

The Messenger

Daily Prayer – What do I do?

While regularly attending church is essential to the life of a Christian, we are also to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17). While our entire life is to be a prayer of sorts to God, this also means that we are to regularly pray using actual words. So how does that work for most of us? Well, as with anything in life, you've probably realized this is easier said than done. There are two big hurdles—first, making time to pray, and second, knowing what to say.

Don't minimize the first hurdle. To pray without ceasing, we must be disciplined. Otherwise, the hours and days go by, and we find ourselves sitting in church again, realizing we haven't prayed once since the last time we were there. Or worse, we find ourselves skipping church as well. So, we must set aside time in our schedules for the purpose of prayer. And we need to stick to it. Mornings and evenings are a good start.

Next, what do we pray? Have you ever set the time apart to pray only to find you don't really know what to say? That's okay. The fact of the matter is, we really need to hear from God before we have anything to say to Him. So, our prayer/devotional life always encompasses hearing/reading the Scriptures. Most of our prayers are really an echoing back to God what He has told us about himself and His gracious promises. So, our second hurdle has turned into two issues—how do we feed ourselves with the Word of God in addition to hearing it at church, and then what do we pray?

Here, a helpful hint is that you don't have to be creative. You don't need to come up with your own reading schedule, and you don't even need to compose beautiful words of your own every time you speak to God. You can use resources to help you! Take your hymnal (Lutheran Service Book) and check out the section entitled Daily Prayer for Individuals and Families on pp. 294-298. Use these forms to shape your prayer life. And what about reading the Bible during your devotions? We've all tried the continuous reading from Genesis to Revelation—and most of us have failed. Again, take your hymnal and look at pp. 299-304. There you have a daily lectionary of readings—one from the Old Testament and one from the New. You can use one of the readings in the morning and the other in the evening.

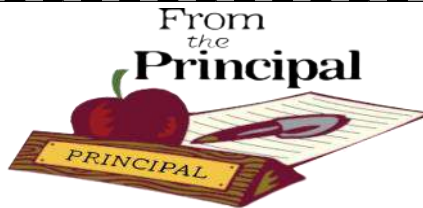
There you go! This is a great start to praying without ceasing. You can also add a midday prayer once you get this basic discipline down. It doesn't take long, and it is good for our souls. *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

-Pastor Bayer

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Here I Stand

I have sometimes been called an “Old Kraut.” This term is applied to me when I insist that I am right, and no amount of discussion or persuasion will change my mind. I usually ascribe this to my German heritage and genetics.

There was another German to whom the name of “Old Kraut” might have been applied. Martin Luther had spent years trying to find ways to please God and to atone for his sins. Then after studying scriptures he discovered the truth – there is nothing that he could do, Christ had already done it with His innocent suffering and death for us. Once Luther had discovered this truth, he was convinced that it was his duty and responsibility to tell others. He set out to correct the teaching and preaching in the churches of his day. He wanted others to be freed of their vain efforts to please God and to accept the truth that we are all saved by grace through faith. He not only taught this truth but wrote numerous articles and books to spread the truth. When he was confronted at the Diet at Worms and asked to deny this truth he refused. He was threatened with death – he refused. He boldly said, “Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise.” A true “Old Kraut” who was compelled to defend the truth of God’s word.

In our society today the concept to God’s word as the absolute truth and the standard by which everything is measured is no longer widely accepted. Many people believe that there is no absolute truth and that we can each decide what is the truth for us. We are faced with the challenge of upholding God’s word as the absolute truth.

Here at St. Peter Lutheran School we teach our children this absolute truth. We pray that we can equip and prepare them to face the challenges that will arise in their lives. We also want to equip them to join Luther in saying, “Here I stand.” Yes, we want them to become stubborn “Old Krauts.”

Our theme this year is, “Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks.” With the truth of God’s word, they and we can be truly joyful and thankful.

His Servant,

Paul Weismantel, Principal

HEART SISTERS NEWS

The "Heart "Sisters" have begun meeting at the home of Diane Thurston the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 9am to 11am. We knit and crochet hats for cancer patients and preemies. We also have ladies who serve in other ways rather than making hats who join us. All ladies are welcome to join us for coffee, a goody and wonderful fellowship!

