

The

Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

October 2019

A coat of arms is a visual design that proclaims the achievements of the person who bears it. It is a tradition whose widespread use dates to the middle ages, whose use we might compare to the modern axiom, ‘A picture is worth a thousand words.’

This illustration (right), though undated, originated during the lifetime of Martin Luther. It is a satirical piece based on the pope’s coat of arms.

Features to be noted:

- The two crossed keys that form the background represent the “office of the keys” – that authority given to “bind and loose” people from their sins. But note that the keys have been shattered.



“They have clouded over the doctrine about sin. They have invented a tradition about the listing of offenses, producing many errors and despair. In addition, they have invented satisfactions, with which they have also hidden Christ’s benefit. From these, indulgences have been born. These are pure lies, fabricated for the sake of making money.” Excerpt, Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope (Treatise).

Through the buying and selling of forgiveness, the office of the keys has been abused and broken by the papacy.

- From the stock of one key hangs a poor peasant.

“The doctrine of repentance has been utterly corrupted by the pope and his followers. They teach that sins are forgiven because of the value of our works. Then they tell us to doubt whether the forgiveness takes place. They

nowhere teach that sins are forgiven freely for Christ's sake, and that by this faith we obtain forgiveness of sins. So they hide Christ's glory and rob consciences of firm consolation" Excerpt, (Treatise).

When forgiveness of sins is based upon anything other than the merits of Christ, it robs a person of the certainty of salvation and leads to death.

- Depicted within the coat of arms is a hand clutching money-bags, the "purse of Judas." From the purse protrudes coins and the mitres of bishops.

"The errors of the kingdom of the pope are clear. Scripture with its entire voice cries out that these errors are a teaching of demons and of Antichrist. The idolatry in the abuse of the Masses is clear, besides being all together useless. The Masses are used for the most shameful moneymaking. Excerpt, (Treatise).

The dialog that accompanies this illustration also states that through annates and other spiritual taxes, the pope has usurped the power that properly belongs to bishops, abbots, kings and princes. He has, in short, betrayed Christ for money -- he is Judas.

- From the stock of the other key hangs the pope.

"The pope defends these errors by unjust cruelty and death penalty. He grabs the decision away from the Church. Gratian's Second Decretal says, "No one shall judge (the pope's) throne. For the judge is judged neither by the emperor, nor by all the clergy, nor by the kings, nor by the people. ...Peter predicted that there would be godless bishops who would abuse the alms of the Church for luxury and neglect the ministry. Therefore, let those who defraud the Church know that they will pay God the penalty for this crime." Excerpt, (Treatise).

The pope may claim to be subject to no one's judgment, but Hebrews 13:17 reminds us that he is subject to the judgment of God.

At the time of Luther, the Gospel of Jesus Christ – put to death for our forgiveness and raised for our justification – was clouded by many abuses and false teachings. But God had great and abundant mercy upon us when He used Martin Luther to point out the sin and error that within the church and restore the Gospel to its proper place within the church. God would not allow the Gospel to be stolen away from His people any longer.

Friends: it should cut us to the heart when we give up freely what Satan worked so hard to steal from the church. Jesus died so that you would be free from the tyranny of sin and death. Come receive that freedom in the Lord's house from the very hand of the Lord. Let us encourage you in the Gospel, and may you be encouragement to us as well.

- - 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 – Dick Christ; 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; Arlene Lasley; Ruth Moon; Laurie Trlak

Prayer List: Ray Villanueva (stroke), friend of the Hitzfield's; Jim Gast; 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.

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



Greeters

October	Saturday	Bob and Kris McFarland
	Sunday	Wayne and Nancy Ashbaugh
November	Saturday	Jim and Nancy Bowland
	Sunday	Jack and Sandy Slusser Valerie and John Hughes
December	Saturday	Family
	Sunday	Dick and Jane Winkelman

Memorials

Memorials have been given to St. Peter Lutheran Church Quilters in memory of: Bernita Schmalzried
Geneva Stetzel

Memorials have been given to St. Peter Lutheran Church in memory of: Harold Bennett



80 Plus Birthdays this month! September

10/7	Ronald Brown	82
10/20	Elson Carmien	86

Introducing Field Worker David Woelmer



I am David Woelmer, a first-year student at Concordia Theological Seminary, and your new fieldworker! I am from Plano, Texas, which is northeast of Dallas. I was recently married (as of May 18) to Elizabeth Woelmer (Lange), from Topeka, Kansas. Earlier in May, Elizabeth and I graduated from Concordia University, Nebraska. I received my B.A in Psychology, while Elizabeth received her B.S in Exercise Science. We have been living in Fort Wayne since the beginning of June, and as I continue my studies at CTSFW, Elizabeth is working at Healthy Expectations Physical Therapy Clinic in Fort Wayne. She has applied to the Occupational Therapy Doctoral program at Huntington University and hopes to begin in the spring. On campus, I am in the Kantorei choir, as well as an assistant student director of Christ Academy. We are looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you!

God's Blessings,
David and Elizabeth Woelmer

Potato Bar

When: Sunday: October 6

Time: 11:30 – 1:00

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Location: St. Peter Lutheran Gym

Organizations

Ladies' Guild: The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the education building. Final plans for the October Potato Bar will be made before the dinner is held the following Sunday.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) – The lucky winner of the drawing at the September meeting was Mary Ellen Fuller. The October meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, October 9th 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, October 16th

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.

The Quilters thank the anonymous donor of the money given to them, as well as the memorials in honor of Bea Schmalzried.

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.

SERVING THIS MONTH

OCTOBER 2019

ELDER

SATURDAY: GEORGE JUERGENS

SUNDAY: RICHARD SMITH

GREETERS

SATURDAY: Bob and Kris McFarland **SUNDAY:** Wayne and Nancy Ashbaugh

ALTAR CARE: Nancy Bowland & Sue Eltzroth

SAT October 5	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ron Brown
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chad Worsham
		ACOLYTE	Erika Brown
SUN October 6	10:15: AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeff Derr
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	David Woelmer
		ACOLYTE	Andrew Crider
SAT October 12	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ted McElhaney
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Fred Lange
		ACOLYTE	Hannah Dorsett
SUN October 13	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Randy Prange
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ethan Stoppenhagen
		ACOLYTE	Brianna Thomas
SAT October 19	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ted McElhaney
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Fred Lange
		ACOLYTE	Jase Gunn
SUN October 20	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jim Hoch
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ethan Stoppenhagen
		ACOLYTE	Ian Crider
SAT October 26	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ron Brown
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chad Worsham
		ACOLYTE	Erika Brown
SUN October 27	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Randy Prange
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Norman Kochensparger
		ACOLYTE	Drew Dorsett

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

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store 7:00 General Guild	2 9:00 Quilting	3 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 JR Confirmation	4	5 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
6 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion 11:30 Potato Bar	7 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:30 Elders	8 1:00 Chapel @ Millers	9 9:00 Quilting 12:00 SPARKS	10 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 1:30 @ Heritage Communion 6:30 JR Confirmation	11	12 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
13 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	14 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	15 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 7:00 PM Stewardship	16 9:00 Quilting Noon Dorcas Circle	17 12:00 Bulletin Deadline	18 NOON Messenger Deadline	19 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
20 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	21 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	22 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 7:00 BPLE	23 9:00 Quilting 7:00 School Committee	24 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 JR Confirmation	25	26 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
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NOTES: Pastor will be out of town from October 13 (after service) through October 22.