

The
Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2016

From the Pastor

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Unseen Halos

“Just then, a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ‘What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!’” Mark 1:24

The church celebrates “All Saints Day” on November 1. A saint is “a holy person.” In the Apostle’s Creed, we describe the holy Christian church as “the communion of saints” – or the body of all believers. Rev. John Kleinig, of the Lutheran Church of Australia, has these thoughts concerning saints (the following excerpt is from his book, “Grace Upon Grace, Spirituality for Today,” available from CPH):

“When my wife and I were in England, we got to know a single American woman named Ruth. She was a visiting member of our congregation in Cambridge, a devout woman of prayer with a deep, unobtrusive faith. If you passed her in the street, you would most likely not have noticed her because she had reached the stage in life where she, like many other ordinary middle-aged women, had become socially invisible. Yet once we got to know her, we discovered that she was a remarkable person with a deep inner radiance.

She told us about something that had happened when she was traveling on a tour through India. Her guide was a handsome young Indian Hindu who used every opportunity to tell them all about his religion. Most of the tourists were fascinated by him and by what he had to say about Hinduism. One day, as they were going along a long stretch from one place of interest to another, he offered to tell the fortunes of the people on the bus. No one objected. So he went down the aisle from person to person, asking the date of their birth and reading the palms of their hands. They did not quite know what to make of it, but were obviously fascinated by what he told them about themselves and what lay in store for them. When he came to Ruth, he simply passed her by. Some days later, when Ruth was

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Sat. – *Ted & Janet McElhaney*

Sun. – *Holly Cuttriss*

Altar Care

Holly Cuttriss

alone with him, she asked him why he had overlooked her. He said, "You're a Christian, aren't you? I can't see you and your future." She was astonished by his remark because she had not said anything or had not even worn a cross that could have identified her as a Christian. But she had been praying for the protection of the people who were having their fortunes told. She did not know that the guide could sense what she herself could never see: she was covered with Christ and His holiness.

We, too, are covered with Christ and His holiness. But we cannot see that any more than we can see our own faces unless we look at ourselves in a mirror. Our righteousness and holiness is hidden from us, just as Christ is hidden in our mortal bodies. Yet Satan, and all those who are on the dark side, can sense our holiness, just as they recognized the divinity of Jesus long before any of His disciples did. Those on the dark side see what we can't see. They see that we are in the light and that the light of Christ is in us. So even though we are mostly unaware of our status, we are protected, enlivened, and kept holy by Him. We are all living saints, holy people. We are "*christophers*"- Christ bearers – for Christ is in us just as we are in Christ. We have halos, but we can't see them. When Christ appears, then we too will appear with Him in His glory, halos and all. When we see Him as He is, we will see ourselves for the first time, as radiant and splendid and spotless as we are already now in Him. Till then, we walk by faith and not by sight, together with Christ on our daily journey from earth to heaven."

Pastor Lorenz

NOTE:

Effective after November 3 Pastor Lorenz's phone number will be: 260-224-0072

Upcoming Events at Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne

Luther Hostel, November 2–6, 2016, under the theme "Jesus, Saints and Angels: The Church and the Company of Heaven." There will be presentations by CTSFW faculty, time to attend classes with current students and worship services in Kramer Chapel. For additional information go to www.ctsfw.edu/LutherHostel, email Retreats@ctsfw.edu or phone [260.452.2204](tel:260.452.2204).

Good Shepherd Institute Conference, "*Lutheran Service Book* at Ten Years: Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing," **November 6–8, 2016**. Do you still occasionally catch yourself referring to *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* as the "new" hymnal? It's hard to believe that we've already reached the tenth year of its use in our Synod. If your congregation still uses *The Lutheran Hymnal*, were you aware that it first came off the presses 75 years ago?! This year of anniversaries seems a perfect time to take stock of where we've been and where we're going when it comes to the Church's hymnals. More information is available at www.ctsfw.edu/GSI.

LOOKING AHEAD

Symposia Series 2017

32nd Annual Symposium on Exegetical Theology

January 17–18

"The Spirit of Reformation Exegesis Today"

40th Annual Symposium on the Lutheran Confessions

January 18–20

"The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: Continuing the Celebration"

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 Newmann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Patience Underwood, friend of Berta Christman; Jay Beekman; Brandon Trlak (cancer); Walter Deeg (health and healing); Christy Trlak (under treatment); Gina Walker (cancer), friend of Sandy Gast; Jim Wolfe, cousin of Lowell and Marjorie Richardson; Joyce McCune (heart) friend of Jim & Peggy Hoch; Denis Miller (heart) friend of Ruth Moon; Mason Watkins, friend of the Guhl family; 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.

Heritage of Huntington – Maxine Stetzel
Heritage, Warren – Edward Campbell, Jr. (Room 277)
Miller's Merry Manor – Charles Weicht (Room 54)
Norwood – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee
Tipton Place – Mildred Leonard; Jean Simmons (Room 105)
Home – Jason Cozad; Brian Leasenby; Pete Weicht (heart).

