

The Messenger

A Big Thank You

Last year for Pastors Appreciation Month and Christmas, you as a congregation contributed to a big gift, tickets for my family and me to go to the Ark Encounter and the creation museum. For our vacation this summer we used them. To say it was a big gift does not come close to the size.

The sights, sounds and smells, were amazing. When seeing the ark from a distance in the parking lot, before the bus came to drive us the mile to get there, it looked big. When you unload at the entrance plaza, with the life size animal topiaries of elephants, dinosaurs of all kinds walking two by two to the ark, it still looked big. Walking by the large steles, (stone and wood slabs erected as monuments) depicted images telling narratives of the creation of man, the fall of man, Cain and Abel, how wickedness fills the earth, and finally of Noah and the Ark, as well as aviaries of various bird of color and size, lead one to feel as they are walking into a different time. Then you are at the bottom of the boat, compliantly dwarfed by the enormity of this wooden vessel. And you can breathe in the smell of something only described as akin to a lumber yard, but with a lot more wood.

On entering the Ark, you are confronted with some admissions of what they know from scripture and what they do not, like Noah's wife's name, or the names of his sons wives, they created some things not covered in scripture with something they call, "Ark-tistic License". Then you see the vast inside of the hull, the ribs, struts, and timbers that the ark is made out of, as you turn the corner to start to see the animal cages, crates and storage devices, to carry all the food, animals and supplies to fortify them for a year on the surface of the flood.

After Sunday School, in high school and beyond, in the real world, we begin to ask the question, could this have really happened as God said in the Bible? Eventually, Noah and the Ark come under fire, from our own mind or from others to make us ask, Did God really say...? Always to undermine or diminish our faith in God's Word, "Did he say? Could this have really happened?" This, 'Ark Encounter', shoots holes in all of their arguments. This Ark covers how many Kinds of animals went on the ark, how many actual animals living, and extinct including dinosaurs, how much space would be required for them, their food and supplies. It even by use of ancient technologies answers questions I did not have, liquid and solid waste removal, libraries on scrolls for cataloging animals with habits and care instructions, materials for repairs, with wood shop, and blacksmith shop, areas for walking animals, where you get the pet an assortment of live animals. It blows you away. The list goes on and on of what they put in the ark, it all fits with room to spare,

Back to the point, "Did God really say? Did God really mean?" Walking away from the ark, and the museum, if the ark or a worldwide flood were ever a sticky point for you, every hesitation will be removed. But are you prepared to believe? What will it mean if this did happen, as God said, for the reasons he said. Your world view must also change; biases and the culture around us must also shift. Who is my neighbor or family all goes to the ark. Which really only makes sense since cultures around the world have flood legends which points to shared ancestry at some point. But it also points to God's hatred of sin. What great length He would go to, to remove sin, to wash it away.

This God did by moving heaven and earth, and more: by himself becoming incarnate of the Virgin Mary; suffering and dying; paying for my sin and the sins of all man-kind. This God who does so much, claims us as his own through another flood called baptism, and through this lavish flood he again washes away my sin, he saves us like Noah, as definitely as he did in the first flood.

The Ark Encounter was truly a BIG gift for my family, Thank you. I hope many of you will also get to see it, so that you may also have stumbling blocks removed, and you may hold the whole of the Bible as God's inerrant Word. It is to be read, learned and trusted, as the only rule and norm for our life.

God's blessings, enjoy your summer, and see you on Sunday
Pastor Nuttmann

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Christian Day School News

Principal's Page

THE BEGINNING IS NEAR In June I wrote that the end is near. On June 6 we concluded another year of school. On August 27 we will begin another year of school. Yes, the summer break went quickly, but we are excited and ready for another year. We know that with the Lord's blessing we will have another great year of teaching our children and helping them to develop their abilities in reading, math and other skills, but more importantly we will be teaching them about their Lord and Savior. We are grateful that the Lord has called us to St. Peter and given us the privilege of being with great children and parents who are supportive and helpful.

We are looking forward to having an expanded and improved playground for the beginning of this year. Ryan West and his crew have begun the site preparation, the new playground equipment has arrived and we are looking forward to adding the rubber mulch in early August. We have tentative plans to have a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony and will keep you informed of date and time. Also, you can see some highlights of this project on the St. Peter School Facebook page and on the new St. Peter website.

You will also see yard signs springing up promoting our school. We are looking for more of our members and friends to purchase these signs and post them where others will see them and become aware of our wonderful school.

On August 22 we will have an open house for our parents and students where they will have the opportunity to again meet our teachers, take care of paperwork and get an introduction to Sycamore our student management program through which we will be able to communicate with our parents.

