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THE MESSENGER March 2024



Church Services

Divine Service – Sundays at 9:30 am Matins – Wednesdays at 9 am (when school is in session) Advent and Lent – Wednesday services at 7 pm Feasts and Festivals – Services as announced in calendar and bulletin

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Augsburg Confession: Article IX - Of Baptism

Of Baptism they teach that it is necessary to salvation, and that through Baptism is offered the grace of God, and that children are to be baptized who, being offered to God through Baptism are received into God's grace.

They condemn the Anabaptists, who reject the baptism of children, and say that children are saved without Baptism.

Jesus said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:7). Each of us requires a new birth—a birth from above. For by our fleshly generation, we received a nature corrupted by sin, prone to evil, and condemned by God. For us to inherit heaven, another birth is required—a birth of the Spirit. As we learned in Article V, the Spirit works through means. In the case of our regeneration, the Spirit uses the Word of God and water to accomplish our birth from above.

The above being true, we believe, teach, and confess that baptism is necessary for salvation. Baptism is the means through which God offers his grace. It is our incorporation into the death of Jesus Christ which atoned for our sins and the promise of a resurrection to life (Romans 7:4). In Baptism, God promises us the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

Though we are bound to Baptism as the means through which God offers us his grace and applies the saving work of Jesus to us, God himself is not bound. God can bring sinners into his kingdom through His Son as he pleases. Normally, this is through Baptism. Always, this is through the Word of God. If someone hears the Gospel, believes, and desires to be baptized, but dies on the way to his Baptism, we do not conclude that they are condemned. As Christians, we pray for our children in the womb, commending them to God, and carrying those children to Church with us, where the Word of God is present. Should God take that child to himself before the child's earthly birth, we know that God was able to grant the new birth of the Spirit to that child.

But just because we acknowledge that God is not bound, this does not change that we are bound. God has commanded Baptism to us as the way to enter the kingdom. Therefore, children must be baptized, and it is negligence to deny this gift of God to our children. As Lutherans, we condemn any group who teaches that Baptism is not to be administered to children. Remember Jesus' response when the disciples rebuked the people for bringing children to him. He was indignant, and he said, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:13).

In Christ, Pastor Bayer

ANOTHER LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

What's in the Book of Concord?

Unnecessary confusion was cast upon the voters' assembly in January concerning what documents are included in the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Lutheran confessions were collected and published in the Book of Concord of 1580. Our congregation and our synod subscribe to these confessions (all of them) because they are a faithful exposition of Holy Scripture. Every rostered church worker in our synod vows that these confessions are their own confession and that all their duties and teaching will be in accordance with the Word of God and these confessions.

To clear up the confusion on what documents are contained in the Book of Concord, below is a picture of the table of contents for the Book of Concord, the Tappert edition, where you can clearly see the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope listed among the confessional standards of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

If confusion is being fostered over this document based on its name alone, I suggest the document be read. The Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope contains the strongest confessional statements against the pope in the Book of Concord.

So why was the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope not listed in our current constitution? This is purely a historical artifact. In days past, the Treatise was (incorrectly) understood to be part of the Smalcald Articles. It really is its own document.

Our forefathers in this congregation knew that recognition of the Holy Scriptures as the inspired Word of God, and subscription to the Lutheran Confessions because they are a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God, was of the utmost importance. Therefore, they wrote Article II of our Constitution and declared that this article cannot be repealed or altered. They would certainly be most thankful toward us if we too held these documents in high enough esteem to list them accurately.

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If you have additional questions, I am happy to answer them for you. Copies of the Book of Concord are available in the school library for you to read. You may also find them online at the LCMS website at the following address: <u>https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/lutheran-confessions</u>. While you are on that webpage of the LCMS, take note that ALL the documents of the Book of Concord are listed clearly. And why shouldn't they be? It is, after all, what we believe, teach, and confess.

-Pastor Bayer

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A Ministry of Truth

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. **2** Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. **3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **5** For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. **6** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"[<u>a</u>] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

March is often a transition month for schools. We are transitioning out of winter and into spring. We are looking forward to the end of the school year, and at the same time, already planning and making decisions for the next school year. The school board is discussing the budget for next year, teachers are discussing curriculum changes, and families are already enrolling their students for the fall. It is a great time to set goals and move forward, as they align with the mission of our church.

