

The

# Messenger

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St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

## From the Pastor

May 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Peter Lutheran Church,

Our next Voter's Meeting will be Monday, May 20, at 7:00 pm, located in the school basement. In addition to regular business, we will have a major item on the agenda to discuss: a discussion about opening St. Peter Lutheran School. Three main issues need to be addressed. (1) The formation of a committee to continue investigating the possibility and feasibility of opening a school; (2) Request for funds for the committee to do a feasibility study to see if opening a school is even possible; (3) Request for funds for the committee to get an inspection for the school building, to get an estimated idea of what it would take to get our school building up to code in order to open it once again for the education of children.

I must be very clear on this point: **we have not decided to open St. Peter Lutheran School.** We are seeking permission to see (a) if it is even possible, given church finances and community interest in a parochial school, that a re-opened school is needed in our community and if it would flourish; (b) what it would financially take to get our structure up to code for a school to re-open.

In short, we are asking permission to get more information. You will have many questions. To be honest, we don't have a lot of answers; we would like your permission and support in order to get those answers.

I recognize that the possibility of opening a school is a sensitive topic, and can be a very polarizing area of discussion. I ask you, however, to **remember** who you are: you are baptized children of our Lord Jesus. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are the family of God. There are no "sides" of this conversation or issue: there are no "pro-school" or "anti-school" factions of the church. You are family. At times, family will disagree. Some of us may believe that it is unwise to pursue opening a school. That's ok! Some of us, on the other hand, may believe that the best thing we can do is open a school. That's ok, too!

Whatever your opinion may be, I exhort you **pray**. Pray that our Lord Jesus would grant us wisdom in our study of this possibility. Pray that our decision would benefit the furthering of the kingdom of God. Pray for peace in our discussions.

At the same time, as we consider what the future of our congregation looks like, we ask you to **examine** yourself: what are your talents? How can you help further the kingdom of God? If we eventually take further steps towards opening a school, we will need your participation, elbow grease, and financial support. If we decide that opening a school is *not* the best way to serve the kingdom of God in Huntington, we still need those same things from you: we will just need them for other services for God.

Finally, as we prepare for this Voter's meeting, let us hear the words of St. James,

“My beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.” (1:19-20)

“Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom....<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.<sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” (3:13, 17-18)

“What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this: that your passions are at war within you?<sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive....<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded....<sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.<sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil against one another, brothers.” (4:1-3, 8, 10-11)

May the Lord Jesus bless you with peace and joy in our life together at St. Peter Lutheran Church. **Please make every effort to come and participate at this Voter's Meeting** as we consider this endeavor.

*Pastor Lorenz & the Board of Elders*



# News and Notes of St. Peter



## Congregational Christian Care

Please pray for, phone, visit, and or send a card or note to the following:

Auston Arnett (cancer), friend of Sharon Anderson; Jimmy Barnhart (cancer), relative of Laurie Trlak; Niki Boswell (stroke), niece of Diana Mason; Peggy Broderick (cancer treatments), friend of Larry Baade; Bertie Brooks (cancer), aunt of Leah Hiers; Gary Brown; Amy Brunner (healing), friend of Sandy Gast; Frank & Nancy Cozzen, brother-in-law & sister of Dewayne Anderson; Adam Cuttriss (Kidney); Marcea Dimond; Dalton Emley (accident), friend of Peggy & Jim Hoch; Cecilia Fogo (healing) relative of Teresa Pinkerton; Don Fox (health concerns), brother of Barba Eickhoff; Ronald Gamble, nephew of Ruth Guy; Jerome & Pat Herber, father & mother of Richard Herber; Margaret Howard, friend of Max Heffelfinger; Hazel Jackson (back problems), sister of Ruth Guy; Vicki Oden Kimmel (healing), friend of Karen Smith; Richard Mann; Hilda Mitten, friend of Betty Pike; Adam Neumann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Betty Riggers (healing); Jake Rieff, friend of Peggy & Jim Hoch; Bea Schmalzried (healing); Steven Spear (stroke), nephew of Donna Smith; Susie Sprowl (cancer), friend of Jeff Derr; Geneva Stetzel (stroke), aunt of Leah Hiers; Brent Trlak (health problems), brother-in-law of Laurie Trlak; Brandon Trlak (cancer); Christy Trlak (treatment); Dan Winkelman (cancer), brother of Dick Winkelman, Judy Turgeson & Sue Kellam; Chris Worsham (healing), brother of Chad Worsham

