

The
Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

February, 2017

From the Pastor

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Paul was born in Kitzingen, Bavaria, the son of a tailor. At the age of 12, he was sent off to school, but became ill and was forced to return home. On that journey home, Paul was thrown from his horse and was dragged over 1 mile. This was an accident that would leave him deformed for life.

But Paul loved to study, and his father sacrificed greatly in order to make sure he could continue in school. In 1532, Paul began his studies at the University of Wittenberg, where he learned under the tutelage of Martin Luther. Because of this, Paul was often invited to Luther's home to share dinner with the Luther family. There Paul met Phillip Melancthon, who was impressed with Paul's penmanship. Melancthon took Paul as an amanuensis, and Luther took to calling Paul, "Phillip's treasury."

Paul went on to tutor at the University of Wittenberg, and later, in 1557, was appointed as a professor of Hebrew and castle preacher. Paul was married to a wife chosen for him by Phillip Melancthon, and God blessed this union with children. Paul wrote a number of beautiful hymns – some of them written for his very own children – and Paul was known as one of the best poets to come from Wittenberg, next to Luther.

Paul's life ended on a tragic note. Theologically, he followed the path of his mentor, Phillip Melancthon (who, in later years, departed from the belief that Christ's very body and blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Holy Supper). In 1569, Paul was excluded from the Lord's Supper and from the privilege of serving as a baptismal sponsor. Paul returned home; his health gave way, and his wife unexpectedly died. Not long after her departure, Paul Eber followed her in death.

But if you desire to hear some of Paul's poetry, we have some in our hymnals: "Lord God, To Thee We Give All Praise" (LSB 522), "When in the Hour of Deepest Need" (LSB 615), and "I Fall Asleep in Jesus' Wounds" (TLH 585). And, if you lack the TLH, the words of this final hymn are as follows:

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Sat. - *George Juergens*

Sun. - *Richard Smith*

Greeters

Sat. - *Diane Campbell*

Sun. - *Jim & Peggy Hoch*

Altar Care

“I fall asleep in Jesus’ wounds; There pardon for my sins abounds; Yea, Jesus’ blood and righteousness
My jewels are, my glorious dress. In these before my God I’ll stand When I shall reach the heav’nly
land.

With peace and joy I now depart; God’s child I am with all my heart. I thank thee, Death, thou leadest
me To that true life where I would be. So cleansed by Christ, I fear not death. Lord Jesus, strengthen
Thou my faith.”

... And now you know the rest of the story.

God’s Blessings to You.

-- 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; Steven Spear (stroke), nephew of
Donna Smith; Kathy Neumann, friend of Laurie
Trlak; Jay Beekman; Brandon Trlak (cancer);
Walter Deeg (healing); Christy Trlak (under
treatment); Gina Walker (cancer), friend of Sandy
Gast; Denis Miller (heart & stroke) friend of Ruth
Moon; Pam Hite (terminally ill with breast cancer)
friend of Pam Wertenberger; Jimmy Barnhart
(cancer), relative of Laurie Trlak;
Niki Boswell (stroke), niece of Diana Mason;
Dolly (Ahlschwede) Kikuchi (cancer) relative of
Diana Mason; Bertie Brooks (cancer), aunt of Leah
Hiers; Geneva Stetzel (stroke), aunt of Leah Hiers;
Don Fox (health concerns), brother of Barba
Eickhoff; Bill Armstrong (cancer), husband of Beth;

Allen Couch (healing from heart surgery); John
Emley (healing), friend of Jim & Peggy Hoch;
Robert Gernand (rehab) at Heritage of Huntington;
Shirley Powell (stroke); Frank Cozzen (healing
from brain surgery), brother-in-law of Dewayne
Anderson; Nancy Cozzen (healing from heart
attack), sister of Dewayne Anderson; Ruth Guhl,
(healing); Mark Mason, (cancer), friend of Larry &
Susie Baade; Media Anderson (recovery from
surgery), daughter-in-law of Sharon Anderson;
Kenny Whitesell (terminal cancer); Shirley Baker
(pain).