One of our goals is always to bring several new families to our school for the new school year. Talking to people in the community about our school is one of the best ways to advertise. We also have yard signs that can be placed around the community and events that we use to advertise to the community.

If you don't have children in the school, I will fill you in on some of the fun events coming up in our school. The biggest event happening in the school in March is Reading Month. Parents will decorate the hallways, students will work toward accomplishing reading goals and winning prizes, and special visitors will come to the school to read stories to the students. If you would like to be a part of the fun, contact the school office and sign up for a time to come and read to the students.

Also happening in March is the Wax Museum. This is a fun event where the students will choose an ocean animal or a person in history to learn about and present. Parents, family, and church members are invited to stop by and hear from the students about their learning.

Looking all the way ahead to April, the K-8 students will be celebrating Grandparent's Day. Students have the chance to invite a grandparent or family friend to join them for chapel, brunch, and a craft.

Blessings in Christ, Erika Brown Principal/Teacher

A LETTER FROM THE PRESCHOOL



A Month of Love & Growth in Preschool

We have had a great start to the second half of our school year. Our new students are settling in and making new friends. We are very thankful for all our wonderful students and families. Preschool enrollment is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact us if you or anyone you know would like enrollment information. Children need to be 3 by September 1 to enroll. February was a busy month in preschool. Our class enjoyed a Valentine's Day party with donuts, a movie and popcorn. We also enjoyed a school wide field trip to the MSU rodeo in February. We had a great turnout for this event. Thank you to MSU Rodeo Club for providing this free event. Our St. Peter Gala is on Saturday, April 20th. Tickets will be on sale for \$50 each in the school office. This ticket includes a catered dinner, 1 drink ticket, and entry into the grand prize drawing. This event is our biggest school fundraiser. All money raised goes towards making school improvements. We hope to see you there!

Blessings, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Fletcher, and Mrs. Curtin

Clink on the QR code to request additional information on the preschool program or request a tour!



GALA, GRANDPARENTS DAY AND VBS

St. Peter Gala

We are re-starting our annual school gala this year on Saturday, April 20th. While one of our goals for this event is to fundraise for the school, it is not our only goal. Another goal of this event is to bring together school families, grandparents, friends, and church members to celebrate the ministry here at St. Peter. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our school families and spend time in fellowship together. We would love for you to come on your own or put together a table of friends to attend the event.

If you would like to come to the event to help instead of purchasing a ticket, we still need several people to help the night of the event as well. Contact Mrs. Brown or the school office if you are willing to help.

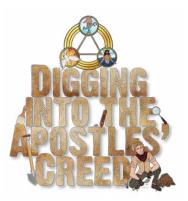
Tickets are on sale now in the church office and after Sunday service.

Grandparents Day

For Grandparents Day this year, we are looking for volunteers from the church to help in the kitchen for the morning. We need help setting food and drinks out so the teachers are free to run the other activities of the day. It is always a fun morning and a great opportunity to bring our church and school together.

Grandparents Day is Wednesday, March 13th.

Erika Brown



Mark your calendars for this year's VBS Monday June 17 through Friday June 21, 2024 Stay tuned for more information to come.

A LETTER FROM OUR CANTOR

Why We Do What We Do

Let's talk about symbols. The earliest Christian symbol was a sheep, representing Christ as the Lamb of God. Our church is full of symbols, many probably very familiar, perhaps not others.

We'll start at the very front, in the chancel. At the top of the wooden paneling is a chalice and wafer reminding us of Holy Communion. Below the chalice on the sides are A and Ω , Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet, from Rev. 22:13, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (see also Rev. 1:8 & 21:6).

In the center of the altar are three letters, IHS, with a cross in the middle. Using Greek capital letters, the name "Jesus" would be spelled $IH\Sigma Y\Sigma$, with a capital and small letters it would be $I\eta\sigma\nu\varsigma$. The Greeks often used abbreviations, just as we do; so what you have here is an abbreviation for the name Jesus in capital letters, IHS, or the first two and last letters, JES.

Coming down from the chancel and above the pulpit is a cross and four books. Unlike a Roman cross, such as over the altar, a Greek cross has four equal lengths. The four books are the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Across from the pulpit are the two tablets of the Commandments, described in Exodus 32:15. You often see the Commandments divided as they are here; Commandments 1 through 3 defining our relationship to God, Commandments 4 through 10 our relationship with our neighbor.

