

The

Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
From the Pastor

October, 2025

This month, I yield to the sainted Dr. Martin Luther to teach us concerning Christ.
Enjoy!

Pastor Lorenz

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“I am the Good Shepherd and know my sheep and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.” John 10:14-15

Who is it that knows and recognizes the sheep while they are so deeply covered up and buried with shame, suffering, death, disgrace, and scandal, that they do not even know themselves? Certainly, none but Christ alone, and He speaks to them these comforting words that in spite of all the things which lead the world and our own flesh and blood astray, He will know His lambs and will not forget them or desert them, although at times He seems to do.

And that He implant this knowledge the firmer in our hearts, He uses a parable, saying: ‘As my Father knoweth me’. And that is indeed a penetrating knowledge, that God the Father knows His dear only begotten Son while He lies in a manger, the child of a wretched beggar, yes, not only unknown, but even disdained and cast out by His own people, yes, and while He hangs most shamefully and ignominiously in the air, bare and naked, between two murderers, as the most wicked blasphemer and stirrer-up of the people, accursed of God and all the world, so that He was moved to cry in great distress: “My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?”

And yet He says here: “My Father knoweth me” (even in such shame, and suffering, and disgrace) as His beloved Son, sent forth by Him to be made the sacrifice and to surrender My soul to save and to redeem my sheep. And in the same way I know the Father and know that He will not forget Me or forsake Me, but that through shame, and cross, and death, He will lead Me to life and to eternal glory.

Likewise My lambs, when they are in sorrow, shame, distress, and death, will learn to know Me as their precious and faithful Saviour, who has suffered like themselves, and have even sacrificed My life for them. And they will trust in Me and look to Me for help....

*Exposition of John 10:12-16,
Quoted in: “Day by Day W Magnify Thee”.
Martin Luther. 187*

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/friends of members recovering in local facilities or home bound.

Canterbury Nursing & Rehab Center – Dan Schmalzried

Envive Health Care – Brian Bowers, Cindy Smith, Paul Stohlmann

Heritage Point of Huntington – Georgianna Bischoff

Kingston on Dupont – Linda Wolfe

Lutheran Life Village (Pine Valley) – John Bischoff

Meadows of Coventry – Julie Hardy

The Village @ Pine Valley – Barba Eickhoff

Tipton Place – Sandra Hauenstein; Rolland Hoch

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

Home – Penelope Brown; Asa Elett; Bradley Heideman; Brenda Kline; Diane Scher

Prayer List: Bill Armstrong (Heart); Jay Beekman; Matt Brubaker; Robin Burnau (cancer, nephew of Shirley Burnau); Joyce Gravley; Rev. Mark Moog (Past LWML Indiana Pastor Counselor, cancer, friend of Linda Crider & Mary Ellen Fuller); Mark Richardson (cancer, nephew of Lowell Richardson); Rick Rogers (cancer, friend of Linda Crider & Mary Ellen Fuller); and Don Webb.

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.

Introducing Field Worker Andrew Harrill



Dear saints of St. Peter Lutheran Church,

My name is Andrew Harrill. I am incredibly blessed to be assigned as your fieldworker for the next two years. My wife, Lorraine, and I look forward to joining your community. I would like to share a bit about us. I was born and raised in the St. Louis, MO area. My father served in the Air Force, and my mother stayed home to care for me and my twin brother, Brandon. My wife is from Michigan, but she has lived in various places throughout the Midwest. Her father is an LCMS pastor, and her mother stayed home to care for her and her five siblings. Her father has served congregations in Indiana, Michigan, and Kentucky. He currently serves as an editor at Concordia Publishing House (CPH).

Lorraine and I met at Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW). There, I studied theology and theological languages, and my wife studied Lutheran and classical education. We married in 2023, during the summer after our sophomore year. Lorraine took a job as a church secretary to support me through my final years of undergraduate studies. In our spare time, we enjoy reading, hiking, camping, board games, and family time.

St. Peter Organizations

Dorcas Circle: The October meeting will be on October 15 with Carmen Matheson as hostess. The meeting will take place in the lower level of the education building. We will meet at 12:30 p.m. Please let Carmen know if you plan to attend.

LWML: LWML will be the host for the October Unity Sunday with a potato bar. A basket will be available for donations with the offering going to our two Field Workers for seminary, book costs or what their needs might be.

Mites continue be collected in church on the first Sunday of each month.. The next LWML gathering will be October 23, 2025 at 7pm. We will also have a Bible Study.

LYF: We have resumed our meetings and we meet on the first Sunday of each month after church. October meeting will be October 5th.

Men's Club: Is currently on sabbatical. Watch for announcements when we will gather again.

Monthly Tuesday Morning Bible

Class: We are studying the book "Bright Valley of Love". 10:30 am, in the school library. We meet the 1st Tuesday of every month. For the month of October we will meet on Tuesday, October 14.

Quilters: The quilters will have quilts for sale on Unity Sunday at the potato bar, October 5. Cost will be \$40.00 per quilt. The money will go for shipping expenses of the quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief.

