

The Messenger

Hurray! Hurray; it's the first of May! We could be shouting this in anticipation of warmer weather, spring flowers, outdoor activities and many other things. BUT, we can shout hurray for May because of Easter – *“He Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!”*

There will be many reasons to rejoice in May; Mother's Day – thank you mom's for all you do. Memorial Day – thank you to all who have served past, present and future. And let's not forget all the graduates. Those who have worked hard to accomplish so much and are now moving on to other things.

All of these things are great in their own way; but none is greater than the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. In Him and that one miraculous event of the Resurrection, everything has changed for us. Our relationship with God the Father has been restored. We have freedom from the guilt and power of our sins. We have the hope of eternity one day because of Jesus and the resurrection. Hurray for May!

As we live in the springtime of the year, remember the springtime of new life Jesus has won for us all with new life in Christ. God's blessing.

You are blessed

I am blessed

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MAY

Again, we have a month that has a name that is also a very common English word – “may.” On many occasions I have had the opportunity to help students learn the difference between “may” and “can.” The request may have been, “Can we go outside for recess.” I would look at the child and say, “You were able to walk up to me and ask that question, I guess you can go outside for recess, but you may not.” When I was in school, we played a game called “Captain, may I” The rules were simple the captain gave other students who were lined up directions such as, “Take two giant steps forward, or “Take two hops backward.” The objective was to be the first to get to the finish line. The trick was you had to reply to the command by saying, “Captain may I take ---” Invariably as the finish line was close the student would forget to respond with the “Captain may I” and was sent back to the beginning.

As God’s children we too have many things that we **can** do and also many things that we **may** do. One of our tasks in Christian education is to learn the difference. Christian freedom has its boundaries when what we may and can do may not be good for us or others. We may not have to say, “Captain (God) may I” but we often need to ask ourselves and teach our children, is this a good choice,

So much for the philosophical portion of my thoughts. May at school is an exciting time. The end of the year is in sight and it may be hard to get our students to focus on lessons and what needs to be accomplished. Even as adults we are subject to the same problem of losing our focus. As a principal my focus shifts between all of the end of the year activities and details and planning for next year. We have had a great year and we anticipate another great year next year. Do you know of a child or children who could benefit from what we have to offer – that is almost every child that we know. Please do them a favor – encourage their parent to seriously consider sending their children to St. Peter. We know that most families “can” send their children to St. Peter we also know that they “may” send them. Help them see why they “should” send them. Uphold your school in your prayers and help us to grow and become an even mightier force in this congregation, community and the kingdom of our Lord.

His Servant,
Paul Weismantel, Principal



Christian Education

"The Incredible Race" by AnswersVBS

It's a vacation Bible school like no other!

Kids will race from continent to continent uncovering clues and attempting challenges as they fill their score cards.

They will also discover that no matter where we live, what shade of skin we have, or what language we speak, we are all part of the same race - the human race - and all part of the same family from Adam and Eve.

As they examine the events surrounding the tower of Babel, kids will learn that God is calling people to himself from every tribe and nation through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. And He wants us to share this good news in kindness and love with our neighbors nearby and far away.

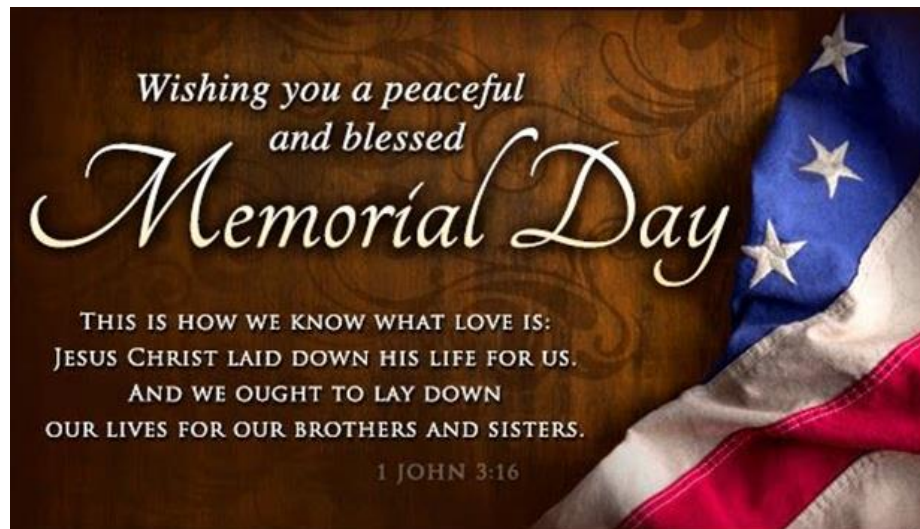
Join The Incredible Race and experience God's love for every tribe, language, and nation.

