

The
Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

May, 2017

From the Pastor

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Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! *Christ has risen – He has risen indeed, Hallelujah!*

We have now entered the joyous Easter season, and just as you noticed changes within the church during Lent, now you notice changes in the church for the season of Easter. This month, I would like to talk specifically about 2 specific traditions that you may (or may not) notice within the church.

1) **To kneel or not to kneel...?** - An old tradition that has been ingrained in many confirmands is the practice of kneeling to receive the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. Kneeling is a sign of repentance, of reverence, and of begging. We come empty-handed to the altar, begging for mercy (which the Lord provides to us apart from any merit or worthiness in us!). Kneeling is what Luther would term, "fasting and bodily preparation" – a good discipline for the body to prepare for Holy Communion, but not necessary to receive the forgiveness of sins in the Holy Supper (The one necessary thing "is faith in these words, "given and shed for you").

While we live in Christ's resurrection each week of the church year, Easter is most especially the season we celebrate that resurrection. As a symbol of the resurrection, tradition notes that during the Easter season, it is appropriate to *stand* as you receive the Lord's Supper – symbolizing that Christ has "raised you" and glorified you in His resurrection.

Which practice will you follow: kneeling or standing? Whether you stand or kneel for the Lord's Supper, rejoice! The Lord has given you new life!

2) **What's that candle lit for?** – The tall candle standing near the baptismal font is the 'Christ Candle.' It is lit at three different times as the Church gathers: (a) throughout the Easter season; (b) at baptisms; (c) at funerals. The Christ Candle is a symbol of the living Christ, whose light could not be extinguished by death. On Easter, the candle is lit and remains lit until Ascension Day, (it is extinguished when Christ ascends into heaven and "is hidden from the eyes of the disciples"). This symbolizes that the light of Christ is hidden from our eyes, and we may now only behold His glory in water, bread, and wine.

The Christ candle is also lit at baptisms and funerals to teach us that Christ's Easter resurrection breaks into our lives specifically in baptism and specifically at our physical death. Though the body is put to death, we receive the new life of Christ (Romans 6).

What other changes/traditions do you notice in the church during the Easter season? Think about the possible reasons for such changes.

I leave you this month with an Easter thought from Martin Luther:

From the Pastor Continued:

“Know ye, then – sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me – that you are missing the mark. I am not one of those who are afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you.” *Easter Sermon on Mark 16:1-8, 1530.*

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); 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 Wertemberger; 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; Charles Weicht (Room 54);

Markle Health & Rehabilitation – Jean Simmons
Norwood – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee
Hickory Creek – Martin Winkelman

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 Wertemberger 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 Wertemberger



Greeters

Greeters for the following months are:

JUNE

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

JULY

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

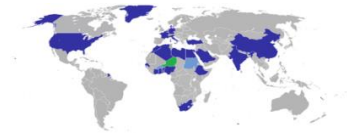
AUGUST

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

Monthly	Progress	Report
Date	Attendance	Offering
3/26	88	\$3,700.49
4/2	94	\$3,497.00
4/9	99	\$2,917.00
4/16	121	\$6,435.00
4/23		

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.



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

“Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path,” says the Psalmist. God’s Word chases away the darkness of sin and guides our lives as Christians; in this, we rejoice! In our Adult Bible Class, we are currently studying the 10 commandments, seeking to answer the question, “What does God mean by these commands?” Please seriously consider joining us for Adult Bible Study (Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 9 am). We would love to grow with you in God’s Word!



Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Breakfast this year. Whether it was donating items, setting up, cooking, serving, tearing down, or just enjoying the food, the Youth Group would like to extend our thanks for your part in making it a successful breakfast once again.

See you next year!

Organizations

Ladies' Guild – Will meet on Monday, May 1st at 1:30 in the lower level of the education building.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) – Meeting at noon on May 10th at Pizza Hut

Dorcas Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, May 17th with Vel Hoch as hostess. Vel will be hosting at the church. If unable to attend, please call Vel at 260-672-2960.

Quilters The quilters meet each Wednesday from 9 o'clock to 12 noon. Last quilting day will be May 17th. We will resume in the fall. For questions, contact Judy Turgeson (356-200-1376).

Quilters are always thankful for donations of cotton fabric, new or slightly used flat sheets and pillowcases and can be taken to church office at any time.

LYF Youth will be meeting on the 4th Sunday of each month at 6:30pm. However, because of Memorial Day weekend, we will meet on May 21st in the new youth room on the main floor of the education building at 6:30pm. Anyone in confirmation classes thru high school is invited.

Choir: Do you like to sing? Please join the choir on Wednesday evenings at 7PM beginning May 3. Gather in the church by the piano. Plans are to sing for Pentecost Sunday. If you have questions, please call Keith Crider at 260-356-8097.

