

THE INFORMER



St. Peter Lutheran Church

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September is here! Summer vacations are coming to a close and the school bells will be ringing throughout the area. “Back to school.” That short phrase conveys a wealth of information and conjures up a wide range of emotions. For children it means a return to the classroom and a return to learning. For adults with school-age children it means a more structured home schedule and often a more hectic pace as school activities are added to everything else. For older adults it means watching out for school buses and taking part in the activities of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The start of a new school year is certainly a change from our summer routine!

Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near
Let me Your Word pure e'er retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

We as God's children are also called to go “back to school.” In fact, with the Holy Spirit as our teacher, we are never very far from the “classroom” He uses to teach us the ways of our Savior, Jesus. Our lives are the classroom in which the Holy Spirit opens our heavenly Father's revelation of Himself, grants us understanding of the wonderful things our God has accomplished for us, and the training ground He uses to apply and establish that truth in each of our lives.

Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has power to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

Our God's revelation of Himself comes to us in His revealed Word. The Bible is the textbook given to every Christian to “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest.” God's people of all ages are to immerse themselves in the Word and allow it to enlighten both hearts and minds in the revealed truth of our God. As St. Peter Lutheran Church, we are provided opportunities to grow

in the Word. Sunday School provides a strong foundation for our youngest members, Confirmation instruction provides our young adults in-depth study in the doctrine of the faith, and Bible classes allow for continuing study in many different areas of Biblical knowledge.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory praise and honor be
Now, and throughout eternity.

Our Teacher, the Holy Spirit, reminds us of the Word we've heard and read, He applies it in our daily lives, and through that Word He fixes our hearts and minds on our Savior, Jesus Christ. As the new school year starts, let the Holy Spirit ignite a hunger for His Word. Regularly take a few moments to anchor your heart in Scripture: allow it to fill you. Allow it to change you! Join with your friends in Bible study and reap the harvest our God has promised to give you. We are truly blessed as the Holy Spirit "takes us to school!"





The Word from the Chairman!



Greetings,

Where did August go? Another great month but went by too fast.

VBS led by Linda LeLacheur was a success. This was the first VBS held at St. Peters in a long time, I am hoping that we can continue it annually. Big thanks to Linda and her team for putting this together.

The church picnic was awesome! Great weather, great food and hanging out with the "church family". Pastors whiffle golf was a hit with 5 teams competing.

Thanks to Bob and Linda H. for setting up the CPR refresher. Just a note that the AED is located next to the bulletin Board.

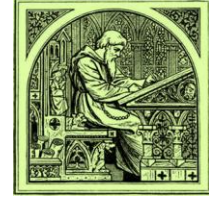
God's blessings to you!

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



As the summer vacation months pass and the sunshine fades ever earlier in the evening skies, we find ourselves re-entering the “busy” part of the year here at St. Peter.

Sunday School is the first activity to recommence. It begins again on Sunday, September 10th. It is always a pleasure to see so many of the congregation’s children gathered together to learn about Jesus and sing praises to our heavenly Father.

Because of scheduling and availability circumstances, some of our activities will be beginning later than usual. Our first-year confirmation class begins on Wednesday, October 4th at 5:00 pm and our second-year confirmation class begins on Thursday, October 5th at 5:00 pm.

The choir’s first rehearsal is on Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 pm. Our St. Peter choir provides everyone in our congregation an opportunity to exercise their love of singing. Come join in the musical fun!

Our Bible Studies will continue as usual with our Thursday Bible class meeting at 10:45 each Thursday morning. Sunday morning Bible study meets at 8:15 am in Pastor’s office. A Bible study for care-givers meets on alternating Tuesdays at 2:00 pm.

Watch the calendar as there are many more upcoming activities to enjoy!



Altar Guild



The St. Peter Altar Guild continues their faithful service to our congregation week after week, month after month, and year after year. We have been blessed with a wonderful group of volunteers who help keep our services running smoothly and pleasantly.

Our St. Peter Altar Guild volunteers are as follows:

January ~ Linda Hansen

February ~ Marie Brockmiller

March ~ Jessica Hoerr

April ~ Debbie Beres & Carrie Cain

May ~ Karen Williams

June ~ Sandy Carr

July ~ Claudis Methner

August ~ Myra Wildner

September ~ Carolyn Petitpren

October ~ Laura Neumann

November ~ Debbie Labuhn

December ~ Debi Hoerr

If you would be interested in serving on the Altar Guild as an alternate, please contact Debi Hoerr at 810-420-0028 or speak with her after service.

Thank you very much to all our Altar Guild volunteers! Your work is a great blessing to all of us!



Bible Studies



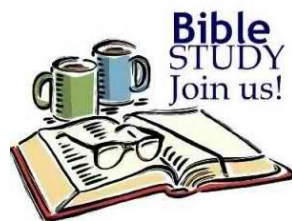
As the children of God, our faith is strengthened as we receive our Savior's gifts. We're brought into the faith through the waters of Baptism. We're strengthened for eternity as we receive the Lord's Supper. We're established in this faith as we hear the Word of God proclaimed and as we "read mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the Word of God in personal study.

Our Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 8:15 each Sunday morning. We are studying the New Testament letter that the Holy Spirit inspired St. James to write. This epistle provides both guidance and encouragement for our faith!

Our Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:45 Thursday mornings. The book of the Revelation is our topic of study on Thursdays. This study provides an opportunity to discuss the prophetic imagery and better understand how this book builds up our faith.

The Care-Givers Bible Study meets on alternating Wednesdays at 2:00 pm and explores topics of interest to those who provide care and support for their loved ones.

