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# Messenger

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St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

## From the Pastor

### January 2019

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court issued the famous verdict in *Roe v Wade*, legalizing abortion in the United States. As a result of this, January marks a time when the issue of life (and specifically, life in the womb) is in the public eye. Events such as the March for Life in Washington DC (January 18, 2019), or the March for Life in Fort Wayne (January 26, 2019) allow the opportunity for public witness concerning the Scripture's testimony concerning abortion. Many churches observe the *Sanctity of Human Life Day* (January 20, 2019).

As we fast come upon January, I would like to suggest resources for your own study and use concerning the sanctity of human life.

1. *Lutherans for Life* – Many of you have heard of the pro-life group “Right to Life.” Like Right to Life, Lutherans for Life is a pro-life organization. It is also an official recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. In 2014, Thrivent disallowed any funding to Lutherans for Life through its programs or grants. Consider supporting Lutherans for Life with your prayers and donations. Lutherans for Life equips Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life in their churches, homes, and communities. For more information on Lutherans for Life: [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)
2. *LifeDate Quarterly Journal* – LifeDate is a publication from Lutherans for Life. Expect to find news and commentary offering a biblical Law/Gospel perspective on life issues, such as abortion, post abortion, adoption, end of life, bioethics, creation, family life, worldview and culture, and more. It is available for free through the Lutherans for Life website, or you can sign up to receive this publication through the mail. In the Winter 2018 edition, find articles such as, “When Death Comes Before Birth,” “The First Ultrasound,” “Life Thoughts in the Church Year,” and “World News.”
3. *From Taboo to Delight: Ethics of Sex* – I know. The title alone at the same time sounds boring (I mean, since when is ethics exciting?) and makes us cringe. However, take the time to peruse and read this book. Of particular relevance to the pro-life topic are the chapters on contraceptives. While the Roman Catholic Church forbids contraceptive use, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod finds the use of contraceptives to be a decision left to husbands and wives to make using sanctified and godly wisdom. However, any “contraceptives” that induce or cause an abortion cause us to murder and, therefore, ought not to be used. If you use contraceptives, are married, or are considering marriage, please take note of this book. It is enlightening to discover what the medical industry considers to be the point of conception, and how this differs from conventional and Christian definitions. Available from [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org)

“The secret to living a good news life in a bad news world is knowing that every human being is created in God’s own image and is therefore valuable. The secret to a joyous and meaningful life is the realization that because Jesus himself took on human flesh, from conception, and because Jesus valued every human life (especially those “worthless” in the eyes of the world), each and every life is temporally and eternally precious, no matter how young, old, or imperfect. The secret to a joyous life worth living is acting on behalf of those who cannot act for themselves.” (*A Little Book on Joy*. Matthew C. Harrison. 2009).

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and life. -- 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:

Wayne Ashbaugh Jr. (healing) son of Wayne & Nancy Ashbaugh; Jimmy Barnhart (cancer), relative of Laurie Trlak; Niki Boswell (stroke), niece of Diana Mason; Peggy Broderick (cancer treatments) friend of Larry Baade; Bertie Brooks (cancer), aunt of Leah Hiers; Gary Brown; Amy Brunner (healing) friend of Sandy Gast; Frank & Nancy Cozzen, brother-in-law & sister of Dewayne Anderson; Mitchell Dennis (cancer), friend of Sue Holtz; David Dimond; Marcea Dimond; Don Fox (health concerns), brother of Barba Eickhoff; Ronald Gamble, nephew of Ruth Guy; Jerome Herber, father of Richard Herber; Margaret Howard, friend of Max Heffelfinger; Hazel Jackson, (back problems) sister of Ruth Guy; Vicki Oden Kimmel, (healing) friend of Karen Smith; Richard Mann; Hilda Mitten friend of Betty Pike; Adam Neumann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Betty Riggers (healing); Steven Spear (stroke), nephew of Donna Smith; Susie Sprowl (cancer), friend of Jeff Derr; Geneva Stetzel (stroke), aunt of Leah Hiers; Brent Trlak (health problems), brother-in-law of Laurie Trlak; Brandon Trlak (cancer); Christy Trlak (treatment); Steven Welker (stroke), son-in-law of Donna Dennis; April (Kirkpatrick) Wing (cancer) Cousin of Marjorie Richardson; Dan Winkelman (cancer) brother of Dick Winkelman, Judy Turgeson

& Sue Kellam; Chris Worsham (healing) brother of Chad Worsham

**Englewood Health & Rehabilitation** – Mildred Craig

**Heritage of Huntington** – Dick Christ; Maxine Stetzel; Robert Gernand

**Heritage, Warren** – Edward Campbell, Jr.

**Lutheran Life Village** – Rev. Donald Fischer; Ruth Guhl

**Miller’s Merry Manor** – Neil & Sandy Stonebraker;

**Markle Health & Rehabilitation** – Jean Simmons  
**Tipton Place** - Charles Weicht

**Home** – Wayne Ashbaugh Sr; Jason Cozad; Janice Hencken; Bradley Heideman; Shirley Powell; Laurie Trlak; Pete Weicht; Kathryn Whitesell

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



To Sandy and all her Christmas choir Angels,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and for blessing our home with your beautiful music. You bring much joy with your visit. Wishing you God’s blessings in the New Year.