On Sunday, August 26 we will install our teachers as they begin another year. We are privileged to have all of our teachers returning. In preschool we will again place our little ones into the care of Mrs. Lisa Smith and Mrs. Corrine Fletcher. In the day school, the Kindergarten through second graders will have Mrs. Amber Ingraham as their teacher and the third through fifth graders will have Mrs. Betsy Rowe.

On Monday, August 27 we will have our opening Chapel Service where we will ask for God's blessing on our school and will begin in His name trusting in Him for guidance and support. We would invite you to attend this service and join us with your prayers and support.

It is not too late to talk to friends and family about the great school that we have at St. Peter and invite and urge them to send their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends to join us. We also continue to need your support through prayer and encouragement. We can also always use your financial support through your regular tithes and offerings and additional contributions for student scholarships or to help us meet other special needs.

His Servant,
Paul Weismantel, Principal





- First day of School at St. Peter is August 27th!
- We are excited for our Back to School Open House Night on August 22nd. For our Preschool students the open house starts at 6:30pm and our Day School students your open house starts at 7:00pm.
- Remember there is no school August 31st



Greeters: It's nice to be greeted when entering church each Sunday. Thanks to those who continue to serve in this capacity. NOTE: If you are unable to greet the date scheduled, please attempt to switch dates with someone else. If that doesn't work, please call me and I'll attempt to get a replacement. We're always looking for new faces, warm handshakes or hugs. Please let me know if you'd like to be put on the Greeter schedule. Currently it's about every 4 months.

Blessings, Sandy Lockwood
(517) 669-8813

2018 GREETER SCHEDULE		
	August 2018	
08/05/18	Ilene Gibson & Bill Caruss	Jean & Roger Heathman
08/12/18	Chris & Mark Grennell	Ann & Dick Stout
08/19/18	Mary Ann & Larry Grennell	Diane & Sara Thurston
08/26/18	Janell & Bob Barber	Albert Smith & Shirley Hayes
	September 2018	
09/02/18	Shirley & Lyle Huguelet	Ann & Louie Shellito
09/09/18	Judy & Barry Boettger	Debbie & Holden Schrader
09/16/18	Connie & Dale Martens	Jackie & Mark Zamarron
09/23/18	Lori & Taylor Klein	Carleen Eaton & Marilyn Richmond
09/30/18	Sandy & Gary Lenneman	Laurie & Earl Flegler
	October 2018	
10/07/18	Olga & Ralph Matteson	Hartner Family
10/14/18	Sandy Lockwood & Bill Caruss	Renee & Al Schmitzer
10/21/18	Jan & Jim Mehney	Jan & Don Maynard
10/28/18	Linda & Lee Chant	Theresa & Charlie Silm



Check out our new website!
www.stpeterriley.org

SCRIP cards can be purchased on Sundays during Bible Study from Pam Mohr. Orders can be dropped in the black Scrip box outside the office any time. Please contact Ann Shellito at 517-626-2302 with any questions.

God's Gardeners

Many thanks to Diane, Deb, Judy, Jean, Roger, Kathy and the Summer Program Migrant Program A-Team, Liz Rossow, Faith Boyd, Isain Montecal and Eddie Lorenzo for working in the gardens recently. Also Ryan West for removing soil. We're in the process of replacing plants along the sidewalk in front of the Preschool Room.

You are all appreciated!!
Sandy Lockwood



Final report for Christian Educators Coordinator for VBS

We had approximately 49 volunteers working and volunteering their time to make VBS a success this year = 11 volunteers were youth helpers. We served approximately 25 families with a total of 47-51 children. We even had children still registering on the last day. We had **4** children in the day care- these were children of the volunteer workers that were too young to be put in the pre-school class. The breakdown of church information is as follows: **15** children were from St. Peter Lutheran, **2** from St. Jude's, **5** children from sister congregations (St John's and Our Savior), **3** from Pilgrim-Ovid , **1** from Pilgrim, St. Johns, **3** from Most Holy Trinity, and **18** children did not list any church affiliation.

Of the children registered, 11 were children who were attending St. Peter Lutheran School.

It was wonderful to see the response by the children for the mission goal this year of providing meals for 25 cents per meal through Children's Hunger Fund. They raised \$402.65 for a total of 1610 meals. Well done.

One suggestion for next year was to have the registration form also include the permission slip to use their picture on the website or power point production.

I want to thank all the people who helped to take on more responsibilities due to my health issues in January. I especially want to thank Pastor who took on more of the director's role and drama leader.

Thank You
Sue Yelden

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ATTENTION: It is our desire to keep our military roll up to date. If you are aware of ANY member of the congregation that is not on one of our plaques and has served our country, we would like to know. Please give this information to Judy Boettger or drop it off at the church office ASAP.

Thank you for your help!

September 29 - Medication Collection

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Community Health Fair in St. Johns
Only pills, tablets and liquids accepted – no needles please.

