

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

February Messenger

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Sat.— *George Juergens*
Sun.— *Dave Kendall*

Greeters:

Sat.— *Don & Cynthia Morrison*
Sun.— *Jerry & Jean Simmons (8:30)*
Norman Kochensparger &
Cindy Smith (11:00)

Altar Care: *Barbara Spreen & Joan Kendall*

Our "Christ Care" You are encouraged to pray for, phone, visit or send a card or note to the following. **If the information has changed, please call the Church office so we can update this list.**

Cade Abbett, 16 year old grandson of Terry Abbett, undergoing tests, Michael Eltzroth, son of Sue Eltzroth, Ross Nida, son of Minnie Nida (cancer), Mildred Thornburg, aunt of Dick Wire, Virginia Poehler, Gloria Bowers, mother of Cheryl Canvin, Kris Thiele, Angela Trlak, daughter-in-law of Laurie Trlak, Heather & Lydia, daughter and granddaughter of Laurie Trlak, Dorothy Davis, Shannon Krummer, Hattie Michael, Vicki Stoffel, Iona Hershey, Jennelle Meredith, Lois Kochensparger, Steve Kendall, and Wayne Randall.

Heritage of Huntington—Gertrude Goebel, Marie Guhl, and Maxine Stetzel

Heritage Pointe (Warren)-Myra Turner

Home- Linda Baker, Jason Cozad, Brenda Harman, Pete Weicht (heart), and Charlie and Lola Weicht.

Miller's Merry Manor-Waneta Pohler

Norwood-Emily Catt, Jackie Dimond, Betty Heffelfinger, Wilbur and Ginger Vanderzee, and Edith White

Oakbrook-Keith Kaiser

Peabody, North Manchester-Frances Campbell

Tipton House-Myrtle Hartman

Treatments-Drew Dorsett, Jerri Hughes, Valerie Hughes, Chris Morton, and Marcus Weekly.



NEWS AND NOTES

Tape Ministry

If you are unable to attend the worship service because of health problems (or if you know of someone who is), we would be happy to drop off a tape of the service or a copy of the sermon (if you don't have a tape player). Both come with the bulletin. Call Joan and Dave Kendall at 356-5096.

First Sunday Brunch

February is the month of love and sharing. We invite you to come and share fellowship with new and old friends alike during the Sunday brunch at the Katherine Luther Dining Hall at a new brunch time, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. For more information call 260-452-2204.

General Guild/LWML 6 month Agenda

All ladies of St. Peter Lutheran Church are members of the General Guild/LWML group and are invited to attend all meetings and events. Guests are also welcome.

General Guild oversees Congregational events, helps maintain the parsonage, maintains paper products and some foods for Sunday School, funeral dinners and social events.

LWML is short for Lutheran Women's Missionary League and this is the 70th year that St. Peter Huntington has been involved with this national society. LWML has Bible Studies, collects mites and participates in other mission gatherings on a local, zone, district and national level.

Working together is also a social event for all of us. We get to know more about each other as we work and pray together. Please join us in the following events:

February 6, 2012 General Guild Meeting
Installation of Officers

March 5, 2012 – LWML Bible Study

April 2, 2012 – General Guild Meeting/Road Trip
Huntington County Historical Museum

May 6, 2012 Mother/Daughter/Ladies Salad-Dessert Carry-in 12:15 PM

May 7, 2012 – General Guild business meeting

June 4, 2012 – LWML Bible Study

June 22, 23, 24, 2012 Indiana District LWML Convention
Evansville, IN

All meetings are at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

Greeting Card Fronts Needed

St. Jude Children's Ranch is in need of all types of greeting card fronts. These are recycled into new cards for sale. Cut off the front of the card and please be sure that there is no signature or personal message on the piece. A box for the fronts will be in the narthex until March 31. General Guild will send the cards and pay for the postage.



“Planning for the New Year”

With the New Year, many people are trying to make some positive changes in their lives, such as paying off bills, exercising more, reading the Bible daily, and losing weight. While these are all admirable goals, studies have shown that most people will be unable to attain them. Why? Many people would say it is due to a lack of willpower. While willpower may have something to do with it, the failure to achieve goals probably has more to do with inadequate planning than with strength of the will. If a person wants to achieve a goal, then he or she needs to do more than just want it. They need to plan for it.

Jesus speaks about the importance of planning in the Gospel of St. Luke, specifically about following him as his disciple.