Memorials

Memorials have been given to St. Peter Lutheran Church in memory of:
Kenneth Whitesell
Marvin Deeg
Walter Deeg



80 Plus Birthdays this month! May

5/16	Jean Simmons	86
5/19	Robert Whitesell	85
5/21	Shirley Powell	81
5/24	Anita Prout	86
5/29	George Eickhoff	88

Happy Anniversary

May Anniversaries

Date		# Years
5/17	Donald & Michelle Bruce	15
5/18	John & Valerie Hughes	21
5/18	Ted & Janet McElhaney	48
5/20	John & Rena Grunden	11
5/20	Rod & Sara Wilson	10
5/23	Aaron & Rachel Kiefer	8
5/26	Richard & Jane Winkelman	55

Welcome

WELCOME: NEW MEMBERS:

Braydon Lee Cline by baptism 1/22/17
Gage Martin Gwin by baptism 2/26/17
Evie Williams by baptism 4/22/17
Fred Lange by transfer from St. Michael
Tania Lange by transfer from St. Michael
Cassie Lange by transfer from St. Michael
Macy Lange by transfer from St. Michael

The Lutheran Hour

Lutheran Hour Ministries: It is with great joy that Lutheran Hour Ministries announces the addition of *Rev. Stephen Hower* to the team. Steve will be working as a part-time Ministry Advancement Officer, serving our loyal donors in Florida and Texas. He will also continue in a part-time capacity at St. John Lutheran in Ellisville, MO as a teaching pastor, where he has served these past 27 years. We are blessed to have Rev. Hower engaged in our mission and ministry efforts – please welcome him to the team!

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School will be Monday-Friday June 5-9 from 9-11:30 am. This year's theme is A MIGHTY FORTRESS. Each day's school will be introduced to our young people by Pastor Lorenz between the beautiful, instructional stain glass windows of our main church, along with a short musical presentation. From there students will be led to the school area and rotated through their various stations—Crafts, Story-Telling, Snacks, & Games. At the end of the morning, all will return to the nave for final words from Pastor. Registration Forms will be available in the back of the church & our office. Please invite from your circle of friends as a mighty fortress needs Christian soldiers of all ages to man the ramparts of our church!



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'."

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ST. PETER'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

MAY 25, 2017



Gillian Louise Hughes is the daughter of John and Valerie Hughes, and is graduating 7th in her class of 400+ and is a National Honor Society Member.

Gillian plans to attend DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana where she plans to study bio-chem with hopes of pursuing an advanced degree in medicine. She was awarded the highest merit scholarship DePauw offers and has been accepted into their honor's program. Gillian will be a DePauw Tiger, running XC for and perhaps Track & Field.

Jacob Bickel is the son of Jennifer and Matthew Bickel, and grandson of Ted and Janet McElhaney. Jacob plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio.

Izayah Mason is the son of David Mason and the grandson of Diane Mason.



Brooke Trice, daughter of Dennis and Debra Spitler and the late Pat Trice, and the granddaughter of Donna Dennis, is currently a senior at Huntington North high school. Brooke has participated in varsity soccer for four years as the goalkeeper and track and field throwing shot and disc for two years, and was selected out of the state of Indiana to participate in the Indiana Elite North vs. South game to play soccer and be honored as a valuable player in Indiana. I also play softball and basketball in my town leagues. I have been a part of concert choir for three years and have won gold at the state ISSMA singing contest for three years. I am a part of freshman mentoring, peer tutoring, national honor society, national technical honor society, and Spanish club at my school. I was chosen my junior year as a delegate for Hoosier Girl State where I learned about government with a select few of other girls around the state. I also was chosen as a State officer for Skills USA Indiana where students show their technical skills in different trades. I am president of my criminal justice class at Heartland Career Center in Wabash. Aside from my school activities, I am an employee at Heritage Pointe Nursing home of Warren in the activities department. I have worked there for 2 years where I aid those who have high case dementia and plan programs. I plan on attending Grace College in Warsaw where I will double major in criminal justice and psychology. I then plan on going to law school to pursue a career as a prosecutor.

SERVING THIS MONTH

MAY 2017

ELDER

SATURDAY: GEORGE JUERGENS

SUNDAY: RANDY PRANGE

GREETERS

SATURDAY: DONNA DENNIS

SUNDAY: SUE HOLTZ AND GABE

ALTAR CARE: DONNA DENNIS & KRIS MCFARLAND

MAY			
SAT MAY 6	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ADRIAN BROWN
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RON BROWN
		ACOLYTE	ERIKA BROWN
SUN MAY 7	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LARRY BAADE
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JOSH REBER
		ACOLYTE	ANDREW CRIDER
SAT MAY 13	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	SAMANTHA WEICHT
SUN MAY 14	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	IAN CRIDER
SAT MAY 20	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	TED MCELHANEY
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JORDAN JONES
		ACOLYTE	TED MCELHANEY
SUN MAY 21	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	HAROLD BENNETT
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RICHARD WINKELMAN
		ACOLYTE	DREW DORSETT
SAT MAY 27	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	ANDREW CRIDER
SUN MAY 28	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

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 1:30 General Guild 6:30 Elders	2 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 Confirmation 1	3 9:00 Quilters	4 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	5	6 10:00 Adult Confirmation 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
7 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	8 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	9 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood 6:30 Confirmation 1	10 9:00 Quilters 12:00 SPARKS	11 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 7:30 Confirmation 2	12	13 9:00 Dr. Gieschen 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
14 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	15 Pastors Conference 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Voters	16 Pastors Conference 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 Confirmation 1	17 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Dorcas Circle	18 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	19 12:00 Messenger Deadline	20 10:00 Adult Confirmation 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
21 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion 6:30 LYF	22 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	23 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood 6:30 Confirmation 1	24	25 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	26 7:00 Junior Confirmation Questioning	27 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
28 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31			

June 4th – Junior Confirmation

NOTES