GIVING TREE

We will once again provide a "Giving Tree" during the Christmas season. The tree will go up the end of November after we get the names of people/families we will provide gifts for. The following are some ways you and your family can be involved...purchase a gift, help with sorting the gifts and delivering gifts. More details to follow in November. Thanks! Diane Thurston

CHOIR FOR 150TH CELEBRATION

We have put together a special choir for the Worship Service on Sunday, October 13th. All are welcome to join us as we lift our voices to the Lord. See Marion Koeppen or Diane Thurston if this is something you would like to do! You can still make a couple practices.

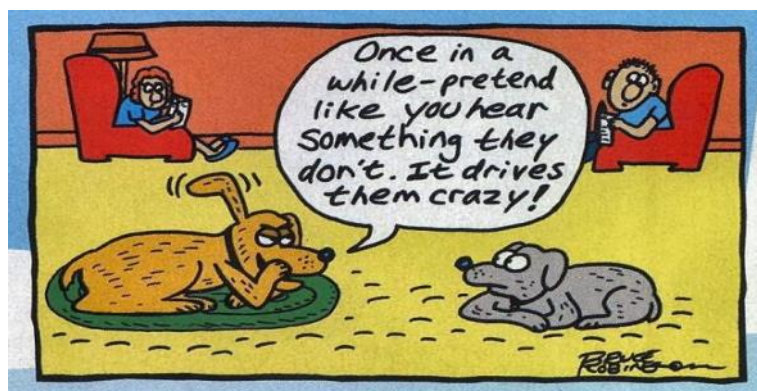
SECRET PRAYER SISTERS

Many of you have been a part of the SECRET PRAYER SISTERS this past year. Well, on Saturday, November 2nd, you will FINALLY find out who has been lifting you in prayer and remembering you with cards/gifts. We will meet in the back room at Main Street Cafe in St. John's at 3:30. Dessert and drinks will be served at a cost of approximately \$7 each which will be collected that day (includes the tip). If you are unable to make it, please let me know so arrangements can be made to have your gift for your "sister" there.

Maybe you haven't been a part of this before but would like to join us. All you have to do is let me know so we can reserve a spot for you. It's a wonderful way to remember a "sister in Christ" and lift them up in prayer each and every day along with remembering them on special occasions, holidays, etc. A form will be passed out with your "Secret Prayer Sister" information.

If you have any questions, please call me at 989 388-2069.

Diane Thurston



PREPARATION FOR THE
DECEMBER 2019 SOUP KITCHEN RUMMAGE ROOM

SUMMER HAS ENDED AND FALL IS IN FULL BLOOM **
AS YOU TRANSITION YOUR WARDROBES PLEASE KEEP IN
MIND THE NEEDY IN OUR LANSING AREA. FOR THE RUMMAGE
ROOM WE FURNISH LIKE NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHING
ITEMS FOR MEN-WOMEN & CHILDREN = SUCH AS = COATS,
SCARVES, PANTS, SWEATERS, BLANKETS, SOCKS, MITTENS,
GLOVES & UNDERGARMENTS AND ALL THAT'S NEEDED TO
SUSTAIN THEIR HUMAN BODIES.

WE ALSO NEED NEW PURCHASED OR COLLECTED ITEMS OF
TOILETRIES (SOAP-SHAMPOO-SHOWER GEL-TOOTHPASTE-
TOOTHBRUSHES-COMBS), SOCKS, ETC. THAT FILL THE
"GOODY BAGS". WE FILL THE BAGS FOR = 50 MEN/50 WOMEN
& 40 CHILDREN.

I WILL PLACE A WHEELED LAUNDRY CART JUST INSIDE THE
OFFICE DOORS FOR PLACEMENT OF SUCH ITEMS STARTING
OCTOBER 26th. THE CART WILL BE REMOVED ****FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 24th, 2019 *****FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN/RUMMAGE
ROOM EVENT.

WE NEED ABOUT A DOZEN HELPERS TO SET-UP THE TABLES
AND ITEMS AS WELL AS FILL THE GOODIE BAGS WITH ALL THE
GOODIES BEFORE THE PATRONS ARE ALLOWED IN THE
RUMMAGE ROOM. (THIS IS ALL **AND ONLY** DONE THE
MORNING OF THE SOUP KITCHEN ON SITE AT CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LESS THAN 2 HOURS TIME). YOUR
HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND I KNOW THIS IS A TRUE
PASSION FOR ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED AN EARLIER PICK UP
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT BONNIE GREGORY AT 989-
292-4152.

GOD'S BLESSING ON THIS OUTREACH TO OUR CLOSEBY
COMMUNITY AT THIS MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR.