June 17th - 21st, 2019
9:00 am to Noon
St. Peter Lutheran Church
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If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this wonderful experience, please contact Sally Pontius for more information. 517-204-7991 or gspontius@aol.com



RADA Cutlery - reminder the Ladies Aid still sell knives, spatulas, etc. We have a RADA catalog in the office and on the chair table in the Fellowship hall lobby. Call, text, or email Kathy Bond with your order for yourself or for gifts. 989-640-0630, bkbond61@yahoo.com.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Wow, what an amazing school year it has been so far. We have been blessed with wonderful children and families. The children have grown and developed so much over the last eight months. We are going to truly miss the kids that will be heading off to kindergarten in the fall.

We currently have 15 children enrolled for the fall, and will be accepting 3 more students. Please let us know if you or anyone you know would like enrollment information. There is also an information board in the hallway across from the preschool room. Feel free to take an enrollment form if needed. We are very excited to have returning students along with several new students and families.

The remainder of the school year is filled with many exciting activities. On April 28th the children will be singing with the grade school children at the 10:00 am service. Mrs. Stout has been doing a great job practicing with them. On Wednesday, May 1st we will be celebrating Grandparent's Day at school. Thank you to PTL for putting on this special event. Monday, May 13th will be spent at Potter Park Zoo for our spring field trip. We are hoping for beautiful weather and a fun filled day with the children and parents. We will end the year with our preschool graduation and family picnic on Thursday, May 30th. This is always a very special evening spent with the children and their families.

Blessings,
Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fletcher



**DONATE
BLOOD**

SAVE LIFE

BLOOD DRIVE

If you could save someone's life would you do it? What if it would only take an hour of your time? In November of 2011, the first man I ever loved, my dad, had surgery. Things seemed to go well until the next day. He needed another emergency surgery and several pints of blood. In my dad's case, his body couldn't handle all the stress and he died a day later. So in this case, the blood didn't save a life but those faceless, nameless donors gave me, and my

mom, and my family, a gift we will remember forever. They gave us the opportunity to say "goodbye", to give my dad one last hug, and to tell him again how much we loved him. As a donor, you might not know who you help or how you help, but you can be assured that you help and that somewhere there is a recipient who is thanking God that someone cared enough to take the time and donate blood.

We're looking for twenty-eight people who are willing to donate an hour of their time and a pint of their blood to make a big difference in someone's life. On Tuesday, June 4th, working with the American Red Cross, St. Peter will be hosting a blood drive with appointments starting at 1:00 pm and ending at 5:45 pm. To schedule an appointment, you can: call me (517)281-0170; sign up on the poster in the back of church; or go online to redcrossblood.org and look for June 4th at St. Peter Lutheran Church. If June 4th won't work for you, there will be a drive on June 3rd in St. Johns hosted by the Knights of Columbus or on June 13th in DeWitt at hope Lutheran Church. Walk-ins are also welcome.

