

THE INFORMER



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Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,
May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing,
Rich in love and joy and peace.

Jesus, in teaching His followers, often uses illustrations from His natural creation. One of His often used illustrations is that of "bearing fruit." Just as trees bear fruit, so are we to bear fruit. And we are to bear specific kinds of fruit. We are to bear the fruit of repentance. We are to bear the fruit of righteousness. We are to bear the fruit of light. We are, in all this fruit bearing, to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Laden branches freely bearing
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,
Patience, kindness, gentleness,

Oddly enough, this fruit, which sounds like a large variety of different fruits, is actually all the same fruit. It is the fruit that Jesus bears. It is the life that Jesus lives. Jesus is the source which expresses that life in the fruit borne by His followers. The life of Jesus' followers looks like Jesus.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master,
Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us as the years fly faster,
Goodness, faith, and self-control.

Knowing, then, that apart from Jesus we can do nothing, and knowing that Jesus Himself is the vine and we are His branches, we abide in Jesus and bear His fruit. We abide in Jesus and His words abide in us. In this way the fruit of righteousness grows from each of us and Jesus' life is displayed and shared with everyone around us.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,
May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending,
Heavens love and joy and peace.

The simple fact is that this fruit of righteousness is the fruit of life in this dying world. The life of eternity, the life everlasting, shines through us to those lost in the darkness of sin and draws them to Jesus. This fruit of light shows this world what is really good and right and true. So we live as our Savior's faithful trees and vines, bearing His fruit, and sharing His life!



Volunteer News

We have had several sightings of “undercover” volunteers!

What’s an undercover volunteer, you ask? An undercover volunteer is a person who recognizes that something needs to be done with a specific area of our facility or grounds and then takes it upon themselves to do what needs to be done.

These are people who recognize a need and are willing to take care of that need without fanfare, announcement, or recognition.

While most of these undercover volunteers remain unnoticed as they slip in, do the work needing to be done, and then slip out again, the results of their efforts are obvious and we, the entire congregation, are blessed by their efforts.

Another group who keeps our church running smoothly are the “listed” volunteers. These are the folks who serve... who are “listed”... as Officers, Elders, Trustees, Ushers, Altar Guild members, committee members, and those who take part in the various groups of our congregation.

A heartfelt “thank you!” to both our undercover and our listed volunteers who work to make our church a better place! Your efforts are certainly noticed and appreciated!



Confirmation for 7th & 8th Graders

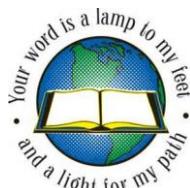


If you know of any children entering the seventh or eighth grade this coming school year, please give their names and contact information to Pastor Hoerr. A child’s seventh and eighth grade school years are the years for Confirmation study and now is the time to plan for this worthwhile education!

We will be beginning Confirmation instruction on Wednesday, September 19th at 5:00 pm this year. We intend to include both first-year and second-year students in the same class for the first portion of the year.

This year’s focus will be on the Bible as we explore the contents of our God’s revelation of Himself to us through the words of Holy Scripture. A comfortable familiarity with God’s Word is a blessing which remains with us forever!

Please contact Pastor with the names and contact information for the children who will be receiving instruction this year.





FROM THE CHAIRMAN

What the heck is going on! This spring we were complaining about too much rain and how many times we had to cut the grass. Now summer comes along and we are counting how many times we didn't cut the grass. Last winter we complained about how cold it was, are we ever satisfied?

How is your garden doing? Tomatoes love the hot weather as long as they get enough water. But so do the weeds and they can grow without the water your vegetables need. I keep telling myself not to worry about things you have no control over only God has control. So keep praying and he will listen. Will Rogers said "Everyone complains about it but nobody does anything".

I overheard a visitor comment on how comfortable it was in the Sanctuary. We told her it was the combination of air conditioning and the fans. I look around on Sunday and notice how many new faces we have, and the really exciting thing is they keep coming back. Welcome to all our new members, we are glad you are here!

Kevin



Sunday School News

All children 3 & older are always welcome! Sunday School will start Sunday, September 9th. We are looking forward to an exciting new year.

If you are able to help teach, work with projects for even just once a month, we would be very grateful! Please see Linda LeLacheur or Pastor.

We will be in need of snacks and bottled water if anyone is able to help out.

Thank You!