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

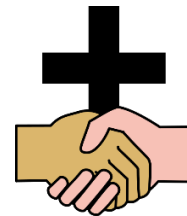
Tape Ministry

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

December

Saturday	Bob & Kris McFarland
Sunday	Craig Hansen



Thank you

To Greeters of the month: NOVEMBER
Ted & Janet McElhancy (Saturday) and
Holly Cuttriss (Sunday)

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, notes, and phone calls. Also I would like to thank very much the ladies who came to call and help with communion. I always looked forward to this visit. God's blessings to everyone and a big THANK YOU.
Glennys Pratt

Also a Big Thank You to the unknown person for the donation to the quilters the month of October.

Happy Anniversary

November Anniversaries

Date		# Years
11/11	John & Jennifer Gunn	16
11/22	Jack & Sandy Slusser	55
11/22	Jack & Pamela Wertenberger	37
11/25	Ned & Judith Short	44
11/26	Richard & Eleanor Smith	50
11/27	Keith & Linda Crider	24
11/30	Darrin & Jill Dorsett	25

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.



A Little Heavenly Humor

Three men went to church, and when it came time to pass the offering plate, they discovered they had no money. Not wanting to be embarrassed, one fainted and the other two carried him out.

Parsonage

The parsonage project is completed, and Pastor Lorenz and family have moved into their home. Money is still needed for this project, so please continue to use the envelopes marked for this purpose.

Monthly	Progress	Report
Date	Attendance	Offering
10/2	118	\$3,803.25
10/9	80	\$2,841.00
10/16	93	\$2,750.25
10/23	101	\$3,145.35
10/30		

Activities

Ladies' Guild – November meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2016 at 1:30 in the Lower meeting area of the education building.

The proceeds from the Potato Bar have been sent to Love INC in the amount of \$565.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) will meet on Wednesday, November 9 at NOON.
Location: Z Place

Dorcas Circle will be meeting at the home of Holly Cuttriss on Wednesday, November 16. If unable to attend, please call Holly at 356-5628

Confirmation & Sunday School

Sunday School started September 4th. Confirmation classes also started the week of September 4th with the 1st year class meeting on Tuesdays and the 2nd year class meeting on Thursdays. The first year class has 9 students and the second year class has 2 students.

Adult Bible Class - Join us in the school basement before the Divine Service (Saturday, 4:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00am) as we begin a new study, "A Man Named Martin (Part 1: The Man)." In this Bible study from Lutheran Hour Ministries, we will examine the life and times of Martin Luther, and follow along with him as he struggled to understand and share the truths of the Bible. This study began October 1 & 2. We hope you will join us!



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 Judy Turgeson 200-1376 or 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.

We again want to thank the anonymous donor for the donation to the quilters' fund. It is greatly appreciated.

Bach Collegium

Opening Night

Sunday, November 13 at 7:00p.m.

Featuring **Bach Collegium singers and early instruments**, including natural trumpets

**Where: Trinity Episcopal Church
611 W. Berry St.
Ft. Wayne, IN**

Tickets \$20.00-Students with ID \$5.00-and 12 and under Free

**Tickets available at the door or at
www.bachcollegium.org**



80 Plus Birthdays this month!

NOVEMBER

11/1	Dorothy Keehn	93
11/28	Shirley Kaiser	81

ACOLYTES AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

NOVEMBER 2016

SAT NOVEMBER 5	5:00 PM	TED MCELHANEY	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	ACOLYTE
SUN NOVEMBER 6	10:15 AM	JEFF DERR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		JOSH REBER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NOLAN HUGHES	ACOLYTE
SAT NOVEMBER 12	5:00 PM	SAMANTHA WEICHT	ACOLYTE
SUN NOVEMBER 13	10:15 AM	MIRANDA SPITLER	ACOLYTE
SAT NOVEMBER 19	5:00 PM	RON BROWN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		ADRIAN BROWN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		ERICA BROWN	ACOLYTE
SUN NOVEMBER 20	10:15 AM	RANDY PRANGE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		RICHARD WINKELMAN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		DREW DORSETT	ACOLYTE
WED NOVEMBER 23	7:00 PM	ANDREW CRIDER	ACOLYTE
SAT NOVEMBER 26	5:00 PM	JASE GUNN	ACOLYTE
SUN NOVEMBER 27	10:15 AM	BRIANNA THOMAS	ACOLYTE
WED NOVEMBER 30	7:00 PM	IAN CRIDER	ACOLYTE

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

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 Confirmation 1	2 9:00 Quilters	12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	4	5 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
6 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	7 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel@ Tipton 1:30 General Guild 7:00 Elders	8 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood 6:30 Confirmation 1	9 9:00 Quilters 12:00 SPARKS	10 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	11	12 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
13 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	14 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	15 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 Confirmation 1	16 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Dorcas Circle	17 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	18	19 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
20 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	21 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Voters	22 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood	23 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service	24 THANKSGIVING Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
27 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	28 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	29 6:30 Confirmation 1	30 9:00 Quilters 5:30 Advent Supper 7:00 Advent Service			