

# THE INFORMER



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Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty oceans deep, Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea.

Summer has settled in upon us and for many that means more extensive traveling. Whether a family vacation to exciting destinations, an exotic cruise to foreign shores, or a pleasant visit with friends and family who've been separated by the miles, summer is the time our schedules relax a bit and we look forward to seeing new places... or visiting places we've not seen in a while.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain,  
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,  
Protect them by Thy guarding hand, From ev'ry peril on the land.

While focusing on the dangers of travel is a sure way to dampen the joy of a vacation, we all tend to take sensible precautions as we plan and begin our journeys. If we're driving, we make sure the car is in good shape and we have good directions that will lead us where we're going. If we're flying, we listen to the attendant's instructions to be followed in case of emergency. If we're aboard a ship, we learn the location of the lifejackets and the life boats. We take sensible precautions in order to make our journeys safe and enjoyable.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent, to spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might, Save all who dare the eagle's flight,

And keep them by Thy watchful care, From ev'ry peril in the air.

But sometimes, despite our best planning, the unexpected arises and we find ourselves facing difficulties. Often these difficulties are merely inconveniences... but occasionally, despite our planning... we find ourselves in real peril. Whether a car breakdown or accident... or sudden severe weather giving birth to damaging hail and winds, or tornados or hurricanes... or sudden health issues resulting in emergency medical care... or natural or man-made disasters which spoil our plans or place us in jeopardy... sometimes we find ourselves caught up in difficulties for which we had not planned.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee, Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Regardless of what we may encounter as we travel this summer... and as we travel through this life... whether we travel by air, by water, or on the ground... whether we're staying close to home or traveling around the world... our heavenly Father is always with us. He is always watching over us as we travel the highways and byways of this life. The Holy Spirit keeps us safe in the true faith as He reveals our Savior, Jesus Christ to us through His Word and His Sacraments. Our heavenly Father has promised to be with us wherever we may go... so... regardless of your travel plans... enjoy the journey with Jesus!



## The Word from the Chairman!



Greetings,

Well, we are fully into summer. June for the Wildner family, 10 of us, was spent in an RV for 15 days. Some people have questioned our sanity after that time! It has reminded me of how God has blessed our family and how grand His creations are.

Coming up is the VBS led by Linda LeLacheur. August 14th through 17th. This is an outreach so invite children out side of the church! The following Sunday is the church picnic. It will be BBQ again and potluck. We had a great time last year so don't miss it!

The quarterly meeting was held on July 17th, this meeting covers the reports from the different committees and scheduling of activities. It is important that our members attend because it provides lots of information as well as an opportunity to be an active part of the Church!

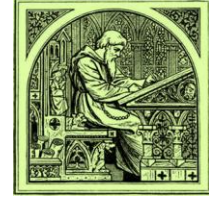
God's blessings to you!

Randy Wildner

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure, you use it will be measured back to you."



## The Elders' Corner



**Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.**

**James 5:13-16**

These words, given by the Holy Spirit to St. James, reminds us how important prayer is in the life of each and every Christian. Whether in difficulty, as these Bible verses suggest, or in happy, untroubled times, prayer is to be our constant companion. Whether in thanksgiving or in supplication, prayer is the air we breathe as the children of God.

As many of us get older, we experience more health related difficulties. This is simply a by-product of growing older. As we get older and we experience these health set-backs, it's important for us to pray, both for ourselves and for each other. In order to allow our friends in Christ to pray for us, we need to let them know we need those prayers! All too often the church only hears about hospitalizations or sicknesses after the fact.

In order to allow our brothers and sisters to lift us up in prayer, we need to let them know we need those prayers! As members of God's own Church, praying for each others' needs is an honor and a privilege for each of us!