**Englewood Health & Rehabilitation** – Mildred Craig  
**Heritage of Huntington** – Dick Christ; Maxine Stetzel; Robert Gernand  
**Heritage, Warren** – Edward Campbell, Jr.  
**Lutheran Life Village** – Rev. Donald Fischer; Ruth Guhl  
**Miller's Merry Manor** – Neil & Sandy Stonebraker;  
**Markle Health & Rehabilitation Home** – Jean Simmons  
Wayne & Nancy Ashbaugh; Jim Bowland; Jason Cozad; David Dimond; Janice Hencken; Bradley Heideman; Shirley Powell; Laurie Trlak; Pete Weicht; Charles Weicht

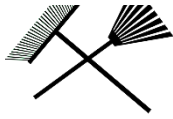
If you discover that the information has changed, please call the Church office so we can update this list.

## *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

## *Care List*

Many of the people on the care list have been on the list for several years and are now better. We are going to wipe the list clean as of July 1 and start fresh. Therefore, if you have a loved one that you want to remain on the care list, please notify the office after July 1, and we will put them back on the list.



## Spring Cleanup

Property Committee is planning a Spring Cleanup of the church grounds on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. Bring gloves, rake and broom. If you have a gas leaf blower, please bring as it would be a big help in the clean-up of leaves.



## A Little Heavenly Humor

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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Bill and  
JEFF  
KEANE

**“I forget. Do we do things for YOU on Mother’s Day, or are you s’posed to do things for US?”**

## Organizations

**Ladies’ Guild:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the education building. There will be NO meeting in May.

**St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS)** – The lucky winner of the drawing at the April meeting was Peggy Hoch. The May meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Moe’s.

**Dorcas Circle:** Will meet May 15<sup>th</sup> in the reception room of the education building, with Joyce Gravley and Janet Bennett as hostesses. Please RSVP to Joyce at 358-4230 or Janet at 358-0401.

**Quilters:** Quilters continue to accept cotton material for making of quilts, as well as new full size sheets to be used as backing of the quilts.

**LYF:** A BIG thank You to all who helped with the Easter Breakfast this year. We served around 80 people and received \$350 in donations. That is almost enough to send one youth to the Higher Things conference this summer!!

Thank You again to all who helped serve, prepare or donate.

**PEP:** Next PEP Family night will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Dinner will be provided. All members are welcome to attend



## High School Graduates



Nolan Hughes  
Huntington North  
Son of Valerie & John  
Hughes

Nolan was Senior Class President, a member of the National Honor Society, Jr. Rotarian. A member of the Student Council, Student Athletic Board. Was a Freshman Mentor, Tutor, he attended Hoosier Boys State, and was on the Varsity Soccer, Track and Football team. He will graduate with an Honor's and Technical Diploma as EMT. Nolan plans to attend Wabash College or DePauw or Bradley for premed or prelaw.



Macy Lange  
Huntington North  
Daughter of Fred and  
Tania Lange

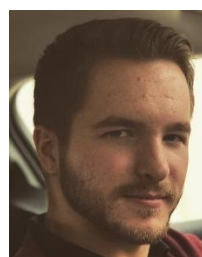
Macy played Softball and was on the Varsity Swimming Team 4 years. Ran Cross Country 2 years, and on the Honor Roll for 4 years. Macy plans to attend IUPUI this fall for nursing.



