

The
Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 2016

The Light Shines in the Darkness

Last week my husband and I, like 145,000 other St. Louis area residents, found ourselves without electricity for 22 hours after a thunder storm. I woke up at 5:30 a.m. and couldn't turn on the lights. I couldn't turn on my computer or the television to check the latest news. We couldn't even make coffee! I discovered that I'm very dependent on electricity and other power sources.

The day without light reminded me of what the Bible says in 1 John 1:5-6, "And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all."

God's Word tells us that in heaven there will be no need for the sun or moon to give us light because the Lord will be our light. Rev. 21:23 says, "The city (of heaven) has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it and its lamp is the Lords." And in Rev. 22:5 we read, "And there shall no longer be any night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever."

So my message to you today is, "Don't let the sun stop shining before believing in Jesus! He is our light and our salvation."

Blessings to you and your family,
Kay L. Meyer, President
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Sat. - *Allen Couch*

Sun. - *Kathy Whitesell*

Altar Care - Nancy Walters

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

“Who am I?” – It seems like a fair and appropriate question to discuss in this first newsletter article. It is my hope to answer that question so that you know a bit about who is serving as your pastor (and a bit about my family as well).

Pastor Lorenz: I love to laugh and to make other people laugh, showing forth the joy that we are able to have in Christ. I am also a nerd. I like reading, catching a movie with family or friends, and game nights (ask me to teach you how to play “Wizard!”). I did my undergraduate work at Illinois State University, where I graduated with a math degree (and where I also met Kristin). I attended seminary at Fort Wayne, and did my vicarage in Gresham, Oregon under Rev. Eric Lange. In 2010, I was ordained into the ministry and was placed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Greenleaf, Kansas, where I served from 2010-2016. One thing I love to do in the church is to attend Higher Things Youth Conferences with the youth of the congregation – and by the end of each trip, we know WAY too much about each other!

Kristin: Kristin graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in deaf education (and while I attended seminary in Fort Wayne, she worked in the Huntington School District for a year). She has also interpreted for those who have needed her talents. Kristin loves to sing, bake goodies, can produce from the garden, and work on crossword puzzles. Much of her time is spent keeping the household from plunging into insanity.

Abigail: Abby is 5 (turning 6 on October 3rd), and is very excited to start kindergarten this year. This summer was her first experience playing tee-ball, and she had an absolute blast! Abby also loves reading, going to the library, dancing, and playing at the pool/splash park. She loves the hymn “Go My Children, With My Blessing.”

Noelle: Noelle is 3 going on 4 on September 16, and she does her best to keep up with her older sister. Reading, playing at the park, and playing UNO top the list of Noelle’s favorite things to do. Noelle can’t wait to start pre-school this year. She also loves the hymn “Go My Children, With My Blessing,” but also loves, “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb.”

Oliver: Oliver is 15 months old (birthday: April 22). He loves to keep mommy on her feet by toddling places that make mommy nervous. He is a bit shy at first, but loves to flirt with his eyes and smile. Once he warms up, he will jabber away (and won’t stop!). He loves dirt, hot wheels, throwing balls, and pushing anything with wheels around the house. He also loves books, and his favorite hymn is anything that mommy sings to him.

I should also mention, my birthday is October 23, Kristin’s is March 28, and our anniversary is July 22 (celebrating our 10th anniversary in 2016!). But the most important thing to mention – about all of us – is that we are baptized. That is the identity that gets us through each day, and it is what I ask you to remember about us. We aren’t perfect; we are “poor, miserable sinners.” And we sin – boy, do we ever sin! Like most sinners, we are good at hiding our sin from other people. But in our life together, as the body of Christ, at some point you will see our sin. Perhaps you will even be on the ‘receiving end’ of our sin, whatever it may be. And so, we beg your forgiveness, and rejoice that together, we are baptized into Christ: forgiven, renewed, and restored: at the same time wretched sinner, but also forgiven and holy in Christ.

I am looking forward to getting to know your lives and your stories. Each will be different, yet you, too, also share a common identity. You are baptized. You are a child of God. You are a sinner, forgiven by the blood of Christ Jesus, and an heir of heaven.

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe as your summer activities wind down and as the school year begins.

