

The

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## St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church From the Pastor

November 2019

Daniel is our orange cat. He gets his name from the little orange tiger on “Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood.” Daniel was a stray farm cat who, over the years, weaseled his way into being a house cat. We aren’t too sure what happened before he wandered into our lives, but he has certainly used up a good number of his 9 lives since his arrival. One incident found him climbing into the engine compartment and hitching a ride up the interstate to the Michigan border. He escaped bodily injury. Another time, he was poisoned by a new kind of lawn chemicals which attacked his nervous system and left him temporarily paralyzed. Despite the vet’s prognosis, he again recovered. (Yes, he is one lucky kitty). But ever since that chemical poisoning, he’s had nerve damage. His senses of sight, smell, and hearing don’t work so well anymore. He hobbles along on 3 legs because of the nerve damage, causing his 4<sup>th</sup> leg to look broken, but it’s not.

Daniel recently went missing. A few days went by, and he didn’t wander back home: he was just gone. Online “missing pet” notices were posted; animal shelters were contacted; everything was in vain. We concluded that Daniel had just ran out of luck. Then, after everyone had accepted that Daniel was gone for good, Kristin received a call from the vet... in Warren. He had Daniel. It seems that someone was driving through the neighborhood and saw Daniel limping along. So they stopped, picked him up, and took him to the vet in Warren, where he received fluids and a battery of tests.

‘Great! He’s safe!’ But after the news sank in, I became incredulous, even angry. Who - while visiting a neighborhood in a city they didn’t live in - would pick up an obviously tame cat, and take them to a vet in a different town as a stray? Why am I now forced to take on the cost of those extra tests because someone did something so illogical? *Why do I need to pay to get back something that is already my own?*

And THAT is the essence of your redemption. Satan drew you away from your heavenly Father (through the sin of Adam and Eve and through your own rebellious wandering). You were lost and separated from your heavenly home - unable to return, held captive by sin and death – by nature an object of wrath.

And knowing exactly where you were and what it would take to get you back, God redeemed you. He paid the cost to bring you - His own creation - back to Himself: not with gold or silver, but with the holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Knowing that, I can’t be angry at paying to make Daniel our own once again. Knowing that God redeemed me – that no cost was too great for Him to bring me back from sin and death – how can I be angry over something that has helped me remember God’s loving redemption of me? It was an expensive lesson, but a lesson which was able to be paid in “gold and silver.” We have Daniel back, safe and sound. But through the blood of Jesus, God has brought me back to Himself, safe and sound.

Thanks be to God - that even though I pay such a redemption price grouchily and complaining - Jesus gave the price willingly, freely, and joyfully (Hebrews 12:2), without reservation and without hesitation.

*O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. (Psalm 130)-*

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** – Neil & Sandy Stonebraker
- Markle Health & Rehabilitation** – Jean Simmons
- Tipton Place** – Rolland Hoch
- Home** – Jason Cozad; Bradley Heideman; Jack Guy; Ruth Moon; Laurie Trlak

**Prayer List:** Ray Villanueva (stroke), friend of the Hitzfield’s; Doug Thornburg, son-in-law of Robert & Ruth Whitesell; Charles Garber, brother-in-law of Sue Holtz; Doug Guhl; Dan Winkelman (healing); 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.

## Memorials

Memorials have been given to St. Peter Lutheran Church Window Restoration in memory of:

Max Richardson



## Greeters

Valerie and John Hughes

December Saturday

Family

Sunday

Dick and Jane Winkelman

## 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



## 80 Plus Birthdays this month! November

11/1	Dorothy Keehn	96
11/28	Shirley Kaiser	84

*Happy Anniversary*

11/22 Jack & Pam Wertenberger 40 Years

## Organizations

**Ladies' Guild:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 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 October meeting was Nancy Ashbaugh. The November meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> with a sack lunch in the reception room of the education building. Bring your own sack lunch from home or your favorite restaurant and desserts will be furnished.

**Dorcas Circle:** Will meet on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

**Quilters:** Quilting has resumed 9am – noon on Wednesdays. The quilters are always thankful for donations of cotton fabric, new or slightly used flat sheets and pillowcases.

**Choir:** Do you like to sing? Please join the choir on Wednesday evenings at 7PM. Plans are to sing at least once a month in church. Gather in the church by the piano. If you have questions, please call Keith Crider at 260-356-8097.

**LYF:** Watch the bulletin for upcoming community helping activities (Fall yard work for those that need help). The days will be determined after people call.

### PEP Family Night

Friday, November 22  
5:30 P.M

### VOTERS MEETING

Monday, November 18  
7 PM

## Thank You

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to Jim and Barbara Spreen for all their dedicated work taking pictures, layout, and much much more compiling our 170th year church directory. With their tireless dedication this wonderful directory was published.

