

# THE INFORMER



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Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And make our hearts Your place of rest;  
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,  
And fill the hearts which You have made.

The Church Year's Time of Easter ends on the day of Pentecost. Jesus ascends into heaven as the disciples watch. Then, as Jesus had told them, they wait in Jerusalem because they are to receive power from on high. That power was given to them by the Holy Spirit, who, on that first Pentecost, was poured out upon them just as Jesus had promised.

To You, the Counselor, we cry,  
To You, the gift of God Most High;  
The fount of life, the fire of love,  
The soul's anointing from above.

The Holy Spirit made His home in each of us through the waters of our Baptism. That washing not only washed the damnation of sin from our souls, it also cleansed our souls so that we could receive the life of God. That life of God filled us as we were filled with the Holy Spirit. We were saved from the domination of the devil and we became children of almighty God Himself!

Your light to ev'ry thought impart,  
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.

The Holy Spirit is also our constant companion. He opens our minds to understand God's Word as it is read and preached. He ignites and strengthens faith in our hearts as we receive our Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. He grants us spiritual eyes to realize and experience the love of our heavenly Father. He leads us through the dangers and snares of this life as He keeps us safe in salvation.

Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting Guide,  
No evil can with us abide.

The Holy Spirit guards and protects us from all the trickery and wiles of the devil. He is our peace and comfort in the midst of sorrows and suffering. Everything we need to stand against the evils of this world, everything that strengthens and supports our faith, and everything that allows us to walk in our heavenly Father's love, all those things, are gifts from the Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit and bless us with Your presence!

Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.



## **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 church and then takes it upon themselves to do what needs to be done.**

**These are the people who recognize a need and are willing to address 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.**

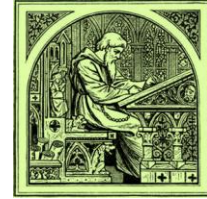
**Another group who keeps our church running smoothly are our “listed” volunteers. These are the folks who serve... who are “listed”... our Officers, Elders, Trustees, Ushers, Altar Guild members, committee members, and those who take part in the various groups of our congregation.**

**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!**





## The Elders' Corner



Our God calls us to gather together as His people. Why? Why does He call us to gather together? So that He can take what He wants from us, like collecting taxes? So that we can repay Him for giving us life? So He can feel better about Himself as we worship Him? Why does our God call us to gather together?

The wonderful truth is... our God calls us to gather together... so that He can bless us! That's right, *bless* us. Or heavenly Father, the almighty God, has no needs we can possibly fill! He is complete in Himself. The only thing we have that He does *not* have, is sin. And His holy glory destroys sin, so He's certainly not interested in our offering Him our sinfulness.

But wait! Isn't that exactly what He's done through our Savior, Jesus Christ? Jesus took the damnation of our sin so that we would be welcomed into our heavenly Father's presence! Since we are in Christ, our God's holy glory is no longer a danger to us! Through Jesus we are welcomed into our heavenly Father's presence as we gather as His people and our gracious God blesses us!

How does He bless us? He blesses us... with Himself! His Holy Spirit enlivens us as we hear His Word read and preached. We actually *see* our God as He welcomes us to His Altar to join Him in Holy Communion. We receive our heavenly Father's gifts of love and joy, His gifts of grace and peace, His gifts of life and salvation every time we gather as His Church!

*This* is why we gather as His people each week! We gather, and we are blessed!





## Choir News

By the time you're reading this the choir will be heading toward a hiatus for the summer months. We will wrap up our singing schedule by singing for both the Festival of Pentecost and the Festival of the Holy Trinity the first two Sundays of this month.

This has been another year of learning for our choir and we rejoice in the successes with which we've been blessed! We'll be reconvening in early September so now is the time to start exercising those voices and expanding those vocal ranges!

Enjoy your summer!

## Christian Education News



*Our Sunday School wrapped up the 2021/2022 year with a party on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The children enjoyed games and food as they celebrated another year of Sunday School.*

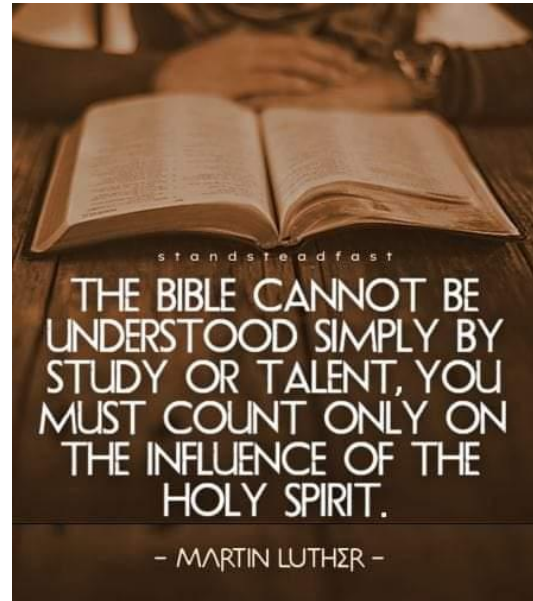
*A huge "Thank You!!" to all our volunteers who made Sunday School possible this year! Your service to the Lord is greatly appreciated!*

*Information concerning the start of the 2022/2023 Sunday School year will be coming out in late August and early September.*

# *Lutheran Funnies*

Some things are  
better left unsaid.

Which I generally  
realize right after  
I have said them.



## A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~ June

<b>Day</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 Chronicles 15 & 16	John 12:27-50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 Chr 17 & 18	John 13:1-20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 Chr 19 & 20	John 13:21-38
4 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chr 21 & 22	John 14
5 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chr 23 & 24	John 15
6 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chr 25, 26, & 27	John 16
7 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chr 28 & 29	John 17
8 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chr 30 & 31	John 18:1-18
9 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chr 32 & 33	John 18:19-40
10 <sup>th</sup>	2 Chr 34, 35, & 36	John 19:1-22
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ezra 1 & 2	John 19:23-42
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ezra 3, 4, & 5	John 20
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ezra 6, 7, & 8	John 21
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ezra 9 & 10	Acts 1
15 <sup>th</sup>	Nehemiah 1, 2, & 3	Acts 2:1-21
16 <sup>th</sup>	Neh 4, 5, & 6	Acts 2:22-47
17 <sup>th</sup>	Neh 7, 8, & 9	Acts 3
18 <sup>th</sup>	Neh 10 & 11	Acts 4:1-22
19 <sup>th</sup>	Neh 12 & 13	Acts 4:23-37
20 <sup>th</sup>	Esther 1 & 2	Acts 5:1-21
21 <sup>st</sup>	Esther 3, 4, & 5	Acts 5:22-42
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Esther 6, 7, & 8	Acts 6
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Esther 9 & 10	Acts 7:1-21
24 <sup>th</sup>	Job 1 & 2	Acts 7:22-43
25 <sup>th</sup>	Job 3 & 4	Acts 7:44-60
26 <sup>th</sup>	Job 5, 6, & 7	Acts 8:1-25
27 <sup>th</sup>	Job 8, 9, 7 10	Acts 8:26-40
28 <sup>th</sup>	Job 11, 12, & 13	Acts 9:1-21
29 <sup>th</sup>	Job 14, 15, & 16	Acts 9:22-43
30 <sup>th</sup>	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 2022... 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 activities and ministries is often obscured by the immediate nature of current needs.

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.