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## St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church From the Pastor

**June 2017**

“When a man and woman wed, they enter upon a relationship which in its origin and attendant blessings bears the stamp of divine approval. God, having created His living, breathing masterpiece, the first man, laid down this universal truth for all subsequent ages, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone’ (Gen. 2:18); that is, it is not compatible with His highest happiness, his complete usefulness, to remain unmarried. This declaration of divine wisdom was then translated into divine action; God created for man a helpmate who corresponded to him physically, mentally, and spiritually. And when the first bride in all history was presented to the first groom, the voice that breathed o’er Eden that earliest wedding day pronounced its primal blessing. This divine benediction, the majestic ‘and God blessed them,’ has become the sacred pledge of happiness in Christian marriage.”

As you know, June has long been the traditional month for many to get married. In the exhortation, the bride is asked if she will “submit to your husband as the Church submits to Christ,” and the groom is asked, “Will you nourish and cherish your wife as Christ loved His body... giving Himself up for her?”

This exhortation from St. Paul (Ephesians 5) often strikes many women the wrong way. The very language sounds like the wife is subservient to the husband and is binding herself to slavery “until death do us part.” But the divine exhortation is not about servitude, nor is it about masculine superiority. Consider the words of Walter A Maier:

“When at Calvary, all history’s holy of holies, we pause to survey the extent of Christ’s devotion to the Church, we bow before a love that came to give rather than to take, to serve instead of being served, a love that loved until the end, that bitter end when, in the greatest sacrifice of which even divine mercy could conceive, Christ died that His Church might live. By the impulse of this divine love the discussion of the term ‘obey’ becomes more academic than actual in any truly Christian marriage. Glorifying Christ, the husband will be impelled to cherish his wife with an intense affection, to acknowledge her virtues and accomplishments, to minimize her frailties, to perform the many services of love by working for her, providing for her, living for her, and if necessary, even dying for her, as Christ gave Himself for the Church.”

Husbands – do you love your wives by putting her good first at all times? Wives – do you love your husbands by hearing his word and voice, and receiving it with joy?

Both husbands and wives have indeed sinned and fallen short of what God designed for marriage. But wives: when your husband fails to love perfectly; husbands: when your wife fails to love perfectly – remember that marriage is a picture of Jesus’ love for you, the church. Jesus loved you so deeply that He gave himself up for you, that He might sanctify you, having cleansed you from transgression by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present you to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that you might be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:26-27).

Husbands, wives: you are not the perfect bride of Christ. But Christ covers over your sins and faults with His very life. In this manner, husbands, love your wives; and because of this, wives, rejoice in your husband. As Christ so loved us, we also love one another (1 John 4:11). Therefore, forgive each other, and repent from your own marital failings. And rejoice, for love covers over a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8).

-- 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); Christy Trlak (under treatment); 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; Allen Couch (healing from heart surgery); Frank Cozzen (healing from brain surgery), brother-in-law of Dewayne Anderson; Nancy Cozzen (healing from heart attack), sister of Dewayne Anderson; Mark Mason (cancer), friend of Larry & Susie Baade; Steve Welker (stroke), son-in-law of Donna Dennis; Olivia DeWenter (stroke), mother of Corey Trlak.

**Heritage of Huntington** – Maxine Stetzel

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

**Miller's Merry Manor** – Neil Stonebraker (Room 35); Charles Weicht (Room 54);

**Markle Health & Rehabilitation** – Jean Simmons

**Norwood** – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee

**Home** – Jason Cozad; Robert Gernand; 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 on your door to be picked up when a new tape is delivered. Thanks for your help.  
Jack & Pam Wertenberger



## Greeters

Greeters for the following months are:

### JULY

Sat	5:00	Georgianna Bischoff
Sun	10:15	George and Barba Eickhoff

### AUGUST

Sat	5:00	Diana Mason
Sun	10:15	Rolland and Vel Hoch

### SEPTEMBER

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

## Memorials

Memorials have been given to St. Peter Lutheran Church in memory of:  
Jerry Bailey

## Birthday Party



Maxine Stetzel's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party.  
Please come to wish Maxine Stetzel a Happy 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at an open house. Location of the party is The Heritage of Huntington, 1180 500 N, Huntington, IN 46750 on Sunday, June 4 from 2-4 p.m. Cards welcome, no gifts please. Maxine would enjoy seeing all her friends and family, but if unable to attend, please send a card. Party is given by her niece Deanna Mills.



The following "Thank You" has been received:

The family and friends of Gina Walker thank everyone for all the prayers during her illness. Gina is now with the Lord. God bless all of you.  
Sandy Gast

Pastor Lorenz and congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran Church,  
On behalf of Impact and the Huntington Literacy Coalition, I would like to thank you again for the use of the gymnasium for the HSE graduation. Students and families are still talking about how special the day was for all of them.

