

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, 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!



The Word from the Chairman!



Greetings,

What a joy to be able to serve the church as the new President! I am in awe of our members who have been with the church for a very long time. I feel it is important to know the history so when us new guys make history it's right.

Most of the church has gotten back to normal after the Covid pandemic, most importantly we continued our Church services with only a few minor changes. However, the operations of Church needs some improvement.

It has been great that everyone has stepped up and helped in areas that needed help. Fellowship and ushers are just two. the Council will begin its quarterly meeting again soon to form the proper committees.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the church Picnic August 21st!

Randy Wildner

1 Peter 4:11 - whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ



The Elders' Corner



The Convention of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod was held this past June, and St. Peter was represented by Pastor Hoerr as the clergy representative and by Debi Hoerr as the layperson delegate. The purpose of the Convention was to provide an opportunity for representatives from every Michigan LCMS congregation to gather, join together in worship and Bible study, and to vote on whatever official overtures had been submitted by the congregations.

Many of the overtures addresses issues which are foundational to the church. These included encouragements to enhance Bible reading within our congregations and the recognition that joining in worship is a foundational aspect of the life of the church and the members of each congregation. These kind of overtures were passed overwhelmingly.

Two specific topics were and will continue to be of concern to our District and its member churches. The first was the condition of our Concordia Universities. The current regulatory climate is making it increasingly difficult for our LCMS Universities to maintain their Lutheran distinctives. How to address this will continue to be considered and debated in the future.

The other challenge facing our churches is the “pastor shortage.” How men are drawn and encouraged to become pastors, how they are trained, and the cost and time needed for that training will continue to be a serious topic of conversation within our churches, our Districts, and our Synod.

St. Peter Lutheran Church Picnic!

**Sunday, August 21st
starting at 1:00 pm**



Come join the fun!!!



St. Peter's Trusty Trustees

Your St. Peter Trustees have been working throughout the summer!

Work on the septic and plumbing upgrade project should begin toward the end of August or the beginning of September. Fundraising to cover this work continues. We hope to have the entire needed amount raised by the time the work is completed.

In other Trustee news, the sinkhole in the parking lot has been filled and patched!

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

Bill Boike ~

Ken Brockmiller ~

John Harper ~

Charlie Jones ~

Dan Stahl ~



Choir News

On Thursday September 8th at 6:30 pm, your St. Peter Choir will begin preparing an assortment of songs for the upcoming worship season. We will be holding practices every week and are looking forward to adding our voices to the worship services!

Regardless of your level of singing ability or experience, if music is a pleasure to you consider joining us on September 8th. Raising our voices in praise to our God is a wonderful way to worship our Lord and bring blessings to our congregation... it's also a lot of fun!

We'll see you on the 8th!



Volunteer Opportunities



Sunday School

Our Sunday School program is looking for teachers and helpers to assist them in our Sunday School classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to help in sharing Jesus with the next generations of St. Peter members! If you would like further information concerning this opportunity to serve, please speak to Linda LeLacheur or Pastor.

Fellowship Hosts

We enjoy a time of fellowship after every service and our time together is enhanced as we enjoy coffee and donuts together. Our volunteer fellowship hosts make the coffee, provide the donuts, set up, and clean up after the service. If you would like to join in this service to our community, please see Pastor or one of our hosts for more information.

Volunteers Needed

There are many activities here which cannot happen without an individual or couple being willing to keep them going. In the past we have collected food items for the local Food Pantries and personal care items for the VA hospital. If

you would be willing to periodically drop the food off at the pantries or deliver the items to the VA hospital, please speak with Pastor.

Volunteer Groups

There are many groups with which you can be involved! There are Bible Studies to take part in, there is also the Choir, the Altar Guild, and the Cemetery Committee, to name a few. If you're interested in participating in any of these groups, please don't hesitate to ask Pastor about them!

Confirmation for 7th & 8th Graders

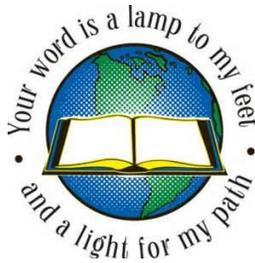


If you know of any children entering the seventh or eighth grade this year, please give their names and contact information to Pastor Hoerr. A child's seventh and eighth grade school years are the years for Confirmation study and now is the time to plan for this worthwhile education!

We will be beginning Confirmation instruction on Thursday, September 8th at 5:00 pm. Both first-year and second-year students will meet at this time.

This year's focus will be on the Bible. Our goal will be to gain a comfortable familiarity with God's Word as we allow it to inform our minds and shape our thinking.

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



Christian Education News



Sunday school will start on September 17th! All children 3 years and up to 7th grade are welcome. We will be starting a Faith Friends program for all children including the confirmands. I'll talk about this program before our church services for those that have not heard of it before. It is similar to a secret pal, with the emphasis on connecting our children and our adults within the congregation. It is a way for our children to meet and know the adults and for the adults to meet and know the children.

If anyone is interest in helping with teaching this year, please see either Pastor or myself. It's going to be a fun year as we learn about Jesus and his love for us and singing songs.

If you are able to contribute water or snacks we would be very grateful. Thank you as always for bring your children and grandchildren.

Linda LeFacheur

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



LOOKING AHEAD

The summer schedule is in full swing! Those plans to slow down and take it easy are now being followed... and we find that we're moving as fast in our "relaxation" as we were in our "regular" schedules! We all face the risk of falling into a chronic busyness that sucks the little pleasures out of our day to day lives. The small joys... those little gifts from our loving heavenly Father... dry up and blow away as we rush past them without notice. Our efforts to do everything we think we might like to do and our concern that we may miss something often conspire to fill our schedules to overflowing. Add in the unexpected events that require our attention, and soon we find the days flying by in a hurried, harried blur.

As this Summer rolls on, let's give a few moments of prayerful reflection on our heavenly Father's intentions for our use of the time He's given us. Psalm 31 reminds us that our times are in our heavenly Father's hands. In Psalm 90, we're reminded to go to our heavenly Father for help with managing our days. It's good for us to pray with the Psalmist, "Teach us to number our days, that we may get a heart of wisdom." Our loving Lord is both interested and involved in how we spend the time He has given us in this life.

Remembering that our gracious heavenly Father is intimately involved in our lives is a great remedy for the chronic busyness that takes the joy from our days. Begin each day by remembering the truth: "This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it!" That joy, and the peace that only our God can give, are the gifts we're offered each and every day of our lives. In Psalm 34 we're invited to "taste and see that the Lord is good!" That's an invitation to each of us for every moment of every day. Let's remember our God in these summer days and let's *let* the joy of the Lord be our strength!

