

The Messenger

Sunday Morning Greeting (It's there—you just need to listen for it.)

Why do I choose not to greet the congregation at the start of the service? Because I have very little to offer you from myself. I may be a listening ear, and I may be able to offer you empathy, but at the end of the day, what I have to offer you from my own person is of little value when it comes to our true needs—our eternal needs. But what I have to offer you as a minister of Jesus Christ is of eternal value.

When we are assembled for Divine Service (God's service to us), I prefer not to bring attention to the relationship between you and me; instead, I strive to direct your attention and my attention to our God and Savior, whom we have assembled to hear speak to us and to receive his gracious gifts in Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I have developed the practice of not offering my personal greeting to the congregation at the start of the service. Instead, I want the first words all of us hear to be "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." For these words offer eternal comfort as we remember our baptism, and I want these words to sparkle as the priceless gem that they are. I want them to be the first words to hit our eardrums as we assemble before God.

Plus, our service is not without a greeting. Note that in the Divine Service there is something called the Salutation, which means "greeting." This greeting is of eternal worth, for it is not the pastor's greeting, but the Lord Jesus' greeting, as the pastor stands in His stead and acts by His command, and says to us, "The *Lord* be with you."

When we have the Lord Jesus Christ's personal greeting, my own greeting seems needless. We have our God's greeting, the one who died for our sins and rose again for our justification—the one into whom we have been baptized and forgiven—the one who gives us eternal life.

The absence of my own personal greeting on Sunday morning is an attempt to direct us all to the heavenly treasures of God being offered and given in our midst, to allow these treasures to shine forth without hindrance or distraction, that we all together may hear the voice of our Savior, as he serves us with his word and with his body and blood and promises to us eternal blessing.

And so the service ends with the benediction—not a farewell from Pastor Bayer, but a blessing from the eternal God, which he wants to be put on his people whom he has redeemed—"The *Lord* bless you and keep you. The *Lord* make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the *Lord* lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Bayer

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SUMMER EDITION

OPEN ENROLLMENT!!

We still have spots available Monday – Friday in the preschool classroom!! Please contact Lisa Smith for more information, (517)-420-8797.

DID YOU KNOW....if a child reads for 20 minutes every day, they are exposed to about 1.8 MILLION words of text every year!!



HAPPY SUMMER READING FRIENDS!!



THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO THIS SUMMER IN OUR CUMMUNITY!!!....CHECK IT OUT!!.....
<https://stjohnsmi.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx>

47+ Free Things to Do & Affordable Ideas for Families in Greater Lansing

<https://lansingfamilyfun.com/free-things-to-do-with-kids-in-lansing/>

HAVE AN AMAZING SUMMER; we look forward to the fall!!

Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Fletcher



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

There will be no bible study for the months of June, July and August. Enjoy your summer and we will resume bible study on September 1st.

Worship Service Time Change

Beginning Sunday, July 4th, we will be moving our Divine Service from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Bible Study will be held immediately following the service.

The Board of Elders



Worship Time Change

COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

ELDER AND PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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Prayer Chain

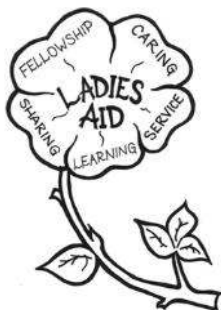
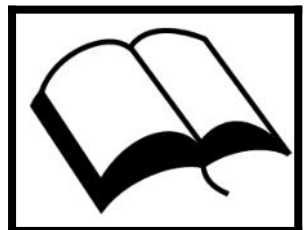
If you have a prayer request, please call Liz in the church office (989) 224-3178 during office hours. If in the evening or weekend, please call Pam Mohr (989) 292-1686.



REMINDER:
MITES SUNDAY IS JULY 25th

ST. PETER 150TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORY BOOKS FOR SALE

\$7.00 a book. Make checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church. Contact the church office if you would like to purchase a book at 989-224-3178 or church@stpeterriley.org



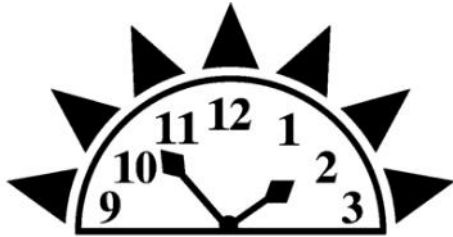
LADIES AID SALE

We welcome donated homemade items for Ladies Aid Sale. We have a display case in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall. Drop off your donated items at the church office or at church on Sundays. Proceeds go towards the Ladies Aid to support the needs of the congregation, charities we give to and the seminary student we support. There will be a payment box on the Ladies Aid display.

Makes checks payable to St. Peter Ladies Aid.



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



SUMMER HOURS
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CHURCH OFFICE

July Office Hours

Monday ~ 8:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday & Wednesday ~ 8:00am-2:00pm

Thursday & Friday ~ Office Closed

August Office Hours

Monday ~ 8:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday - Thursday ~ 8:00am-2:00pm

Friday ~ Office Closed



VOTERS MEETING, SUNDAY, JULY 25TH IMMEDIATELY
AFTER FAMILY BIBLE CLASS.

(MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Stewardship Newsletter article – July 2021

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather to worship and to live out what we believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents to provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor governing officials as God’s servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.



