

The
Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

March, 2017

From the Pastor

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Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

Our nation is in a great deal of turmoil. Recalling the 1960s, there are a great number of marches and protests, many marked by violence. The cry for equal rights goes out. While no marches dot the streets of Huntington, at least one letter of support was submitted to the Tab in the letters to the editor. What may have been surprising is this letter was from a church organization.

But this leads to the valid question: what should the church say about this? What *does* the church say?

First of all, we must speak the words of the 4th commandment: "Obey your father and mother" – that is, you are not to despise the government that God has placed over you (Romans 13:1, 5). You may like the government, you may not; either way, God has set it up to rule. Sometimes God uses it to give us what we need (mercy), sometimes He uses it to give us what we deserve (justice, punishment). Therefore, pray for your leaders, all the while crying out, "Lord, have mercy upon me, a sinner."

Second, we must speak the words of the 5th commandment: "You shall not murder" – that is, you are not to hurt or harm your neighbor, but help him in every physical need. If you choose to use your 1st amendment rights to gather in assembly with the freedom of speech – such things you may do with the blessing of God and the government. But damaging property and harming others when protests and marches lose their peaceful aspect – this is not blessed by God, nor the church. It is a sin; we neither condone it nor support it. And those who sin in this way rightfully receive punishment from the government, who is sent to keep peace (Romans 13:3-4).

Third, we must also keep the 8th commandment: "You shall not bear false testimony against your neighbor" – that is, explain everything in the kindest way and put the best construction on your neighbor's words and actions. Filthy, condescending, and crude language is to be put off, and is to be embraced by neither

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Sun. – *Craig Hansen*

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Mary Ellen Fuller

supporters or protestors of the government (Ephesians 4:29, 5:3; Colossians 3:9). Instead, “let your speech be gracious and seasoned with salt” (Colossians 4:6).

Finally, the Lord has this to say about equality: “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all the things written in the Book of the Law... Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law... for all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God” (Galatians 3:10, 11; Romans 3:23). How is that for equality? Equally: every man, woman, race, and creed stand cursed because we are sinners – breakers of God’s law (James 2).

“But in Christ Jesus, you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring and heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:26-29).

So under the Law, you are all equally condemned by the Law in the eyes of God. But under Jesus, through your baptism into Jesus, you are all equally justified, redeemed and forgiven; God plays no favorites, but died to win forgiveness for one and all.

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; 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; Kenny Whitesell (terminal cancer).

Heritage of Huntington – Maxine Stetzel
Heritage, Warren – Edward Campbell, Jr.
(Room 277)

Miller’s Merry Manor – Charles Weicht
(Room 54); Shirley Powell (Room 71);

Markle Health & Rehabilitation – Jean Simmons
Norwood – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee
Home – Jason Cozad; Pete Weicht (heart); Robert Gernand.

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 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)

Monthly	Progress	Report
Date	Attendance	Offering
1/29	94	\$2,371.26
2/5	102	\$3,894.50
2/12	86	\$2,395.25
2/19	105	\$2,981.00
2/26		



Greeters

Greeters for the following months are as follows:

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

JUNE

Sat 5:00 Bob and Kristin McFarland
Sun 10:15 Jack and Sandy Slusser



A Little Heavenly Humor

A local pastor joined a community service club, and the members thought they would have some fun with him. Under his name on the badge they printed "Hog Caller" as his occupation.

Everyone made a big fanfare as the badge was presented. The pastor responded by saying, "I am usually called the 'Shepherd of the Sheep:...but you know your people better than I do."



Lenten Series: “Sayings of the Enemies of Jesus”

Ash Wednesday, March 1 – John 11:47-52 –

“It is better for you that one man die on behalf of the people than the whole of the nation die.

Lent II, March 8 – Matthew 26:71 –

“This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Lent III, March 15 – John 18:38 –

“What is truth?”

Lent IV, March 22 – Matthew 27:24 –

“I am innocent of this man’s blood; you yourselves see to it.”

Lent V, March 29 – Matthew 27:42 –

“He saved others; Himself He cannot save!”

Lent VI, April 5 – Matthew 27:25 –

“His blood be upon us and upon our children.”

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 9

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Good Friday (Noon), April 14

Good Friday (Evening), April 14

Easter Vigil, April 15 (5 pm)

Easter Sunday (Sunrise), April 16

Easter Sunday (Late), April 16



Volunteers Needed for Diaper Store

Please consider helping out for an hour or two at the Love In the Name of Christ diaper ministry that is held in our education building.

These are the times we need one more helper:

- 1st Tuesdays of the month: 4 pm to 6 pm.
- 3rd Tuesdays of the month: 11 am to 1 pm.
- 3rd Tuesdays of the month: 4 pm to 6 pm.

