



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

# The Messenger

To The Chosen Lady and Her Children

Are you looking forward to summer? I know that I am. There are plans to be made, projects to do, places to go, and people to see. It is a time to free the feet of hard shoes, and to put your toes in soft warm sand. It is a time of trading the smell of paper with coffee, the wind in the face and the smell of flowers and trees or campfire with coffee (after all coffee is a constant, right.) Summer is a beautiful time but don't forget to visit your mother.

We have had the privilege to spend much time with the much loved apostle John this spring, in both worship and Bible study. We have heard John as he taught the Gospel in; Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. John as an old man when he writes exudes familial love. He calls his readers little children, and in turn he shows them fatherly discipline, advice, and love. In John's second letter, his style has not changed, he calls a church congregation a chosen Lady, and the congregations members, her children.

John then goes on to remind the lady and her children that we are to love one another. "And Christian love means that we live according to His commandments. The Commandment as you have heard it from the beginning is: Live in love."<sup>6</sup>

So what does that mean for us as we prepare to go into summer? First as you go out into all the world, remember who you are. You are a child of the highest God, and you represent your congregation wherever you go, please act like it. You are the ambassadors of God, who are to show the gospel in what you say and do in a lost and broken world; Live in love. As you love the people you meet, share with them the reason you have this love, because God loved you first, and gave His Son to death that you could live. Live in love.

The second thing to do is as you go, out of love visit your family, by this I mean visit the children of your sister congregations. Not only is this exactly the way John in his second letter speaks, it shows love and honor to your Father in heaven. We all have one Father that is God the Father in heaven that necessarily means that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. So in honoring your Father, and His command to remember the Sabbath day, "let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching."<sup>Heb. 10:25</sup>

Summer is almost here, I can taste it in the sunlight, and hear it in the songs of the birds and feel it as the wind brushes my cheek. There are so many things to do, and we are free to do them and enjoy them. But do not forget God's chosen lady and her children and live in love. "And Christian love means that we live according to His commandments. The Commandment as you have heard it from the beginning is: Live in love."<sup>6</sup> Have a great summer.

God the Father and Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will give us grace, mercy, and peace as we are in the truth and in love.<sup>2John 3</sup>

*Pastor Nuttmann*

P.S. 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 a cross on a square'.

## ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesdays: Bible Study 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Mid Week Worship 7:00pm

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



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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.



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Principal's Page

THE END IS NEAR. On June 6 we will conclude another year of school. This is a day that students have looked forward to since the first day of school. Yet we know that when the bell rings on that last day of the school year, there will be a certain amount of sadness. The daily interaction with schoolmates and teachers will come to an end. Even the daily routine will be missed, and parents may hear the age-old complaint, "I'm bored."

Good news! Summer provides the ideal time for the family trip, camping, and other family activities. God has placed in families for a reason – to support and nurture each other and to assure that the children are brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

More good news. St. Peter will again have a great VBS program. This will provide not only a reinforcement of the teaching and learning that has taken place, it also provides the social interaction that our children will be missing during the summer months. VBS begins on June 18. This will give the children a break from the structure of school, and will start before the "I'm bored" symptom sets in.

Even more good news. Another great year of school will begin on August 27. We will have a Family Open House and orientation evening on August 22. Our entire staff will be returning – another great blessing. During this past year our teachers have done a great job – the overall average growth of students on the IOWA achievement tests was nearly two years. This is outstanding, but even more importantly our students have been fed and nurtured on God's Word in a warm Christian environment and continue to grow in their understanding of His word. We daily see that faith and understanding reflected in their interactions in the classroom, on the playground, and in their love and concern for each other.

Still more good news – our preschool is filled for next year. We set the maximum at 15 and we are there. If we have any one who decides not to attend, we anticipate that we will have no problem filling the spot. Why the growth? Great teachers and a wonderful Christian environment. Not glorified daycare, but a great place to grow and learn social skills, basic academic skills, but most importantly to growth in faith and love.

The last piece of good news is still on the horizon. St. Peter School is again growing. From the beginning of last year to our current enrollment for next year we have a growth of 45% (from 11 students to 16). I would like to extend the challenge to make this at least an 80% growth by opening day (20 students). Talk to family, friends, and neighbors about our great school and invite them to join us.

His Servant,  
*Paul Weismantel*, Principal



**MIGRANT SCHOOL PROGRAM FOOD DONATION**

**We Need Your Help!!**

Migrant School Program will run from: June 25<sup>th</sup>- August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are asking you, when you go Grocery shopping for the next 5 weeks (**June 3rd – July 1st**) to buy some food to help out with the Migrant School Program.

