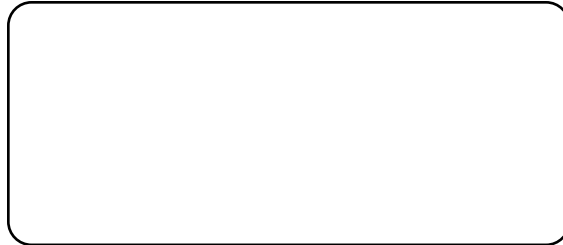


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THE MESSENGER

April 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 X – Of the Lord's Supper

AC X: Of the Supper of the Lord they teach that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present, and are distributed to those who eat the Supper of the Lord; and they reject those that teach otherwise.

This belief concerning the Lord's Supper was nearly universal in the Church until after the Lutheran Reformation. Both the Western and the Greek (Eastern) Church believed in the true presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper for a millennia and a half.

Sadly, this doctrine was subverted against the clear words of Jesus by the Reformed movement led by Ulrich Zwingli and John Calvin. Thus, today, in the plethora of Protestant denominations, the true presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper is largely rejected.

But we Lutherans maintain and believe the clear words of Jesus in his last will and testament. The bread in the Lord's Supper is Christ's true Body, and the wine in the Supper is Christ's true Blood. These sacred gifts are present and distributed to all who eat the Supper, both believer and unbeliever. This is why the Church's biblical and historic practice of closed communion is so vital. For if someone eats and drinks the Lord's Supper unworthily, he sins not just against bread and wine, but is guilty of the very Body and Blood of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:27).

Our worship practice in every way should convey our belief in the presence of Christ's true Body and Blood. Our ceremonies should communicate this truth to every sense of our bodies—that we might behold our Savior in the bread and wine according to His Word and eat and drink in faith. The vessels used to hold and distribute Christ's Body and Blood to the faithful should be dignified.

Speaking of vessels, I look forward to the day when we as a congregation can receive the Blood of our Savior together from the chalice as our Lord instituted in His Holy Supper. Participation in the Body and Blood of Christ is also a fellowship of the members of that Body one with another. We who partake of the Body and Blood of Christ are joined first to our head, Jesus Christ, and therefore also to one another.

Early Christians expressed the depth of the fellowship we share in Jesus Christ and the unity of the Spirit with a holy kiss (Rom. 16:16, 1 Cor. 16:20, 2 Cor. 13:12, 1 Thess. 5:26, 1 Pet. 5:14). The sharing of the peace before receiving the Sacrament of the Altar in the Divine Service was historically a place for this kiss to be practiced. It is not likely that the kiss of peace will return to the Divine Service. But a return to all sharing the cup of Jesus' Blood is both attainable and salutary.

In Christ, Pastor Bayer

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Privilege of Being a Part of HIS Mission

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

John 21: 4-6

"The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Acts 11: 22-24

I generally try to pick one set of verses to capture what I want to share each month. This month I couldn't choose between the two sets of verses above. Both are so fitting for the ministry happening at St. Peter. In John 21, the disciples are unable to bring in fish without Jesus guiding them. Isn't that true for us as Christians? We spread the gospel as Jesus works through us to bring more families into our school and church. It is not a burden to use our talents and blessings to further His ministry. We may not always understand what is being asked of us or His plans for the ministry. Even so, it is a privilege to be a part of it and see the great works He is doing among us.

I was reading through John and Acts before I wrote this, in the chapters following the death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. It always stands out to me how so many of the accounts end with phrases about the many believers being added to the Lord. The verse above from Acts 11 was just one of many that share this. You can feel the excitement in these words and see the power of sharing God's Word within the communities we are a part of. Again, what an amazing privilege to be a part of this.

It takes many helping hands to continue to grow our school and church. It isn't always an easy task. We already have responsibilities in our families, in our jobs, and in many other places. Have faith and remember, God is the one doing the work and bringing people to Him. We are blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of it.

Blessings in Christ,
Erika Brown

A LETTER FROM THE PRESCHOOL



PRESCHOOL

BUSY, GROWING & BLESSED

Wow, we can't believe we are entering the month of April. It has been a great and very busy school year. Twenty-eight preschoolers have kept us on our toes. We are very thankful to see our preschool program continue to grow.

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. Spots are filling up so we encourage you to enroll soon to get the days you would like. You can also find information on our website, www.stpeterriley.org.

March was a busy month in preschool. We enjoyed March Reading Month and March Madness activities. Our class also had several guest readers throughout the month.

Thank you to everyone who came in and read to our class.