Everyone is welcome to join these classes as we study the Bible, share our Christian experiences, and grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!





St. Peter's Trusty Trustees

Your St. Peter Trustees continue their work!

As you may have noticed, portions of the parking lot do not drain very well after it rains. We are working toward a solution that will lessen the amount of water pooling in the parking lot.

Several maintenance and upkeep items have been accomplished this summer as we work to keep our facility spruced up!

There is a large project on the horizon. The exterior of our building is deteriorating and our roof is leaking. Discussions are underway for an exterior renovation that would include new roofing, new windows, new siding, and new trim coverings. Stay tuned for more information!

Please contact one of your Trusty Trustees if you notice our facilities in need of maintenance or improvement. The following are our Trustees:

Bill Boike

Ken Brockmiller

John Harper

Charlie Jones

Dan Stahl

Confirmation for 7th & 8th Graders

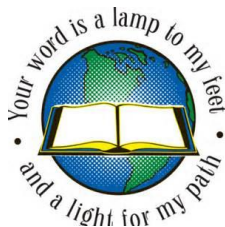


If you know of any children entering the seventh or eighth grade this coming school year, please give their names and contact information to Pastor Hoerr. A child's seventh and eighth grade school years are the years for Confirmation study and now is the time to plan for this worthwhile education!

Our First Year Confirmation Class will be beginning classes on **Wednesday, October 4th at 5:00 pm.** Our Second Year Confirmation Class will be beginning classes on **Thursday, October 5th at 5:00 pm.**

This year's focus will be on Luther's Small Catechism as we explore the faith in light of God's revelation of Himself through the words of Holy Scripture. A comfortable familiarity with God's Word and the Small Catechism is a blessing which remains with us forever!

Please contact Pastor with the names and contact information for the children who will be receiving instruction this year.



Christian Education News



Before I write about the starting of Sunday school let tell you about our Vacation Bible School. We had between 8 and 10 children each day. We had an opening, a lesson, a craft, an activity, and a closing each day. On the last day the children sang for their parents and even learned two new songs: "I am Jesus little Lamb" and "Go My Children with My Blessing".

This was very much a success but all of this would not have happened without our faithful teachers, the kitchen help, our young helpers and the young lady who registered all of the children! We are also grateful for all of the people who supplied all of the snacks and water! My heartfelt thanks to each one of you! Without all of you we would not have had Vacation Bible School.

Now let's talk about Sunday School! We are ready to start on September 10th. We are looking forward to all of the children coming back and hopefully seeing some new faces also.

Again, I am so grateful to all of the people here at St. Peter! Whenever we need anything, you are right there to bring us what we need! Thank you all!

*Your friend through Christ our Savior
Linda Le Lacheur*

Faith Friends

An opportunity for our older members to connect with our younger members

“Older members” are any adult or adult couple who want to be a blessing to one of our congregational children

“Younger members” are any of our congregational children in Sunday School or Confirmation

Adult members connect anonymously with the child assigned to them by remembering their birthday, sending holiday greetings, occasional small gifts, and thinking of you's

For more information contact Laura Neumann ~
586-484-3276

A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~ September

Day	Old Testament	New Testament
1 st	Psalms 135 & 136	1 Corinthians 12
2 nd	Ps 137, 138, & 139	1 Cor 13
3 rd	Ps 140, 141, & 142	1 Cor 14:1-20
4 th	Ps 143, 144, & 145	1 Cor 14:21-40
5 th	Ps 146 & 147	1 Cor 15:1-28
6 th	Ps 148, 149, & 150	1 Cor 15:29-58
7 th	Proverbs 1 & 2	1 Cor 16
8 th	Pro 3, 4, & 5	2 Corinthians 1
9 th	Pro 6 & 7	2 Cor 2
10 th	Pro 8 & 9	2 Cor 3
11 th	Pro 10, 11, & 12	2 Cor 4
12 th	Pro 13, 14, & 15	2 Cor 5
13 th	Pro 16, 17, & 18	2 Cor 6
14 th	Pro 19, 20, & 21	2 Cor 7
15 th	Pro 22, 23, & 24	2 Cor 8
16 th	Pro 25 & 26	2 Cor 9
17 th	Pro 27, 28, & 29	2 Cor 10
18 th	Pro 30 & 31	2 Cor 11:1-15
19 th	Ecclesiastes 1, 2, & 3	2 Cor 11:16-33
20 th	Ecc 4, 5, & 6	2 Cor 12
21 st	Ecc 7, 8, & 9	2 Cor 13
22 nd	Ecc 10, 11, & 12	Galatians 1
23 rd	Song of Solomon 1, 2, & 3	Gal 2
24 th	Song 4 & 5	Gal 3
25 th	Song 6, 7, & 8	Gal 4
26 th	Isaiah 1 & 2	Gal 5
27 th	Is 3 & 4	Gal 6
28 th	Is 5 & 6	Ephesians 1
29 th	Is 7 & 8	Eph 2
30 th	Is 9 & 10	Eph 3



LOOKING AHEAD

Complaining about a silent God while your Bible is closed, is like complaining about not getting texts when your phone is turned off.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”
~ **Colossians 3:16**

The Bible is our God’s revelation of Himself and Holy Scripture is the only source for our Christian faith. We are called to read, mark, learn, and make it a part of our lives. The words of Scripture have been passed down to us so that they may “make their home” in our hearts and our minds. The Holy Spirit uses the Word we’ve learned to draw us closer to our God and to allow us to think God’s thoughts and follow His ways.

If regular Bible reading has not been one of your habits, now is a great time to carve out a few minutes each day to allow your God to be your Teacher and Advisor. It will bless your life in ways you can’t even imagine!