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# Messenger

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St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

## From the Pastor

**August 2024**

June found our youth excited to attend Higher Things at Concordia University- Mequon, WI (although they could have done without leaving at 5am!). Hopefully, the adjoined pictures will give you a little insight into the conference activities. Evenings were filled with fun activities such as fireside chats, talent shows, and mini-golf. The days were filled with learning on the topic “Who Am I?” [The answer? I am God’s creature. I am God’s baptized child. I am called to serve God]. They were also filled with church. A LOT of church to the tune of 3 services a day. Yet with opportunities to play in the orchestra or sing in the choir, our youth enjoyed every tiring minute of it! I invite you to visit with Abby, Sophia, and Andrew about their visit to Higher Things, but here – in their own words – is a brief glimpse into their thoughts...

*Pas for Lorenz*

**[Abby Lorenz]:** This year’s theme was “Who Am?” I learned that I am a baptized child of God. This week we learned about who we are according to the Bible. My favorite part of Higher Things was playing pool with Sophia, (and we found out that we should probably learn the rules of the game). I also enjoyed the breakaways. My favorite breakaway this year was Self Esteem Is Demonic. This breakaway was taught by Rev. Harrison Goodman and reminded us that our value is not in what we can or can’t do, but is found in Jesus’ death for us. Thank you for supporting my adventure to the unknown cheese land (Wisconsin) where Higher Things was located. This trip would not be possible without the participation in our fundraisers. I can’t wait to go again next year!

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**[Sophia Mason]:** This year for Higher Things, we went to Mequon, Wisconsin. I had so much fun this year and learned a lot of new stuff. During this trip, I had choir rehearsals, plenary, breakaways, church services, free time, and lots of food.

Once we got to the campus, I got to go to choir rehearsal. While there I learned some new hymns and had lots of fun singing. I got to sing with the choir during most of the church services and when the whole congregation sang it sounded amazing. There were over 1000 people singing, so you couldn't even hear yourself most of the time.

Everyday we also got to go to plenary. At plenary, we got to listen to different people speak about God. We also had breakaways, which were kind of the same as plenary, but there were many different options on what to go to. My favorite two were called Self Esteem is Demonic or Hurt by Pastor Goodman.

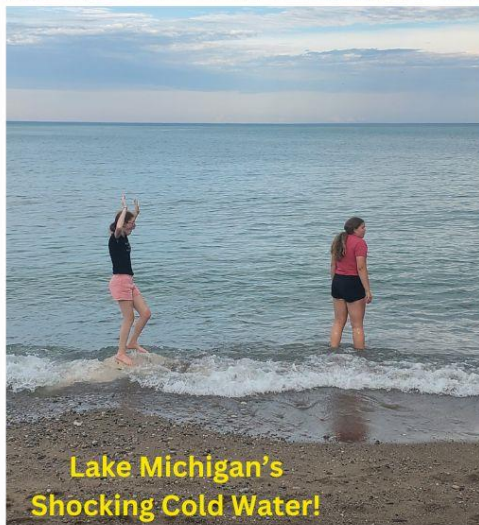
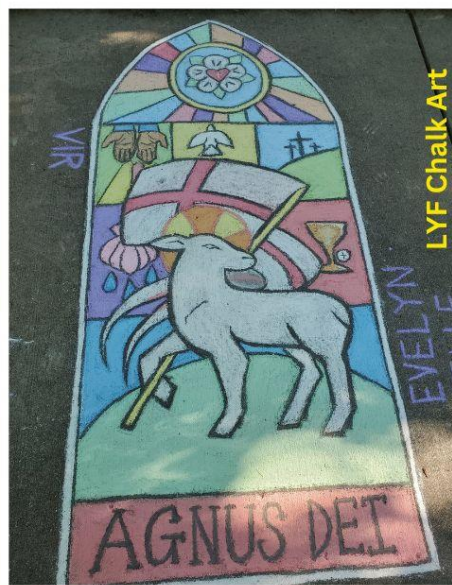


Petting Zoo



Chapel

# HIGHER THINGS 2024- MEQUON, WI



Lake Michigan's  
Shocking Cold Water!



Plenary Learning



Fresco Dining



Breakaway Learning



Foam Party!



## *Higher Things at Concordia University- Mequon, WI Continued*

[**Sophia Mason** continued] Lastly, we had free time. During free time you could pretty much do anything, plus they had lots of different options of what to do based on the day. On Tuesday, we played sand volleyball and we went to a foam party. We got completely covered in foam, but it was fun. Then on Wednesday, we played mini-golf. On half of the holes, there was a wheel that you could spin that would make you do something specific for the hole. Some examples would include, hitting the ball with your hand for your first shot, standing on one foot for your first shot, and switching positions with one of your opponents. These rules made the game even more fun. Pastor ended up winning, then me and Abby were within 3 points of each other, and Andrew got the high score. The next day, we played a lot more sand volleyball, watched some of the talent show, and me and Abby played pool. The main thing about free time was to gain points for your team through some of the challenges (Conference attendees get split into four competing teams: Leo, Bos, Vir, and Aquila). This year we were Vir and we ended up winning by about 400 points, which was awesome!