For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, “This man began to build and was not able to finish.” (14:28-30)

If you want to be a follower of Jesus, then you must be intentional and plan your steps accordingly. Just as beginning to build a tower without first making plans—construction as well as financial plans—is foolish, so is trying to follow Jesus or accomplishing any other goal without planning.

While plans will vary according to their goals—finances, exercise, discipleship, and weight loss—some aspects of planning do not change. If a person wants to achieve his or her goal, then three steps must be taken. First, a plan for achieving the goal must be developed. Second, the plan must be implemented. Third, the results of the plan must be evaluated. For example, was the plan successful or not? Are there parts of the plan that need to be modified or perhaps eliminated altogether? Then the plan must be re-worked, re-evaluated, and so on. By following this simple strategy, most goals can be achieved.

This past month I was going to begin Dave Ramsey’s *Financial Peace University* (FPU) at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Unfortunately, due to a perceived lack of interest, the class has been postponed until June. The new projected dates for FPU at St. Peter’s will be Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. during the months of June, July, and August. I realize that these dates may conflict with other activities, including family vacations, but people enrolled in FPU are allowed to miss one class during the 13-week course. So, if you want to attend, you simply need to plan for it!

Financial Peace University is a proven way to reduce your debt, and the same organizational principles can be used to plan for other positive changes in your life. Just remember: You must work the plan for the plan to work!

Your co-worker for Christ,

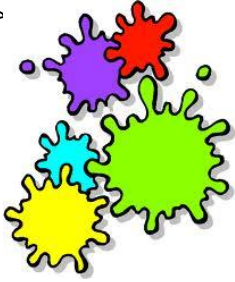
Pastor Lofgren

Rev. Dr. Richard S. Lofgren, Pastor
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Huntington

PS See you on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The sermon is titled, “Save me Because of Your Unfailing Love.” (Psalm 6).

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

Shoveling Snow Event – The congregation is invited to shovel snow for the neighborhood of St Peters when the snowy weather comes. Please bring a snow shovel from home if you have one and outdoor winter clothing. This is a chance to share an act of love by shoveling the walks and drives of our neighbors. We will return afterwards to church for hot chocolate and snacks. Please sign up in advance so we can plan out route when the sign up becomes available. Thank you!



Paintballing Event –

Who can come? Any youth (10 years old and up) or adult. Friends are welcome.

Where? PaintballPlex in Laotto (north of Fort Wayne)

Date? Friday, February 10th

Times? A carpool will leave the church at 5:30 pm and return 10 pm. Let Shay Miller know if you can be a driver or if one of your parents can drive. Drivers do not have to paintball if they don't want to. The paintballing is from 6:30 to 9 pm.

What do I bring?

1. \$25 for the event, \$5 extra if you want to rent the protective chest guard.
2. Your filled out and signed waiver. You can get one from the PaintballPlex web site or

Shay Miller.

3. A sack dinner or eat before you come. They do not have a snack bar.
4. A water bottle to refill. We want to stay hydrated.
5. A friend or two! The more we have the more interesting the games will be.

What do I wear? Some shots can break the skin if it is exposed. Wear long pants such as jeans, closed-toed shoes, a light sweatshirt with a hood and a hat. Don't layer too much or you will get too hot. Face protectors will be provided by Paintball Plex.

What if I've never paintballed before? The Friday night events are designed for people of all skill levels. Between games, the paintball guns will be reloaded for you with air and paintballs. We are guaranteed at least 6 games.

Anything else I should know? For this event they ask that we use their paintball guns to keep the palying field more even. Leave your paintball gun at home if you have one. Don't wait till the last minute to sign up.

30 Hour Famine – Junior High and High school students are invited to join the “30 Hour Famine” where they will fast for 30 hours while learning about fighting hunger worldwide. They will be collecting donations for the event to give to World Vision. Every \$30 they raise can feed and care for a child for a month. The event is set for February 24-25th, 2012. Please consider supporting them with your prayers and donations. Every youth who raises \$360 will have the opportunity to apply for a trip to a foreign country to see directly how the funds are being used. Please help them make this exciting possibility a reality!



Boxes Needed! The youth will be constructing a box shelter to sleep in the night of February 24th during their 30 Hour Famine. They will be simulating what it is like to built their own shelter from materials at hand and sleep in it during the night. We need boxes for them to construct their temporary shelters. All cardboard pieces, cardboard boxes and other discardable materials will be accepted (bubble wrap, packing peanuts etc. for cushions). Please bring any donations to the youth room from now until February 24th. Please cut the tape and flatten the boxes so that they can be stored more easily for now in the room. Please contact Shay Miller with any questions.