**Please contact Pastor in the event of health difficulties or other emergencies so that he can provide the proper prayer and visitation support! We can't support you in your times of need if we do not know they are happening.**

# *Christian Education News*



*Whew, this summer is moving fast! We are busy getting Vacation Bible School ready and many thanks to all the wonderful people here at St. Peter! Many of you have come forward to help in any way we need. Notices have been in the bulletin, but I'll give you the dates again: August 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 am until 11:30. We will need small bottles of water as the school's go-to beverage.*

*Our final organizational vbs meeting will be August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you missed the first please try to attend this one as we will have all of the crafts there and will decide which crafts we want to use. If you didn't volunteer and want to join in the fun come to the meeting: all are welcome!*

*We know our vbs will be a great success. Let me take this time to say "thank you" to everyone who has given their time! Without you this could have never happened.*

*Don't forget Sunday school starts in September!!!*

*Your friend through Christ our Savior  
Linda Le Lacheur*



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## **Vacation Bible School**

**August 14<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am to 11:30 am  
Ages 3 to 12**

**Registration on the 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 10:00 am**

# **River of Life**

## **A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~ August**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Psalms 57, 58, & 59	Romans 4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ps 60, 61, & 62	Rom 5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ps 63, 64, & 65	Rom 6
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 66 & 67	Rom 7
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 68 & 69	Rom 8:1-21
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 70 & 71	Rom 8:22-39
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 72 & 73	Rom 9:1-15
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 74, 75, & 76	Rom 9:16-33
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 77 & 78	Rom 10
10 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 79 & 80	Rom 11:1-18
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 81, 82, & 83	Rom 11:19-36
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 84, 85, & 86	Rom 12
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 87 & 88	Rom 13
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 89 & 90	Rom 14
15 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 91, 92, & 93	Rom 15:1-13
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 94, 95, & 96	Rom 15:14-33
17 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 97, 98, & 99	Rom 16
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 100, 101, & 102	1 Corinthians 1
19 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 103 & 104	1 Cor 2
20 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 105 & 106	1 Cor 3
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ps 107, 108, & 109	1 Cor 4
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ps 110, 111, & 112	1 Cor 5
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ps 113, 114, & 115	1 Cor 6
24 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 116, 117, & 118	1 Cor 7:1-19
25 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 119:1-88	1 Cor 7:20-40
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 119:89-176	1 Cor 8
27 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 120, 121, & 122	1 Cor 9
28 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 123, 124, & 125	1 Cor 10:1-18
29 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 126, 127, & 128	1 Cor 10:19-33
30 <sup>th</sup>	Ps 129, 130, & 131	1 Cor 11:1-16
31 <sup>st</sup>	Ps 132, 133, & 134	1 Cor 11:17-34



## LOOKING AHEAD

**Jesus said, “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.” ~ Matthew 11:18 & 19**

These verses record Jesus’ response to those who were criticizing His manner of life. Jesus’ detractors weren’t impressed with John the Baptist’s prophetic behavior because it was so out of the ordinary that people thought John must have serious problems! But these people were equally unimpressed with Jesus because His manner of life seemed so ordinary... so usual.

Now this text gives us an interesting point to notice about Jesus and His earthly ministry. As we all know, Jesus was born into this world to save the world from the damnation of sin. He had a very short time to introduce people to the true God, to instill faith in human hearts, and to establish the beginnings of the Church. But how does Jesus go about doing that?

This text gives us a clue. Jesus spent a lot of His time simply *being* with people. He spent a lot of His time eating with people, chatting with people, celebrating with people, and generally simply mingling with them. Jesus’ earthly ministry was largely a ministry of hanging out with people. He got to know people and He allowed people the opportunity to get to know Him.

As we consider our own Christian witness, we will do well to remember Jesus’ example. He gave Himself to the people He was with. As we give ourselves to the people we’re with, we get to know them and they get to know us. As they get to know us, the Holy Spirit is active so that they also get to know Jesus through us. Every one of our personal interactions is a discipling moment, as Jesus introduces Himself to others through us!