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[**Andrew Crider**]: Between all of the different plenary sessions and breakouts, my Higher Things experience was amazing ( despite the rain on the last day). We talked about who we are in our relationship with Christ. During the time there I also played in the chapel orchestra, which was fun playing with all of the different kids from the country. Paul Soulek, the organist was very good at working with all of the students. And, in addition to closing Divine Service, I got to play at Vespers with just me and Paul.

Our tetramorph this year was Vir, which represents Matthew. Matthew got this name because the book of Matthew starts with the human genealogy of Jesus. We ended up winning the tetramorph challenge this year which was nice.

In one of the breakaways by Pastor Goodman, he explained how self-esteem was demonic because it is so self-focused that it takes our attention away from God. Closing divine service was my favorite part because I got to play lots of songs and I got to sing with all of the kids there.

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### **2024 Greeters**

<b>September</b>	Saturday	Allen Couch
	Sunday	Sue Holtz & Gabe
<b>October</b>	Saturday	Jim & Nancy Bowland
	Sunday	Karen Smith
<b>November</b>	Saturday	Paul & Sue Kellam
	Sunday	Carmen Matheson
<b>December</b>	Saturday	Wayne Ashbaugh
	Sunday	Linda, Ian & Andrew Crider



### *Happy 80 Plus August Brthday's*

<i>Day</i>		<i>Yrs.</i>
1	Donna Smith	85
10	Donald Fischer	93
22	Ellen Prange	83
29	Judith Barton	80

## 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 are recovering or home bound.

**The Village @ Pine Valley** – Barba Eickhoff

**Kingston Care Center** – Arne Iverson

**Lutheran Life Village (Pine Valley)** – John  
Bischoff; Donald Fischer

**Meadows of Coventry** – Julie Hardy, Linda Wolfe

**Waters of Huntington** – Ruth Guy; Sandy  
Stonebraker; Kay Whitesell

**Envive Health Care** – Cindy Smith, Paul Stohlman

**Tipton Place** – Rolland Hoch

**Home** – Asa Elett; Bradley Heideman; Brenda  
Kline; Ruth Moon

**Prayer List:** Wayne Ashbaugh; Jay Beekman;  
Brian Bowers (brother of Cheryl Canvin);  
Penelope Brown: Nancy Bowland; Mary Couch;  
Eugene Daigle; Asa Elett; Josie Fogo (Cousin of  
Teresa Pinkerton); Rolland Hoch; Linda  
Hollowell; Shawn McElhaney Mark Richardson  
(cancer, nephew of Lowell Richardson); Dianne &  
Michael Scher; and Doug Thornburg (son-in-law  
of Ruth Whitesell).

Please call the church office to let us know the  
status of the people on the Prayer list.

If you are homebound or temporarily homebound  
and would like to receive communion because you  
are unable to come to church, please contact the  
church office and ask to be placed on pastor's  
visitation list.



### **175<sup>th</sup> Church Octoberfest Sunday, September 22**

*Brats, Buns, Sauerkraut, drinks and table  
service provided*

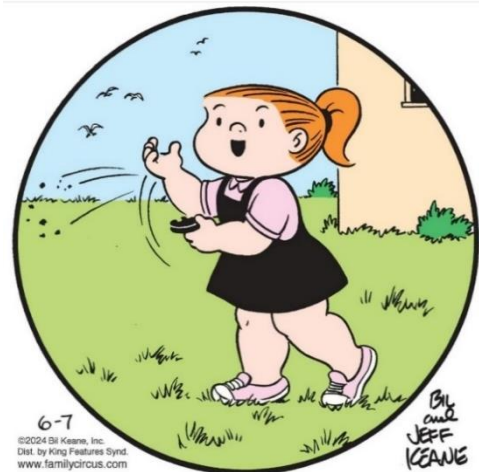
*Please bring a side dish to share*

Sign-up sheet (by September 15) for  
attendance only in Narthex of church or call  
the office

*Count is needed for the Brats & Buns*



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



**"I'm sharing this with the birds.  
It's an oriole cookie."**

## ***St. Peter Organizations***

***Dorcas Circle:*** The August meeting will be August 21<sup>st</sup> with Shirley Baker & Sandy Slusser as hostess. The meeting will take place in the education building. Please let Shirley or Sandy know if you plan to attend.

***Family Night:*** will start on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the year is "Tree of Life".

***LWML:*** The next meeting will be October 24, 2024 at 7pm. We will have collection of Mites, a Bible Study.

ALL Ladies of the congregation are members of the LWML, so please plan to attend.