Grace Koons  
Huntington North  
Granddaughter of Arlene  
Lasley

Grace will be attending Indiana Wesleyan University to study Vocal Performance and Music Education. She was a member of Huntington North Show Choirs and National Honor Society. Grace attends College Park Church and enjoys singing on their worship team.

## College Graduates



**Quentin Lintz**

Quentin will be graduating in May 2019 from Purdue Fort Wayne with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering. While attending class, he has worked as an engineering intern with Regal Beloit. Quentin has recently accepted a position as a Software Engineer with Raytheon in Fort Wayne, and will begin work soon after graduation.



Victoria Marie Hall,  
Granddaughter of Arlene  
Lasley

Victoria will graduate May 5, 2019 from Siena Heights University in Adrian, MI with a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology degree. She intends to attend graduate school at the same school, and her intentions are to become a Licensed Clinical Therapist.

## Golf Outing May 15

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I would like to formally invite you and lay leaders of your congregation to the CTSFW Alumni, Clergy, and Lay Leader Golf Outing at Riverbend Golf Course in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, May 15, with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. You will hear about the current work of CTSFW and the partnering resources of The LCMS Foundation.

The prices are greatly reduced because of generous sponsors (\$20 for 18 holes, lunch, and beverages, plus a \$5 discount for clergy) and we pray for good weather and a wonderful time. To view the full schedule and details for the day, click [HERE](#). Register online at [www.ctsfw.edu/Alumni](http://www.ctsfw.edu/Alumni). For additional questions or concerns, you can contact me at [timothy.puls@ctsfw.edu](mailto:timothy.puls@ctsfw.edu) or (260) 452-2260. Hope to see you there!



### Greeters

|        |          |                          |
|--------|----------|--------------------------|
| June   | Saturday | Diana Mason              |
|        | Sunday   | Ron and Cheryl Canvin    |
| July   | Saturday | Richard and Ellen Prange |
|        | Sunday   | Holly Cuttriss           |
| August | Saturday | Donna Smith              |
|        | Sunday   | Karen Smith              |



### 80 Plus Birthdays this month! May

|      |                  |    |
|------|------------------|----|
| 5/16 | Ima Simmons      | 88 |
| 5/19 | Robert Whitesell | 87 |
| 5/21 | Rolland Hoch     | 81 |
| 5/21 | Shirley Powell   | 83 |
| 5/24 | Anita Prout      | 88 |
| 5/29 | George Eickhoff  | 90 |

### Confirmation

The congregation is invited to attend the Junior Confirmation questioning on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15 service.

### Recognitions

A potluck will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with a reception for the confirmands, graduates and new members

### VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 3-7. Enrollments forms will be out by mid-May.

# SERVING THIS MONTH

## MAY 2019

### ELDER

**SATURDAY:** GEORGE JUERGENS

**SUNDAY:**

### GREETERS

**SATURDAY:** Richard & Audra Herber **SUNDAY:** Mark & Marge Cozad

**ALTAR CARE:** Donna Dennis & Kris McFarland:

|             |          |                     |                    |
|-------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| SAT, May 4  | 5:00 PM  | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Fred Lange         |
|             |          | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Ron Brown          |
|             |          | ACOLYTE             | Macy Lange         |
| SUN, May 5  | 10:15 AM | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Larry Baade        |
|             |          | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Ethan Stoppenhagen |
|             |          | ACOLYTE             | Andrew Crider      |
| SAT, May 11 | 5:00 PM  | ACOLYTE             | Miranda Spitle     |
| SUN, May 12 | 10:15 AM | ACOLYTE             | Ian Crider         |
| SAT, May 18 | 5:00 PM  | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Adrian Brown       |
|             |          | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Ted McElhaney      |
|             |          | ACOLYTE             | Erika Brown        |
| SUN, May 19 | 10:15 AM | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Jeff Derr          |
|             |          | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Jim Hoch           |
|             |          | ACOLYTE             | Drew Dorsett       |
| SAT, May 25 | 5:00 PM  | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Chad Worsham       |
|             |          | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Fred Lange         |
|             |          | ACOLYTE             | Jacob Worsham      |
| SUN, May 26 | 10:15 AM | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Randy Prange       |
|             |          | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Chris Durham       |
|             |          | ACOLYTE             | Samantha Weicht    |