Preschool News

Wow, we have had an amazing start to our preschool year! We have 19 amazing kids in our class this year. We are so thankful for our wonderful kids and families. We are thrilled to see our class size growing and would love to start an afternoon program in the future! We will start enrollment in February and March for the fall of 2020.

Right now we are focusing on our classroom routine, playing with new friends, and developing our school readiness skills. We have also been talking about fall, community helpers, apples, and fire safety. We will be taking an amazing field trip to Uncle John's Cider Mill later in October. The children will take a wagon ride through the orchard, watch apples being pressed and enjoy cider and donuts. We are also planning a day to have local firefighters come in to speak to the children about fire safety and show them a firetruck. We are so fortunate to live in such a wonderful community.

The children have also been hard at work adding beautiful artwork to our classroom and hallway. If you have a chance, stop by and check out the projects that are displayed in our hallway and classroom! We would like to thank the Wednesday Crew for all the work they have done and continue to do to make our classroom safe for the children.

Also, thank you to the Gala Committee for the classroom donation. We were able to buy carpet squares for group time, an art drying rack and art smocks.

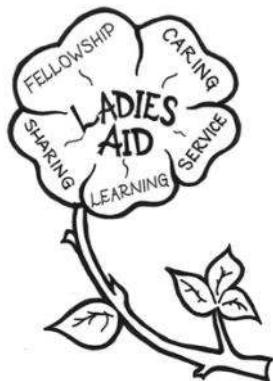
Blessings Always,
Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fletcher





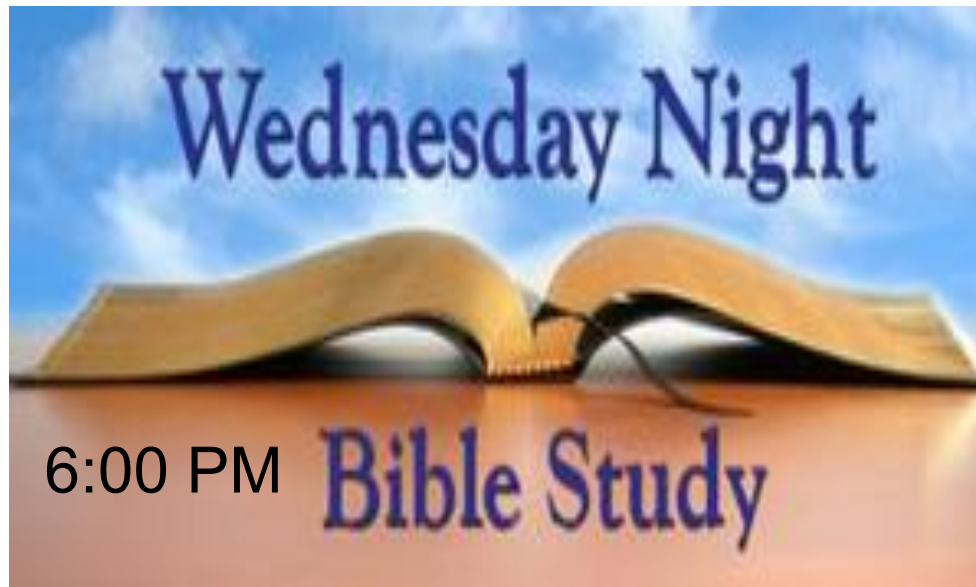
GREETERS.....Thanks for your smiling faces, warm handshakes and maybe a hug or two. Praise God for you! If you are unable to greet the date scheduled, please switch with someone else and let Liz in the church office know so she can print the correct information in the weekly announcements. Please let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

2019 GREETER SCHEDULE		
	October 2019	
10/06/19	Chris & Mark Grennell	
10/13/19	Bob Barber & Lyle Auten	
10/20/19	Sandy Lockwood & Bill Caruss	
10/27/19	Debbie Schrader & Ann Shellito	
	November 2019	
11/03/19	Theresa & Charlie Silm	
11/10/19	Bonnie & Roger Gregory	
11/17/19	Lori & Taylor Klein	
11/24/19	Judy & Barry Boettger	
11/27/19	Diane & Frank Hart	Thanksgiving Eve



LADIES AID NEWS

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.



LADIES AID NEWS

I know many of you ladies would like to partake in helping with the quilts for Lutheran World Relief & Safe Center. I had one expressed a night gathering to tie quilts, if have an interest let me know. We have come up with an idea: there will be a container next to the Food Pantry box with bags of cut squares and instructions how to sew the quilt tops together. So you may pick up 1 or more kits up and when finished bring back to the box. Then take another kit, consider it a take and drop off box.

