

The

Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

February 2020

“Stewardship” is perhaps one of the most dreaded words in the church. When we learn that our congregation is having a “stewardship Sunday” – we start making plans to attend elsewhere on that day because the *last* thing we want is to come to church and be brow-beaten into stretching our already thinned household budget.

Perhaps part of our distaste for the term “stewardship” comes from bad experiences in the past, or hearing stewardship sermons that are great at hammering the law but leave us despairing from the lack of forgiveness. Perhaps the distaste brings too much guilt from knowing that we could be doing more to give to the Lord. Perhaps the distaste comes from our sorrowing that we *don't* have more to give to the Lord.

As most of you know, the need has arisen in our congregation for the repair of our stained-glass windows. It is an extensive project with a formidable price tag: but the windows do need to be repaired and protected. In order to cover the cost of the window repairs, we will soon be entering a time of fundraising. Because of this, it is prudent that we take the time to talk about good stewardship. Some of that conversation will start in the form of newsletter/bulletin articles and letters (like this one). In March, we will begin a Bible Study looking at *The Gifts of Christians* during our Saturday and Sunday Adult Bible Classes. Please join us as we hear what God teaches about His gift of money to us, and please join the conversation with us during these times.

One further thing to ponder- as we engage in this conversation on stewardship, I would like you to honestly answer one question: **“What is your biggest treasure?”**

Odds are, most of you will respond with, “My family. My children. My grandchildren.” This indeed is a great treasure! Knowing this, let us be good stewards of that treasure and render it unto the Lord. May we be diligent in bringing that treasure to the Lord so that He may bless it. I know you want the best for your family, your treasure. Commend your treasure to the Lord in prayer, and place it in the one place it won't be lost or destroyed. You have the promise of Jesus, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand” (John 10:27-28).

Let us pray: *“We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive and gladly, as Thou blesses us, to Thee our first-fruits give!” Amen. (LSB 781:1-2).*

Pastor Lorenz

News and Notes of St. Peter



Congregational Christian Care

Please pray for, phone, visit, and or send a card or note to the following members that may be recovering or home bound.

Englewood Health & Rehabilitation – Mildred Craig

Heritage of Huntington – Betty Pike; Maxine Stetzel

Heritage, Warren – Edward Campbell, Jr.

Lutheran Life Village – Rev. Donald Fischer; Ruth Guhl

Miller's Merry Manor – Ruth Guy; Neil & Sandy Stonebraker,

Markle Health & Rehabilitation – Jean Simmons

Tipton Place – Rolland Hoch

Home – Nancy Ashbaugh; Shirley Baker; Jason Cozad; Mark Cozad; Jack Guy; Bradley Heideman; Ruth Moon; Laurie Trlak; Kay Whitesell; Robert Whitesell

Prayer List: Tom Barker (friend of Dewayne Anderson); Darlene (healing/recovery), friend of George Ditzler; Ionna Hershey (friend of Norman Kochensparger); Vicki Oden Kimmel (health concerns), friend of Karen Smith; Lois Clark, sister of Donna Dennis; Heather Holzinger (cancer treatments) friend of Larry Baade; Connie Young, friend of Becky Hitzfield.

If you discover that the information has changed, please call the Church office so we can update this list.

Voters Meeting

Monday, February 17

7:00 p.m.



80 Plus Birthdays this month! February

2/11	Roger Turgeson	80
2/19	Judith Turgeson	81
2/28	Gloria Jackson	88

Tape Ministry

If you are unable to attend the worship services for any reason, including short-term recoveries, we would be happy to drop off a copy of the sermon or tape of the service which includes a bulletin. Please call Pam and Jack Wertenberger at 356-8139 or Pam's cell phone: 260-388-2507 to arrange for delivery. **If you have received and listened to previous tapes, please place in a bag on your door to be picked up when a new tape is delivered.** Thanks for your help.

Jack & Pam Wertenberger



A huge thank you to the person or people that have raked the leaves this fall at the church. Your hard work has made our parking lot safer and the grounds look fantastic.

A grateful congregante

Organizations

Ladies' Guild: The February meeting will be Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the education building.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) – The lucky winner of the drawing at the January meeting was Jack Wertenberger. The February meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, February 12th at Richards Restaurant.

Dorcas Circle: Will meet on Wednesday, February 19th in the reception room of the church education building Janet Bennett and Peggy Hoch will be hostess. Please let Janet or Peggy know if you plan to attend. Their phone numbers are Janet 358-0401 and Peggy 356-5968 or tell them in person at church.

Quilters: Quilters meet on Wednesday mornings at 9am. The quilters are always thankful for donations of cotton fabric, new or slightly used flat sheets.

Choir: Do you like to sing? Please join the choir on Wednesday evening's at 7 pm. Gather in the church by the piano. If you have questions, please call Keith Crider at 260-356-8097.

LYF: ATTENTION

If you are interested in going to the Higher Things Youth Conference this summer, please contact Linda Crider as soon as possible. The theme this year is "Watermarked" based on 1 Peter 3:21. The deadline for the early registration is January 31. The early registration fee is \$385 per person and must be paid at the time of registration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.



Soup and Dessert Cook-off

The fourth annual soup and dessert cook-off will be held on Sunday, February 9th after church at noon. So get those recipes out and decide which is your favorite soup or dessert. Please register by February 2nd if you plan to bring either a soup or dessert so the committee can plan accordingly to have enough room, tasting cups for the soup and plates for dessert.