Now we turn attention to the cut glass windows. You will note that all of them have the same general design, with the big red symbol on the upper left side and twelve small red crosses at the bottom. The big red symbol is known as the "Chi Rho" (kie-row) and are the Greek letters XP in capital letters, or $\chi \varrho$ in small letters. This is another abbreviation, this one for X ϱ tor $\dot{\circ}$ c, or "Christ." As for the small red crosses, I don't believe there's any special significance that one column has seven and the other five, but obviously they remind us of the twelve apostles.

As you study the windows, you recognize they portray the Six Chief Parts of Luther's Small Catechism. Starting with the center window on the left, we see the Ten Commandments again, with three on one tablet and seven on the other. On the right, next to the balcony, is the Creed, with two overlapping symbols for the Trinity, a triangle with equal sides and three interlocking curves of equal size. Then we see hands in prayer and are called to remember the Lord's Prayer. On the opposite side we see the Holy Spirit descending and are called back to Jesus' baptism (Matt. 3:16-17), as well as our own Baptism with the gift of the Holy Spirit. On the other side of the Ten Commandments we find the crossed Keys of the Kingdom from Matthew 16:16-19. With that we look back to our Small Catechism: "What is Confession? Answer: Confession has two parts: the one is that we confess our sins; the other is that we receive Absolution, or forgiveness, from the pastor, as from God Himself, and in no way doubt, but firmly believe that our sins are forgiven before God in heaven by this" (S.C., Part V). Finally, the first window on the pulpit side again calls our attention to the Sacrament of the Altar with a chalice and wafer.

Toward the back, from the balcony on, the windows are a little more difficult to see and tend to become more mundane, or worldly. Back on the pulpit side, we find a stylized cross similar to the logo of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, though of a different color. Then a pair of hands clasped in Christian fellowship. Next to the stairway are an automobile tire with a rocket emblem of Oldsmobile (remember that?). On the other side, next to the organ console, we see the Holy Spirit spreading the Gospel of Christ to the entire world. Then comes an outline of the state of Michigan, with the state flower, the apple blossom, and state tree, the eastern white pine. By the stairway on that side we find corn and wheat growing.

Finally, as we leave the church, we look above the balcony to the hands of God extended to us and hear the words, "The Lord bless you and keep you" (Numbers 6:24).

I hope to share more of why we do what we do. Perhaps if you have a particular question or concern, you might pass that along to me through the church office. Your brother in Christ, Dick Davenport

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS AND EVENTS

<u>Help Wanted!</u>

Are you looking for some way to serve? We are looking for someone to clean the church. You can sign up for every month, once a month, twice a month, etc. The restroom are already being cleaned by Judy Martens (thank you, Judy!) Call the church office to sign up. 989 224-3178

There are many ways to serve at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Right now, there are several positions that need to be filled to best meet the needs of the church and school. We are looking to fill the following positions:

Chairman of the Congregation

Sexton

Elders

Christian Education

School Board members

If you are interested in any of these positions or simply want more information about serving at St. Peter, please contact the church office

WE'RE LOOKING FOR THRIVENT MEMBERS!!!

If you are a Thrivent member, would you please call our current Event Coordinator, Charlene Kennedy, at 989 224-7106? Your membership may qualify to sponsor a fund raising or service program we hold here at St. Peter.

Because of the "Privacy Act" Thrivent is unable to release a list of membership. A \$250 gift card is available to us from each membership twice a year. This is a service Thrivent provides and it is free...it does not cost YOU anything. If you have an insurance, health insurance or an annuity policy with them, please call Charlene. We appreciate your help!

LFL Annual Life Summit "Life Triumphant Hurled"

Please put on your calendars the Annual "Life Summit" presented by Lutherans for Life at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fowler. It will be held on **Sunday, April 28th**, **from 2:00-5:00pm**. This is a great event for Life Teams, Life Advocates, pastors, lay leaders, as well as anyone who would like to become more prepared to share the "FOR LIFE" message!

Keynote Speakers are Dr. Roni Grad who will give two presentations...Intricately Woven and Organ Donation and Determination of Death. Pastor Paul Clark, the Lutherans for Life President and Life Coordinator for the MI District, will speak on "The Splendor of Life in a Broken World".

This event is free. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP (if possible by April 14) to Pastor Paul Clark at revpmclark@gmail.com or call or text to 517 420 -4826.