**Thank you:** to Dorcas Circle and anyone else who assisted or provided food for the funeral dinner for Sharon Cuttriss. The meal and desserts were wonderful and we received several comments on how good everything was. The work you put into the dinner is greatly appreciated by all who attended as we deal with the death of our loved one. Thanks again to everyone for such a wonderful dinner.

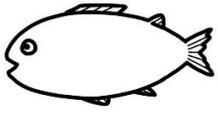
Adam Cuttriss,  
Phillip & Penny Cuttriss Family  
Charles & Carol Lamkin Family

**Thank You:** to the Dorcas Circle and all who helped with the dinner for Harold's' funeral. The food was excellent and very much appreciated by his family and mine. Janet Bennett.

## 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 was the very first miracle of Jesus' ministry (John 2:1-10)
2. How many baskets of leftovers were collected after the feeding of the 5,000? (John 6:1-15)
3. What did the high priests plan to do after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (2 things)? (John 11:53; 12:10)
4. What did the soldiers do once they saw Jesus was already dead upon the cross? (John 19:33-34)
5. What did Jesus ask Peter three times after the resurrection? (John 21:15-19)



## ***Fish Fry***

The Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, November 2 in the school gym. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 4-12. Those 3 and under eat for free. Tickets can be picked up in the church office or by phoning Steve Forth (786-3911) or Lowell Richardson (786-3699). They will also be sold at the door the night of the supper. Carry outs will be available at the John Street Entrance.

All those who have packets of tickets to sell, are asked to turn the money and unsold tickets in the night of the supper. Please write your name on the packet.

All proceeds will go to refurbish the church windows. This will be an expensive undertaking so your help and presence to make this supper a success will be greatly appreciated.



## **Fall Bazaar**

The Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 7pm. Please bring your donations to the reception room of the education building between the hours of 9-12 am on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Items of Home-made baked goods such as Pies, Cakes, Cookies, Breads, Fudge, Jam & Jellies, any canned goods are welcome. Rada cutlery will be available for Christmas Gifts as well. Questions, contact Karen Smith or Sue Holtz.



## ***Christmas Marketplace***

### ***Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne, IN***

Once again we are participating in the Christmas Marketplace for the students at the seminary, by collecting gift cards for the students this Christmas season. They will be shared along with other gifts and quilts on December 17.

We are collecting gift cards in increments of \$10.00, \$20.00 or \$25.00, which may be utilized by students at local Fort Wayne merchants – i.e. national chain stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, Meijer, Old Navy, Kohl's, J.C. Penney's, Macy's or restaurant chains such as Outback, Olive Garden, Wendy's, McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Red Robin, Texas Roadhouse, Buffalo Wild Wings, Longhorn Steakhouse, etc.

Service/gas station cards from BP, Shell, Marathon or Speedway in increments of \$25.00 to share with students.

Cash gifts to purchase dining hall lunch tickets. Non-residential students may use these tickets to eat on campus rather than having to bring their lunch.

Many of these cards can be purchased through our SCRIP program and left with the seller either on Sunday morning or in the church office.

We will collect the cards and cash through Sunday, November 24. The cards will then be taken to the seminary for distribution to the students.

# SERVING THIS MONTH

## NOVEMBER 2019

### ELDER

**SATURDAY:** GEORGE JUERGENS

**SUNDAY:** RANDY PRANGE

### GREETERS

**SATURDAY:** Jim and Nancy Bowland **SUNDAY:** Jack and Sandy Slusser

**ALTAR CARE:** Holly Cuttriss

SAT November 2		NO CHURCH OR BIBLE CLASS	FISH FRY
SUN November 3	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Richard Winkelman
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	David Woelmer
		ACOLYTE	Jacob Worsham
SAT November 9	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Brianna Thomas
SUN November 10	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Colleen Hughes
SAT November 16	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ron Brown
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chad Worsham
		ACOLYTE	Erika Brown
SUN November 17	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Larry Baade
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ethan Stoppenhagen
		ACOLYTE	Andrew Crider
SAT November 23	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Jase Gunn
SUN November 24	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Ian Crider
WED November 27	7:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeff Derr
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jim Hoch
		ACOLYTE	Drew Dorsett
Sat November 30	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ted McElhaney
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Fred Lange
		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

## November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:00 FISH FRY NO BIBLE CLASS OR CHURCH
<b>3</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion UNITY SERVICE	<b>4</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:30 Elders	<b>5</b> 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store 7:00 General Guild 1:00 Chapel @ Millers	<b>6</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>7</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 JR Confirmation	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
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<b>17</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	<b>18</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	<b>19</b> 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 7:00 PM Stewardship	<b>20</b> 9:00 Quilting Noon Dorcas Circle 2:00 Messenger Deadline 7:30 School Committee	<b>21</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 JR Confirmation	<b>22</b> 5:30 PEP Family Night	<b>23</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
<b>24</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	<b>25</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Evangelism	<b>26</b> 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 7:00 BPLE	<b>27</b> 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service	<b>28</b> THANKSGIVING DAY Office Closed	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion

**NOTES:**