Heritage of Huntington – Maxine Stetzel; Mildred
Leonard (Room 166)

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

Miller’s Merry Manor – Charles Weicht
(Room 54)

Markle Health & Rehabilitation – Jean Simmons
Norwood – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee
Home – Jason Cozad; 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 on your door to be picked up when a new tape is delivered. Thanks for your help. Jack & Pam Wertenberger

*Thank
You*

Thank you

To Sandy and all her Christmas choir Angels, Thank you for blessing our home with your beautiful music. You bring much joy with your visit.

Wishing you God's blessings in the New Year.
Leoda Sands and Family

To Greeters of the month: February *Diane Campbell* (Saturday) and *Jim & Peggy Hoch* (Sunday). For the month of March *Jim & Nancy Bowland* (Saturday) and *Craig Hansen* (Sunday).

You're Invited!

IMPACT GRADUATION

IMPACT Institute is pleased to invite you to attend our Adult Education Graduation ceremony sponsored by Huntington County Literacy Coalition on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 605 Polk Street, Huntington, IN.

At that time we will commemorate some of IMPACT's most recent graduates from the Adult Education Program in Huntington. We will be honored if you will attend to celebrate their accomplishment with us as they receive their diplomas. With your continued support, we will provide this great opportunity to individuals in Northeast Indiana.

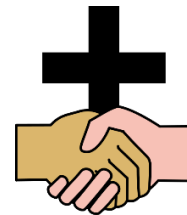
We hope you can attend!

Sincerely,

Caroline Foster

Assistant Adult Education Director

NOTE: This graduation will take place in the Gym.



Greeters

Greeters for the following months are as follows:

MARCH

Sat 5:00 Jim and Nancy Bowland

Sun 10:15 Craig Hansen

APRIL

Sat 5:00 Janice Hencken

Sun 10:15 Bob and Ruth Whitesell

MAY

Sat 5:00 Donna Dennis

Sun 10:15 Sue Holtz and Gabe



A Little Heavenly Humor

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, “How do you expect to get into heaven?”

The boy thought it over and said, “Well, I’ll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, ‘For heaven’s sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out.’”

FINANCIAL CLASS

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Classes

Classes begin on January 29, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Cost is \$100 for books and materials for the 9 week course. In this class you will learn how to get on track with your finance’s, how to do a budget, save for an emergency and prepare for your future. Come and be with others who are wanting to learn and do this very same thing. Not too late to join the class.

Monthly	Progress	Report
Date	Attendance	Offering
1/1	80	\$1,525.25
1/8	96	\$2,863.75
1/15	105	\$2,626.96
1/22	124	\$3,564.25
1/29		



Script Program

Kroger Plus Card **DOES NOT NEED** to be re-enrolled this year. Just continue to use your card to support St. Peter. If you need to enroll, please pick up directions on card in back of church. Thank you for supporting this program!

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. Kroger does this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique **Community Rewards Program of Kroger**. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours

Your supporters (33 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **10-1-2016** and **12-30-2016**, have contributed to your program **\$245.76** total donation. Your organization will be receiving a Kroger check in this amount in the near future.

Sunday School/Bible Class

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. You worked through Luther’s Small Catechism in Confirmation Class: join us in Adult Bible Class as we begin working through Luther’s Large Catechism, looking to answer the question, “What does this mean?”

Organizations

Ladies' Guild – Will meet on Monday, February 6th at 1:30 in the lower level of the education building. Final plans will be made regarding the Shamrock Luncheon.

Shamrock Luncheon: Will be held on March 17, 2017. Please call Pam Wertemberger 356-8139 or (Cell 260-388-2507) to let her know what dish you plan to donate to the luncheon. For those needing to bring their dish early, the Polk Street door will be open at 6:30 a.m. and the ramp door will open at 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) – Will meet on February 8th at Pizza Hut at noon.