Thank you again for the overflow of hospitality.

Sincerely,

Laura Smart

Impact Coordinator/Teacher

## Change of Address

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



### *A Little Heavenly Humor*

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store.

As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"

*FYI:* Our pastor does know where the post office is located, as well as showing us how to get to Heaven.



## 80 Plus Birthdays this month!

*June*

Date		
June 2	Maxine Stetzel	99
June 3	George Juergens	81
June 11	Marcia Brown	80
June 25	Georgianna Bischoff	81

## Organizations

**Ladies' Guild** – Will meet on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the lower level of the education building.

### **St. Peter Association of Retired**

**Keenagers (SPARKS)** – Meeting at noon on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Mecates Restaurant.

**Dorcas Circle** will NOT be meeting during the summer months.

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

**LYF** Will be meeting on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the new youth room on the main floor of the education building. Anyone in confirmation classes thru high school is invited.

**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.

**VBS:** Have you registered your child for Vacation Bible School yet, if not please do so by calling the church office 260-356-6528.



## **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.

*Happy Anniversary*

## June Anniversaries

Date		# Years
6/2	John & Julie Wegmann	35
6/5	Gary & Jill Brown	18
6/10	Dustin & Jessica Cuttriss	11
6/12	Archie & Luann Lintz	46
6/14	James & Peggy Hoch	37
6/20	Anthony & Lisa Austin	25
6/23	Lowell & Marjorie Richardson	61
6/25	Jack & Ruth Guy	51
6/26	Aaron & Jennifer Carl	13
6/29	Daniel & Cynthia Smith	32

## ST. PETER'S GRADUATES



Izayah Mason, will graduate from Norwell High School on June 4<sup>th</sup>. He has been active in theatre for two years, intern for teacher and I.C.E. program. He has been on the Riley Executive Council raising funds for Riley Hospital. He plans to attend Purdue, Ft. Wayne studying Business Management and Theatre.

Izayah is the son of David Mason and Brittany Kachn, and the grandson of Diana Mason and Betty Pike.

**Olivia Bickel** graduated from Ivy Tech on May 18<sup>th</sup> in Radiologic Technology. She will be working at Wabash Parkview.

Olivia is the daughter of Michelle and Chad Hacker, and the granddaughter of Sharon and Dewayne Anderson.

# SERVING THIS MONTH

## JUNE 2017

### ELDER

**SATURDAY: GEORGE JUERGENS**

**SUNDAY: RICHARD WINKELMAN**

### GREETERS

**SATURDAY: BOB & KRISTIN MCFARLAND**

**SUNDAY: JACK & SANDY SLUSSER**

**ALTAR CARE: TERESA PINKERTON**

JUNE			
SAT JUNE 3	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RON BROWN
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ADRIAN BROWN
		ACOLYTE	ERIKA BROWN
SUN JUNE 4	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JEFF DERR
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RANDY PRANGE
		ACOLYTE	DREW DORSETT
SAT JUNE 10	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	SAMANTHA WEICHT
SUN JUNE 11	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	MIRANDA SPITLER
SAT JUNE 17	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	TED MCELHANEY
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JORDAN JONES
		ACOLYTE	TED MCELHANEY
SUN JUNE 18	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LARRY BAADE
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	HAROLD BENNETT
		ACOLYTE	BRIANNA THOMAS
SAT JUNE 24	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	IAN CRIDER
SUN JUNE 25	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

## JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
<b>4</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion & Jr. Confirmation Maxine Stetzel Birthday Party	<b>5</b> 9:00 VBS 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 1:30 General Guild 6:30 Elders	<b>6</b> 9:00 VBS 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store	<b>7</b> 9:00 VBS	<b>8</b> 9:00 VBS 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>9</b> 9:00 VBS	<b>10</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
<b>11</b> 9:00 Confirmation/ Graduation Reception 10:15 Divine Service	<b>12</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	<b>13</b> 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood	<b>14</b> 12:00 SPARKS	<b>15</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
<b>18</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	<b>19</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>20</b> 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store Messenger Deadline	<b>21</b> OFFICE CLOSED LWML CONVENTION	<b>22</b> OFFICE CLOSED LWML CONVENTION	<b>23</b> OFFICE CLOSED LWML CONVENTION	<b>24</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service  LWML CONVENTION
<b>25</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service LWML CONVENTION	<b>26</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton OFFICE CLOSED LWML CONVENTION	<b>27</b> 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood	<b>28</b> 5:30 LYF	<b>29</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>30</b>	

### NOTES