

THE INFORMER



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September has certainly come around again very quickly! The “lazy” days of summer seem to have been filled with all sorts of activities and, for most of us, the relaxation we looked forward to enjoying seems to have been in short supply. Regardless of whether we’ve spent the summer in relaxation or in all sorts of activities, we’ve been blessed with the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather, the fruits of our gardens, and the fellowship of our friends and neighbors.

With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.

As September opens, many of the regular activities of St. Peter, Fair Haven are set to begin once again. The Ladies Aid Society holds their meeting on Wednesday, September 5th, our Choir begins their rehearsals again on Thursday, September 6th, our Sunday School recommences on Sunday the 9th, and our Confirmation class reconvenes on Wednesday the 19th. All these activities join our regular monthly meetings and weekly Bible studies and give us opportunities to begin this season in the Lord; to commend our days to His service and to commit ourselves to His care.

Let each day begin with prayer, Praise and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev’ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter’s might, With His presence cheer you.

It’s important for us to commend our days to our God’s service and to commit ourselves to His care. This world, the devil, and our sinful nature are very eager to fill our minds and our days in activities and interests which have no eternal consequence; pleasures and problems and diversions which keep our hearts and minds occupied within ourselves and the things of this world. Regardless of our place in life, our Lord seeks to draw us out of ourselves. He seeks to allow each of us the joy of walking with Him and living in Him.

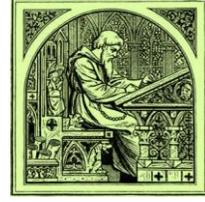
If your task be thus begun With the Savior’s blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow everywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.

As our heavenly Father’s beloved children, we press on toward our God’s calling for our lives. We seek His kingdom, we live in faith toward our God, we live in love toward our neighbor, we listen for the Holy Spirit’s leading through His Word as we walk the course He has given us, and we receive His gifts as we gather as His Church. Our Lord provides each of us many opportunities to serve Him and He shares His joy with us as we join Him in bringing the light of salvation into this sin-darkened world!





The Elders' Corner



The Elders have been actively involved in our congregation's constitution and bylaws review and revision process. We have been thrilled to see the wonderful turn-out as the congregation works through updating these important documents.

The initial article-by-article review has now been completed and the first rough draft of the proposed new constitution and bylaws is being prepared for distribution and review. This review will take place on Monday, September 17th at 7:00 pm. Copies of the proposed constitution and bylaws will be available prior to that meeting. Please take this opportunity to be involved in this process as we prepare St. Peter for the future!



Bible Studies



As the children of God, our faith is strengthened as we receive our Savior's gifts. We're brought into the faith through the waters of Baptism and we live our lives in the Baptismal grace our loving heavenly Father pours out upon us. We're strengthened for eternity as we receive the Lord's Supper. Jesus' body and blood sustains us in the faith as we await our Lord's return. We're established in this faith as we hear the Word of God proclaimed and as we "read mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the Word of God in personal study. Our faith is informed and enlivened as the Holy Spirit works in our hearts and minds through God's powerful Word.

Our Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 8:30 each Sunday morning. We meet for a half hour before the service and we use this time to delve into God's Word, to understand it more fully, and to encourage each other in our Christian walk as we share the Bible's impact in our lives.

Our Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:45 Thursday mornings. The topics for this time of Bible Study seek to better equip us to carry the Word with us as we live our Christian lives.

Everyone is welcome to join either or both of these classes as we study the Bible, share our Christian experiences, and grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Summer is slowly coming to an end, that means the kids will be back in school, leaves will be changing and boom all of a sudden it's Christmas. Okay I forgot Thanksgiving and Halloween, but the most important thing I forgot was Sunday school starts! (Doesn't it feel like it just ended) Our Sunday school runs so smooth because of the dedication of our teachers, but they could really use some help! They are in need of teachers and helpers, so if you could spare a Sunday or two please see Linda LeLacheur or Pastor. The rewards are priceless.

The Constitution and By-Law meeting are going very well. It is good to see so many people getting involved in this process. If you are interested in this process please feel free to come to the next meeting.

Looking around the church last Sunday I noticed how many new faces we have. Years ago the old members outnumbered the new members, it is fun to see how that has turned around. Let's keep it going! In September we will be accepting into membership two more members. Many blessings! Kevin



Sunday School News

“WELCOME BACK SUNDAY SCHOOL”, that’s what you will see as you walk into church on Sunday, September 9th! We are anxious to have our children gathered back for another year of learning and fun! Please encourage and invite any child between the ages of 3 and 12, to join us for our Sunday School. We are in need and accepting donations of water bottles and snacks.

Thank you in advance!

Linda LeLacheur



Ark Encounter and Creation Museum

Our Bus Trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum is almost here!

Hopefully everyone has received the itinerary for the trip. If not, there are still some on the bulletin board. Always feel free to call me with any questions.

