

The
Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 2016

From the Pastor

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

Last month, I took some time and gave you a brief introduction to my family. This month, I would like to shed some light on “the method behind my madness,” specifically in regards to sermons. Spoiler alert for confirmation-aged members: this will be helpful as one of your tasks in Confirmation class is sermon notes (learning how to listen to sermons and pick-out main points).

In his explanation to the Sixth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer, Martin Luther writes, “God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.”

Notice that Martin Luther calls out by name the three enemies of a Christian: the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. And this specifically is what I want you to remember when listening to a sermon. Sometimes, you may be listening and think, “Wow, there isn’t much Gospel in this sermon.” Or, the opposite, “Wow, there really isn’t much Law mentioned at all.”

If and when these thoughts cross your mind, run this simple test – what enemy is being confronted in the sermon (text)? Sometimes, multiple enemies are confronted. But, other times, one enemy specifically is targeted by the Word of God. Determining what enemy is attacking a Christian will help you see what kind of Gospel needs to be applied within the sermon.

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- If the enemy is Satan – you will likely hear about *Christus Victor* – Christ the victor – Christ has overcome Satan for you; Satan has no power over you: Satan’s victory’s are transient.
- If the enemy is the world – you will likely hear a Gospel of encouragement and hope. Again, *Christus Victor* – Christ has overcome the world.
- If the enemy is Sin (or the sinful flesh) – you will hear a lot of forgiveness language. The Law will be very pointed, and the Gospel of forgiveness will be applied generously.

Of course, these are broad and sometimes overlapping categories. So if you are searching for the Gospel (or aren’t hearing the Gospel in the sermon) – take a step back and ask yourself first, “What type of Law is being applied?” Perhaps then the Gospel will shine forth more clearly.

God bless you as you continue to hear His Word.

Pastor Lorenz

News and Notes of St. Peter

The Love In the Name of Christ Diaper Ministry

Discussions began in the fall of 2015 to encourage our church to take over the diaper ministry at Love INC. The Transition team, under the guidance of Pastor Tim Anderson, decided to accept the challenge to take over the project.

The council decided to devote \$2,363.33 of Lutheran Foundation funds for purchasing diapers. The money had to be spent by mid-December or returned to the Lutheran Foundation.

Owen’s Kroger accepted the challenge of ordering diapers for our church. Thanks to George Ditzler, George Juergens and George Eickhoff for delivering the pallets of diapers from Owen’s.

With the Lutheran Foundation funding and the inventory from Love INC, a classroom was transformed into a “store.”

Love INC asked us to take their inventory of baby food which we did. They continue to supply more baby food about twice a month.

Pam Wertenberger accepted the role of co-chairing the project. Janet Bennett, Peggy Hoch and Judy Turgeson also help us. Judy has added quilted items to our supply. Volunteers from other churches have packaged diapers. Two ladies make bags for newborns filled with blankets and onesies.

Judy Juergens has undertaken the job of collecting money from the diaper canisters placed around Huntington. Gil Shideler collects donations from Markle and Warren. These donations have totaled \$617.61 to date.

At present we have given 2,720 diapers to approximately 80 needy families. Each diaper pack has a package of wet wipes. Many are grateful for the baby food.

Respectfully reported,
Barba Eickhoff

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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; Glennys Pratt (fall); Steven Spear (stroke), nephew of Donna Smith; Kathy Newmann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Patience Underwood, friend of Berta Christman; Lou Reed (cancer), friend of Ron and Cheryl Canvin; 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 Marjorie Richardson; Joyce McCune (heart and gallbladder) friend of Jim & Peggy Hoch; Denis Miller (heart) friend of Ruth Moon.

Heritage of Huntington – Maxine Stetzel

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

Miller's Merry Manor – Charles Weicht
(Room 71)

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.