7th Annual

Chili and Corn Bread Cook—Off

Thank you to all who made chili and corn bread for this year's Chili Cook-Off. The winners for the chili were Steve Miller, Diane Thurston and Janet Lyon. Winners for the corn bread were Janet Lyon, Patty West and Rita Hollis.

The monies raised will be used for new doors on the east side of the church. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in the church offering plate. Thank you to all who attended this event sponsored by the elders.

CHURCH ANNOUNCMENTS & NEWS

Prayer Chain

Memorials

In Memory of Randy Rossow \$40.00 If you have a prayer request, please call the church office (989) 224-3178 during office hours. If in the evening or weekend, please call Pam Mohr (989) 292-1686.



The Church will only send out emails if we have permission from the person or family of whom the email is concerning to respect peoples privacy.



Shut-In Visit List <u>Monthly Visits</u> Glenn Bennett Ellie Camburn Linda Chant Linda Davis Virginia Davis Rhonda Dedyne Shirley Edwards Ilene Gibson Mary Ann Grennell Jan Maynard Jeanette Mehney Evart & Bernita Sillman Charlie Silm Albert Smith



Please review our list of Sick and Shut In and show them some love by calling and visiting. Continue to remember them in your daily prayers. **<u>Do You Volunteer</u>** at the church or school? We would love to know what you do. Please email me at <u>pamelam1212@aol.com</u> Thank you! Pam Mohr

Secret Prayer Sisters

Please remember to keep your SPS in your daily prayers. "Pray that God would make your friend strong, fruitful and flourishing for His glory. Pray that the Lord bless your friend and keep her,; that He would make His face to shine upon her and be gracious to her; that the Lord would lift up His countenance upon her and give her peace."

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was such a pleasure to worship with you on January 14th, 2024. Your faithful support, prayers and love have made it possible to continue work in West Africa. Thank you for the door offering of \$245.00 that we sent to LCMS to cover expenses during our time in the US.

We return to Ghana on Tuesday, February 13th. We thank God for the many people we saw during our time in the US. Yet we are eager to see all the brothers and sisters in Ghana.

It was a joy to see the growth of St Peter School. God continue to guide and strengthen you as you shine His light to all around you!

Pastor David and Joyce Erber

Women's Retreat April 26-27, 2024

Jesus Calms the Chaos

All St. Peter ladies and their friends are welcomed to spend a fun and special time together as we learn of God's plan for us in Psalm 46:10. "Be still, and know that I am God". There is room for 7-8 more ladies to get in on this memorable retreat. We hope you

will join us for a Friday evening and Saturday to refuel with God's Word.

The cost of \$100.00 covers your private room stay, meals, materials, speaker and more.

For those already signed up, and placed a \$20 deposit, please submit the balance of \$80 to a committee member.

Cash or check written to Geri Jastram by APRIL 1, 2024.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, sign up sheet, etc.

We would love to welcome you!

Geri Jastram 517-290-7609, Rita Hollis 989-534-1955, Judy Bengel 517-281-5813

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Cherish What God Has Given

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

"You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other" (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God's fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God's purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.

Letter from Pastor Michael Salemink of Lutherans for Life

How do you know when a loved one has died? What elements of death characterize it as an event? Which dimensions make it more of a process? Do medical professionals ever get it wrong? Do any Scriptural concepts or theological categories help us understand what alive and deceased mean?

It affects some serious decisions we make. Sometimes we take otherwise lethal actions once we conclude death has occurred. Donating vital organs is one such context. Removing heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, and other essential tissues would cause death if it had not already happened prior to the procedure. Often these body parts are still operating at this point, however. So we have come to rely on ascertaining "brain death."

But technology to detect neurological activity has only developed recently. And while the human brain serves a primary role in coordinating biological functions, it does not play the only important part. Other organs do contribute in decisive ways. Furthermore, how precisely do equipment and specialists measure the electrical signals that "brain death" involves? What do these test results mean, and how do they relate to defining life or death?

Lutherans For Life's Board of Directors has formulated an official position statement addressing these circumstances. We have the benefit of members with both medical expertise and theological knowledge. They have brought together science, history, and—of course—God's Word to offer the following guidance for considering situations where determining death becomes urgent. May our Lord bless this Gospel-motivated voice For Life as well as your own.