SPARKS (St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers: SPARKS will meet on Wednesday, October 8 at noon at Moes. The winner of the September drawing was Barbara Derr. Everyone is welcome to join us for food and fellowship.

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.

Seminary Donations

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our seminary by donating items to the seminary's Food and Clothing Co-ops. If you have gently-used items to donate, please place them in the donation bins on the main and lower levels of the school building. The seminary requests that all items be bagged or placed in a box for the safety of their workers.



2025 Greeters

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November	Saturday	Paul & Sue Kellam
	Sunday	Jeremiah, Ginger & Claudia Davis
December	Saturday	Don & Rhonda Webb
	Sunday	Linda, Ian & Andrew Crider

October Unity Sunday

October 5

After Church – 11:30 AM



Happy 80 Plus October Birthday's

Day		Yrs.
7	Ronald Brown	88
18	Donna Dennis	88

Baked Potato with toppings

When: Sunday, October 5

Time: Noon

Place: The lower level of the education building.

Cost: Free will offering

Offering going to St. Peter Field Workers

Please sign up on the sheet to attend is in the Narthex of the church or call the church office so that we are sure to have enough Potatoes. Also sign up to bring a topping is in the Narthex of the church.



A Little Heavenly Humor



LYF Bazaar

The youth group will again sponsor the Fall Bazaar to be held this fall, Saturday, November 1. Donations of craft items as well as candies, jellies, jams, canned good and baked goods will be welcomed. Please bring to the education building by 2pm on Thursday, October 30, or by noon on Friday October 31.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Choir	2 Noon Bulletin Deadline	3	4 UNITY SUNDAY
5 UNITY SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service 11:30 Unity Gathering Noon LYF Jr. Confirmation	6 6:30 Elders	7 11:00 Diaper Store 5:00 Diaper Store	8 9:00 Quilting Noon Sparks 7:00 Choir	9 Noon Bulletin Deadline	10	11 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
12 9:00 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service Jr. Confirmation	13 9:15 Envive Devotions 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 1:30 Heritage Devotions 7:00 Council	14 10:30 Monthly Bible Class 1:30 Envive Bible Study 6:00 Unity Committee	15 9:00 Quilting 12:30 Dorcas Circle 7:00 Choir	16 Noon Bulletin Deadline	17	18 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
19 9:00 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service Jr. Confirmation	20 2:00 Messenger Deadline	21 11:00 Diaper Store 5:00 Diaper Store 7:00 Stewardship	22 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Choir	23 Noon Bulletin Deadline 7:00 LWML	24	25 4:00 Adult Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
26 9:00 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service Jr. Confirmation	27 9:15 Envive Devotions 10:15 Tipton Place Devotions 1:30 Heritage Devotions	28 1:30 Envive Bible Study	29 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Choir	30 Noon Bulletin Deadline	31	

Notes

Jr Confirmation (3rd Year) meet at noon on Sundays

Jr. Confirmation (1st Year) meet at 1:00 pm on Sundays

October 6-11: Pastor unavailable (fall break)

October 20-21: Fall Pastor's Conference

SERVING THIS MONTH

OCTOBER 2025

ELDER

SATURDAY: RANDY PRANGE

SUNDAY: RICHARD SMITH

GREETERS

SATURDAY: Jim & Nancy Bowland

SUNDAY: Karen Smith

ALTAR CARE: Nancy Bowland

			Saturday	Sunday
Sunday, October 5	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant		Nathaniel Hall
Unity Sunday		Communion Assistant		Larry Baade
LWML Sunday		Acolyte		Abby Lorenz
		Organist		Trentin Worsham
Saturday, October 11	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Trentin Worsham	
		Communion Assistant	Eliot Brown	
		Acolyte	Trentin Worsham	
		Organist	Leigh Ann Jones	
Sunday, October 12	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant		Nathaniel Hall
		Communion Assistant		Jeremiah Davis
		Acolyte		Noah Mason
		Organist		Angie Brubaker
Saturday, October 18	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Ted McElhaney	
		Communion Assistant	Erich Hauenstein	
		Acolyte	Landin Kiefer	
		Organist	Drew Dorsett	
Sunday, October 19	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant		Nathaniel Hall
		Communion Assistant		Andrew Harrill
		Acolyte		Noelle Lorenz
		Organist		Jeff Derr
Saturday, October 25	5:00 PM	Communion Assistant	Chad Worsham	
		Communion Assistant	Jeremiah Davis	
		Acolyte	Chad Worsham	
		Organist	Hanna Dorsett	
Sunday, October 26	10:15 AM	Communion Assistant		Nathaniel Hall
Reformation observed		Communion Assistant		Andrew Harrill
		Torch Bearer		Nathaniel Hall
		Torch Bearer		Andrew Harrill
		Cross Bearer		Erich Hauenstein
		Acolyte		Sophia Mason
		Organist		Angie Brubaker

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.