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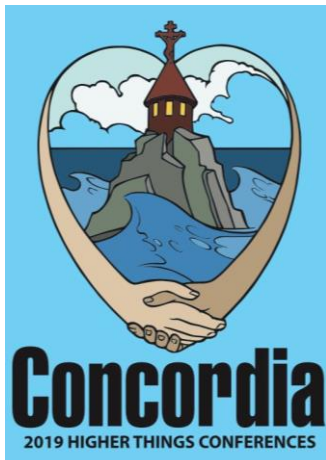
Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

August 2019

On July 2, four youth and two adults crammed into a minivan and endured the traffic, the heat, and the teenage bodily aromas on a trip to Concordia University, Chicago for the Higher Things youth conference. (On the way home, the youth wrote brief summaries about their experiences, which follow later in this issue of the Messenger). Over the four days of the conference, the youth ate, worshipped, learned, and had fun. They even got a little sleep!



The theme for the conference was “Concordia.” And as they gathered each day under that theme, they learned more about the meaning of *concordia*. ‘Concordia’ means “peace, harmony, or unity.” It speaks of a one-heartedness. We find this harmony in Scripture in the Garden of Eden (before the fall), where Adam and Eve had concordia with each other and with God. We find concordia in the foundation of the church, where all the believers “were of one heart and mind” (Acts 4:32).

Yet when we look around at the church today, we see an absolute *LACK* of concordia. Bickering with the church. We find people desiring to do what is right in their own eyes – (which is wrong, right? because it is different than what is right in MY eyes). We find denominations, closed communion, separation based on worship practices, separation based on age, gender – anything you can imagine!

Why? Because we are a bunch of sinners gathered together by the Holy Spirit and stuck in a box together that is called the church. Sinners sin. They hurt each other. Sinners seek their own good above the good of others.

So if there is to be peace, it must be an objective peace, a peace that comes from outside of us. We must have our divisive hearts and lives normed by something outside of our own wants and desires. They must be normed by Scripture, by Jesus’ life and death. They must be normed by His forgiveness. And when each of us have our hearts, minds, and lives normed by that, then there is concordia, harmony, and peace. Because we are forgiven and one in Christ.

There is so much more to talk about the conference, but so little space. I encourage you, if you have computer access, to go back and view the videos of the conference. I have placed links on the “St. Peter Lutheran Church, Huntington, Indiana” Facebook group. I especially encourage you to watch sessions 3 and 4, which focus on what happens when concordia breaks-down.

Thank you for your prayers and support during this past trip, and we do hope to include even more youth in our next trip. Next year’s theme is “Watermarked.” Conferences will be held in Fort Collins, CO (June 29-July 2); Maryville, MO (July 7-10); Knoxville, TN (July 14-17); and Grand Rapids, MI (July 21-24).



Indiana attendees to Higher Things, Concordia Chicago, 2019

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 members that may be recovering or home bound.

- Englewood Health & Rehabilitation** – Mildred Craig
- Heritage of Huntington** – Dick Christ; Betty Pike; Maxine Stetzel
- Heritage, Warren** – Edward Campbell, Jr.
- Lutheran Life Village** – Rev. Donald Fischer; Ruth Guhl
- Miller’s Merry Manor** – Neil & Sandy Stonebraker; Jack Guy
- Markle Health & Rehabilitation** – Jean Simmons
- Tipton Place** – Rolland & Vel Hoch

Home – Wayne & Nancy Ashbaugh; Jason Cozad; Bradley Heideman; George Juergens; Arlene Lasley; Ruth Moon; Laurie Trlak

Prayer List: Dan Winkelman (healing); Bill Dennis, brother-in-law of Donna Dennis; Lois Clark, sister of Donna Dennis; Gary Webb, husband of Beverly; Paul Mainwaring friend of Laurie Trlak; Heather Holzinger (cancer treatments) friend of Larry Baade; Connie Young (health concerns), friend of Becky Hitzfield;

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 on your door to be picked up when a new tape is delivered. Thanks for your help.

Jack & Pam Wertenberger



80 Plus Birthdays this month! **August**

8/1	Donna Smith	80
8/4	Mildred Craig	93
8/10	Rev. Donald Fisher	88
8/19	Ruth Guhl	87
8/28	Betty Pike	84



A Little Heavenly Humor

The Hand of God

Little Philip was spending the weekend with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in pre school. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful.

