 7PM starting in September. Gather in the church by the piano. If you have questions, please call Keith Crider at 260-356-8097.

## Save the Date Fish Fry

Many people in our congregation as well as the community have asked if there will be a fish fry this year, and the answer is YES. Plans are underway and more information will be available as we get closer. **The date is NOVEMBER 4.**

*Thank  
you*

Thank you St. Peter's VBS!  
You've been such a big help to our food pantry.  
YOU made a difference.

Kelly Miller  
Director of Food Pantry Operations  
Love INC of Huntington County

I just wanted to thank you, the board of Elders, and the congregation again for your support and prayers for the Mercy Medical Team leaving this weekend! I have attached a picture of the sorted items donated by the congregation (not including all of the vitamins, pain killers, and sutures in the mail using the money donated). So many of our Malagasy brothers and sisters will receive basic medical care thanks to these donations! I am excited to see how the Lord uses the team and the supplies this upcoming week, and will be sure to take plenty of pictures to show the congregation.  
Cassy Lange



# SERVING THIS MONTH

## AUGUST 2017

### ELDER

**SATURDAY: GEORGE JUERGENS**

**SUNDAY: LARRY BAADE**

### GREETERS

**SATURDAY: GEORGIANNA BISCHOFF**

**SUNDAY: ROLLAND & VEL HOCH**

### ALTAR CARE:

<b>AUGUST</b>			
SAT AUGUST 5	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RON BROWN
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ADRIAN BROWN
		ACCOLYTE	ERICKA BROWN
SUN AUGUST 6	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JEFF DERR
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JIM HOCH
		ACCOLYTE	BRIANNA THOMAS
SAT AUGUST 12	5:00 PM	ACCOLYTE	SAMANTHA WEICHT
SUN AUGUST 13	10:15 AM	ACCOLYTE	ANDREW CRIDER
SAT AUGUST 19	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	TED MCELHANDY
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JORDAN JONES
		ACCOLYTE	TED MCELHANDY
SUN AUGUST 20	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RANDY PRANGE
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RICHARD WINKELMAN
		ACCOLYTE	IAN CRIDER
SAT AUGUST 26	5:00 PM	ACCOLYTE	ANDREW CRIDER
SUN AUGUST 27	10:15 AM	ACCOLYTE	DREW DORSETT

If you are scheduled at a time that does not work for you, please contact an acolyte or communion assistant listed to take your place and let the office know so changes to the bulletin can be made.

Thank you for your commitment to serve at St. Peter Church.

# ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

## August, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store	<b>2</b> 2:00 Adult Confirmation	<b>3</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
<b>6</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	<b>7</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:30 Elders	<b>8</b> 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood	<b>9</b> 12:00 SPARKS @ Moe's 2:00 Adult Confirmation  HCCSC – First Day of School	<b>10</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
<b>13</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	<b>14</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	<b>15</b> 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store	<b>16</b> 2:00 Adult Confirmation	<b>17</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
<b>20</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	<b>21</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton Messenger Deadline	<b>22</b> 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood	<b>23</b> 2:00 Adult Confirmation	<b>24</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
<b>27</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	<b>28</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 2:00 Adult Confirmation	<b>31</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation		

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