

The
Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

September 2017

“Make their love a living picture Showing how You loved Your bride; When You gave Yourself to cleanse her, When for her You bled and died. Jesus, You have made her holy, Pure and fair her radiant train; To Yourself, Your Church presenting, Without wrinkle, spot, or stain.” (LSB 860 – Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing, verse 4)

You are the bride of Christ. Well, not you personally (let’s not get creepy pictures in our head). You, as a member of the holy, catholic church are the bride of church. You are His. Holy. Righteous. Without spot. Without blemish. Without wrinkle. (Ephesians 5:22ff). Of you, Christ has nothing evil to say. You are forgiven. Jesus tells His Father in heaven, “Hey, check out my bride. Isn’t she beautiful?!” All your sin, all your wickedness is covered over by Jesus blood – and you are glorified and exalted. Jesus takes the responsibility for your sin – ensures that His Name is cursed (Galatians 3:13) – so that you are seen as perfect and blameless. (By the way, husbands, love your own wives in this way!)

Consider the following (hypothetical?) situation:

There is a boyfriend and girlfriend in high school. The boy loves the girl – but his friends have reservations. ‘You’re dating her? She’s not the prettiest.’ So the boy has his girlfriend wear makeup, in order that she would look prettier.

He goes back to his friends. “Look, isn’t she pretty?” But, for the friends, the girl was too dumb. So the boyfriend goes back to his girlfriend. And she starts reading more intellectual books.

The boy goes back to his friends. “Look, isn’t she smart?” But again, for the friends, she wasn’t good enough. “She’s socially awkward and her fashion sense is backwards.”

So the boy goes to his ‘beloved,’ and soon she is reading Vogue and learning how to be a social butterfly.

How did the boyfriend treat his girlfriend? Degrading? Unloving? What would your advice be to the girl, and why? In fact, most of us would see that the boyfriend was not expressing true love, and didn’t love the girlfriend for who she was; he was trying to make her fit his (and his friends) ideal of who she should be.

How do we treat the bride of Christ? How do we treat her when others look down upon her and tell her that she ought to look different, sound different, act different? Why do we treat the bride of Christ as a harlot to fit the whims and desires of the world, rather than glorifying her for who she is?

Dear friends, we will hear that the church will be more appealing if she only does ... (fill in the blank). She will attract more people if she ... (fill in the blank). The pews will be full if she *doesn't* do... (fill in the blank).

Father, forgive us for not seeing the church as you have created her; forgive us for the times we try to make her something she is not, or for despising her for what she is. Lord, you have made us your beloved church; You have washed us, glorified us. Open our lips to sing your praises; open our lips so that we may proclaim to others: “Look at Christ’s church! Listen to what He has done for her!” May the entire world see the beauty of your bride – the beauty of *Your* righteousness and glory – bow their knees, and sing Your praise. Amen.

-- 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:

Jimmy Barnhart (cancer), relative of Laurie Trlak; Jay Beekman; Niki Boswell (stroke), niece of Diana Mason; Bertie Brooks (cancer), aunt of Leah Hiers; Maryann Clemmer (cancer), friend of Sandy Gast; Frank & Nancy Cozzen, brother-in-law & sister of Dewayne Anderson; Dorothy Davis (heart), friend of Norman Kochensparger; Don Fox (health concerns), brother of Barba Eickhoff; Pam Hite (terminally ill breast cancer), friend of Pam Wertenberger; Dolly (Ahlschwede) Kikuchi (cancer), relative of Diana Mason; Mark Mason (cancer), friend of Larry & Susie Baade; Dennis Miller (heart & stroke), friend of Ruth Moon; Kathy Neumann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Kelly Detamore-Palmer (heart), daughter of Madonna (Maybee) Detamore; Steven Spear (stroke), nephew of Donna Smith; Geneva Stetzel (stroke), aunt of Leah Hiers; Brandon Trlak (cancer); Christy Trlak (treatment); Steven Welker (stroke), son-in-law of Donna Dennis.

Englewood Health & Rehabilitation – Mildred Craig

Heritage of Huntington – Maxine Stetzel; Robert Gernand

Heritage, Warren – Edward Campbell, Jr.

Miller's Merry Manor – Neil & Sandy Stonebraker; Charles Weicht

Markle Health & Rehabilitation – Jean Simmons

Norwood – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee; Rick Roth

Home – Jason Cozad; 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 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 and hang on your door for pick up when a new tape is delivered, if we don't see you. Thanks for your help.

Jack & Pam Wertenberger



Greeters

Greeters for the following months are:

OCTOBER

Sat	5:00	John, Jennifer and Jase Gunn
Sun	10:15	Dick and Jane Winkelman

NOVEMBER

Sat	5:00	Ted and Janet McElhaney
Sun	10:15	Holly Cuttriss

DECEMBER

Sat	5:00	Paul and Sue Kellam
Sun	10:15	John Wegmann

Memorials

Memorials have been given to St. Peter Lutheran Church in memory of:

Judith Short

Roseanna Christ

Dodie VanDeGraft

Hospital Contact Information

Please be sure to list Pastor Lorenz on contact information upon entering the hospital or nursing home even for rehabilitation. Because of HIPPA, information is not released to the pastor.



80 Plus Birthdays this month! *September*

Date		
9/13	Barba Eickhoff	82
9/17	Richard Smith	80

NOTE: If you don't see your anniversary listed, or you are 80 and over and don't see your birthday listed, please check with the office and give the information to secretary. As we probably do not have the information, but we would very much like to have it.