**Suggested Migrant Food Program Items:** Flour, Sugar, Crisco, Black or Pinto Beans (Dried or Canned), Bags of Dried Whole Chilies, Dried Herbs and Spices (Cilantro or Parsley), Oil (Vegetable or Canola), Canned Tomatoes, Canned Corn, Tajin (Mexican Seasoning), Bags of Dried Whole Chilies.

You can bring the food to the back of the Church. Place it in our Food Pantry container. We also have Food Pantry bags in the container. You can take them to use, for your future donation items.

An extra component has been added this year: **Rummage Items for the Migrant Families.** **The Dates for Collection are: June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup>.** **We will be collecting them in the: Entrance to the School.**

**Some interesting facts about the Migrant Program:**

We have the opportunity of Hosting a Migrant School Program for: English as a Second Language for Children.

The children enrolled in this government-funded program are children of Migrant Workers who are now in our area OR any "permanent" residents who have been in the country for 3 years or less.

The State of Michigan is renting the School Facilities for: The Migrant Program classes during the month of July. They are bringing in State employed staff to teach the children. They will learn: English and Math. They will also have some Fun with Art and PE.

The **Kids and Parents** will **GREATLY APPRECIATE** any of the above Food and Rummage items you can give!! **Thanks for Your Support!**

Al & Renee



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## VBS CRAFT SUPPLIES

With Vacation Bible School in June this year, it's already time to begin collecting supplies. I'll provide a list of items needed in the bulletin in the coming weeks, but right now I'd like to have you begin saving Pringles cans (tall ones with the lids) and empty soup or vegetable/cans with the lids cut off without sharp edges. We're going to need 60 of each. Thanks for your help. Theresa Silm, VBS Crafts Coordinator

If you would be willing to donate supplies for crafts at Vacation Bible School this year, here is a list of items we need. My goal is to have everything collected by May 31st, so we can get everything prepared and ready for VBS in June. Thank you in advance. (Theresa Silm)

We're going to need:

- 60 Pringles cans (tall with lids)
- 60 soup or fruit/vegetable cans with the lids cut off smoothly without sharp edges
- 100 feet 2 mm black elastic
- 120 9-oz clear plastic cups
- 60 small amber LED tea lights
- 25 5/16" flat washers
- 1000 rainbow Loom Bands
- Odd or leftover Nuts, bolts, washers, and hooks,

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## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next scheduled blood drive is Friday, June 15th from 1:45pm-5:00pm at St. Peter Lutheran Church.



Theresa Silm  
Social Ministry Coordinator  
517-281-0170 or silm@msu.edu

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**ST JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH VBS...** "Mega Sports Camp" will take place July 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Join us for music, snacks, bible lessons, and SPORTS!

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## Stewardship News

The Budget is completed and approved by the Voters. I wish we were at a place where it could be higher but this is God's will at this time. The budget for 2018/2019 is \$392,934.00 (only up \$1,720 from last year). Remember – just because this amount is in the budget doesn't mean the money is there to spend. The budget is a guideline forecasting the projected giving based on recent giving. Even with all the 'trimming', the current giving history and projections indicate a deficit in the budget of \$31,000.00. We need to work a little harder to keep the ministry of St. Peter going as our Lord would want.

On a more upbeat note – we are going to have midweek worship services in June (as a trial). We will be using some more contemporary music. We will worship at 7:00 on Wednesday evenings. This is a great opportunity for you to worship our Lord if you have to miss Sunday services for some reason, (or just a nice way to worship again during the week). Tell your friends in case they are not able to worship at their home church on Sunday.

Just a note on where some of your mission money is going; Together in Missions-Erbers = \$4000 / Camp Condordia = \$2000 / Orosco Missions = \$2000. Remember the amount designated on the left side of your envelope goes for home use which includes missions and maintenance. If you want your offerings to go for something special, indicate that amount on the right side of the envelope.

Have a happy and blessed summer!  
Submitted by Jan Maynard



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## Stewardship

### God Bless Parents Who Drugged Us!

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, "I had a drug problem when I was young:  
I was drug to church on Sunday Morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.  
I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.  
I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.  
I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.  
I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-lettered word.

I was drug out to pull weeds in Mom's garden and flower beds and cockle burs out of Dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline or chop some firewood; and if my mother ever knew that I took a single dime as a tip for the kindness, she would have drug me back to the wood shed.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place."

You may be wondering, 'What does this have to do with Stewardship?' Stewardship is taking good care of the Gifts given to us by God. What great gifts our children are to us! We teach them to wash their face, brush their teeth and stay out of traffic, but are we taking care of them in the most important way – bringing them up knowing Jesus and what He has done for them?

