

THE INFORMER



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Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light;
So learn His love, its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth, and height.

Here we are; the year is already almost half over! It's very easy to get into the routine of daily life and allow day after day to flow past us without our really being aware of the passing time. This month's hymn reminds us that we are not to allow our lives to simply drift along without our being engaged in the things that really matter. We're urged to awaken from the lethargy of sleep. We're called to rise from the death-like state of a life focused on the here-and-now; the immediate yet inconsequential things which so easily fill our minds and our schedules. We're called to put aside the temporal and the temporary as we look to Jesus and join Him in sharing His love throughout this hate-filled world.

To us on earth He came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.

Jesus calls us to walk with Him as we live the lives He's given us. He calls us to remember the wonderful blessings He's given us: freedom from sin's condemnation and freedom from all the fears that try to occupy our minds when we allow other things to crowd into our hearts. Jesus invites us into His peace as He urges us to lay down the cares of this world that try to entangle us. He invites us into His peace as He calls us to live as His people. We find ourselves united with Christ as we release and reject our own schemes and efforts and surrender ourselves to His leading in our lives. We find ourselves united in the bond of peace: peace with our God, peace with one another, peace with our circumstances, and peace with whatever the future may bring. We find ourselves united with Christ in His bond of peace as we return to our Lord and follow His ways.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that He might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave.

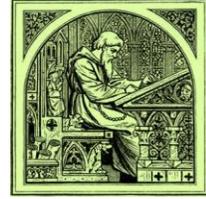
We are called to lives of active Christianity. Being Christ in the places our Lord leads us. This calling has never been a temporary or part-time relationship. We have been bought with a price: the blood of God Himself, given in death so that we might be made alive. Just as we live moment-by-moment in the forgiveness won for us by Jesus in His death and resurrection, so too we now live moment-by-moment as witnesses to that forgiveness. As the forgiven, we forgive: we share the outrageous truth that our loving Creator has saved us from the shame-filled hopelessness of our rebellion against Him and through us calls others into His joyous reconciliation.

For us Christ lived, for us He died,
And conquered in the strife;
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.

So... wake up! Forsake the useless activities and considerations which have entrapped us in distractions for too long. Resolve that Christ and His life will be our guide in planning our lives' priorities and activities. Pray for the Holy Spirit's revelation of our Savior's plan for us. Then watch, as Jesus allows us to be a part of bringing His wonderful salvation into the lives of those around us!



The Elders' Corner



Michigan District Convention 2018



June 24th through June 26th

The following is a list of the proposed Overtures which will be voted upon during the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod's upcoming Convention:

- 1-01 To Affirm the Priesthood of All Believers and Therefore Their Call as Missionaries
- 1-02 To Encourage Personal Evangelism
- 1-03 To Affirm the Efficacy of the Word and Sacraments Apart from Ordination
- 1-04 To Encourage Building Bridges to the Community Through Contextualization
- 1-05 To Affirm the Tension Between Unity in Theology and Mission and Diversity in Practice
- 1-06 To Encourage the Congregations and Pastors of the Michigan District In the Right Practice of Admission to the Lord's Supper
- 1-07 To Encourage Reading the Bible
- 1-08 To Foster Relationships Among Congregations and the Families in Their Lutheran Schools
- 1-09 To Commend the Lutheran Heritage Foundation on its 25th Anniversary

Michigan District Convention 2018

The following continues the list of the proposed Overtures which will be voted upon during the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod's upcoming Convention:

- 2-01 Term Limits of Synodical President
- 2-02 To Affirm the Renaming and Encourage the Continued Work of the Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support
- 2-03 To Amend the Bylaws of the Michigan District Regarding Nominations for District Board of Directors
- 2-04 To Revoke Bylaw 2.14.5 on Ecclesiastical Supervision (A)
- 2-05 To Revoke Bylaw 2.14.5 on Ecclesiastical Supervision (B)
- 2-06 To Revoke the Requirement that District Presidents Acquire Approval of the Council of Presidents to License new Licensed Lay Deacons
- 2-07 To Amend the Church Extension Fund Bylaws on Board matters
- 2-08 To Amend the Church Extension Fund Bylaws to clarify who the CEF serves
- 2-09 To Amend the Church Extension Fund Bylaws to insure continued operation
- 2-10 Bylaw Clarification Regarding Circuit Alignment
- 2-11 Visitation Circuit Realignment and Attachment
- 2-12 To Maintain the Current Alignment of the Midland Circuit
- 2-13 To Consider Voting Privilege to Advisory Delegates
- 2-14 Voting Rights for Commissioned Workers



St. Peter's Trusty Trustees

Summer is here and your Trusty Trustees are on the job!

The exterior of our building has been spruced up by Dan Stahl's power-washing expertise. Thank you, Dan, for your hard work!

The entry door on the parking lot side has received its final coat of paint and is awaiting the installation of the decal signage. Thanks to John Harper for the great paint job and thanks to Beryl Skamiera for donating the signage and thanks to Bill Boike for coordinating the signage installation!

