

The

# Messenger

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St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church  
From the Pastor

**February 2024**

*<sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” Matthew 7:23-27*

175 years – wow! It is staggering when we stop and think about how many families have sacrificed so much so that St. Peter Lutheran Church could proclaim the Gospel in Huntington for 175 years. Blood, sweat, and tears have flowed in the building up of this congregation and its facilities. Thanks be to God for those Christians who have generously given of their lives and treasure for Christ and His church.

But as we celebrate this milestone event at St. Peter, let us remember the words of the old hymn:

*“Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build; with His true saints alone The courts of heav’n are filled.  
On His great love Our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.”*

St. Peter has been a beacon on the hill for 175 years because the Holy Spirit led our ancestors to build this church on Christ crucified; ever since, this congregation has faithfully shone the light of the Christ crucified to the community. Yes, there have been congregational failures and weaknesses; there have been so many ways that the congregation has fallen short in its witness of the Gospel. But God’s love for those in St. Peter has not waned, and He has continued to bless this congregation with His presence and love in spite of our shortcomings, all because of Jesus’ sacrifice for us.

*“I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.” (Exodus 20:5-6)*

May it be so, Lord Jesus! Let your grace continue to shine upon and through your little flock at St. Peter in Huntington to draw many nations unto you through the proclamation of the Gospel. You have promised your love would be shown to a thousand generations of those who love You. As you have preserved this congregation in the past, preserve this congregation for many more years to come according to Your promise: for we are heirs of the faith of those who have gone before us, and our {children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren} and their families here in Huntington need to drink the pure fountain of the Gospel in the future, as well. Amen.

I hope you are able to join us for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at St. Peter on February 11. The Divine Service will be celebrated at 10:15am, with Rev. Eric Lange as guest preacher. Following the service will be the catered meal in the school gymnasium. Let us rejoice together in the steadfast love of God.

*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 are recovering or home bound.

**Englewood Health & Rehabilitation** – Mildred Craig

**Heritage of Huntington** – Barba Eickhoff

**Kingston Care Center** – Arne Iverson

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

**Lutheran Life Village (Anthony Blvd)** - Rev. Donald Fischer

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

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

**Envive Health Care** – Cindy Smith

**Tipton Place** – Rolland Hoch

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

**Prayer List:** Jay Beekman; Cheryl Canvin, Pam Cline (friend of Pam Wertenberger); Mary Couch; Eugene Daigle; Asa Elett; Louis Fisher (Brother-in-law of Mary Ellen Fuller); Rev. Tom Ludwig (cancer); Shawn McElhaney; Mark Richardson (cancer, nephew of Lowell Richardson); Dianne & Michael Scher; Steve Welker and Bill Whitacre (Brother-in-law of Linda Hollowell & Shirley Burnau).

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.

### ***TAPE MINISTRY***

**Video (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.

### ***SAVE THE DATES***

**Wednesday, February 14, 7pm  
Ash Wednesday Service**

**Directory Pictures to be taken on:  
Thursday, February 15  
Friday, February 16 and  
Saturday, February 17**

**Monday, February 19, 7pm  
Voters Meeting**

# St. Peter Organizations

**Dorcas Circle:** We will not be meeting the months of February and March.

**Family Night:** Will be on Friday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m. The activity will be the canvas painting activity led by Hannah Wennedt, that was postponed from January. Everyone is invited to attend. Please RSVP by February 18.

**Ladies' Guild:** Watch *The Messenger* and the weekly bulletin for the next meeting.

**LWML:** The next meeting will be April 25, 2024 with collection of Mites and a Bible Study at 7pm.

**LYF:** The next meeting will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

The youth group is again selling **Subs for Super Bowl Sunday**. Price for the subs will \$5.00 each. Order form with your choice of meat, cheese and condiments are available. Pick up will be after church on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> or after the 175<sup>th</sup> dinner. Any subs not picked up will be donated to the Meal Ministry. **Please one sub sandwich per order form.** Additional forms are in the narthex of the church on the table or in the church office.

**Men's Club:** We meet the first Saturday morning of each month at 10AM. All men are welcome to join us for Bible Study and conversation. February meeting will be Saturday, February 3.

**SPARKS (St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers):** Winner of the January drawing was Carmen Matheson. The February meeting will be Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will meet at Pizza Hut at noon.

**Quilters:** Are back quilting full time on Wednesday mornings, please join us. Remember our "Care Ministry Box". Information for items for the box are on the back of Hope-full Living Devotions. We are in need of used top sheets and/or old table cloths to be used as filler. It will be okay if your table cloth has a stain as will be used in the middle as filler.

## Happy 80 Plus February Birthday's



Day		Yrs.
4	Sandra Stonebraker	82
11	Pamela Wertenberger	80
19	Judith Turgeson	85

## Happy Anniversary

Day		Yrs.
21	Dewayne & Sharon Anderson	55

## 175<sup>th</sup> Directory

Pictures will be taken on February 15, 16 and 17, 2024. To get the time best for you, register online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) The Church Code is: IN1887 and the password is: photos or sign up after church with the person in back of church. If you do not sign up, expect a phone call to get you registered so that we have a complete pictorial directory.

Sign up early and get the time that works for you. **If you have changed your phone number within the last year, please let us know by calling the church office if we need to call you, so the directory can be correct, or make the change on copy at back of church.**



### *A Little Heavenly Humor*

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, "Don't pay for me, Daddy, I'm under five."