Submitted by Jan Maynard

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## GREETERS

Please review the schedule, switch with someone if you're unable to greet the day scheduled, and contact Sandy Lockwood and Liz at the church office with the change. Thanks!

Sandy Lockwood

### 2018 GREETER SCHEDULE

June 2018		
06/03/18	Linda & Lee Chant	Laurie & Earl Flegler
06/10/18	Sandy Lockwood & Bill Caruss	Hartner Family
06/17/18	Jan & Jim Mehney	Renee & Al Schmitzer
06/24/18	Olga & Ralph Matteson	Jan & Don Maynard
July 2018		
07/01/18	Bill Caruss & Rollie Kloeckner	Theresa & Charlie Silm
07/08/18	Lorna & Keith Kirschenbauer	Bonnie & Roger Gregory
07/15/18	Jeanette & Bruce Mehney	Norma & Bruce Fitzpatrick
07/22/18	Ilene Gibson & Marion Koeppen	Michelle & Tom Gorby
07/29/18	Diane & Frank Hart	Kathy & Bruce Bond
August 2018		
08/05/18	Judy & Dave Bengel	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

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Wow, what an amazing school year! We have been blessed with wonderful children and families. The children have grown and developed so much over the last nine months. We are going to truly miss our kindergarten kids but are so excited for them to take their next steps in their school careers.

The last couple of months have been very exciting and busy with parent teacher conferences, grandparent's day, our spring field trip and our family picnic. We greatly appreciate parents taking the time to meet with us to discuss their child's progress during parent teacher conferences. We would also like to send a big thank you to all the grandparents and special people that joined our preschoolers for grandparent's day. It was a wonderful day! Our spring field trip was spent at Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park. The weather was amazing and the children had a great time feeding the birds, camels and giraffes. Our school year ended with a family picnic where we enjoyed delicious food, songs sung by the children, and playtime with friends. We are so grateful to have shared these wonderful experiences with our preschool families!

This year has come to an end, but we are so excited for what next school year will bring. We have 15 children enrolled, and couldn't be more thrilled. If we have more interest we are discussing the possibility of starting an afternoon session. We are so excited to see the preschool program grow and are looking forward to another great year starting in the fall.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!!

Blessings,

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fletcher

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### Worship service changes for June!

The Board of Elders has decided to introduce a couple of new changes during the month of June. Midweek services will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. The music for these services will be more contemporary than our typical Sunday worship.

We will also be offering communion using the "walkthrough" method during June. This will be done during the 8:00 a.m. service on the first Sunday, June 3rd, and during the 10:30 service on the third Sunday, June 17th. (Wednesday services will only have the traditional kneeling communion.)

Note that both of these changes will only be offered during the month of June. Following this trial period, the Elders will evaluate and discuss the experience before deciding to continue with either or both in the future. Please call the church office or Dave Bengel at 989-834-5322 if you have any questions!



St. Peter Lutheran Church summer VBS is quickly approaching! Yah! We need a few food items to help complete our snack lessons for the week. Please consider donating an item or two to help defray the cost. Thank you for your support and generosity!

### VBS SNACK LIST

The items can be placed in the bins marked VBS in the church office.

- 6 - 14.3 oz. package Oreo cookies
- 2 - 14.2 oz. Captian Crunch Donut cereal
- 3 - 14.2 oz. Fruit Loops cereal
- 4 - 1 lb. bricks mild cheese
- 4 - 1 lb. Red seedless grapes
- 4 - 16 oz. jar grape jam
- 2 - 16 oz. bags potato chips
- 3 - 3 lb. bags any kind red apples
- 5 - 1 lb. bag mini carrots
- 5 - 10 oz. bag mini marshmallows
- 5 - (22 slice) loaves sandwich bread
- 4 - 10-12 oz. vanilla wafers "stick" cookies

\*\*Need bakers for donating star Christmas cookies (need 8 dozen unfrosted)

**The perishable items needed for VBS snack lessons. These may be brought to the hall kitchen refrigerator on June 14th or 15th. Please mark VBS on the pkgs.**

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:  
Shirley Huguelet at 517-582-1612.  
Thank you again!

### ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH HOG ROAST

Our annual Hog Roast will be hosted by St Peter Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 18th. We will be inviting other Lutheran congregations in the area. Please invite your family and friends for a fun filled afternoon. More details to follow.

Charlene Kennedy, DVM

### MINT FESTIVAL

Mint Festival Parade - St Peter Lutheran Church and School is planning to have a float in the parade on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate the planning and creating of the float. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping with this event. If you have any questions, please contact me at 989-224-7106.

