

The

Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
From the Pastor

February 2025

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

It is the beginning of the new year, and we have some exciting opportunities to help you grow in your faith.

- 1) In our adult Bible class, we are beginning a new series taking a closer look at unexplained phenomena such as miracles, near death experiences, demons and angels.
- 2) Lent is just around the corner, and our Lenten Midweek Series is based on the Arma Christi - different items associated with the Passion of Christ - such as silver coins, the crown of thorns, the dice the soldiers used to cast lots for Christ's seamless garment. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent on March 5. (Check out the full schedule in the newsletter and bulletins, and mark your calendars now!)

I pray these learning opportunities are beneficial to your faith and help you grow in your knowledge of God's Word.

Pastor Lorenz

ARMA CHRISTI (or, “Instruments of the Passion”) are objects associated with the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Using these images in art allowed individuals to reflect upon specific aspects of Christ’s suffering and death.

While there are a core number of frequently depicted objects, artists could use any combination of the Passion instruments in their art. Lenten Services: Wednesdays, 7:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)

- March 5 (Ash Wednesday) - “Silver Coins”
- March 12 - “Scarlet Robe & Scepter”
- March 19 - “Crown of Thorns”
- March 26 - “The Cross”
- April 2 - “Hammer & Nails”
- April 9 - “The Dice”
- April 17 (Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm) - “The Chalice”
- April 18 (Good Friday, 12:15pm & 7pm) - “The Lance”
- April 19 (Easter Vigil, 5:00pm)

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.

Canterbury Nursing & Rehab Center – Dan Schmalzried

Envive Health Care – Cindy Smith, Paul Stohlmann

Heritage Point of Warren – Pat Cluver

Lutheran Life Village (Pine Valley) – John Bischoff

Meadows of Coventry – Julie Hardy, Linda Wolfe

The Village @ Pine Valley – Barba Eickhoff

Tipton Place – Rolland Hoch

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

Home – Asa Elett; Bradley Heideman; Brenda Kline; Michael Scher

Prayer List: Jay Beekman; Georgianna Bischoff; Brian Bowers (brother of Cheryl Canvin); Penelope Brown; Robin Burnau (cancer, nephew of Shirley Burnau); Shirley & Eugene Daigle; Asa Elett; Maddox Haney (cancer, friend of Dewayne & Sharon Anderson); Sandra Hauenstein (mother of Erich Hauenstein); Rolland Hoch; Linda Morgan (friend of Diane Campbell & Holly Cuttriss); Mark Richardson (cancer, nephew of Lowell Richardson); and Dianne & Michael Scher. 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.

Voters

Monday, February 17
7:00 PM

Lower Level of Education Building

Thrivent Grants

During the year of 2024 St. Peter used 27 grants from Thrivent members of the congregation for a total of \$6,750. Grants were used to fund youth events, church fellowship activities, diaper store, quilters activities and congregational education.

If you are a Thrivent member and have not used your Grants, please let us know that you are available to do this. Each grant is up to \$250 and 2 are available per person per year.

St. Peter Organizations

Dorcas Circle: Will NOT meet the months of, February and March. We will resume in April.

Family Night: Join us for a 'Tree of Life". We will meet Friday, February 28th 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.

LWML: The next meeting will be April 24, 2025 at 7pm. We will have a Bible Study. Mites will be collected in church on the 4th weekend of each month. For February the dates are February 22 & 23..

LYF: Will be doing a concession stand
February 8 February 14
February 22 March 1
March 8 March 15
during the YMCA basketball games on
Saturdays.

We are also making Subs to help you celebrate the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 9th. Use the order form available in the Sunday bulletin or available in the church office or Narthex of the church.

Men's Club: The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 1 at 10 AM in the lower level of the education building.

Monthly Tuesday Morning Bible

Class: Continues the study on “I Married You” by Walter Trobisch. February 4th at 10:30 a.m. School Library.

Quilters: We are back full-time meeting on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of the education building. May God continue to bless us and the work of our hands and hearts.

SPARKS (St. Peter Association of Retired

Keenagers): Winner of the January drawing was Holly Cuttriss. We will meet on Wednesday, February 12th at noon at Pizza Hut.

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.

Paper Recycling

Don't forget your paper recycling each week when you come to church! You get to help the environment and the church receives free money.