BABY SHOWER for Kristin Bayer is on Sunday, November 24th at 1 p.m. in our gym, there will be a light luncheon.

And last but not least. We are having a SUB SALE for the MSU v Michigan game on November 16th. The pick-up of subs will be Friday the 15th. We will have different pick up locations to make it more convenient for you; at our hall kitchen, Diane Harts in St. Johns, and Sandy Lockwoods house on Round Lake Rd. east off US-27, 2 or 3 miles. Times to pick up will be 2 to 6 p.m. You will be seeing order forms soon in the bulletin, deadline will be Monday, November 11th to have into the office. If you would like to help out putting subs together let me know. If you have questions on anything, I'll be glad to help.



In God's service,
Kathy Bond

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Prayer Chain



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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.

Sick & Shut In



Please remember to pray for and visit or call our members that are sick, shut-in, or hospitalized.

St. Peter 150 Anniversary: "Built on the Rock - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow"

Please mark your calendars for this special service, and others planned during our 150 anniversary year: Special service set for October 13 with Pastor Jeffrey Heimsoth that includes a catered dinner which is by reservation only!

Updates on these special services will be included in the Sunday bulletin 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."



Forgotten Man Ministries Fall 2019 Banquet is Thursday, October 17, 2019 6:00 pm Fellowship & 6:30 pm Dinner. There will be a free will offering. Where: Grove Bible Church Activity Center 6990 E. Price Rd., St. Johns MI. **Please RSVP by October 10th** (no children please). To reserve your seat register online at www.forgottenman.org or contact your table host, Liz Stevens 989-640-3471 or church office 989-224-3178. clintoncounty@forgottenman.org or lizstevens0522@gmail.com.

(Liz will be your table host this year. Chaplain Carl Hyzer and Pastor Larry Smith are grateful for her help!) Contact Liz so you can sit at the St. Peter table.

****There is a sign-up sheet on the table at church****



*“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: Chapel 9:00am
Bible Study: 6:00pm (Library)

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



Shut-In Visit List Weekly Visits

Shirley Edwards
Ethel Flegler
Bill & Cindy Horman
Tom Johnson
Sheila Ordway

Gordon Schrader
Mel Sehlke
Charlie Silm
John Sillman
Lois Sillman

Albert Smith
Bill & Sherri VanBeelen



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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.

October Happenings

- 10/1/19 Elders Meeting 7:00pm (Library)
 10/2/19 Chapel 9:00am
 Bible Study 6:00pm (Library)
 10/3/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
 Ladies Aid Meeting 12:00pm (Library)
 10/4/19 Over 50's Group 6:30pm (Gym)
 Homecoming Parade 5:00pm (Downtown St. Johns)
 10/6/19 Pastor Bayer attending All Pastors Conference 10/6/19-10/8/19
 10/7/19 School Board Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
 10/8/19 Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
 10/9/19 Chapel 9:00am
 Bible Study 6:00pm (Library)
 10/10/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
 PTL Meeting 4:00pm (Library)
10/13/19 150th Celebration Service with Pastor Heimsoth, Children Singing in Church and Catered Meal following service.
 10/14/19 Heart Sisters 9:00am-11:00am (Diane Thurston's house)
 10/15/19 4H Meeting 7:00pm-8:30pm (Gym)
 10/16/19 Chapel 9:00am with Pastor Lance Klamer (Pastor Bayer will be at Our Savior Lutheran for Chapel)
 Bible Study 6:00pm (Library)
 10/17/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
 Paul attending MANN'S Conference 10/17/19-10/19/19
 10/18/19 No School
 10/21/19 Gala Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
 Make-up picture day
 10/23/19 Chapel 9:00am
 Bible Study 6:00pm (Library)
 10/24/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)
 10/25/19 St. Peters Trunk-or-Treat 6:00pm-8:00pm
 10/27/19 Voters Meeting (immediately following Church)
 10/28/19 Heart Sisters 9:00am-11:00am (Diane Thurston's house)
 10/30/19 Chapel 9:00am
 Bible Study 6:00pm (Library)
 10/31/19 Ladies Aid Quilting 9:00am (Ladies Aid Room)

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of

Marilyn Kay Kloeckner, my wife \$300.00 (Given by Rollie Kloeckner)

Sherry Lynn Stearns, my sister

LOVE AND MISS YOU BOTH

Donna Pasch \$50.00



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