

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

November Messenger

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Sat.— *Bob & Kris McFarland*
Sun.— *John, Jennifer & Jase Gunn*

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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.

Kris Thiele, Angela Trlak, Gloria Wall, Dorothy Davis, Shannon Krummer, Hattie Michael, Vicki Stoffel, Iona Hershey, Jennelle Meredith, Lois Kochensparger, Steve Kendall, Wayne Randall, Gloria Wall.

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 (Huntington)-Waneta Pohler

Norwood-Emily Catt, Jackie Dimond, Pat Heideman, and Edith White

Peabody, North Manchester-Frances Campbell

Tipton House-Myrtle Hartman

Treatments-Drew Dorsett, Jerri Hughes, Valerie Hughes, Lori Johnson, 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. Just let the church office know (or call Joan and Dave at 356-5096).

In the Military

PFC Andrew Nelson, grandson of Ruth Guhl and nephew of Tom and Deb Guhl, in South Korea.
PFC NELSON, WILLIAM, A-TRP, 4-7 CAV,
UNIT#15140, BOX 64, APO AP96224

First Sunday Brunch at Concordia Theological Seminary

We have so much for which to be thankful. Come enjoy the cornucopia of selections on our brunch buffet on Sunday, November 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Katherine Luther Dining Hall at Concordia Theological Seminary.

Fish Fry

A FISH & TENDERLOIN SUPPER will be held Saturday, November 12th in the gym. Serving will be from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. and will be all you care to eat. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children 4-12; those 3 and under are free. Please make an effort to sell your allotted tickets. Lowell Richardson, ticket chairman, will be phoning the week before the supper to get a count of the number of tickets sold so that an accurate amount of food can be prepared. All ticket money should be turned in the night of the supper or before. More tickets will be available in the church office, or you may phone Lowell at 786-3699 and he will get them to you. There will be two quilts for sale at the Craft & Bake sale.

Children's Choir of Huntington County

There will be practices for the Children's Choir at the Church on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning on Thursday, November 17th. Their dress rehearsal is at the church on Monday, October 24th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. And their Fall Concert is on Sunday, October 30th at 3:00 p.m. with use of the St. Peter's beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Address Changes

Please be sure to fill out the "Mailing List Form" provided in this newsletter and return it to the church office, or leave it in the box provided in the back of the church. It is very important that every household fill out the form so we can have a list of email addresses, cell phone numbers, birthdays and anniversaries, etc. for our records. Thank you.

Search the Scriptures

We continue with the bible study on the Apostles of Jesus. This month we will study the Apostle St. Thomas and the Apostle St. Matthew.

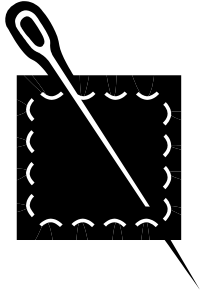
Pastor Fischer.

Chili Cook-off

Save the date! The Genesis project Steering Committee is beginning the fundraising for the \$8,000 for the market study that will take place next summer. There will be a Chili Cook Off Saturday, November 5th at 12 pm. There is a \$20 entry fee for those who want to enter their chili and half of the money taken in will be the pot for the first place prize. Those entered should make enough chili to share 1/2 C. with approximately 50 people. Those sampling the chili can buy tickets to go around to each pot and get a generous sample of each. They can then vote for their favorites. Side dishes will be available for purchase. There will also be 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded. Watch for a flyer in October to sign up to enter your chili!

Prizes needed!

Donations for prizes are needed for the chili cook off November 5th. 1st place will receive a monetary prize but we need prizes for 2nd and 3rd places. Suggestions for prizes are: gift cards, candy, wine, tool sets, gift baskets, movie passes, lotion sets, new blankets and quilts, BBQ sets, sports game tickets, books and movies. Think of items that you would like to win to have as prizes for our participants. Bring items to the church office or pass onto Shay Miller.



Quilter's News

The hanging and dedication of the quilts made this year was in church on Saturday and Sunday, October 8th and 9th. They were shipped to Lutheran World Relief on Saturday, October 15th along with 19 hygiene kits put together by Sunday School and congregational members.

We are thankful to be celebrating 10 years of quilting and praise God for His blessing on our project "Comfort the Needy." Thanks to all the willing hands and hearts who enjoy and make this all possible. And also a sincere thanks to all the faithful who have donated the many needed items of fabric and sheets both new and used.

As we continue with this project, we want to again extend a welcome to anyone who would like to join us on Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Also, donation of cotton fabrics and new or used flat sheets will be greatly appreciated.