## 2024 Greeters



<b>March</b>	Saturday	Bob & Kris McFarland
	Sunday	Andy & Rachael Ford
<b>April</b>	Saturday	Ted & Janet McElhaney
	Sunday	John Wegmann
<b>May</b>	Saturday	Tom & Deb Guhl
	Sunday	Erich & Amy Hauenstein
<b>June</b>	Saturday	Shirley Baker
	Sunday	John & Valerie Hughes
<b>July</b>	Saturday	Diane Campbell & Judy Turgeson
	Sunday	Jim & Peggy Hoch
<b>August</b>	Saturday	Linda Hollowell
	Sunday	Diana Mason, Sophia & Noah
<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

## **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

### **LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship – February 2024**

#### **Caring for My Neighbor**

If any of the Ten Commandments might tempt us to think that keeping the Law is easy, it would be the Fifth Commandment. After all, how hard is it to get through life without murdering somebody? The vast majority of people can handle that!

But Jesus famously blows up this notion by pointing out that the command, “you shall not murder,” goes much deeper — down to the heart.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire. (Matt. 5:21–22)

Hatred and disdain come from the same sort of crookedness of heart as murder. With both murder and hatred, you look down on another person and think them of little worth.

In the Small Catechism, Luther also points out that every “do not” in the commandments also includes a “do this:” “We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help and support him in every physical need” (SC, Fifth Commandment, emphasis added).

We are not called merely to avoid evil; we must also do positive good.

So when Jesus drew near to us and became our neighbor by taking up our humanity, He came not only to avoid harming us, but He came to positively help us, bless us and serve us.

We are now called to show the love to our neighbors that Christ showed to us. Your neighbor is yet another gift that God has given you that requires your stewardship. We are called to show mercy, to be kind, to love and serve our neighbor. One aspect of this stewardship is financial: our neighbors need us to support the church’s work so that they can hear the Gospel and come to faith. Our neighbors need the church’s alms and mercy work. Our neighbors need our faithful service in all we do in the name of Christ.



# SERVING THIS MONTH

FEBRUARY 2024

ELDER

SATURDAY: RANDY PRANGE

SUNDAY: RICHARD SMITH

GREETERS

SATURDAY: Donna Dennis

SUNDAY: Matt, Angie, Brock Brubaker

ALTAR CARE: Jill Dorsett

Saturday, February 3	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Fred Lange
		Communion Assistant	Trentin Worsham
		Acolyte	Trentin Worsham
Sunday, February 4	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant	Ethan Langemo
		Communion Assistant	Eliot Brown
		Acolyte	Abby Lorenz
Saturday, February 10	5:00 PM		<b>NO SERVICE</b>
Sunday, February 11	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant	Eric Lange
<b>Unity Sunday 175th Celebration</b>		Communion Assistant	Fred Lange
		Torch Bearer	Luke Konkell
		Torch Bearer	Ethan Langemo
		Cross Bearer	David Wendt
		Acolyte	Jase Gunn
Wednesday, February 14	7:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Jeremiah Davis
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		Communion Assistant	Richard Winkelman
		Acolyte	Noelle Lorenz
Saturday, February 17	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Chad Worsham
		Communion Assistant	Ted McElhaney
		Acolyte	Hannah Dorsett
Sunday, February 18	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant	Ethan Langemo
		Communion Assistant	Adrian Brown
		Acolyte	Noah Mason
Wednesday, February 21	7:00 PM	Acolyte	Andrew Crider
Saturday, February 24	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Trentin Worsham
		Communion Assistant	Erich Hauenstein
		Acolyte	Jase Gunn
Sunday, February 25	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant	Luke Konkell
		Communion Assistant	Larry Baade
		Acolyte	Sophia Mason
Wednesday, February 28	7:00 PM	Acolyte	Abby Lorenz

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 Lutheran Church

# ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

## February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Noon Bulletin Deadline	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 Men's Club 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion
<b>4</b> 9:00 Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:15 Divine Service w/communion 11:30 Jr Confirmation	<b>5</b> 9:15 Heritage 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 6:30 Elders 5:30 Board of Properties	<b>6</b> 11:00 Diaper Store 5:00 Diaper Store 10:30 Monthly Bible Class	<b>7</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>8</b> Noon Bulletin Deadline	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> NO SERVICE
<b>11</b> 9:00 Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:15 Divine Service w/communion 11:30 Jr Confirmation 12:15 175 <sup>th</sup> Dinner	<b>12</b> 9:15 Heritage 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 7:00 Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 Quilting 12:00 SPARKS 7: 00 Ash Wednesday Service	<b>15</b> Noon Bulletin Deadline  Church Directory Pictures Taken	<b>16</b>  Church Directory Pictures Taken	<b>17</b> Church Directory Pictures Taken 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion
<b>18</b> 9:00 Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:15 Divine Service w/communion 11:30 LYF 12:30 Jr Confirmation	<b>19</b> 9:15 Heritage 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 7:00 Voters	<b>20</b> 11:00 Diaper Store 5:00 Diaper Store 2:00 Messenger Deadline 7:00 Stewardship	<b>21</b> 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Lenten Service	<b>22</b> Noon Bulletin Deadline	<b>23</b> 5:30 Family Night	<b>24</b> 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion
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**NOTES:**