Dorcas Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, February 15th in the reception room in the education building. Eleanor Smith is hostess. If unable to attend, please call Eleanor at 356-1283 or 358-7862.

Voters will meet on Monday, February 20th at 7PM in the lower level of the education building. Not a voting member?, come sign the constitution and become a one. Remember ladies, you are welcome to become a voter if not already done so.

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.



Quilters Corner

The quilters meet each Wednesday from 9 o'clock to 12 noon. We'd like to invite anyone interested to join us at that time or contact Anita Prout 356-3627 for further information.

Come join us in the joy of fellowship and help "Comfort the Needy".

Quilters are always thankful for donations of cotton fabric, new or slightly used flat sheets and pillowcases.



80 Plus Birthdays this month! ***FEBRUARY***

19 Bernita Schmalzried 92

Happy Anniversary

February Anniversaries

Date		# Years
2/5	Neil & Sandra Stonebraker	56
2/16	Ronald & Marcia Brown	59
2/1/8	Dennis & Debra Spitler	15
2/21	Dewayne & Sharon Anderson	48
2/23	Roger & Judith Turgeson	54
2/26	Rebecca & Terrance Cozad	53



SOUP COOK-OFF

When: Sunday, February 12, 2017
Time: After church (11:30)
Where: Downstairs fellowship hall (basement)
Cost: Donation to Parsonage Fund

To enter the Soup Cook-Off, call the church office or hand the form from weekly bulletins to an usher. Make your favorite soup. Bring in a crock pot to keep warm during church. (Enough to serve 12 people). Deadline to enter is February 5th.

The committee will furnish crackers and drinks.

If you do not wish to enter the cook-off and want to bring a desert, please check the form in the back of the church or call the office.

After tasting each soup, vote for your favorite and go back for a bowl of soup. Ballot box will be provided. Voting will be by number, as each soup will be anonymous.

After all have eaten, we will announce the maker of each soup and the winner and prizes will be awarded.

If you don't want to participate in the cook-off, please come enjoy the fellowship and eat some soup.



Change of Address

Please remember to let the church know when you have a change of address. We have to pay for any mail returned to us, when the mail not deliverable as addressed.

Seminary

Fieldworker Update – Our fieldworker this year is Josh Reber. As a part of his seminary training, Josh will be taking on a number of duties on Sunday mornings (which will include reading and leading parts of the liturgy). Thank you for participating in Josh's pastoral formation!

Epiphany Evening Prayer Service – This service will be held on Sunday, February 15, at 4:00 p.m. in Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. This service is sponsored by the Kantorei of CTSFW. The Kantorei is a men's choir of students studying for the pastoral ministry, directed by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand. This service includes choral music for the season and congregational hymns and canticles.

ACOLYTES AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

FEBRUARY 2017

SAT FEBRUARY 4	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ADRIAN BROWN
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JORDAN JONES
		ACOLYTE	ERIKA BROWN
SUN FEBRUARY 5	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JOSH REBER
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RANDY PRANGE
		ACOLYTE	ANDREW CRIDER
SAT FEBRUARY 11	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	JASE GUNN
SUN FEBRUARY 12	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	IAN CRIDER
SAT FEBRUARY 18	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	TED MCELHANDY
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER
		ACOLYTE	NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER
SUN FEBRUARY 19	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JOSH REBER
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	DICK WINKELMAN
		ACOLYTE	DREW DORSETT
SAT FEBRUARY 25	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	SAMANTHA WEICHT
SUN FEBRUARY 26	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	NOLAN HUGHES

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

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 Quilters	2 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	3	4 10:00 Adult Confirmation 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
5 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service W/Communion 5:00 Financial Peace	6 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 1:30 General Guild 6:30 Elders	7 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 Confirmation 1	8 9:00 Quilters 12:00 SPARKS	9 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	10	11 10:00 Adult Confirmation 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
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