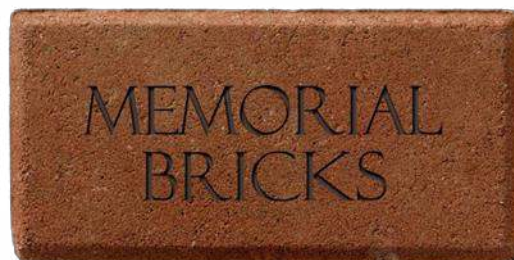


GREETERS.....Thanks for your smiling faces, warm handshakes and maybe a hug or two. Praise God for you! If you are unable to greet the date scheduled, please switch with someone else and let Liz in the church office know so she can print the correct information in the weekly announcements. Please let me know if you have questions.

Sandy Lockwood

2019 GREETER SCHEDULE	
	May 2019
05/05/19	Norma & Bruce Fitzpatrick
05/12/19	Kathy & Bruce Bond
05/19/19	Jackie & Mark Zamarron
05/26/19	Michelle & Tom Gorby
	June 2019
06/02/19	Sandy Lockwood & Ann Shellito
06/09/19	Jeanette & Bruce Mehney
06/16/19	Ilene Gibson & Marion Koeppen
06/23/19	Judy & Dave Bengel
06/30/19	Rollie Kloeckner & Bill Caruss

MEMORIAL BRICKS Create a lasting memorial this Memorial Day with the Memorial Brick Project at St. Peter. You can purchase a large brick with five lines or a small brick with three lines. The bricks will be imprinted with the name(s) of who you wish to remember and honor. The money used to purchase the bricks will go to whichever mission or project at St. Peter that you designate. Just call the office and speak to Liz to purchase your memorial brick.

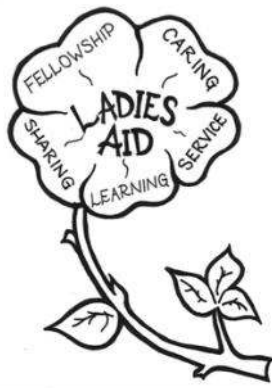


SCRIP Helen Anderson will be selling script and Sandy Lenneman will be collecting and mailing in the Box tops. Please continue to save Boxtops, Coke points, and Aunt Millie's bread upcs.

Thanks,
Pam



DID YOU LOSE A KEY? During the collection of purses for the Administrative Professional Conference, we found a key in one of the purses. So if you are missing a key please see Liz or Corrine in the office.



LADIES AID NEWS - We have finally completed our stove fund project! We purchased new vents for over the stoves and Frank Hart installed them, many thanks to Frank!! So now our kitchen has new stoves and vents.

The ladies continue working in our ladies aid room every Thursday morning on quilts and other projects. We would like to see more ladies! So if you would like to come on Thursday at 9:00am, there are many things to do and such wonderful fellowship. Many hands make work light, it really isn't work though; its ways of serving our Lord.

Attention all Thrivent Members! There are funds available from Thrivent for different uses and activities at St. Peter and surrounding community. As a congregation, we have not been taking advantage of this program and have missed out on receiving quite a bit of "Action Dollars" from Thrivent. We are asking that you contact the church office or Jeanette Mehney and just identify that you are a member of Thrivent. We can then assist you in getting your "Action Dollars" for activities and/or projects you wish to do at St. Peter and the community. Is there something you would like to see done or something purchased? This is a way to obtain them.



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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.



Pastor David Speerbrecker is our guest pastor at the April 28 St. Peter 150 Anniversary worship service: "Built on the Rock - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow"



Our "Heritage Sunday" includes a variety of memorabilia from years gone by on display in the Fellowship Center. In addition, Parts 1 and 2 of our St. Peter History slideshow will take place prior to and after dinner.

Please mark your calendars for this special service, and others planned during our 150 anniversary year: June 23, outdoor worship with Pastor Mark Werner and St. Peter's Annual Hog Roast; and the final special service set for Oct. 13 with Pastor Jeffrey Heimsoth that includes a catered dinner.

Updates on these special services will be included in the Sunday bulletin, website and upcoming newsletters. Also, remember to look for "Past Memories of St. Peter's 150 Years" each week in the Sunday bulletin as we celebrate 150 years of being "Built on the Rock" Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."