As far as “What should I wear”, clothing goes, wear what your’re comfortable in. Not your pajamas, but casual will work just fine. September is unpredictable, so I would check Cincinnati Weather a couple of days before departure. Just wear comfortable walking shoes. A light jacket for those that are going on the B&B River Cruise is advisable.

The River Cruise will happen rain or shine. Some may want to bring an umbrella or slicker if rain does occur.

If anyone is creative and knows some bus games, we can play, I am open for suggestions. I’m sure we have plenty to talk about, but it is a bit of a drive, so put on your thinking caps.

I know, I’m looking forward to this trip. I have heard from a number of people what a wonderful experience it is. So see you all on Tuesday, September 11th at 9:00 AM and may God Bless us on a safe and inspirational trip!

Thanks, Karen



Flowers on the Altar for September

September 2	Margaret Nizza
September 9	Janet Thueme
September 16	Kevin & Debbie Labuhn
September 23	John Anderson
September 30	Jean Kettel



September Coffee Crew

September 2	Linda LeLacheur
September 9	Jean Kettel
September 16	Ray & Marie Maison
September 23	Jim & Laura Neumann
September 30	Evie Stieler



Meeting Info:

September 25th

Noon

Box Lunch

St. Peter Lutheran

Host Good Shepherd

6745 Palms Rd. Fair Haven

Bring donation of diapers, or

Gift Cards: Meijer or Walmart.



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Confirmation for 7th & 8th Graders



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



Please contact one of your Trusty Trustees if you notice our facilities needing maintenance or improvement. The following are our Trustees:

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Choir News

Thursday, September 6th is the day your St. Peter choir will be getting back to making beautiful music together! As we do each year, we will be working on new music for the approaching holidays and preparing to enhance our services with harmonious musical offerings!

This year we have an added blessing as well. Our sister congregation, First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Algonac will be celebrating their 75th anniversary on Sunday, September 30th at 2:00 pm. Since St. Peter, Fair Haven and First, Algonac were joined as a dual parish for many years, our St Peter choir is joining with members of First to create a “Dual Parish Choir” for that celebration event!

If you would like to join your voice in these exciting musical moments, please join us for practices on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.



A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~ September

Day	Old Testament	New Testament
1 st	Psalms 135 & 136	1 Corinthians 12
2 nd	Ps 137, 138, & 139	1 Cor 13
3 rd	Ps 140, 141, & 142	1 Cor 14:1-20
4 th	Ps 143, 144, & 145	1 Cor 14:21-40
5 th	Ps 146 & 147	1 Cor 15:1-28
6 th	Ps 148, 149, & 150	1 Cor 15:29-58
7 th	Proverbs 1 & 2	1 Cor 16
8 th	Pro 3, 4, & 5	2 Corinthians 1
9 th	Pro 6 & 7	2 Cor 2
10 th	Pro 8 & 9	2 Cor 3
11 th	Pro 10, 11, & 12	2 Cor 4
12 th	Pro 13, 14, & 15	2 Cor 5
13 th	Pro 16, 17, & 18	2 Cor 6
14 th	Pro 19, 20, & 21	2 Cor 7
15 th	Pro 22, 23, & 24	2 Cor 8
16 th	Pro 25 & 26	2 Cor 9
17 th	Pro 27, 28, & 29	2 Cor 10
18 th	Pro 30 & 31	2 Cor 11:1-15
19 th	Ecclesiastes 1, 2, & 3	2 Cor 11:16-33
20 th	Ecc 4, 5, & 6	2 Cor 12
21 st	Ecc 7, 8, & 9	2 Cor 13
22 nd	Ecc 10, 11, & 12	Galatians 1
23 rd	Song of Solomon 1, 2, & 3	Gal 2
24 th	Song 4 & 5	Gal 3
25 th	Song 6, 7, & 8	Gal 4
26 th	Isaiah 1 & 2	Gal 5
27 th	Is 3 & 4	Gal 6
28 th	Is 5 & 6	Ephesians 1
29 th	Is 7 & 8	Eph 2
30 th	Is 9 & 10	Eph 3



LOOKING AHEAD

Where did summer go? It seems like the days and months are passing more and more quickly. Our summer schedule is giving way to our normal schedule... whatever “normal” really means these days! Schools are getting back in session and many activities are returning from their brief break.

Our Church Year continues to roll along as well. Unlike the regular calendar year, the Church Year concludes with the Sunday of the Fulfillment and our traditional Thanksgiving Eve service in November. Right now we are continuing in the Time of the Church: the time where Jesus continues His earthly ministry through His Church. Our Sunday readings have been leading us to give fresh thought to the faith we have been given through Jesus, our Savior.

As the summer wanes and autumn begins to make itself known, our heavenly Father continues to lead and guide us as His people. May the Holy Spirit keep each of us walking in His loving way as the activities of the season begin once again!