LFL Statement on Determination of Death

WHEREAS, The point of death is when the spirit leaves the body (Ecclesiastes 12:7; Luke 23:46; James 2:26), but no present scientific test can determine that point; and

WHEREAS, According to the Scriptures (Leviticus 17:11; Ezekiel 37:1-10; Luke 23:46), the total cessation of breath and heartbeat is the primary means of determining when the spirit has left the body and therefore the point of death; and

WHEREAS, Scripture furthermore teaches that God alone is the One who determines one's time of death (Deuteronomy 32:39; Ecclesiastes 8:8; Small Catechism: Seventh Petition of Lord's Prayer) and that when it pleases Him to call her/him out of this vale of tears, even medical intervention will not stop it from happening (Matthew 6:27); and

WHEREAS, With the development of organ transplantation in the mid-twentieth century, outcomes data demonstrated that vital organs removed while the heart was still beating performed better in the one receiving the transplant than did those removed after the heart had stopped, due to damage to the latter from lack of oxygen; and

WHEREAS, The concept of "brain death" was developed in part to avoid the transplant team being charged with murder, as it allows individuals in a persistent coma who appear to no longer have central nervous system activity and thus deemed unlikely to survive, to be considered dead, even with still-beating hearts; and

WHEREAS, The 1981 Uniform Declaration of Death Act, enacted in 39 American states and jurisdictions, includes "brain death" as a criterion for determination of death, and others rely on "accepted medical standards," which essentially do the same; and

WHEREAS, The criteria for "brain death" include persistent coma with no response to noxious or painful stimuli, absence of brainstem reflexes as tested at the bedside, and failure to breathe when removed from a mechanical ventilator for ten minutes (apnea test); and

WHEREAS, These bedside assessments do not measure all of the functions of the whole brain; as evidenced by continued hormone secretion, wound healing, successful completion of pregnancy, movement during surgery, survival after brain death declaration and even complete recovery on occasion; and

WHEREAS, The guidance on "brain death" determination is based on opinion and not evidence, changes from time to time, and furthermore, studies have shown that not all medical centers apply "brain death" criteria in a uniform manner; and

WHEREAS, Sometimes organ donation factors into end of life decisions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life affirms that the concept of "brain death" as the sole determinant of death comes from outside of the Bible, and that the use of "brain death" as the criterion to remove vital organs is likely to cause death prematurely, and this is contrary to the express will and Word of God in the Fifth Commandment (Exodus 20:13); and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life affirms complete cessation of cardiopulmonary function as the Scriptural determinant of physical death and thus opposes using "brain death" as the sole criterion for removing vital organs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life encourages Lutherans who wish to be organ donors to indicate so on their Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care paperwork, and to specify in writing that they wish their medical teams to use the Scriptural criterion of cardiopulmonary failure to determine that their physical lives are ended; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Lutherans For Life assures those who regret having allowed loved ones or other neighbors to be declared dead on the basis of the "brain death" criterion that there is forgiveness in Jesus' blood shed at Calvary, and encourages them to seek the comfort of Pastoral Absolution.

ADOPTED 10 OCTOBER, 2023

About the Erbers

Pastor David and Joyce Erber serve as missionaries with LCMS International Mission. We live in Ghana West Africa. David teaches at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Accra, Ghana and coordinates the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Online Master of Arts in Theology degree for pastors in Africa. Joyce is the Regional Business Manager for Africa and is responsible for accounting and financial dynamics for LCMS missionaries and projects across Africa.

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How To Send Financial Support For Our Mission Work In Africa:

- 1. Write check to: The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
- 2. On Memo Line, write: "Support for Erbers Ghana"
- 3. Send to: LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861
- Or go to: www.lcms.org/givenow/erber Or go to: Mission Central

If you would prefer not to receive these letters, please send us a note.

Please note: These letters are not intended to serve as solicitations for donations. Some recipients uphold us in prayer. Some recipients send a donation once a month, once a year or once every couple of years. Some recipients simply like to hear about what is going on with us from time to time. These letters are intended to be a word of thanks for prayers and support as well as an attempt to stay in touch.

If you have a moment, we would love to hear from you! David and Joyce



ST. PETER LUTHERAN SCHOOL GALA

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2024 5:00 P.M. APPETIZERS 6:00 P.M. DINNER - AUCTION TO FOLLOW SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE - HAWAIIAN THEME TICKET INCLUDES 1 CONTEST TICKET AND 1 DRINK TICKET \$50.00 PER DINNER TICKET

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