You basically will be greeting the parents as they come for their packaged and labeled diapers. Barba plans to work the morning hours and Pam will do the afternoon hours, but we do like to have at least one other person with us.

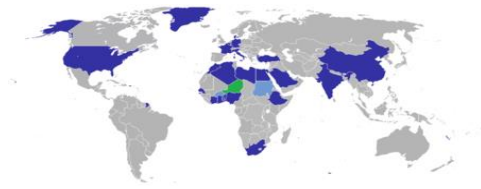
We are grateful to Janet Bennett and Peggy Hoch who help us in the morning of the first Tuesday.

Our thanks also go to Judy Juergens who collects donations from the Dimes for Diapers canisters in various Huntington locations, and to Gil Shideler who brings the money given in Markle and Warren. The money collected in Huntington, Markle and Warren is paying for the diapers that we are continually buying. That is our only current funding.

For more information or to volunteer your time, please call Barba Eickhoff at 356-4138.

In Christ’s service

Barba Eickhoff and Pam Wertenberger



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.

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?"



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.

Organizations

Ladies' Guild – Will meet on Monday, March 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 Wertenberger 356-8139 or (Cell 260-388-2507) to let her know what dish you plan to donate to the luncheon. Cash donations are also welcome (Please make checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran Ladies Guild and in the memo line mark for Shamrock 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. The proceeds from last year's Shamrock Luncheon and this year's luncheon will go to replace the much needed canopy over the LaFontaine Street church door.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) – Will meet at noon on March 8th at Wings Etc., 317 Hauenstein Rd, Huntington, IN 46750

Dorcas Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, March 15th in the reception room in the education building. Shirley Baker is hostess. If unable to attend, please call Shirley at 356-7743.

LYF will once again sponsor the Easter Breakfast. Please watch the bulletins and next month *Messenger* for details.



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! *MARCH*

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Happy Anniversary

March Anniversaries

Date		# Years
3/2	David & Cathy Shearer	21
3/4	Curt & Lorraine Juergens	23
3/23	Douglas & Brenda Guhl	32
3/23	Steven & Michele Lahr	26
3/28	Jay & Virginia Beekman	52

Counseling Services:

When Jesus walked upon the earth, he went from village-to-village healing the sick and giving comfort to the broken hearted. As Lutherans, we believe that Jesus works through means: He gives forgiveness in Baptism and in the Lord's Supper and in His Word. He shows mercy through the hands of His church. He makes disciples through your words and actions. In the same way, Jesus continues His work of healing and comfort through doctors and counselors.

Our congregation has partnered with Cross Connections (www.crossconnectionsounseling.com). The mission of Cross Connections is "To Provide Affordable Biblical Counseling & Train Lay Counselors in Offering Biblical Guidance." As a partner congregation, counseling services are available for you at a discounted cost. A referral form from Pastor Lorenz is needed.

Cross Connections provides parenting counseling, grief counseling, family relationships counseling, marriage preparation counseling, marriage counseling, addiction counseling, anxiety counseling. A number of client testimonies are available on their website. If you have questions, you may contact Pastor Lorenz, or Cross Connections directly at [260-373-0213](tel:260-373-0213).

New Devotion Booklet

We have received a free devotional booklet from LCMS Disaster Response entitled "The Lord's Mercy Endures Forever: 40 Daily Devotions of God's Comfort." These devotions may be used in times of disasters, personal crises, or times of despair or hospitalization. These devotions have been placed in the narthex of the church, or are available in the church office. You are welcome to take as many as you like: for yourself, your family, or for someone you know who may have need of it.

ACOLYTES AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

MARCH 2017

WED MARCH 1	7:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	HAROLD BENNETT
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RICHARD WINKELMAN
		ACOLYTE	MIRANDA SPITLER
SAT MARCH 4	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ADRIAN BROWN
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JORDAN JONES
		ACOLYTE	ERIKA BROWN
SUN MARCH 5	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JEFF DERR
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LARRY BAADE
		ACOLYTE	BRIANNA THOMAS
WED MARCH 8	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	ANDREW CRIDER
SAT MARCH 11	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	JASE GUNN
SUN MARCH 12	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	IAN CRIDER
WED MARCH 15	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	DREW DORSETT
SAT MARCH 18	5:00 PM,	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	TED MCELHANEY
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER
		ACOLYTE	NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER
SUN MARCH 19	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JOSH REBER
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RANDY PRANGE
		ACOLYTE	NOLAN HUGHES
WED MARCH 22	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	MIRANDA SPITLER
SAT MARCH 25	5:00 PM,	ACOLYTE	SAMANTHA WEICHT
SUN MARCH 26	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	BRIANNA THOMAS
WED MARCH 29	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	ERIKA BROWN

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

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 Quilters 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	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 7:00 Lenten Service	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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