Linda LeLacheur



Flowers on the Altar for August

August 5 Genny, Debbie, & Carrie

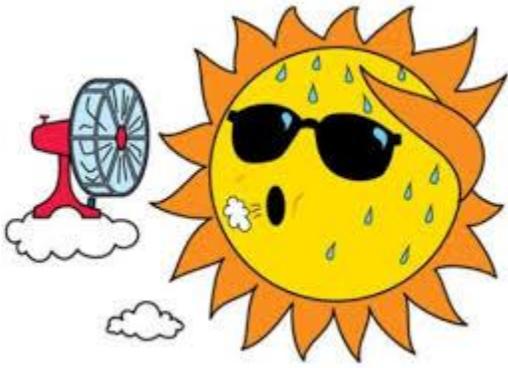
August 12 Beryl Skamiera

August 19 Jim & Laura Neumann

August 26 Ryan & Courtney Smith

Helping the Homeless

Community First (Downriver Medical) is holding a health fair for the homeless, one in Macomb county and one in St. Clair county. They are looking for donations of travel size personal hygiene items also rain ponchos. If you would like to donate we will have a box marked Health Fair for the Homeless in the fellowship hall. We have to hurry because the first fair will be held on August 15th so they will accept donations July 29, August 5th and 12th.



Are you losing your cool in this hot weather?

A couple of our members have window air conditioner units available for those who have need of them.

Contact Pastor if we can help you stay cool during these hot summer months!

Sanctuary Tech Upgrade News

We have wrapped up our fund raising for the Tech Upgrade project. Many thanks to all of you who donated to make that project possible! The generosity demonstrated by individual members as well as by some of our groups has been truly inspirational!

We continue to incorporate the benefits of the Tech Upgrade project into our Sunday services. Evie Steiler and Darryl Watt have volunteered to help in getting the equipment set up and functioning for use in assisted hearing. This will allow another portion of the work to be integrated into our services for the benefit of our members. Many thanks to Darryl and Evie!

We continue to seek volunteers to help in operating the service slides on Sunday morning. The work is not difficult and we all benefit greatly from this act of service to our Lord. If you can climb the balcony stair, we can teach you how easy it is to help in this good work!

A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~ August

Day	Old Testament	New Testament
1 st	Psalms 57, 58, & 59	Romans 4
2 nd	Ps 60, 61, & 62	Rom 5
3 rd	Ps 63, 64, & 65	Rom 6
4 th	Ps 66 & 67	Rom 7
5 th	Ps 68 & 69	Rom 8:1-21
6 th	Ps 70 & 71	Rom 8:22-39
7 th	Ps 72 & 73	Rom 9:1-15
8 th	Ps 74, 75, & 76	Rom 9:16-33
9 th	Ps 77 & 78	Rom 10
10 th	Ps 79 & 80	Rom 11:1-18
11 th	Ps 81, 82, & 83	Rom 11:19-36
12 th	Ps 84, 85, & 86	Rom 12
13 th	Ps 87 & 88	Rom 13
14 th	Ps 89 & 90	Rom 14
15 th	Ps 91, 92, & 93	Rom 15:1-13
16 th	Ps 94, 95, & 96	Rom 15:14-33
17 th	Ps 97, 98, & 99	Rom 16
18 th	Ps 100, 101, & 102	1 Corinthians 1
19 th	Ps 103 & 104	1 Cor 2
20 th	Ps 105 & 106	1 Cor 3
21 st	Ps 107, 108, & 109	1 Cor 4
22 nd	Ps 110, 111, & 112	1 Cor 5
23 rd	Ps 113, 114, & 115	1 Cor 6
24 th	Ps 116, 117, & 118	1 Cor 7:1-19
25 th	Ps 119:1-88	1 Cor 7:20-40
26 th	Ps 119:89-176	1 Cor 8
27 th	Ps 120, 121, & 122	1 Cor 9
28 th	Ps 123, 124, & 125	1 Cor 10:1-18
29 th	Ps 126, 127, & 128	1 Cor 10:19-33
30 th	Ps 129, 130, & 131	1 Cor 11:1-16
31 st	Ps 132, 133, & 134	1 Cor 11:17-34



Thank You Jim and Laura Neumann for a marvelous Church Picnic!



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LOOKING AHEAD

We have been wonderfully blessed these last few months as many of our congregation members have given their time and consideration to the matter of revising our St. Peter constitution and bylaws. Many of the articles of these documents have been reviewed and suggested revisions have been proposed and discussed.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 13th at 7:00 pm. As with the previous meetings, this meeting will close at 8 pm so everyone can get home before dark. Anyone interested in this process is encouraged to join us!

We hope that we will be able to wrap up the section-by-section review at this meeting. With that accomplished, we will be ready to introduce the first complete preliminary version in September.

We certainly appreciate all the time and effort our volunteers have put into this review and revision process! This is an important step in preparing St. Peter Lutheran Church for the future our Savior has in store for us!

