

THE INFORMER



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Come, ye thankful people, come; / Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in / Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide / For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; / Raise the song of harvest home.

The month of November reminds us how quickly time passes as the last few warm days of autumn give way to the increasingly chillier winds of the coming winter. We clean up our yards, rake the leaves, and prepare our gardens for their long winter naps. Our minds turn increasingly toward the coming holidays as we begin to think about all the decorations and presents and activities of the Christmas season.

But before that busy time arrives, we pause in November to celebrate a national day of Thanksgiving. We are reminded to gather together as the people of our God to join in a celebration of prayer and thanksgiving for our heavenly Father's bountiful providence in providing all we need for the lives He's given to us.

All the world is God's own field, / Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and Tares together sown, / Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, / Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we / Wholesome grain and pure may be.

And our God is certainly worthy of our praise and thanksgiving. He has created a beautiful universe within which this world exists. He has created an environment that supports and nurtures our lives. He has given us skills and sensibilities which allow us to produce the goods

and services needed for our lives. Even as we and the creation experience the terrible effects of sin, our heavenly Father ensures we have all we need for this life.

For the Lord, our God, shall come / And shall take His harvest home.
From His field shall in that day / All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last / In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store / In His garner evermore.

We also remember that our God has provided for us in eternity as well. At the Father's command, Jesus will descend with His holy angels and will gather all people of all time to stand before Him. Jesus will separate the sheep from the goats; the children of life from the children of death. This fallen creation will be destroyed by fire and our loving heavenly Father will create the new heavens and the new earth, the place where God's children will live with Him forever. We give thanks to our God for His wonderful, eternal care!

Even so, Lord, quickly come / To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, / Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There forever purified, / In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come, / Raise the glorious harvest home.



The Word from the Chairman!



November. When we say the word what do we think of? Thanksgiving! The time of year to give thanks to God for everything we have. Whether because of Covid, the weather, or health issues, this year, like last year, many things have not gone very well. But I think God has a plan to change things!

As we begin to make plans for Christmas and decorating the church which is always a special day for me, it brings back memories!! A new tree has been

purchased which is not as tall but will be easier to decorate. So please come if you can to help decorate the church and enjoy the fellowship. Start thinking about Christmas!

Kevin Labuhn

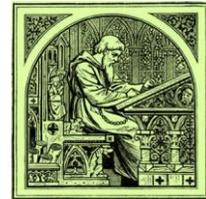
Choir News

Your St. Peter Choir practices on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. We would love to have you join us!

There are no qualifications needed to join in the fun, so if you enjoy singing and like the company of friendly and supportive people, this is the group for you!



The Elders' Corner



Thanksgiving Eve Services

We will be holding our Thanksgiving Eve services on Wednesday, November 24th. A service at 4:00 pm will be held at First Lutheran and a service at 7:00 pm will be held at St. Peter. Please mark your calendar and join with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we raise songs and prayers of thanksgiving to our God for His providential care and gracious love!

Hanging of the Greens

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the holidays on Saturday, November 27th, from 9:00 am until 12:00. Join us as we prepare our facility for our Advent and Christmas celebrations!

Mid-Week Advent Services

Our mid-week Advent services will be starting on Wednesday, December 1st. Services will be at 4:00 pm at First Lutheran and at 7:00 pm at St. Peter. We will be joining together for a fellowship meal at 6:00 pm each Wednesday at St. Peter, to enjoy each other's company prior to the Advent service.



St. Peter's Trusty Trustees

We usually don't hear a lot about them, but our Board of Trustees is always on the job keeping our facilities in good shape! They handle big jobs like pursuing our septic field replacement and they handle little jobs like changing light bulbs and making sure our furnaces are operating correctly.

Serving on the Board of Trustees is John Harper, Charlie Jones, Ken Brockmiller, Dan Stahl, and Bill Boike. Feel free to suggest any ideas for the improvement of our facilities!

Christian Education News



November is here and it's time for us to start practicing for our Christmas program. All children from three to 6th grade are welcome. Sunday school is a time for all children to learn about Jesus' love for them!

Holiday Bake Sale



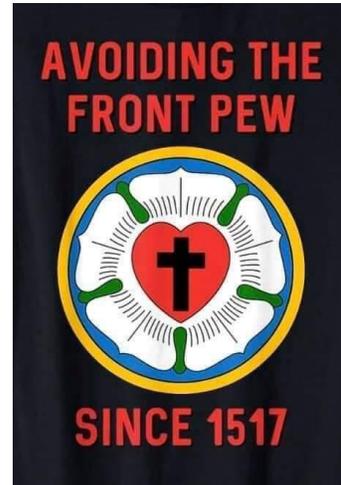
*Saturday November 20th, 2021
10:00 am till 2:00 pm*



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Sign up to bring your favorite holiday goodies!

Lutheran Funnies



To withhold forgiveness is to
take poison and expect the
unforgiven to die.

~ Saint Augustine



LOOKING AHEAD

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

~ Psalm 95:1 & 2

The Festival seasons of the Church Year are fast approaching! The Festivals begin with the celebration of Thanksgiving Eve. We then enter the anticipatory time of Advent as we approach the Festival of Christmas. Our times of celebration continue as we gather on New Year's Eve to ask Our God's blessings on the starting year. The Festival of Christmas itself lasts for twelve days; from Christmas Day to the Day of Epiphany.

The Church Year is organized to provide each of us many opportunities to gather as our heavenly Father's chosen people, receive His gifts, and rejoice together as the family of God. We gather together as God's people and we rejoice together in the salvation we have been given!

If you haven't in the past, resolve now to join us as we go through this festive season. Join with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we celebrate Thanksgiving Eve. Prepare for the commemoration of our Savior's birth by attending our mid-week Advent services. Rejoice again in Jesus' birth as we gather on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Start your New Year celebrations in praise of our God. Join with the family of God as we come into His presence with thanksgiving and praise!