Our St. Peter Gala is on Saturday, April 20th. Tickets are 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. We have had donors cover the cost of our meals, so all money made through ticket sales goes directly to the school. This event is our biggest school fundraiser. All money raised goes towards making school improvements. We have several great live and silent auction items to bid on. We hope to see you there!

Blessings,

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

A LETTER FROM THE CANTOR

Why We Do What We Do

Let's talk about creeds. The word "creed" comes from Latin *credo* – "I believe." A lot of people don't really understand when we talk about creeds. Some will say, "I don't believe in creeds." But in that simple statement they've already told you what they believe, their creed. What they really mean is, "I don't accept any formal statements of faith; I believe what I want to believe and I make it up as I go along." Some Christians will say, "I don't believe in creeds; I believe in the Bible." But what sense does that make? What does the Bible teach but about the persons and work of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Our creeds are nothing more than concise, compact statements of what the Bible teaches and what Christians have believed for, literally, thousands of years. As Lutherans, we profess/confess the three "ecumenical" creeds, meaning creeds which have been accepted and used by the Church throughout the world. Those ecumenical creeds are the Apostles', the Nicene and the Athanasian.

No one really knows where the Apostles' Creed originated; early forms of the creed appeared in the first couple hundred years of the Church's history. Somewhere along the way it gained the label of the Apostles' Creed because it is a summary of what the apostles taught. From earliest times the Apostles' Creed has been associated with catechumens, new converts publicly professing their Christian faith. In the same way, you'll notice, we use the Creed during Baptism and Confirmation, and in services when Holy Communion is not celebrated.

In 324 A.D., the first Christian emperor, Constantine, called together bishops from all over the known world to the city of Nicea, in modern Turkey, to settle a controversy about the Son of God. The resulting statement of faith became the Nicene Creed, which has been known and used by the Church ever since. Because of its emphasis on the person and work of Jesus Christ, the Nicene Creed has always been closely tied to the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar, and so is nearly always a part of our Sunday worship.

Like the Apostles' Creed, the origin of the Athanasian Creed is lost in the mists of history. Athanasius was a Bishop of Alexandria in North Africa, and a pivotal figure in the Council of Nicea. But he didn't write the creed. The first record we have of it is in the early 500s A.D, by Caesarius, Bishop of Arles in southern France, when it was described as "the faith of St. Athanasius." By the end of the 8th Century, the Creed was known and used throughout the Western Church, and by the 10th Century by the Eastern Church as well. Because of its clear and emphatic statements about the relationship of the three Persons of the Trinity, we use the Athanasian Creed on Trinity Sunday.

And why do we use the creeds? Several times I've written about the patterns and rhythms of our worship. It is always a time of giving and receiving, receiving and responding. Our gracious and loving God comes to us with His gifts, which we receive. Then we give back to Him in our responses. You'll notice that our Sunday liturgy is in two sections, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Sacrament. It's in the Service of the Word that we hear the Scriptures read to us. Then we respond with, "I believe." And it's not some vague, meaningless "just believe" in whatever; it's a strong, clear and definite, "I believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit," shared by the whole Christian Church throughout history.

Now, if you notice, you'll see the Creed is in a different place in Divine Service, Settings 1 and 2, compared to Settings 3 and 4. For generations the Creed has come immediately after the reading of the Gospel lesson of the day. In recent years, the thinking has been that the sermon is, ideally, also a proclamation of the Word of God, so it's proper to place the Creed as a response after the sermon. Which place in the Service do you consider to be more appropriate?

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

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.

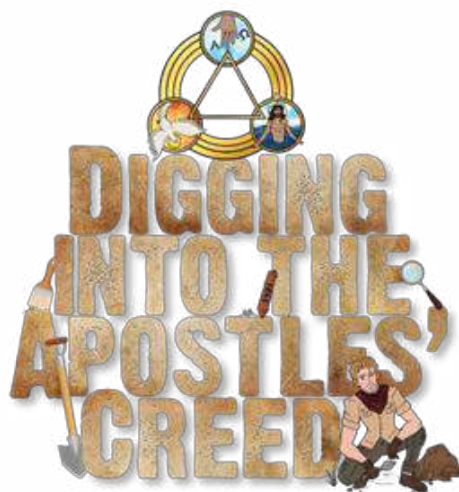
Tickets are on sale now in the church office and after Sunday service.

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, April 10th.

Erika Brown



Mark your calendars for this year's VBS
Monday June 17 through Friday June 21, 2024

9Am-Noon
K- 6th Grade

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS AND EVENTS

Ladies Aid & LWML

In our last meeting we decided to have the Hanging Flower Pot Sale again, the order sheets are out to show what type of flower, colors, & prices we'll have. The plants will be available for Mothers Day.