Register me for St. Peter VBS Day

Child's name _____

Gender: Male Female Birthdate ____/____/____ Grade completed _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Parents/Guardian _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Emergency contact _____

Relationship to child _____ Phone _____

Please place my child with _____

Name of home church _____

Food allergies Y___ N___ List _____

Medical concerns Y___ N___ Explain _____

(Return form to Church Office)

****Images obtained may be used for social media****

Welcome to Scrip. My name is Traci Brisboe-Cole and I am the Scrip Coordinator for St. Peter. St. Peter participates in Scrip as a way to give families a chance to support their students, church, and school! There are over 3 pages of retailers who participate in Scrip who offer rebates for their users from 1.5%- 18% on purchases. If you are interested in learning more about Scrip I would love to help you get started. I can be reached via email: Tracieggleston20@gmail.com or phone: 269-908-6165 (text is preferred). If you want to get started to view their website you can join St. Peter with the St. Peter Enrollment code: 6L1A6F8L559. Download the shopwithscrip app! Please, do not hesitate to reach out for more information!!!!

Thank you,

Traci Brisboe-Cole



Walking with St. Peter A Community Exercise Opportunity

Beginning Monday, June 28th, St. Peter Lutheran School will be open for those wishing to walk for exercise from 8:30am-2:00pm Monday through Wednesday. **(However due to the blood drive there will be no walking on Tuesday, June 29)**

General policies and procedures:

Open to all members of the community over the age of 18

- ◆ Sign a waiver of responsibility on first day of participation
- ◆ Sign in on the sheet provided on each day of participation located in the church office
- ◆ Change to walking shoes – please no boots or street shoes
- ◆ A route map will be available – 10 circuits = 1 mile or 24 laps of the gym = 1 mile
- ◆ There is no cost for participation – donations will be accepted and will be used towards our maintenance fund

We encourage you to participate – get some exercise and enjoy the excellent facility that the Lord has provided to St. Peter Lutheran School.

Heart Sisters

The Heart Sisters continue to meet every other Monday for breakfast and fellowship. The next get together is Monday, July 5th at 9:00am at the Wheel Inn. All ladies are invited to join us!

HOG ROAST 2021

St Peter Lutheran Church and School will be hosting the annual Hog Roast on Sunday July 18th from noon until 4:00 pm. Food will be available from noon until 3:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat, cheesy potatoes, beans, rolls/buns, beverages and table service will be provided.

Bingo will be available for adults and older children. We will have the obstacle course blow up available for children outside. Socks must be worn to go in order to go into the obstacle course. There will be prizes for all ages.

Come enjoy fun family time and fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters. It will be two years this summer since we were able to host this event. We are looking forward to spending time together once again in Christian fellowship.

Charlene Kennedy



ST. PETER VBS DAY

Join us on Saturday, July 24th and August 28th from 10:00am-12:00pm for a VBS day. We will have worship, crafts, snack and story time. If you would like to volunteer please contact Shirley Huguelet at 517-582-1612. See the insert to enroll your child.



PREGNANCY SERVICES COLLECTION

Thanks to all who contributed...whether it was by purchasing baby items or cash to help with what was needed! It was a great success and we will let you know next month of all that was collected. You were a huge part of helping mothers keep their babies by supporting them with their physical needs. Our LFL (Lutherans For Life) Team will continue to find ways to support life in all aspects.

Sara Thurston Vickie Pline Sarah Sills Kristin Bayer Diane Thurston



*“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



Wednesday: Matins Service 9:00AM
Bible Study 6:00pm (Suspended until September 1st)

Sunday: 9:00AM - Divine Service
Family Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall immediately following church



Check out our website!
www.stpeterriley.org

Be sure to check our website for event or service updates and cancellations. Also on our website you are able to download the monthly newsletter, bulletin and calendar. We are continuously updating and making changes to the website so if you have not logged on the website lately check it out see what's new.



MEMORIALS

Everett Martens \$410.00





- 7/1/21 Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
Office Closed
- 7/2/21 Over 50's (Gym)
- 7/4/21 NEW WORSHIP TIME @9:00AM STARTS**
- 7/5/21 Office Closed
Heart Sisters 9:00am @Wheel Inn
School Board Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- 7/7/21 Matins Service 9:00am
- 7/8/21 Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 7/11/21 Confirmation First Communion
- 7/13/21 Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- 7/14/21 Matins Service 9:00am
- 7/15/21 Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 7/16/21 Newsletter Deadline
- 7/17/21 Set-Up for Hog Roast
- 7/18/21 St. Peter Hog Roast Noon-4:00pm
- 7/19/21 Heart Sisters 9:00am @Wheel Inn
- 7/21/21 Matins Service 9:00am
- 7/22/21 Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 7/23/21 Men's Picnic @Hope Lutheran 5:30pm
- 7/24/21 St. Peter VBS Day 10:00am-12:00pm
- 7/25/21 Voters Meeting (Immediately following Family Bible Class)
Mites Sunday
- 7/28/21 Matins Service 9:00am

7/28/21-7/31/21 Waxing the floors

8/6/21-8/8/21 Waxing the floors

(Private confession available by appointment only on Saturdays at 6:30pm)

Shut-In Visit List Monthly Visits

Virginia Davis

Shirley Edwards

Lyle Huguelet

Tom & Julie Johnson

Charlie Silm

Albert Smith

Sue Yelden

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