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 2019

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                                | Saturday   |
|---|---|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
|   |   |  | <b>1</b><br>9:00 Quilters<br>7:00 Choir                            | <b>2</b><br>12:00 Bulletin<br>Deadline<br>6:30 Jr.<br>Confirmation  | <b>3</b>                              | <b>4</b><br><b>SPRING<br/>CLEANUP</b><br>4:00 Bible Class<br>5:00 Divine<br>Service<br>w/Communion |
| <b>5</b><br>9:00 Adult Bible<br>Class Only<br>10:15 Divine<br>Service<br>w/Communion                          | <b>6</b><br>9:00 Chapel @<br>Heritage<br>10:15 Chapel @<br>Tipton<br>6:30 Elders  | <b>7</b><br>11:00-12:00<br>Diaper Store<br>1:00 Chapel @<br>Millers<br>5:00-6:00<br>Diaper Store                         | <b>8</b><br>9:00 Quilters<br>12:00 SPARKS<br>7:00 Choir            | <b>9</b><br>12:00 Bulletin<br>Deadline<br>1:30 @ Heritage<br>Communion<br>Service<br>6:30 Jr.<br>Confirmation | <b>10</b><br>5:30 PEP Family<br>Night | <b>11</b><br>4:00 Bible Class<br>5:00 Divine<br>Service  |
| <b>12</b><br>9:00 Sunday<br>School & Bible<br>Class<br>10:15 Divine<br>Service                                | <b>13</b><br>9:00 Chapel @<br>Heritage<br>10:15 Chapel @<br>Tipton<br>7:00 Council<br>Northern IN<br>Pastor's<br>Conference | <b>14</b><br>1:00 Chapel @<br>Millers<br>Northern IN<br>Pastor's<br>Conference   | <b>15</b><br>9:00 Quilters<br>12:00 Dorcas<br>Circle<br>7:00 Choir | <b>16</b><br>10:00 PEP<br>12:00 Bulletin<br>Deadline<br>6:30 Jr.<br>Confirmation<br>Questioning               | <b>17</b>                             | <b>18</b><br>4:00 Bible Class<br>5:00 Divine<br>Service<br>w/Communion                             |
| <b>19</b><br>8:30 Easter<br>Breakfast<br>10:15 Divine<br>Service<br>w/Communion                               | <b>20</b><br>9:00 Chapel @<br>Heritage<br>10:15 Chapel @<br>Tipton<br>2:00Messenger<br>Deadline<br>7:00 VOTERS              | <b>21</b><br>11:00-12:00<br>Diaper Store<br>1:00 Chapel @<br>Millers<br>5:00-6:00<br>Diaper Store<br>7:00<br>Stewardship | <b>22</b><br>9:00 Quilters<br>7:00 Choir                           | <b>23</b><br>12:00 Bulletin<br>Deadline<br>6:30 Jr.<br>Confirmation   | <b>24</b>                             | <b>25</b><br>4:00 Bible Class<br>5:00 Divine<br>Service<br>w/Communion                             |
| <b>26</b><br>9:00 Sunday<br>School & Bible<br>Class<br>10:15 Divine<br>Service<br>w/Communion<br>Confirmation | <b>27</b><br>9:00 Chapel @<br>Heritage<br>10:15 Chapel @<br>Tipton<br>7:00<br>Evangelism                                    | <b>28</b><br>1:00 Chapel @<br>Millers<br>7:00 BPLE   | <b>29</b><br>9:00 Quilters<br>7:00 Choir                           | <b>30</b><br>12:00 Bulletin<br>Deadline   | <b>31</b>                             |  |
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## NOTES

**REMINDER:** Friday is pastor's family day, please contact him in emergency only.

- Pastor out of office May 13 and 14 for conference.