February Wedding Anniversaries

- 2/5 Neil & Sandy Stonebraker
- 2/16 Ron & Marcia Brown
- 2/18 Dennis & Debra Spitler
- 2/21 Dewayne & Sharon Anderson
- 2/23 Roger & Judith Turgeson
- 2/26 Terrance & Rebecca Cozad

Happy Anniversary!

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February 80 Plus Birthdays

- 2/9 Fred McElhaney 89
- 2/15 Jacquelyn Dimond 81
- 2/19 Bernita Schmalzried 87
- 2/23 Lola Weicht 80

Happy Birthday!

February Baptismal Anniversaries

- 2/3 Timothy Bischoff
- 2/3 Matthew Weicht
- 2/5 Nathan McElhaney
- 2/7 Nicholas Forth
- 2/7 Travis Smith
- 2/11 Kyle Cox
- 2/12 Arne Iverson
- 2/12 Talon Scharich
- 2/12 Liam Spitler
- 2/14 Joy McFarland
- 2/16 Betty Heffelfinger
- 2/16 Max Heffelfinger
- 2/18 Michael Lintz
- 2/20 Haley Bruemleve
- 2/21 Holly Cuttriss
- 2/21 Hannah Dorsett
- 2/21 Cheri Holtz
- 2/24 John Wegmann

Date:	Attendance:	Offering:
Dec 25	137	\$6,494.39
Jan 1	106	\$2,609.50
Jan 8	116	\$4,871.14
Jan 15	106	\$3,460.65
Jan 22		

Thank you to *Ted & Janet McElhaney* (Saturday), *Harold & Janet Bennett*, and *Norman Kochensparger & Cindy Smith* (Sunday) for being our greeters in January.

Our greeters for February are *Don & Cynthia Morrison* (Saturday), *Jerry & Jean Simmons* (Sunday-8:30), and *Norman Kochensparger & Cindy Smith* (Sunday-11:00).



Searching Scripture

Doing a daily or monthly bible study is not done simply for the purpose of education. It is a matter of obedience to God's word "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES FOR IN THEM YOU WILL FIND ETERNAL LIFE." We also teach and confess that hearing and reading the Word is one of the means for God's Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith and minister to us. The second means is the partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Beginning this month we will use a bible study featured in the Lutheran Witness. These bible studies are written by various pastors in our synod and this month's study, KNOWING GOD'S LOVE, is prepared for you by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Steinmann. Take a few minutes from your busy schedule and, using your favorite bible, let God's Holy Spirit strengthen your faith. - *Pastor Fischer.*

Thank you to the church ladies for their Christmas gifts, Marcia and Ron Brown for their visits and bringing communion, and to Joan Kendall for delivering the sermons each week. May God bless each and every one of you. - *Helen Wintrode.*

Thank you so much to the church, Quilters, and Sunday School children for my gifts at Christmas. May God bless each one of you. - *Norma Pohler.*

Thank you to the Women's Guild, S.P.A.R.K.S., and Pastor Lofgren for the nice Christmas gifts we received. God bless you. - *Scott & Cyndee Christman*

ACOLYTES AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
FEBRUARY 2012

SAT FEB 4	5:00 PM	TED MCELHANEY	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		HARLEY HENLINE III	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		HARLEY HENLINE III	ACOLYTE
SUN FEB 5	8:30 AM	JIM HOCH	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		HAROLD BENNETT	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		THOMAS CRIDER	ACOLYTE
SAT FEB 11	5:00 PM	ASHTON JONES	ACOLYTE
SUN FEB 12	8:30 AM	BRIANNA CRIDER	ACOLYTE
SAT FEB 18	5:00 PM	JUSTIN MILLER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		DICK WINKELMAN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		DYLAN MILLER	ACOLYTE
SUN FEB 19	8:30 AM	LARRY BAADE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		DAVE KENDALL	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		MATTHEW GOINES	ACOLYTE
ASH WED FEB 22	7:00 PM	LARRY BAADE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		JEFF DERR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		THOMAS CRIDER	ACOLYTE
SAT FEB 25	5:00 PM	STEPHANIE MCELHANEY	ACOLYTE
SUN FEB 26	8:30 AM	NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER	ACOLYTE
LENT I WED FEB 29	7:00 PM	DYLAN MILLER	ACOLYTE

If you are scheduled at a time that does not work out for you, please contact an acolyte or communion assistant listed to take your place and let Cyndee know so she can make changes to the bulletin. Thank you all for your commitment to serve at St. Peter's.