80 Plus Birthdays this month!

9/13	Barba Eickhoff	81
9/29	Roseanne Christ	87

September Anniversaries

9/1	Thomas & Debra Guhl
9/4	Aaron & Erin Brown
9/11	Ronald & Cheryl Canvin
9/17	Steven & Ann Forth
9/26	Michael & Melissa Antonides
9/27	Corey & Laurie Trlak

Greeters

October

Saturday	Barbara Spreen
Sunday	Jack and Sandy Slusser

November

Saturday	Ted and Janet McElhaney
Sunday	Holly Cuttriss

December

Saturday	Bob & Kris McFarland
Sunday	Craig Hansen



Thank you

To Greeters of the month:
Diana Mason (Saturday) and *Jack and Pam Wertemberger* (Sunday)



New Address – Adam Debner
 11245 Lockleigh Dr. #226
 Zionsville, IN 46077

Our field worker, currently a vicar at
 Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church,
 Zionsville, IN

Ladies' Guild – September meeting will be
 Monday, September 12, 2016 at 1:30 in the
 lower meeting area. Note one week later
 due to Labor Day.

**St. Peter Association of Retired
 Keenagers (SPARKS)** will meet at
 Mecates Mexican Restaurant on
 Wednesday, September 14 at NOON.

Memorials

“An expression of love in memory of the
 deceased“

- Lisa Mitchell – St. Peter Lutheran Church
 St. Peter /Parsonage Restoration
- Donna Tieman – St. Peter Lutheran Church
- David Winkelman – St. Peter Lutheran
 Church/Parsonage Restoration
- Elwood Tieman – St. Peter Lutheran
 Church/Choir
- St. Peter Lutheran/Parsonage
 Restoration

Confirmation & Sunday School

Sunday School will start Sunday,
 September 4. Confirmation classes will
 also start the week of September 4th watch
 the bulletin for day and time of classes.

Monthly	Progress	Report
Date	Attendance	Offering
7/31	60	\$1,584.50
8/7	107	\$3,936.85
8/14	108	\$2,722.75
8/21	106	\$3,101.75
8/28		

Tape Ministry

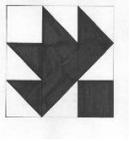
If you are unable to attend the worship
 services for any reason, including short-
 term recoveries, we would be happy to drop
 off a copy of the sermon or tape of the
 service which includes a bulletin. Please
 call Pam and Jack Wertenberger at
 356-8139 or Pam's cell phone: 260-388-2507
 to arrange 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



A Little Heavenly Humor

Mack: Why do you say “Amen” in a church
 instead of “Awomen”?

Jack: Because you sing hymns, not hers.



Quilters

The quilters group will start back up on Wednesday, September 7, meeting each Wednesday from 9 o'clock to 12 noon. We'd like to invite anyone interested to join us then, 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.

Dorcas Circle

Dorcas Circle will begin meeting with the first meeting being at the home of Vel Hoch on Wednesday, September 21 at noon. If unable to attend, please call Vel at 260-672-2960.

College Students

Please call the church office with the name of your college student new or returning so that the office can notify the Lutheran Church on the appropriate campus. At the time of your call please have their address as well as their email ready to give us.

Voters

Calling all Voting members:

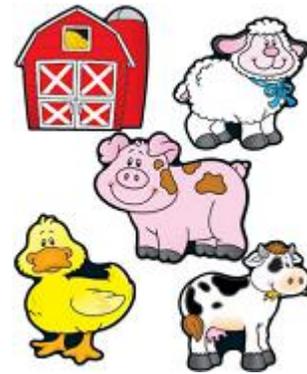
Meeting on Monday, September 19th

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Lower level of education building
Watch bulletin for agenda.

VBS

A **HUGE THANKS** goes out to Valerie Hughes and her family for all their hard work in preparing Vacation Bible School here at St. Peter. All the children enjoyed the week learning about Jesus and the great ending last day with the visit from Animal Grams. They enjoyed all the animals and especially holding the rabbits. All the hours setting up the gym and making the week run smooth have been greatly appreciated. Thanks goes out to the teachers, helpers, and anyone donating material, snacks and time.



VBS 2016

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.