2019 Office Personnel Conference

Dear St. Peter Lutheran Church & School, I would like to THANK YOU for sending Liz and me to the 2019 Office Personnel Conference! This conference was AMAZING!! I was able to feed my faith, feed my personal life and feed my professional life. When you take care of yourself and feed your faith and personal life you are able to take better care in feeding others!! What a blessing!!

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” John 6:35

Blessings Always, Corrine Fletcher



Dear St. Peter Lutheran Church & School Families thank you for your generous hearts and many purses and beauty products for the ministry project put together by the Office Personnel Conference. You all filled my trunk full & my heart!! Between the Katie Conference and the Office Personnel Conference, LCMS we were able to fill their donation room at the Bay Area Women's Center. It's a powerful message that was sent that day and o boy was God ever so present and among us!!

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Matthew 18:20

Thank you again!! Corrine & Liz



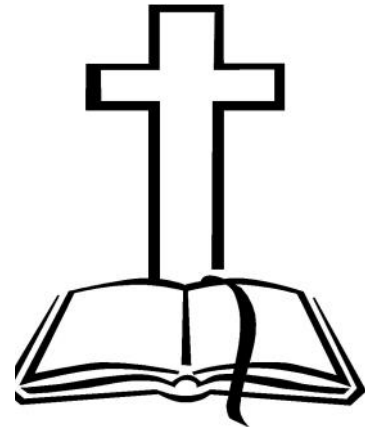


*“Laying the Foundation to Build on the Rock of Christ.
Study the Word, Seek the Lost, and to Serve our Neighbors”*

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesdays: Chapel 9:00am
Bible Study 6:00pm-7:00pm
Mid Week Worship Service 7:00pm

Sundays: Worship Services 10:00am
Bible Study 8:45am
Sunday School 9:00am



Shut-In Visit List Weekly Visits

Shirley Edwards
Ethel Flegler
Bill & Cindy Horman
Tom Johnson
Ken Mohnke

Sheila Ordway
Gordon Schrader
Mel Sehlke
Charlie Silm
John Sillman

Lois Sillman
Albert Smith
Bill & Sherri VanBeelen



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 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.

Here's What's Happening!

- 5/1/19 Bible Study 6:00pm
Mid Week Worship Services 9:00am & 7:00pm
- 5/2/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
Ladies Aid Meeting 12:00pm (Library)
- 5/3/19 Over 50's Group 6:30pm
- 5/4/19 Gala 6:15pm (doors open @5:30pm)
- 5/5/19 Voters Meeting (immediately after Church)
- 5/6/19 School Board Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
Heart Sisters 9:00am (Meet at Swaney's)
- 5/7/19 Elders Meeting 7:00pm (Library)
- 5/8/19 Bible Study 6:00pm
Mid Week Worship Services 9:00am & 7:00pm (Tentative)
- 5/9/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 5/10/19 Full Day School (No PM Busing)
- 5/11/19 Hall Reserved (All day)
- 5/12/19 *Mother's Day*
- 5/13/19 Heart Sisters 9:00am (Swaney's)
PTL Meeting 4:00pm (Library)
Gala Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- 5/14/19 Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- 5/15/19 Bible Study 6:00pm
Mid Week Worship Services 9:00am & 7:00pm (Tentative)
- 5/16/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 5/21/19 4H Meeting 7-8:30pm (Gym)
- 5/22/19 Bible Study 6:00pm
Mid Week Worship Services 9:00am & 7:00pm (Tentative)
- 5/23/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
- 5/27/19 **Memorial Day (No School & Office Closed)**
- 5/29/19 Bible Study 6:00pm
Mid Week Worship Services 9:00am & 7:00pm (Tentative)
- 5/30/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
Last Day Preschool - (Gym reserved)

MEMORIALS

(no memorials)



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Address Service Requested.

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and
dignity; she can laugh at the days
to come. She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her
tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26

