

THE INFORMER



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O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us.
That we may be truly living, to You giving prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

The Time of Easter ends with Pentecost Sunday. Our victorious Savior rises from the grave, reveals Himself to His disciples, and ascends into heaven. The Lord Jesus tells His followers to wait in Jerusalem; to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, comes to the believers and makes His home with them. Pentecost Sunday begins the Time of the Church; the time in our Church Year when we recognize that Jesus continues His work in this fallen world by the power of the Holy Spirit working through us, His chosen people.

Give to Your Word impressive power, That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing.

That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.

Hear us, cheer us, by Your teaching; Let our preaching and our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

The Holy Spirit opens our eyes to the truth of the Gospel. He indwells us at our Baptism. He opens our hearts and minds to grasp the wonder of our heavenly Father's love for us. He ignites faith in our hearts as we realize that Jesus died for each of us, the perfect sacrifice for our sin. He gives us saving faith and He strengthens and keeps us in that one true faith. All this He does through the means of grace our heavenly Father has given to us: His Word and His Sacraments.

O mighty rock, O source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning.
That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace on us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

We begin the Time of the Church remembering that the Holy Spirit is keeping us safe in His Church. The Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, given to the Prophets and the Apostles, continues its miraculous work of bringing salvation out of damnation and life out of death. We live in our heavenly Father's grace, poured out on us through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and realized by the power of the Holy Spirit.





The Word from the Chairman!



Greetings,

April showers!! Thankfully we had one weekend of summer like weather, the "teaser"...

Church council meeting was April 17th and there are a few activities that we need someone to step up and volunteer to chair. We have several people who are willing to help with these activities, but we need an individual who will coordinate them. For example, a rummage sale or a trunk to trunk fundraising sale needs someone willing to coordinate these activities.

We will be doing a "blessing of the bikes" on May 21st from 12 to 3pm. Anyone interested in helping please see me.

Also, Bob Sass and Linda Hanson are interested in providing CPR refresher class, there will be a sign-up sheet with a couple of dates to tentatively have it.

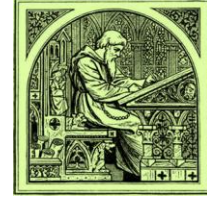
Stay dry, may God's blessings be bountiful!

Randy Wildner

Matthew 19:26 - But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."



The Elders' Corner



Your Elders have been reviewing St. Peter's membership roster. In these considerations Your Elders have concluded that a "member" is an individual who takes part in the worship life of the congregation. Having a name on a list or a past family history with the congregation means little if there is no personal involvement.

A few of our past members have not joined us in worship for several years and efforts at making contact with them have been unsuccessful.

The phrase used to describe this behavior is "relinquishing membership by self-exclusion." Since they no longer attend and have made no reply to our efforts at contacting them, we must assume they have no interest in continuing their membership here at St. Peter Lutheran Church.

This doesn't mean they are not welcome to join us in worship if and when they choose. It simply recognizes that, by their lack of involvement, they cannot be considered a "member."

Your Elders are making this effort in order to give the congregation a more realistic listing of our members; a listing that is based on the reality of involvement in the worship life of the church. As these efforts continue, we will keep you informed!

Christian Education News



As we enter the month of May we begin the last few weeks of Sunday school. May 21 will be our last day which is a party and celebrating everyone's birthday. The older children will be making a scripture cake for our party. Also this is the day when our faith friends will get to meet each other!

It has been a wonderful year and we have been blessed with many children and now we even have four teachers. But don't think because we have four that we can't use more! If you want to join our teachers group please contact Linda LeFacheur or Pastor. The pay is all the smiles and hugs you can handle. Now that is a blessing!

Just a reminder: We're looking for someone to volunteer to take over the faith friends project. It's very easy to manage and a great blessing to our congregation! Just ask Linda for the details.

*Your friends through Jesus,
Ann, Karen, Kristi and Linda*

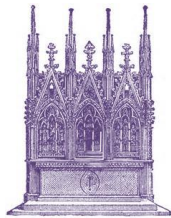
A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~ May

Day	Old Testament	New Testament
1 st	1 Kings 10 & 11	Luke 21:20-38
2 nd	1 Kings 12 & 13	Luke 22:1-20
3 rd	1 Kings 14 & 15	Luke 22:21-46
4 th	1 Kings 16, 17, & 18	Luke 22:47-71
5 th	1 Kings 19 & 20	Luke 23:1-25
6 th	1 Kings 21 & 22	Luke 23: 26-56
7 th	2 Kings 1, 2, & 3	Luke 24:1-35
8 th	2 Kings 4, 5, & 6	Luke 24:36-53
9 th	2 Kings 7, 8, & 9	John 1:1-28
10 th	2 Kings 10, 11, & 12	John 1:29-51
11 th	2 Kings 13 & 14	John 2
12 th	2 Kings 15 & 16	John 3:1-18
13 th	2 Kings 17 & 18	John 3:19-38
14 th	2 Kings 19, 20, & 21	John 4:1-30
15 th	2 Kings 22 & 23	John 4:31-54
16 th	2 Kings 24 & 25	John 5:1-24
17 th	1 Chronicles 1, 2, & 3	John 5:25-47
18 th	1 Chr 4, 5, & 6	John 6:1-21
19 th	1 Chr 7, 8, & 9	John 6:22-44
20 th	1 Chr 10, 11, & 12	John 6:45-71
21 st	1 Chr 13, 14, & 15	John 7:1-27
22 nd	1 Chr 16, 17, & 18	John 7:28-53
23 rd	1 Chr 19, 20, & 21	John 8:1-27
24 th	1 Chr 22, 23, & 24	John 8:28-59
25 th	1 Chr 25, 26, & 27	John 9:1-23
26 th	1 Chr 28 & 29	John 9:24-41
27 th	2 Chronicles 1, 2, & 3	John 10:1-23
28 th	2 Chr 4, 5, & 6	John 10:24-42
29 th	2 Chr 7, 8, & 9	John 11:1-29
30 th	2 Chr 10, 11, & 12	John 11:30-57
31 st	2 Chr 13 & 14	John 12:1-26



Choir News

Your St. Peter Choir has recuperated from the challenging Lent and Easter schedule and is beginning practices for the Festivals of Pentecost and Trinity. If you're looking for an opportunity to express yourself musically, this is the group for you! The choir practices on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. Come and add your voice to our joyful noise!



Altar Guild



The Altar Guild is looking for a volunteer to help with Communion each week during the month of September. Please contact Debi Hoerr if you'd like to volunteer or would like more information concerning this opportunity to serve at St. Peter.



LOOKING AHEAD

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

~ 2nd Timothy 2:15

The Day of Pentecost is Sunday, May 28th this year. The Day of Pentecost commemorates the Holy Spirit pouring out upon all believers, indwelling them, and uniting them together as God's chosen people; His Church.

On the day of Pentecost we also celebrate Confirmation Day. That is the day set aside for our 2nd year Confirmation class to publicly confess their faith and join in receiving the Lord's Supper for the first time. This year's class is comprised of Lily Neumann and Charlotte Reising.

Charlotte and Lily will publicly confess the faith through an oral examination. This public confession will be made on Thursday, May 25th at 5:00 pm. The congregation is invited to attend!

The purpose of this public confession is two-fold: first, it allows the Confirmands to demonstrate that they are able to "rightly handle the word of truth" by answering questions concerning the faith. Second, it allows the congregation to know that those who will join them in Holy Communion truly understand what they are receiving in the Sacrament.

Please congratulate our 2023 Confirmands as they join us in Altar fellowship this Pentecost Sunday!

Confirmation Class