Not entering a soup or dessert, Please come as Judges are needed. Please sign the form in the Narthex of church or call the office to let them know that you will be attending so that there will be enough of everything. Drinks will be furnished.

Deadline to register if attending is Sunday, February 2nd. There will be an offering basket to pay for the tasting cups, plates and drinks. Anything over and above will go to the window restoration.



A Little Heavenly Humor

Giving Up for LENT

A man took his young son to a basketball game. While they were sitting there, he asked the boy what he was going to give up for Lent. The boy replied, "I don't know, Dad, What are you going to give up?" His father said, "I've thought about this a lot and decided to give up liquor." Later in the game, the beer man came by, and the man ordered a beer. His son objected, "Hey, I thought you were giving up liquor!" His dad answered, "Hard liquor, son. I'm giving up hard liquor. This is just a beer." To which the boy replied, "Well then, I'm giving up hard candy."



Gregory Durham age 10 months.

The Durham's: Christopher, Mary and Gregory send greeting from North Dakota. All going well, looking

forward to returning to Seminary in Ft. Wayne and to St. Peter Huntington to see friends.

Growing in the Faith

Below, find a few questions meant to tickle your brain cells and remind you of things that you were taught years ago. Answers may be found in the given Bible passage.

1. What notable, physical attribute about Saul is mentioned before he was anointed king? (1 Samuel 9:2)
2. Who was anointed king to succeed King Saul? (1 Samuel 16:10-13)
3. How did this man begin to serve and help King Saul? (1 Samuel 16:14-23)
4. What weapons did David use to overcome Goliath? (1 Samuel 17:48-51)
5. To whom did Saul turn when the Lord refused to speak with him? (1 Samuel 28)
6. True or False: David killed Saul. (1 Samuel 31)



Greeters

Greeters for 2020 are as follows:

February	Saturday 5:00	Dewayne and Sharon Anderson
	Sunday 10:15	Karen Smith
March	Saturday 5:00	Ted and Janet McElhane
	Sunday 10:15	Wayne and Nancy Ashbaugh
April	Saturday 5:00	Richard and Audra Herber
	Sunday 10:15	Janet Bennett
May	Saturday 5:00	Allen Couch
	Sunday 10:15	Sue Holtz and Gabe
June	Saturday 5:00	Roger and Becky Hitzfield
	Sunday 10:15	Arlene Lasley
July	Saturday 5:00	Tom and Deb Guhl
	Sunday 10:15	Jim and Peggy Hoch
August	Saturday 5:00	Richard and Ellen Prange
	Sunday 10:15	Linda Hollowell
September	Saturday 5:00	Leah Hiers
	Sunday 10:15	Sue Ann Eltzroth
October	Saturday 5:00	Paul and Sue Kellam
	Sunday 10:15	Wayne and Nancy Ashbaugh
November	Saturday 5:00	Jim and Nancy Bowland
	Sunday 10:15	Andy and Rachel Ford
December	Saturday 5:00	Jack and Sandy Slusser
	Sunday 10:15	Dick and Jane Winkleman

SERVING THIS MONTH

FEBRUARY 2020

ELDER

SATURDAY: GEORGE JUERGENS

SUNDAY: RICHARD WINKELMAN

GREETERS

SATURDAY: Dewayne and Sharon Anderson

SUNDAY: Karen Smith

ALTAR CARE: Jill Dorsett & Linda Crider

Saturday, February 1	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Ron Brown
		Communion Assistant	Ted McElhaney
		Acolyte	Ron Brown
Sunday, February 2	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant	Jim Hoch
		Communion Assistant	Ehtan Stoppenhagen
		Acolyte	Jacob Worsham
Saturday, February 8	5:00 PM	Acolyte	Erika Brown
Sunday, February 9	10:15 AM	Acolyte	Hannah Dorsett
Saturday, February 15	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Chad Worsham
		Communion Assistant	Fred Lange
		Acolyte	Chad Worsham
Sunday, February 16	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant	Randy Prange
		Communion Assistant	David Woelmer
		Acolyte	Andrew Crider
Saturday, February 22	5:00 PM	Acolyte	Jase Gunn
Sunday, February 23	10:15 AM	Acolyte	Ian Crider
Wednesday, February 26	7:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Jeff Derr
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		Communion Assistant	Norman Kochensparger
		Acolyte	Norman Kochensparger
Saturday, February 29	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Ron Brown
		Communion Assistant	Ted McElhaney
		Acolyte	Ted McElhaney

If you are scheduled at a time that does not work for you, please contact an acolyte or communion assistant listed to take your place and let the office know so changes to the bulletin can be made. Thank you for your commitment to serve at St. Peter Church.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
2 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w./Communion	3 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:30 Elders	4 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store 7:00 General Guild	5 9:00 Quilting 12:00 SPARKS 7:00 Choir	6 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 JR Confirmation	7	8 10:30 Elders Bible Study 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
9 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service 11:30 Soup Cook-Off	10 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	11 1:00 Chapel @ Millers	12 9:00 Quilting Noon: Dorcas Circle 7:00 Choir	13 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 1:30 @ Heritage Communion 6:30 JR Confirmation	14	15 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
16 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	17 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Voters	18 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store 7:00 Stewardship	19 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Choir	20 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 JR Confirmation 2:00 Messenger Deadline	21	22 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
23 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	24 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	25 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 7:00 BPLE	26 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:45 Choir	27 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 JR Confirmation	28	29 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion

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