We will have two quilts for sale at the Craft & Bake Sale at the Fish Fry this year. We pray God continues to bless this mission. *The Quilters.*



Fall back November 6, 2011. The return to Standard Time (ST) begins at 2:00 am local time in the U.S. on the first Sunday in November, which in 2011 is November 6. Turn clocks back by one hour, ideally at bedtime on the Saturday night before. Manually adjust any timepieces and timekeeping technological devices that do not automatically adjust.

While Indiana observes DST (since 2006), the state remains divided in telling time—eighty of its ninety-two counties use Eastern Time while the other twelve use Central Time. These numbers have fluctuated during the last few years as counties have opted to switch time zones.

+ Sainted Members in the Church Triumphant + November 2010 – 2011

Margie Selle	December 2, 2010
Paul Sunderman	January 13, 2011
Fred Winkelman	January 19, 2011
Phyllis Rae West	February 23, 2011
Melba Smith	May 2, 2011
John Edward Pohler	June 26, 2011
Robert Michael McCoy	August 30, 2011



"Another Worship Service: Why?"

In case you haven't heard, St. Peter's is starting a new worship service *this month!* On Sunday, October 16, 2011, the Board of Elders of St. Peter Lutheran Church held a special meeting and approved a second worship service on Sunday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The new service will begin on the first Sunday of the new church year, the First Sunday in Advent, November 27, 2011. We will follow the order of the Brief Service of the Word as printed in the *Lutheran Service Book*, "Pastoral Care Companion," pp. 57-8, with appropriate modifications on Communion Sundays. The guitar, as well as other instruments, will provide musical accompaniment for the service (if you would like to play, please contact the pastor), and we will be singing hymns and songs mostly from the Lutheran hymnals *All God's People Sing!* and the *OAFC Songbook*. Other hymns and worship aids will be projected onto a movable screen.

Now, some of you are probably saying to yourselves, "Why are we starting a *new* service when we don't even fill up the other two worship services." The answer is simple: *mission outreach to non-Lutherans!* We are beginning this new worship service with *new people* in mind, people in our community who are unfamiliar with our Lutheran congregation and worship practices and perhaps would feel more comfortable coming to a simpler worship service with simpler music and songs. In short, we would like the service to be more "worshiper friendly" for newcomers to our congregation.

By this time, you are probably wondering how this will affect you. Well, if you worship on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m., the service and schedule will remain exactly the same. But if you worship on Sundays, the schedule will change as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. – Traditional Service
- 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Classes
- 11:00 a.m. – Brief Service

At the 8:30 a.m. traditional service, we will continue to worship according to the rich Lutheran heritage we know and love, including the use of the Divine Services in *Lutheran Service Book*. Sunday School/Bible Classes will begin as close to 9:45 a.m. as possible and end promptly at 10:45 a.m. so that the worship leaders can get ready for the 11:00 a.m. service. The Brief Service at 11:00 a.m. will end before or as close to 12:00 noon as possible.

I realize these changes will be difficult for many of you, but I also believe you are motivated by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel to do what is needed in order to further Christ's kingdom of grace in Huntington. With this new worship service, our congregation seeks to reach out to more and more people in our community with the Good News about Jesus Christ so that lives are changed forever and God is glorified.

See you in church, Sunday School, and Bible Classes!

Your co-worker for Christ,

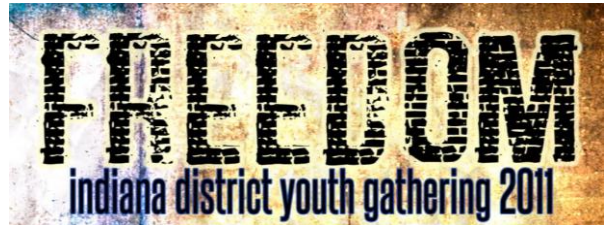
Pastor Lofgren

Rev. Dr. Richard S. Lofgren, Pastor

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS



Cards, Cookies and College Review! 17 college students received cookie packages containing sugar cookies and chocolate chip cookies from the October 14th event. They each received a card made at the event letting them know that the congregation was thinking about them and praying for them. Please continue to pray for the young men and women who attend college from home or away that God would grow them not only in their knowledge but in their faith.



Indiana District High School Rally – All 9th through 12th graders are invited to participate in the gathering November 11th-13 in Indianapolis. We will leave shortly after school gets out Friday, the 11th and return Sunday between 2 and 3 pm. The cost to sign up is \$50 and the participant need to fill out a medical release form that is available on district website or from Shay Miller. The speaker is Dani Tietjen and the band is SevenGlory. Events include worship, concerts, service projects, time with friends, breakouts and time with hundreds of others from around the state. Contact Shay Miller to sign up and with any questions ASAP.



LOCK OUT! – You’ve heard of a lock-in but this event is a lock-out! Friday, December 9th from 7 pm until 6 am on Saturday the youth are invited to join Praise Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Activities include games, bowling, movie, playing at the YMCA, snacks, fun and fellowship. Contact Shay Miller for more details or to sign up! Don’t miss out!