September 15 - Free For Fall Event

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Granger Facility, Wood Rd, Lansing
No appointment required – open to Clinton County residents only.
Recycle books, reusable household items & clothing, reusable building materials, electronics (\$10 fee for monitors and TVs), household hazardous waste such as oil based paint, unwanted medications (including sharps), yard chemicals and used oil.

December 14 - Medication Collection

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sparrow Clinton Hospital Pharmacy
Only pills, tablets and liquids accepted – no needles please.

Happy recycling,

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Blood Drive on March 27th



On Monday, March 27th from 11am-7pm, the American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Hopefully, you've already signed up, but if not, you can go online to sign up at the Red Cross donation site, or contact me with your name, preferred time and phone or email contact information. I'll make your appointment and send you a reminder a few days before the drive. You can contact me by phone (517-281-0170) or email (silm@msu.edu).

Hints for Iron Rich Blood

Donated blood is a lifesaving gift, one most healthy people can give. But even healthy people are sometimes temporarily deferred from donating due to low hemoglobin, which is often caused by low blood iron levels. While a well-balanced diet is generally adequate to have normal iron levels, the American Red Cross recommends eligible donors eat extra iron-rich foods like fish, poultry, red meat, beans, peas, lentils, iron-fortified cereals, bread and dried fruit prior to their donation appointment. In addition, foods rich in vitamin C, such as oranges, broccoli, tomatoes, kiwi, strawberries, peppers, potatoes and cabbage, can increase iron absorption.

STOP! Don't skip this article! It is important. It is about food. Yeah that kind of important.

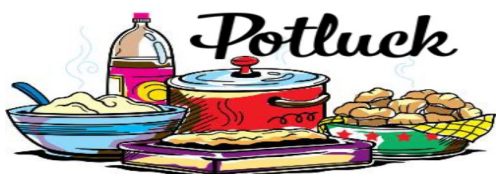
If that's not good enough it's also about your neighbors! You know those people you love as much as you love yourself. In fact it's about eating food with your neighbors!

Saturday, August 18th St. Peter Lutheran Church is hosting a hog roast. Not only is it a hog roast it's a potluck. And we want you there alongside your neighbors. We are inviting local Lutheran churches. This is the third year in a row that we are celebrating the relationship and faith we share with these neighbors.

So here are some details. We will start seating and joining together at noon and eating about 12:30. Fellowship files will be providing the meat as well as potato salad, baked beans, dinner rolls and lemonade. Table service will be provided. But we need your best dishes to share. If anyone asks me what I want brought be prepared for me to say dessert (that's my favorite). We will also have games and fun fellowship building activities. There will be an obstacle course for the children. Socks must be worn in order to go into the obstacle course.

If you have any questions or wish to help in any way please get ahold of me. 734-255-3700

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you,
Jeremy Heimsoth





*“Laying the Foundation to Build on the Rock of Christ.
Study the Word, Seek the Lost, and to Serve our Neighbors”*

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesdays: Bible Study 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sundays: Worship Services 8:00am & 10:30am
Bible Study 9:15am



If you need help finding LCMS congregations this summer, go to your smart phones App Store and search for LCMS. Install the app. When it is installed, just open the app and tap, 'Find a Church'. It will give you, your present location, 'with a person in an arrow', and all nearby congregations 'marked with across on a square'.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call Liz in the church office (989) 224-3178 during office hours. If in the evening or weekend, please call Pam Mohr (989) 292-1686.



Here's What's Happening!

- 8/218 Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 8/3/18 Over 50's 6:30pm (Gym)
- 8/6/18 School Board Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- 8/7/18 Elder Meeting 7:00pm (Library)
- 8/8/18 Bible Study 6:00pm
- 8/10-8/12 Mint Festival
- 8/13/18 PTL Meeting 4:00pm (Library)
- 8/14/18 Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- 8/15/18 Bible Study 6:00pm
- 8/17/18 Newsletter deadline
- 8/18/18 St. Peter Hog Roast 12:00-5:00pm
- 8/21/18 4H 7:00-8:30pm (Gym)
- 8/22/18 Bible Study 6:00pm
- 8/22/18 School Open Houses (Preschool 6:30pm & Day School 7pm)
- 8/26/18 Mites Sunday
Teacher Installation at 10:30am service
- 8/27/18 First day of School
- 8/28/18 Blood Drive 1:00-5:45pm (Gym)
- 8/29/18 Bible Study 6:00pm
- 8/31/18 No School

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of

Richard May \$80

Orvest Davis \$15

Marta Giesecke \$10



Shut In Visit List Weekly Visits

Week 1

Bill & Sherri VanBeelen

Week 2

Mel Sehlke

Lois Sillman

Shirley Edwards

Week 3

Week 4

Ken Mohnke

Ethel Flegler

Gordon Schrader

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