We will be putting on a lunch for April 28 Voter Meeting. We, Piecemakers are in need of material for continuing making our quilts for Lutheran World Relief, Safe Center, & The Voice of Clinton County Children. We will continue having our Quilting Bees every 2nd Saturday of the month; so the next will be Sat., April 13th @ 9 am-noon.

Now LWML (Lutheran Womens Missionary League) we are part of LWML Capital Zone (area churches) & Mich District LWML & LWML National; & of course our St. Peter LWML. We collect Mites on the last Sunday of each month, the Mite Box is in the Narthex; so you may drop coins & paper money in any time but especially on Mite Sunday which is April 28th this month. The Mites go to many charitable organizations in our U.S. & around the world.

For example, the Orphan Grain Train Servant Center which is located in Nebraska; OGT gets \$100,000 & provides humanitian service by distributing food, clothing, medical supplies, equipment, & educational materials. Every months Newsletter will include a different proposal that our Mites are going towards.

The LWML Capital Zone will be having the Spring Fling (Spring Rally) on Sat. May 4th @ Ascension Lutheran Church, 2780 Haslett Rd. East Lansing @ 830 am w/ coffee & registration & lunch at noon. The Theme is "Serve One Another In Love" Gal. 5:13. The speaker is from Family Life Radio, Larry & Cheri Carlson. there will be a free will offering. The Ingathering for Youth Haven Ranch near Jackson with bar soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, & combs; all should be travel sizes.

If you have any questions send me a text (989-640-0630) or email (bkbond61@yahoo.com).

In Jesus Love,
Kathy Bond

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS AND EVENTS

Help Wanted!

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!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

LFL Annual Life Summit

“Life Triumphant Hurlled”

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.

Do You Volunteer at the church or school? We would love to know what you do. Please email me at pamelam1212@aol.com 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.”

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Memorials

No Memorials



Prayer Chain

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

Monthly Visits

Glenn Bennett
Ellie Camburn
Linda Chant
Linda Davis
Virginia Davis
Rhonda Dedyne
Shirley Edwards
Ilene Gibson
Mary Ann Grennell
Jan Maynard
Jeanette Mehney
Evert & 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.

"What to Look for in a Church" - an article by Rev. D. Richard Stuckwisch, President of the Indiana District of the LCMS

Fifteen years ago, in July of 2009, when one of my young parishioners was applying to various colleges and considering where she might go to church in each case, I put together a list of ten things that she and other young people (and their parents) should look for in a church. I had long since forgotten about that list until recently, when a colleague mentioned that he had found it to be helpful and had shared it with other pastors and students. In going back to look at the pastoral counsel and advice I offered to those under my care at that juncture, it struck me that it might be helpful to others now, as well, both pastors and laity. If nothing else, it offers food for thought. So, with that in mind, here are ten important things that a Christian should look for in a church, listed more or less in order of their relative significance (beginning with the most important):

1. **Faithful Preaching:** Faithful preaching will take up the appointed Scripture Readings of the day, especially the Word and works of the Lord Jesus from the Holy Gospel and proclaim that to the people as the speaking of God to them. The sermon will not only talk about the Law and the Gospel, but will command what God commands, forbid what God forbids, and forgive sins in the Name of Christ Jesus. It will be the preaching of repentance, unto faith in the forgiveness of the Cross: preaching to and from Holy Baptism, to and from the Holy Communion. Such preaching is not a break in the midst of the Liturgy, but a fundamental and constitutive part of the Liturgy. It moves from the lectern to the Altar, from the Word of the Holy Scriptures to the Word-made-Flesh in the Sacrament. Not every sermon will be great; nor should every sermon be the same. But you should be able to tell within a few weeks whether the preaching is consistently faithful or not. If not, then look elsewhere; because, if the preaching is not right, everything will falter.
2. **The Regular and Reverent Administration of the Holy Communion:** Look for a congregation where you will be given the opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper every week. There may not be any such congregation in some areas, but that is the benchmark. Frequency by itself is not the sole criterion, however. Look for a congregation that clearly practices closed Communion, because that is the catholic and evangelical practice of the Church. Look for a prominent use of the chalice, even if individual cups are also offered as an option. Look for a congregation in which both young and old are being catechized and communed. In general, ask yourself whether the Sacrament is being administered with care and dignity. That's a judgment call, to some extent, but you should be able to tell whether the Sacrament is being handled as the very Body and Blood of Christ, or as though it were little more than fish 'n' chips at the pub.
3. **Hymnody:** Not every hymn will say everything, but every hymn should say something, and what it says should be a faithful confession of the Word of God. Look for a predominance of strong, solid hymns which fit the season of the Church Year, touch upon the Readings of the day, and serve the liturgical purpose of their place in the Service. A few weaker hymns in the course of the Service are not necessarily a deal breaker, so long as the larger context bolsters them with a real meat-and-potatoes diet. Look especially for the regular singing of hymns by Martin Luther, Philip Nicolai, Paul Gerhardt, and Johann Heermann.