Leoda Sands Family

## ***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

## **Facebook**

Are you on Facebook? Consider joining our group, "St. Peter Lutheran Church, Huntington, Indiana". News, events, cancellations and other tidbits are listed as we are made aware of them.

## **Soup and Dessert Cook-off**

The third annual soup and dessert cook-off will be held on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> after church at noon. So get those recipes out and decide which is your favorite soup or dessert. Remember you are not too old or too young to enter. One from the youth group has won the soup and also the dessert. Please register if you plan to bring either a soup or dessert so we have enough room for each and that the committee can plan accordingly. Forms will be available mid-January.



## ***A Little Heavenly Humor***

### **Why Go To Church?**

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"



## ***Mission Envelopes***

Please prayerfully consider using your mission envelopes each month. Mission envelopes are in your pledge envelope box at the beginning of each month.

# Organizations

**Ladies' Guild:** Will not meet the month of January. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the education building. Officers for 2019 are: President, Mary Ellen Fuller  
Vice President, Eleanor Smith  
Secretary, Joyce Gravley  
Treasurer, Linda Crider

**St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS)** –The January meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Blazin Akers on Etna Avenue (formerly Baxter's).

**Dorcas Circle:** Will meet January 16<sup>th</sup>, in the reception room of the church education building, with Eleanor Smith as hostess. Please RSVP to Eleanor at 356-1283.

**Quilters:** Quilting will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup> after a slight vacation over the holidays.

**LYF:** Thanks to all who came to the Advent Suppers this year. We raised a total of \$415 for all three dinners. As the weather gets cooler, be sure to check the thermometer in the hallway of the education building to see how hot we are getting! The hotter we are, the closer we are to reaching our goal of \$3000.



## 80 Plus Birthdays this month!

### January

2	Lowell Richardson	83
15	Ruth McVoy	92
22	Marjorie Richardson	82



## Greeters

Greeters for 2019 are as follows:

January	Saturday	Lowell and Marjorie Richardson
	Sunday	Beverly Webb Family
February	Saturday	Tom and Deb Guhl
March	Sunday	Roger and Becky Hitzfield
	Saturday	Ted and Janet McElhaney
April	Sunday	Jim and Peggy Hoch
	Saturday	Allen Couch
May	Sunday	Sue Holtz and Gabe
	Saturday	Richard and Audra Herber
June	Sunday	Mark and Marge Cozad
	Saturday	Diana Mason
July	Sunday	Ron and Cheryl Canvin
	Saturday	Richard and Ellen Prange
August	Sunday	Holly Cuttriss
	Saturday	Donna Smith
September	Sunday	Karen Smith
	Saturday	Leah Hiers
October	Sunday	Harold and Janet Bennett
	Saturday	Bob and Kris McFarland
November	Sunday	Wayne and Nancy Ashbaugh
	Saturday	Jim and Nancy Bowland
December	Sunday	Jack and Sandy Slusser
	Saturday	Valerie and John Hughes Family
	Sunday	Dick and Jane Winkelman



Frosty says to watch for the upcoming fund-raisers for the LFY going to Higher Things

# SERVING THIS MONTH

## JANUARY 2019

### ELDER

**SATURDAY:** GEORGE JUERGENS

**SUNDAY:** RICHARD WINKELMAN

### GREETERS

**SATURDAY:** Lowell & Marjorie Richardson

**SUNDAY:** Beverly Webb & Family

**ALTAR CARE:** Leigh Ann & Ashton Jones

**COUNTERS:** John & Jennifer Gunn

JANUARY			
SAT JANUARY 5	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Adrian Brown
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ron Brown
		ACOLYTE	Erika Brown
SUN, JANUARY 6	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Larry Baade
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeff Derr
		ACOLYTE	Andrew Crider
SAT, JANUARY 12	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Jase Gunn
SUN, JANUARY 13	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Ian Crider
SAT, JANUARY 19	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ted McElhancy
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Fred Lange
		ACOLYTE	Macy Lange
SUN, JANUARY 20	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jim Hoch
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ethan Stoppenhagen
		ACOLYTE	Drew Dorsett
SAT, JANUARY 26	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Miranda Spitler
SUN, JANUARY 27	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Brianna Thomas

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

## January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	<b>2</b> 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store	<b>3</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:00 Divine Service
<b>6</b> 9:00 Adult Bible Class Only 10:15 Divine Service	<b>7</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:30 Elders	<b>8</b> 1:00 Chapel @ Millers	<b>9</b> 9:00 Quilters 10:00 Chapel @ CTSFW 12:00 SPARKS 7:00 Choir	<b>10</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
<b>13</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	<b>14</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	<b>15</b> 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers	<b>16</b> 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Dorcas Circle 7:00 Choir	<b>17</b> 10:00 PEP 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	<b>18</b> 12:00 Messenger Deadline	<b>19</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
<b>20</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	<b>21</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:45 Evangelism Committee	<b>22</b> 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 7:00 BPLE	<b>23</b> 9:00 Quilters 7:00 Choir	<b>24</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	<b>25</b> 11:00 Chapel @ Lutheran Life Villages	<b>26</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
<b>28</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	<b>28</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	<b>29</b> 1:00 Chapel @ Millers	<b>30</b> 9:00 Quilters 7:00 Choir	<b>31</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation		

## NOTES