A Little Heavenly Humor

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"



Happy 80 Plus FEBRUARY Birthday's

Day		Yrs.
4	Sandra Stonebraker	83
11	Pamela Wertenberger	81
19	Judith Turgeson	86



2025 Greeters

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March	Saturday	Ted & Janet McElhaney
	Sunday	Erich & Amy Hauenstein
April	Saturday	Nora Roth
	Sunday	Andy & Rachael Ford
May	Saturday	Donna Dennis
	Sunday	Sue Holtz & Gabe
June	Saturday	Barbara Spreen
	Sunday	Teresa Pinkerton
July	Saturday	Diane Campbell
	Sunday	Mary Ringel
August	Saturday	Linda Hollowell & Shirley Burnau
	Sunday	Carmen Matheson
September	Saturday	Richard & Ellen Prange
	Sunday	Diana Mason, Sophia and Noah
October	Saturday	Jim & Nancy Bowland
	Sunday	Karen Smith
November	Saturday	Paul & Sue Kellam
	Sunday	Jeremiah, Ginger & Claudia Davis
December	Saturday	Dick & Rhonda Webb
	Sunday	Linda, Ian & Andrew Crider

LYF Super Bowl Subs

Order your Sub from the LYF so you can enjoy the Super Bowl. Deadline is February 2nd to place your order with payment.

The Subs are:

*Ham - \$5.00, Turkey - \$5.00 or Roast Beef - \$6.00
Extra meat is \$1.00 extra.*

Your choice of American, Provolone or Colby Jack Cheese.

Condiments of your choice: Lettuce, Pickles, Onions, Mustard, Mayo, Ketchup, Ranch.

A bag of Chips for \$.50

Unity Sundays

Schedule Tentively planned for 2025

February 2 – Soup & Dessert Cook-off

March 2 – Lasagna, Mac & Cheese

April 6 – Pie & Coffee

May 4 – Taco Bar

June 1 – Chicken

July 6 – Rolls, Breakfast casserole & Drinks

August 3 – Sandwiches, salad & Ice Cream

September 7 – Octoberfest

October 5 – Potato Bar (LWML)

November 2 – Fish Fry

December 7 – Donuts, breakfast casserole & Drinks

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 Men's Club 11:00 Church Property
2 UNITY SUNDAY 9:00 Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/communion 11:30 Soup Cook-off Noon Jr. Confirmation	3 9:15 Envive Devotions 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 1:30 Heritage Devotions 6:30 Elders	4 10:30 Monthly Bible Class 11:00 Diaper Store 1:30 Envive Bible Study 5:00 Diaper Store	5 9:00 Quilting	6 11:00 HU Chapel Noon Bulletin Deadline	7	8 9:00 LYF Concessions 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion
9 9:00 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/communion Noon Jr. Confirmation	10 9:15 Envive Devotions 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 1:30 Heritage Devotions 7:00 Council	11 1:30 Envive Bible Study	12 9:00 Quilting Noon SPARKS	13 11:00 HU Chapel Noon Bulletin Deadline	14	15 9:00 LYF Concessions 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion
16 9:00 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/communion Noon Jr. Confirmation	17 9:15 Envive Devotions 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 1:30 Heritage Devotions 7:00 Voters	18 9:30 Pastors Circuit Meeting 11:00 Diaper Store 5:00 Diaper Store 6:00 Unity Committee 7:00 Stewardship	19 9:00 Quilting	20 Noon Bulletin Deadline 2:00 Messenger Deadline	21	22 9:00 LYF Concessions 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/communion
23 9:00 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/communion Noon Jr. Confirmation	24 9:15 Envive Devotions 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 1:30 Heritage Devotions	25 1:30 Envive Bible Study	26 9:00 Quilting	27 Noon Bulletin Deadline	28 5:30 Family Night	

NOTES:

SERVING THIS MONTH

FEBRUARY 2025

ELDER

SATURDAY: RANDY PRANGE

SUNDAY: RICHARD SMITH

GREETERS

SATURDAY: Tom & Deb Guhl

SUNDAY: Jim & Peggy Hoch

ALTAR CARE: Jill Dorsett

			Saturday	Sunday
Saturday, February 1	5:00 PM		NO SERVICE	
Sunday, February 2	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant		Jacob Franck
Unity Sunday		Communion Assistant		Nathaniel Hall
		Acolyte		Abby Lorenz
		Organist		Trentin Worsham
Saturday, February 8	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Chad Worsham	
		Communion Assistant	Jermiah Davis	
		Acolyte	Hannah Dorsett	
		Organist	Leigh Ann Jones	
Sunday, February 9	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant		Jacob Franck
		Communion Assistant		Nathaniel Hall
		Acolyte		Noah Mason
		Organist		Angie Brubaker
Saturday, February 15	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Ted McElhaney	
		Communion Assistant	Andrew Crider	
		Acolyte	Ted McElhaney	
		Organist	Drew Dorsett	
Sunday, February 16	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant		Jacob Franck
		Communion Assistant		Nathaniel Hall
		Acolyte		Noelle Lorenz
		Organist		Jeff Derr
Saturday, February 22	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Fred Lange	
		Communion Assistant	Richard Winkelman	
		Acolyte	Fred Lange	
		Organist	Hannah Dorsett	
Sunday, February 23	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant		Jacob Franck
		Communion Assistant		Nathaniel Hall
		Acolyte		Sophia Mason
		Organist		Angie Brubaker