Charlene Kennedy, DVM

**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.

### Walking with St. Peter A Community Exercise Opportunity

St. Peter Lutheran School is open for those wishing to walk for exercise from 8:45 - 9:45am Monday through Friday.  
(Not available if school is closed or cancelled due to inclement weather or holidays)



Thank you for all the cards and prayers you have put before the Lord for me! So far some doors have been closed and some opened for my lung cancer treatment. The first phase of treatment is six weeks of chemo. The next phase is dependent on the first phase and that is in the hands of our Lord. I am deeply humbled by your loving prayers and I thank God for each and every one of you! Amen.

Louis Shellito

### Michigan LWML Convention

Janet Lyon and Kathy Bond will be representing St. Peter at the convention as delegates on July 20-22 in Port Huron. One of the "Ingathering Gifts From the Hearts" are gift cards from Walmart for St. Louis and Ft Wayne Seminarians. The Ladies Aid thought in order for our congregation to participate we will have door collections on June 10th & 17th. With that collection we will purchase Walmart cards from our St. Peter Script. Thank you all in advance.

God's Gardeners were very busy Wednesday morning doing spring clean-up. Many thanks to Dale and Carl for pulling overgrown shrubs; Rollie and Janet for raking and cutting back earlier in the week; Judy & Barry, Jackie & Mark, Diane & Frank, Jean & Roger, Pam & Larry, Judy & Dave, Deb & Dan and Harold for digging, trimming, moving rocks, soil and plants. Praise God for all of you!

Sandy Lockwood





## Children's Sunday School

We ended our regular Sunday School year on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with ice cream sundaes and games. Thanks to Miss Lori for providing the treats! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Lori Klein, Geri Jastram, Sara Thurston and Sarah Bloom** for their dedication the past several years. You have all been a blessing to me and the children of St. Peter. It has been a joy to serve with every one of you!!! Lori, Sarah B. and Sara T. will be stepping down as teachers in the fall and you will be greatly missed. Thank you to Geri for continuing to serve.

If you have a love for children and would like to share the Good News of Jesus, you will be welcome with open arms to join the teaching family. Please call the church office if you are interested.

Diane Thurston



## "Heart Sisters"

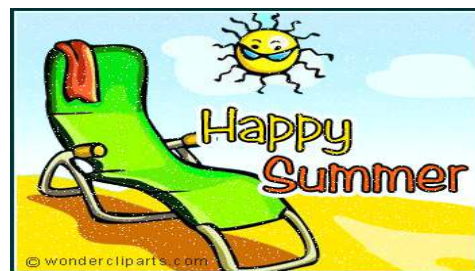
The "Heart Sisters" are taking a break but will resume meeting in the fall. We will, however, meet for breakfast once a month or so. We will send an email out to those with internet but we will also call if we don't get a response from you.



Judy Boettger, Charlene Kennedy, Kathy Bond, Jeanette Mehney, Marion Koeppen, Carol Ayotte, Sue Hayes and her sister, Barb, and myself traveled to the Amish Walmart (Colonville Country Store) outside of Clare on May 14<sup>th</sup> where many little treasures were purchased. We also went to a little cheese shop, Benchley's Furniture Store, Cops and Doughnuts, and of course, lunch at the Herrick House. It was a GREAT day! Caroline Dunigan, Deb Besemer, Pam Mohr, Olga Matteson, Shirley Huguelet, Christina Nuttmann and Mary Ann Grennell weren't able to join us.

The friendships that have been formed by this group of ladies is priceless. I thank each and every one of you for the love and caring hearts that you have. You have ALL made a difference in the lives of others and are always SO willing to serve where needed.

Diane Thurston



## VBS 2018 "Time Lab"

Imagine traveling through time and meeting the most important man who was not just a man but who was also God. One who turned the world upside down. One who existed outside of time. **Join us for VBS 2018- Time Lab!!!**

**When:** June 18th-22nd from 9 am- noon  
**Where:** St. Peter Lutheran Church, 8990 Church Road, St. Johns  
**Who:** 4 years old-5th grade

There will be Bible lessons, snacks, music, crafts and games. You won't want your children to miss this opportunity to join in with the fun!!

Call 989-224-3178 or [church@stpeteririley.org](mailto:church@stpeteririley.org) to register



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Sunday School Superintendent. However, the time has come to step down to pursue other avenues of ministry here at St. Peter. Thank you to Pat Martens, Kim Sperry and Sandy Lenneman for serving on the Sunday School team at one time or another in the past several years. My hope is that someone will step forward to fill this position. Please call the church office if you are interested.



Diane Thurston