The big tree in the cemetery which had rotted from the inside has been removed and the debris have been cleaned up. Thanks to Charlie Jones for recognizing the problem and coordinating the tree's removal!

The county has given St. Peter notice that the culvert pipe across the south entrance to the parking lot must be replaced. Ken Brockmiller has made arrangements for this work to be accomplished sometime during the summer months. Thanks, Ken, for dealing with the county and the contractor; this will take care of our sink-hole problem in that driveway!

The Men's Club has generously volunteered to cover the costs of the tree removal and the culvert replacement. Many thanks to the Men's Club for their continued help in keeping our facilities in great shape!



Choir News

Your St. Peter choir is now on Summer recess. Our vocalists have worked hard this year and their efforts have added beauty to our services! A hearty "well done!" to all our singers!

Pastor is already pouring over new music for the choir to add to its repertoire. If there are specific songs or styles of music you would like to hear from the choir, please let Pastor know. The choir enjoys broadening its skill sets by learning to sing the many different styles of church music.

First Lutheran in Algonac will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in September. First and St. Peter had been a dual parish for some of those years, and the guest Pastors intending to be a part of the celebration are Pastor Wagner and Pastor Moehring, both of whom also served at St. Peter.

Pastor Herrod of First and our Pastor Hoerr have been discussing the possibility of a joint choir for this anniversary celebration. If you would be interested in joining a joint choir, please see Pastor Hoerr and let him know of your interest.



A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~ June

Day	Old Testament	New Testament
1 st	2 Chronicles 15 & 16	John 12:27-50
2 nd	2 Chr 17 & 18	John 13:1-20
3 rd	2 Chr 19 & 20	John 13:21-38
4 th	2 Chr 21 & 22	John 14
5 th	2 Chr 23 & 24	John 15
6 th	2 Chr 25, 26, & 27	John 16
7 th	2 Chr 28 & 29	John 17
8 th	2 Chr 30 & 31	John 18:1-18
9 th	2 Chr 32 & 33	John 18:19-40
10 th	2 Chr 34, 35, & 36	John 19:1-22
11 th	Ezra 1 & 2	John 19:23-42
12 th	Ezra 3, 4, & 5	John 20
13 th	Ezra 6, 7, & 8	John 21
14 th	Ezra 9 & 10	Acts 1
15 th	Nehemiah 1, 2, & 3	Acts 2:1-21
16 th	Neh 4, 5, & 6	Acts 2:22-47
17 th	Neh 7, 8, & 9	Acts 3
18 th	Neh 10 & 11	Acts 4:1-22
19 th	Neh 12 & 13	Acts 4:23-37
20 th	Esther 1 & 2	Acts 5:1-21
21 st	Esther 3, 4, & 5	Acts 5:22-42
22 nd	Esther 6, 7, & 8	Acts 6
23 rd	Esther 9 & 10	Acts 7:1-21
24 th	Job 1 & 2	Acts 7:22-43
25 th	Job 3 & 4	Acts 7:44-60
26 th	Job 5, 6, & 7	Acts 8:1-25
27 th	Job 8, 9, 7 10	Acts 8:26-40
28 th	Job 11, 12, & 13	Acts 9:1-21
29 th	Job 14, 15, & 16	Acts 9:22-43
30 th	Job 17, 18, & 19	Acts 10:1-23



LOOKING AHEAD

It's really remarkable how quickly time seems to be flying by. We're almost half way through this "new" year of 2018... and, for many of us, it feels like it just started! The clock's hands seem to be spinning faster as the calendar pages continue to turn at a quickening pace.

It's June... and the beginning of summer activities are upon us. But... before we allow the season's activities to carry us along through the next few months... let's take a moment to reflect on the year so far. Remember the end of last year? Those ideas and plans and goals set for the upcoming year? How are those coming along? Have any of those resolutions made their way into our daily habits yet?

I'm sure each of us have some ideas and plans that we've been incorporating into our lives... and other ideas and plans... or maybe just wishes... that have *not* seemed to become a part of our living. As individuals we often find ourselves with more ideas and plans than we have time, energy, or resources to make a part of our lives. We often have to pick and choose which ones we'll pursue... and... if we're not careful... we'll discover that the new year has grown old and we've not picked or chosen any of them!

As the community of St. Peter Lutheran Church, we face a similar problem as time marches on. We realize there are diverse issues which need to be addressed... but the regular flow of life in the church seems to take most of our time and efforts. It's rare to find a few moments to step back from the daily schedule and to consider the bigger picture. The broader view of St. Peter Lutheran Church's missions and ministries is often obscured by the immediate needs of current activities.

But, even as time seems to fly as we focus on the church's short-term needs, we're also confident that our gracious heavenly Father will continue to guide us through the changes we face and will lead us into the future He has for St. Peter Lutheran Church. We are His people and this is His church. As we follow His way we can be confident of His continued care regardless of the uncertainties we face in the future.