-- 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.

Dorothy Davis (heart), friend of Norman Kochensparger; Glennys Pratt (fall); Steven Spear (stroke), nephew of Donna Smith; Kathy Newmann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Patience Underwood, friend of Berta Christman; Lou Reed (cancer), friend of Ron and Cheryl Canvin; Jay Beekman; Brandon Trlak (cancer); Walter Deeg (health and healing); Christy Trlak (under treatment); Gina Walker (cancer), friend of Sandy Gast; Elwood Tieman; Jim Wolfe, cousin of Marjorie Richardson; Jerry Shideler (for radiation treatment) brother-in-law of Peggy & Jim Hoch; Helen Hockemeyer-Bumgardner-Miller, friend of Joyce Gravley.

Heritage of Huntington – Maxine Stetzel

Heritage, Warren – Edward Campbell, Jr. (Room 277)

Norwood – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee

Tipton Place – Mildred Leonard

Home – Jason Cozad; Brian Leasenby; Jean Simmons; Charles Weicht; Pete Weicht (heart); David Winkelman.

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

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!

8/4	Mildred Craig	90
8/10	Donald Fischer	85
8/19	Ruth Guhl	84
8/28	Betty Pike	81

August Anniversaries

8//15	Terry & Leigh Ann Jones
8/15	Phillip & Penny Cuttriss
8/21	George & Barba Eickhoff
8/24	Timothy & Tara Bischoff
8/27	Harlan & Kimberly Schmittler

Greeters

August

Saturday	Allen Couch
Sunday	Kathy Whitesell

September

Saturday	Diana Mason
Sunday	Jack and Pam Wertenberger

October

Saturday	Barbara Spreen
Sunday	Jack and Sandy Slusser

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

Notes

New e-mail – The email for the church secretary has been changed to the following: spelcsecretary@gmail.com please use this new email address when contacting the secretary for items for bulletin or the “Messenger”. Thank you.

Ladies’ Guild – No meeting in August. Next meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2016 at 1:30 in the lower meeting area.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) will meet at Moe’s on Wednesday August 10 at NOON

Memorials

“An expression of love in memory of the deceased “
Helen Wintrode – St. Peter Lutheran Church
St.Peter /Parsonage Restoration Fund
Donna Tieman – St Peter Lutheran Church

Thank you

A thank you to the person or persons who anonymously sent me a \$50.00 bill in the mail. I used it for school supplies for the kids. God send his blessings to you. *Joyce Gravley.*

To Greeters of the month:
Allen Couch (Saturday) and *Kathy Whitesell* (Sunday)

Monthly	Progress	Report
Date	Attendance	Offering
7/3	67	\$2,957.50
7/10	76	\$1,838.25
7/17	79	\$3,280.60
7/24	60	\$1,584.50
7/31		

4-H Fair

A **BIG** Thank you to all the helpers during and before the 4-H Fair. All the hands and prayers made for lighter work. Even though the weather was Hot we all managed to enjoy each other and the Fair. At this writing, the fair is still ongoing, so look for a report next month.

A Little Heavenly Humor

Question: What did Adam and Eve do when they were expelled from Eden?

Answer: They raised Cain.

Question: Who was the fastest runner in the world?

Answer: Adam – he was first in the human race.

**ACOLYTES AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
AUGUST 2016**

SAT AUGUST 6	5:00 PM	RON BROWN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
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SUN AUGUST 7	10:15 AM	RICHARD WINKELMAN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		LAARY BAADE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NOLAN HUGHES	ACOLYTE
SAT AUGUST 13	5:00 PM	SAMANTHA WEICHT	ACOLYTE
SUN AUGUST 14	10:15 AM	IAN CRIDER	ACOLYTE
SAT AUGUST 20	5:00 PM	RON BROWN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		TED MCELHANEY	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		TED MCELHANEY	ACOLYTE
SUN AUGUST 21	10:15 AM	JEFF DERR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		RANDY PRANGE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		ANDREW CRIDER	ACOLYTE
SAT AUGUST 27	5:00 PM	NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	ACOLYTE
SUN AUGUST 28	10:15 AM	DREW DORSETT	ACOLYTE

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 all for your commitment to serve at St. Peter's.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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