***LYF:*** No meeting during the summer. We will resume in the Fall.

***Men's Club:*** The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 3 at 12:00 Noon at Matt Brubaker's house (534 E 400 N, Huntington). Bring a side dish for lunch to share.

***SPARKS (St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers):*** Winner of the July drawing was Holly Cuttriss. There will be no August meeting due to poor attendance. We will meet September, Wednesday the 11th at noon. We will meet at Moe's.

***Quilters:*** There will be summer volunteer quilting open to those who want to come and go as you please. Same schedule 9am -12 noon on Wednesday, but no snack time.

***Tape Ministry:*** If you are homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive the weekly video recording of the service on a tablet (no internet needed) or a printed copy of the sermon, please contact the church office at 260.356.6528 to make arrangements.



David Wenndt Ordination & Installation  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Wall Lake, Iowa  
June 16, 2023



David & Hannah Wenndt  
Ordination & Installation

# SERVING THIS MONTH

**AUGUST 2024**

**ELDER**

**SATURDAY: RANDY PRANGE**

**SUNDAY: LARRY BAADE**

**GREETERS**

**SATURDAY: Linda Hollowell**

**SUNDAY: Diana Mason, Sophia & Noah Mason**

**ALTAR CARE: Carmen Matheson**

Saturday, August 3	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Ted McElhaney
		Communion Assistant	Fred Lange
		Acolyte	Fred Lange
		Organist	Trentin Worsham
Sunday, August 4	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant	Jeremiah Davis
		Communion Assistant	Richard Winkelman
		Acolyte	Sophia Mason
		Organist	Jeff Derr
Saturday, August 10	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Chad Worsham
		Communion Assistant	Trentin Worsham
		Acolyte	Trentin Worsham
		Organist	Leigh Ann Jones
Sunday, August 11	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant	Eliot Brown
		Communion Assistant	Andrew Crider
		Acolyte	Noelle Lorenz
		Organist	Angie Brubaker
Saturday, August 17	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Ted McElhaney
		Communion Assistant	Fred Lange
		Acolyte	Hannah Dorsett
		Organist	Drew Dorsett
Sunday, August 18	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant	Erich Hauenstein
		Communion Assistant	Richard Winkelman
		Acolyte	Noah Mason
		Organist	Jeff Derr
Saturday, August 24	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Chad Worsham
		Communion Assistant	Trentin Worsham
		Acolyte	Trentin Worsham
		Organist	Hannah Dorsett
Sunday, August 25	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant	Jeremah Davis
		Communion Assistant	Adrian Brown
		Acolyte	Abby Lorenz
		Organist	Angie Brubaker
Saturday, August 31	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Ted McElhaney
		Communion Assistant	Fred Lange
		Acolyte	Fred Lange
		Organist	Leigh Ann Jones

# ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

## August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Noon Bulletin Deadline	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Noon Men's Club 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion
<b>4</b> 9:00 Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/communion	<b>5</b> 9:15 Envive Devotions 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 1:30 Heritage Devotions 5:30 Church Property 6:30 Elders	<b>6</b> 11:00 Diaper Store 1:30 Envive Bible Study 5:00 Diaper Store	<b>7</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>8</b> Noon Bulletin Deadline	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion
<b>11</b> 9:00 Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/communion	<b>12</b> 9:15 Envive Devotions 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 1:30 Heritage Devotions 7:00 Council	<b>13</b> 10:30 Monthly Bible Class 1:30 Envive Bible Study	<b>14</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>15</b> Noon Bulletin Deadline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion
<b>18</b> 9:00 Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/communion	<b>19</b> 9:15 Envive Devotions 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 1:30 Heritage Devotions	<b>20</b> 11:00 Diaper Store 1:30 Envive Bible Study 2:00 Messenger Deadline 5:00 Diaper Store 7:00 Stewardship	<b>21</b> 9:00 Quilting 12:00 Dorcas Circle	<b>22</b> Noon Bulletin Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion
<b>25</b> 9:00 Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/communion	<b>26</b> 9:15 Envive Devotions 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 1:30 Heritage Devotions	<b>27</b> 1:30 Envive Bible Study	<b>28</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>29</b> Noon Bulletin Deadline	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion

**NOTES:**



### Mercy and Grace Lead to Generosity

“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthians’ joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it is God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything — life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance — be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gos-pel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For us who believe it means forgiveness, life and salva-tion in the face of sin, death and the power of the devil. Here in the church, we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

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## ***FAMILY NIGHT***

Family night will begin again in September! Join us for a 'Tree of Life' themed event one Friday each month from 5:30- 7:30 pm. Dinner is provided along with family activities and Devotions. All ages are welcome! Bring your family and friends for a great time of fellowship.

Here are the dates for 2024/2025:

2024	2025
September 27	January 24
October 25	February 28
November 22	March 21
December 20	April 25
	May 16