Christmas Program – The Children’s Christmas program is set for Sunday, December 18th. Please plan on being here with your children and the Sundays prior so that they can practice and be prepared to perform.



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 our route when the sign up becomes available. Thank you!



Coming soon! – The youth group will again adopt a family to shop for Christmas gifts in December. No date is set yet but we will shop for the gifts and then return to church to eat pizza and wrap the presents.



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.



Save the date! – It isn’t for 2 more years but the National Youth Gathering will be July 1st-5th, 2013 in San Antonio, TX. The National Youth Gathering takes place every 4 years and includes Lutheran Youth from across the nation! If you want to see more visit www.lcmessaging.com

THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF JESUS

A Bible study By Rev. Donald G. Fischer

The apostles of Jesus were the foundation stones of His Church. In Revelation 21:14 we are told that the twelve foundations of the wall of the New Jerusalem will have in them the names of the twelve apostles. It is evident, therefore, that our Lord attaches great importance to these men. In the book of Matthew we read in chapter 10:1-4 **Jesus called his twelve disciples and gave them authority to force evil spirits out of people and to cure every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first and foremost, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James (son of Alphaeus), and Thaddeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who later betrayed Jesus.** This month we will study Thomas and Matthew.

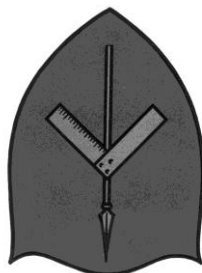
ST. THOMAS

Little is recorded in scripture of St. Thomas the Apostle; nevertheless thanks to the fourth Gospel his personality is clearer to us than that of some other of the Twelve. From the following Bible passages complete the below listed statements on what the Bible has to say about St. Thomas. (**John 11:16, John 14:5, John 20:25, John 20: 29**)

Thomas was also called _____ which means the twin. When Jesus announced that he intended to return to visit Lazarus, Thomas spoke out to the disciples and said, "_____." When Jesus later told the disciples that he was going "to prepare a place for them" it was Thomas who raised an objection to what Jesus was saying and said, "_____." Jesus answer is worth remembering. What was it? _____.

Thomas is probably remembered the most for his answer to the Apostle's announcement that Jesus had risen from the dead. By what nick name has Thomas's statement branded him?
_____. Eight days later Thomas would retract his previous statement with a statement of faith.

HISTORY AND TRADITION: The tradition that St. Thomas preached in "India" was spread in both East and West by various well known historical writers. Tradition also says that on the west coast of southern India a body of Christians still exists that stems from the missionary work of St. Thomas. Tradition states that St. Thomas built a church building with his own hands. This is symbolized by a carpenter's square. It is said that he laid down his life in Persia by the spear of a heathen priest; therefore, the spear is used in his emblem also.



ST. MATTHEW

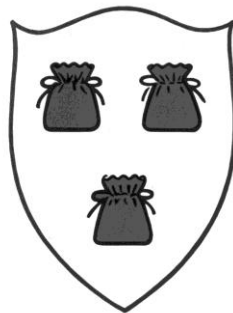
From the following Bible passages complete the below listed statements on what the Bible has to say about St. Matthew. (**Matt 9:9-13; Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27-28**)

A man by the name of Matthew was conducting his daily business of being a _____ when Jesus approached him. Jesus said to Matthew, “_____.” Hearing what Jesus said Matthew _____. Matthew was so excited that Jesus had invited him to join his following that he invited Jesus to _____. Not only did he invite Jesus but he also invited other _____ and _____ to the festivities. According to God’s Word, Matthew had another name which was _____. Scripture also tells us that Matthew’s father’s name was _____.

The unique aspect of Jesus inviting Matthew to follow him was that Matthew was a publican, which means public official, and the public office that he held was a tax collector. From the following verses detail how scripture describes a tax collector. (**Matt 9:18; 17:21; 31:32; Mark 2:15, 16; Luke 5:30**)

Why do you think that Jesus chose Matthew to be an Apostle and what lesson can you learn from this? _____

HISTORY AND TRADITION: Matthew’s name means “a gift from God.” It is likely that James the lesser, who was one of the twelve, was Matthew’s brother as their Father’s name is the same. Matthew was unlike most of the other apostles who were fishermen. Matthew, being a tax collector, had the ability to write and he became one of the first men to present to the world an account of the teachings of Jesus which is aptly called the book of Matthew. History claims that Matthew first wrote his Gospel in Hebrew and that it was later transcribed into Greek. History also claims that Matthew died as a martyr in Ethiopia. The apostolic symbol for St. Matthew is three money bags. This reminds us that he was a tax collector before Jesus called Him.