4. **Catechesis:** Look for a church in which the pastor is personally and actively involved in the ongoing catechesis of the young and the old. And along with that, look for a congregation where fathers and mothers are seeking ongoing pastoral catechesis for themselves and participating in the ongoing catechesis of their children.
5. **Confession and Absolution:** Look for a church where regular opportunities for Individual Confession and Absolution are provided and publicized, and where the practice is taught and encouraged. If you are not able to find a congregation where that is the case, then look for a pastor who readily responds to your request for Individual Confession and Absolution.
6. **Daily Prayer:** Look for a church where regular opportunities are provided for the parish to be gathered together for the Word of God and prayer during the week, whether for Matins, Vespers, Evening Prayer, or otherwise. Likewise, look for a congregation in which the people of God are encouraged and assisted in the regular practice of daily prayer within their homes and families.
7. **Service Book and Hymnal:** Look for a congregation that uses the Church's service book and hymnal (whether that be the *LSB*, or *TLH*, or *LW*). If everything is printed out each week, look for a consistency of practice from one week to the next, preferably following the order and form of the Service as published in one of the Church's books. Every congregation has its own local practices and "flavor," to be sure, but those characteristics should not deviate widely or wildly from the agreed-upon norms of the official service books. Parishioners should not be asked to pray and confess (or give their "Amen" to) words they have never seen or heard before.
8. **Vestments and Other Adornments:** Look for a church where the pastor is vested in his conduct of the Liturgy. Vestments cover the person of the pastor while adorning the Office he serves in the Name and stead of Christ Jesus. These are good things; not absolutely necessary, but significant and meaningful. Similarly, look for a church where the paraments, architecture, artwork, and other adornments are all used to focus on Christ and His Cross and His Means of Grace. In particular, look for a crucifix; not because it is necessary, but because the prominent display of a crucifix is a good indication that the congregation focuses on the Cross of Christ.
9. **Decorum and Demeanor:** Look for a church where the decorum of the Divine Service and the demeanor of the pastor convey an ambience of dignity, rather than a casual sloppiness. You should be able to discern that there is a seriousness about what is being done, and that the pastor and people actually believe themselves to be in the presence of the Holy Triune God. At the same time, look for a relaxed confidence in the pastor's conduct and the congregation's practice. Anxiousness and over-earnestness do not resonate with the grace and peace of the Gospel.
10. **Parish Communications and Announcements:** In whatever is posted, printed, or announced, look for a focus on the Church's life in the Means of Grace and in works of mercy. Other things happen in the routines of a parish, which is surely fine and good, but it ought to be clear that the Gospel of Christ Jesus is the heart and center of things, the defining emphasis of the congregation. Faith and love depend upon the Gospel, and Christians live from the Gospel. So, look for a church where the Gospel is the focus of everything that happens.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS & EVENTS

Easter Lilies

To the glory of God
Given by Ladies Aid

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Given by Ladies Aid

In Memory of Georgia Savage
Given by Nikki Savage

In Memory of Carl & Alvina Rossow
Given by Bruce & Norma Fitzpatrick

In Memory of Glendon & Helen Fitzpatrick
Given by Bruce & Norma Fitzpatrick

In Memory of our Grandparents
Given by Marv & Shirley Hayes

In Memory of our Grandparents
Given by Mike, Bev, & Heather Hayes

To the Glory of God & In Memory of Tina (Thurston) Klein
Given by The Thurston Family

To the Glory of God, In Memory of Albert & Neva Hak, Derek, Harry & Marie Hollis & In
Honor of our children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren
Given by Tom & Rita Hollis

In Memory of Susan Yelden
Given by Earl & Laurie Flegler

In Memory of Elsie and William Horman
Given by The Flegler Family

In Memory of Elenor Herman Flegler
Given by The Flegler Family

In Memory of Harry Schaub
Given by Earlene Schaub & Family

In Memory of Earl & Ethel Flegler
Given by The Flegler Family

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Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

LCMS INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

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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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*



Aloha!

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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