Happy Anniversary

September Anniversaries

Date		# Years
9/1	Thomas & Debra Guhl	33
9/4	Aaron & Erin Brown	18
9/11	Ronald & Cheryl Canvin	18
9/17	Steven & Ann Forth	29
9/26	Michael & Melissa Antonides	8
9/17	Corey & Laurie Trlak	42



A Little Heavenly Humor

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10.'

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'

Scrip

The word SCRIP is found four times in the King James version of the Bible. The verses are 1Samuel 17:40, Mark 6:8, Luke 9:3 and Luke 22:35 and 36. Scrip is a person's travel bag or knapsack.

During our country's depression era, scrip referred to coupons. Some employees gave their workers scrip when there were insufficient funds on payday. These could be used to pay bills and buy groceries.

Here at St. Peter, the term scrip is used to name gift cards which when purchased at a discount enable us to provide funds for furthering the Lord's work.

George Eickhoff

St. Peter Organizations

Ladies' Guild – Will meet on September 11th in the reception room of the education building. Please note this is one week later due to Labor Day. 4-H Fair report will be given, as well as plans for the October Potato Bar to be completed.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) – SPARKS is open to everyone over 55. We are the retired Keenagers group meeting just for fun at various eating places. We meet at noon on the second Wednesday of each month. We have a cash drawing at each meeting for fun. The winner of the drawing at the August meeting was Ruth Guy. The next meeting will be at noon on September 13th at Lake Clare Exercise Park. This meeting will be a picnic potluck. Join in the good food and fellowship, don't have to do any of the exercises if you don't want to, just check it out. Please call the church office or let Sandy Slusser (356-4755) or Barba Eickhoff (356-4138) know what you plan to bring to the picnic, so there aren't 6 dishes of baked beans or potato salad. Table service, drinks and meat will be furnished.

Dorcas Circle - will meet on September 20, at the home of Janet Bennett. If unable to attend, please let Janet know. Her phone number is 358-0401.

Quilters - will resume on Wednesday, September 6. We quilt from 9-noon. The quilters are always thankful for donations of cotton fabric, new or slightly used flat sheets and pillowcases. We'd like to invite anyone interested to join us or contact Judy Turgeson (200-1376) or Anita Prout (356-3627) for further information.

LYF - Youth will be meeting on September 24th in the Youth Room of the Church Education Building.

Choir - Do you like to sing? Please join the choir on Wednesday evenings at 7PM. Plans are to sing at least once a month in church. Practice has already started, but not too late to join. Gather in the church by the piano. If you have questions, please call Keith Crider at 260-356-8097.

Diaper Store

Update on the renovation of the former youth room which is now the diaper depot: The total cost was \$5,209.54. We have been approved and will receive a grant from Huntington Foundation for \$2,500. Scrip paid the remainder of \$2,709.54. Carpeting alone for the 30 x 30 room was \$3,228.57. Thanks to Jim Bowland and the Council and the Board of Property who approved and helped with getting things done. Thanks also to George Ditzler and Paul Eickhoff for removal and installation of the ceiling panels and doing the painting. The diaper store is open the first and third Tuesdays of each month mornings 11 to 1, and afternoons 4 to 6. Come and check out the room. Barba Eickhoff

Board of Mission and Evangelism

“You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:13, 14). Are you interested in being on the Board of Mission and Evangelism? Or would you like to participate in evangelism activities? If so, please contact Jeff Derr. Board meetings are scheduled for the 4th Monday of every month at 6:00 pm

SERVING THIS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2017

ELDER

SATURDAY: GEORGE JUERGENS

SUNDAY: RANDY PRANGE

GREETERS

SATURDAY: SUE ANN ELTZROTH

SUNDAY: LINDA HOLLOWELL

ALTAR CARE: SALLY MCCOY & PAM WERTENBERGER

SEPTEMBER			
SAT SEPT 2	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RON BROWN
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ADRIAN BROWN
		ACOLYTE	ERIKA BROWN
SUN SEPT 3	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LARRY BAADE
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	HAROLD BENNETT
		ACOLYTE	NOLAN HUGHES
SAT SEPT 9	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	SAMANTHA WEICHT
SUN SEPT 10	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	MIRANDA SPITLER
SAT SEPT 16	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RON BROWN
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JORDAN JONES
		ACOLYTE	JASE GUNN
SUN SEPT 17	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JEFF DERR
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JIM HOCH
		ACOLYTE	BRIANNA THOMAS
SAT SEPT 23	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	JASE GUNN
SUN SEPT 24	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	IAN CRIDER
SAT SEPT 30	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	TED MCELHANEY
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER
		ACOLYTE	NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER
SUN OCT 1	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RICHARD WINKELMAN
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	LARRY BAADE
		ACOLYTE	ANDREW CRIDER

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, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
3 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion 2:00 Adult Confirmation	4 LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	5 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 Elders	6 9:00 Quilters 2:00 Adult Confirmation	7 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation	8	9 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
10 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service 2:00 Adult Confirmation	11 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 1:30 General Guild 7:00 Council	12 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood 9:00 Circuit Pastor's Meeting Logansport	13 9:00 Quilters 12:00 SPARKS PICNIC 2:00 Adult Confirmation	14 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation	15	16 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
17 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion 2:00 Adult Confirmation	18 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 VOTERS	19 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store	20 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Dorcas Circle @ Janet Bennett 2:00 Adult Confirmation Messenger Deadline	21 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation	22	23 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
24 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service 2:00 Adult Confirmation 5:30 LYF	25 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:00 Board of Evangelism	26 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood	27 9:00 Quilters 2:00 Adult Confirmation	28 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation	29	30 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service

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