November Anniversaries

- 11/11 John & Jennifer Gunn
- 11/16 David & Vickie McElhaney
- 11/19 Don & Cynthia Morrison
- 11/22 Jack & Sandy Slusser
- 11/22 Jack & Pam Wertenberger
- 11/25 Ned & Judy Short
- 11/26 Richard & Eleanor Smith
- 11/27 Keith & Linda Crider
- 11/30 Darrin & Jill Dorsett

Happy Anniversary!

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November 80 Plus Birthdays

- 11/3 Myra Turner 85
- 11/18 Dorothy Keehn 88

November Baptism Anniversaries

- 11/1 James Bischoff
- 11/1 Rhela Drudge
- 11/3 Olivia Bickel
- 11/3 Elizabeth Sees
- 11/3 Madeline Sees
- 11/7 Diana Mason
- 11/8 Madeline Bickel
- 11/9 Ted McElhaney
- 11/14 Linda Crider
- 11/14 Cynthia Smith
- 11/17 Jill Brown
- 11/17 Phillip Cuttriss
- 11/18 Brittney McElhaney
- 11/18 Hermy Smith
- 11/18 Katherine Whitesell
- 11/20 Eric Urschel
- 11/21 Tara Bischoff
- 11/21 Olivia Thomas
- 11/22 David McElhaney
- 11/22 Anna Spitler
- 11/23 Crystal Douglas
- 11/24 Jennifer Gunn
- 11/24 Vickie McElhaney
- 11/24 Justin Pohler
- 11/27 Allen Couch
- 11/27 Leah Hiers
- 11/28 Julie Hardy
- 11/30 Adrian Brown

Thank you to Nancy Walters (Saturday) and Keith & Linda Crider & family (Sunday) for being our greeters in October.

Our greeters for November are Bob & Kris McFarland (Saturday) and John, Jennifer, & Jase Gunn (Sunday).



Memorials - An expression of love in memory of the deceased.

- Walter Streit – Organ fund
- Elnora Norris – Organ fund

50th Wedding Anniversary





Jack and Sandy Slusser will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the church gym. Members and friends are invited to join them. It is requested gifts be omitted.

Date:	Attendance:	Offering:
September 25	102	\$2,640.00
October 2	93	\$6,570.75
October 9	118	\$3,562.35
October 16	113	\$2,970.07

ACOLYTES AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
NOVEMBER 2011

SAT NOV 5	5:00 PM	RON BROWN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		HARLEY HENLINE III	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		HARLEY HENLINE III	ACOLYTE
SUN NOV 6	9:00 AM	JEFF DERR	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		LARRY BAADE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		JEREMY MEYERCHICK	ACOLYTE
SAT NOV 12	5:00 PM	STEPHANIE MCELHANEY	ACOLYTE
SUN NOV 13	9:00 AM	ASHTON JONES	ACOLYTE
SAT NOV 19	5:00 PM	RON BROWN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		TED MCELHANEY	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		DYLAN MILLER	ACOLYTE
SUN NOV 20	9:00 AM	DICK WINKELMAN	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		JIM HOCH	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		THOMAS CRIDER	ACOLYTE
WED NOV 23	7:00 PM	HAROLD BENNETT	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		LARRY BAADE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
		QUENTIN LINTZ	ACOLYTE
SAT NOV 26	5:00 PM	STEPHANIE MCELHANEY	ACOLYTE
SUN NOV 27	9:00 AM	BRIANNA CRIDER	ACOLYTE

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7 pm Adult Instruction	2 9-12 Quilters 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	3 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline 6:30 pm Men's BB	4	5 12 pm Chili Cook-off 5 pm Holy Communion
6 All Saints Day First Communion 9 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	7 6:30 pm Scouts 7 pm Elders 7 pm Women's Guild	8 9 am BPLE 7 pm Adult Instruction	9 9-12 Quilters 12:30 S.P.A.R.K.S. 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	10 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline 7:30 pm Men's BB	11 	12 5-7pm Fish Fry 5 pm Service of the Word
13 9 am Service of the Word 10:30 am Sunday School	14 6:30 pm Scouts 7 pm Church Council	15 7 pm Adult Instruction	16 9-12 Quilters 12 Noon Dorcas Circle 6 PM Bible Study 7 pm Choir Practice	17 12 Noon Bulletin Deadline 8:30 pm Men's BB	18 12:00 noon Messenger Deadline	19 5 pm Holy Communion
20 9 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	21 6:30 pm Scouts 7 pm Voters Meeting	22	23 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	24 OFFICE CLOSED  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 5 pm Service of the Word
Scott & Cyndee Christman's Vacation						
27 1 st Sun in Advent 8:30 am Prayer & Preach 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Brief Serv	28 6:30 pm Scouts	29	30 9-12 Quilters 5 pm Special Olympics 5:30 pm Choir Prac 7 pm Advent Serv			