His grandmother commented, 'Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?'

'Yes,' replied Philip, 'God did it and he did it left handed.'

This confused his grandmother so she asked him, 'What makes you say God did this with his left hand?' 'Well', said Philip, 'we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand'.



Greeters

September	Saturday	Leah Hiers
	Sunday	Harold and Janet Bennett
October	Saturday	Bob and Kris McFarland
	Sunday	Wayne and Nancy Ashbaugh
November	Saturday	Jim and Nancy Bowland
	Sunday	Jack and Sandy Slusser

Confirmation

Classes will begin September 5. If you have a child and would like them enrolled, please contact the church office asap.

Growing in the Faith

Growing in the Faith: The trivia show “Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader” shows us that over time, we forget much of the things that have been taught to us. Below, find a few questions meant to tickle your brain cells and remind you of things that you were taught years ago. Answers may be looked up in the given Bible passage – but try answering before you look!

1. Two goats were used in the rituals for the Day of Atonement. One was sacrificed. What happened to the other goat? (Leviticus 16:7ff)
2. What happened to 42 youths when they made fun of Elisha for being bald? (2 Kings 2:23-25)
3. What were the names of the 3 men cast into the fiery furnace? (Daniel 3)
4. Where did Daniel spend the night because He prayed to Yahweh, and not to King Darius? (Daniel 6)
5. Finish the following Bible passage: “We love because...” (1 John 4:19)

Organizations

Ladies’ Guild: No meeting in August. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the education building. Final plans for the October Potato Bar will be made as well as hearing the results from the 4-H Fair.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) – The lucky winner of the drawing at the July meeting was Harold Bennett. Harold won \$10.00. The August meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, August 14th at Wings.

Dorcas Circle: Will not meet during the summer months. Will resume in September.

Quilters: For those that want to work on quilts during the summer, the door will be open at 9:00 am on Wednesdays. There will be no snacks. Quilting will not be available on July 17th and 24th (4-H Fair). Quilting will resume in September.

LYF: THANK YOU to all who contributed to our trip to the High Things youth conference! The 4 youth and 2 adults had a wonderful time meeting new friends and for some, old friends. The kids were a little apprehensive the first day, but by the end of that day, they were old pros at navigating the campus, meeting all new people. While we did a lot of “church”, we had a lot of fun as well. (Ask them about the escape rooms. Did they escape??) A couple of the students played in the band and one was in the choir. When asked, each one of them is ready and looking forward to going again next year. Be sure to look in next month’s newsletter for the letters from the kids.

Also, mark your calendars and get ready for the fall kick-off of the youth group. We will be meeting after church on August 4. There will be food, games and a couple of prizes. If you are a youth in grades 5 – 12, you are a part of this group. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Crider (417-9213 texting is better).

SERVING THIS MONTH

AUGUST 2019

ELDER

SATURDAY: GEORGE JUERGENS

SUNDAY: LARRY BAADE

GREETERS

SATURDAY: Donna Smith, Dave and Cathy Shearer **SUNDAY:** Karen Smith

ALTAR CARE: Audra Herber and Linda Crider

SAT, August 3	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ted McElhaney
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chad Worsham
		ACOLYTE	Ted McElhaney
SUN, August 4	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeff Derr
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jim Hoch
		ACOLYTE	Andrew Crider
SAT, August 10	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Miranda Spitler
SUN, August 11	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Ian Crider
SAT, August 17	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Fred Lange
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ron Brown
		ACOLYTE	Erika Brown
SUN, August 18	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Randy Prange
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Norman Kochensparger
		ACOLYTE	Drew Dorsett
SAT August 24	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Jase Gunn
SUN August 25	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Brianna Thomas
SAT August 31	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ted McElhaney
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chad Worsham
		ACOLYTE	Samantha Weicht

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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	2	3 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
4 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	5 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:30 Elders	6 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store	7 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	8 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 1:30 @ Heritage Communion	9	10 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
11 10:15 Divine Service	12 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	13 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 7:00 Evangelism	14 12:00 SPARKS 7:00 School Committee	15 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	16	17 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
18 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	19 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	20 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store 2:00 Messenger Deadline 7:00 Stewardship	21	22 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	23	24 5:00 Divine Service
25 10:15 Divine Service	26 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	27 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 7:00 BPLE	28	29 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	30	31 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion

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