4-H FOOD TENT THANK YOU

We opened the 4-H Food Tent with two Psalms – 121 and 125. We will close our time with parts of familiar hymns.

Hymn 869 With the Lord begin your task - Jesus will direct it For His aid and counsel ask – Jesus will perfect it . .

Hymn 895 Now thank we all our God -With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done - In Whom this world rejoices
Who from our mothers' arms - Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love - And still is ours today.

This is not what the hymn writer had in mind, but I kept going back to the line – “Who from our mothers' arms” (and grandmothers' arms). Some of us still have memories of how we first learned how to behave and how to set up and serve customers at the food tent.

Thanks to persons like Kim Kaiser Fultz, our evening meal cashier, who first began helping at the fair at about age 11 when the Kaiser family moved to Huntington and St. Peter Lutheran Church. New generations of children have learned from Kim and others how to serve drinks, make sandwiches and stay on task.

Many THANKS go to:

The Henline's – Sonny, Harley, and Ann – for setting and storing our trailer kitchen.

Sandy Slusser for hours of calling to invite us to help at the food tent.

The men with their trucks and trailers and strength to set up the serving line and tables.

Keith Crider for setting up and keeping all of our food choices ready to serve.

Kenny Whitesell for keeping the fryers going and anything else that needed to be done. He brought new helping friends and family – Tiffany and Trent.

Thomas Crider and Joyce Gravley helping daily in all places needed.

Norman Kochensparger – Keith's best helper - who kept the pots and pans and other utensils clean for hours each day. These are the people who were on duty every day.

The Crider family and Mary Ellen Fuller for preparing the baked steaks.

Jack Slusser and Karen Smith who took on the frying and baking of the chicken.

But THE MOST IMPORTANT PART to realize is that these helpers would have had no purpose being there if it were not for the rest of you – the supporting staff of volunteers who said yes and gave hours and days of your time to make the food tent happen again by God's grace. This was a gift to St. Peter Lutheran Church and to those who look forward to eating at our food tent.

This included the preparation of sloppy joes, cole slaw, cucumbers and onions and noodles and the donations of paper towels, sugar, salt, vinegar, and melons. Thanks to Tim Bischoff and Bob McFarland, the gardeners, who provided free cucumbers – you saved us a lot of money.

Thanks to the chicken preparation team. Thanks to all who helped with making and baking of the pies, cleaning the tables, working the serving line for meals, doing the French fries, sandwiches, and sides. Thanks for your prayers. THANK YOU for one more year in 2016.

May our Lord continue to keep us safe and healthy for 2017.

Eleanor Smith

**ACOLYTES AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
SEPTEMBER 2016**

SAT SEPTEMBER 3	5:00 PM	RON BROWN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	ACOLYTE
SUN SEPTEMBER 4	10:15 AM	HAROLD BENNETT	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		RICHARD WINKELMAN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		IAN CRIDER	ACOLYTE
SAT SEPTEMBER 10	5:00 PM	SAMANTHA WEICHT	ACOLYTE
SUN SEPTEMBER 11	10:15 AM	ANDREW CRIDER	ACOLYTE
SAT SEPTEMBER 17	5:00 PM	TED MCELHANEY	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		JORDAN JONES	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		TED MCELHANEY	ACOLYTE
SUN SEPTEMBER 18	10:15 AM	JEFF DERR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		JIM HOCH	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		DREW DORSETT	ACOLYTE
SAT SEPTEMBER 24	5:00 PM	NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	ACOLYTE
SUN SEPTEMBER 25	10:15 AM	NOLAN HUGHES	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

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	2	3 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
4 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service W/Communion	5 LABOR DAY	6 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store	7 9:00 Quilters 7:00 Elders	8 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	9	10 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
12 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	15 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel@ Tipton 1:30 General Guild 7:00 Council	13	14 9:00 Quilters 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood 12:00 SPARKS	18 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	16	17 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
18 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	19 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Voters	20 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store Messenger Deadline	21 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Dorcas Circle	22 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	23	24 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
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