

THE INFORMER



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September is here! Summer vacations are coming to a close and pretty soon the school bells will be ringing throughout the area. “Back to school.” That short phrase conveys a wealth of information and conjures up a wide range of emotions. For children it means a return to the classroom and a return to learning. For adults with school-age children it means a more structured home schedule and often a more hectic pace as school activities are added to everything else. For older adults it means watching out for school buses and taking part in the activities of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The start of a new school year is certainly a change from our summer routine!

Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near
Let me Your Word pure e'er retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

We as God's children are also called to go “back to school.” In fact, with the Holy Spirit as our teacher, we are never very far from the “classroom” He uses to teach us the ways of our Savior, Jesus. Our lives are the classroom in which the Holy Spirit opens our heavenly Father's revelation of Himself, grants us understanding of the wonderful things our God has accomplished for us, and the training ground He uses to apply and establish that truth in each of our lives.

Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has power to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

Our God's revelation of Himself comes to us in His revealed Word. The Bible is the textbook given to every Christian to “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest.” God's people of all ages are to immerse themselves in the Word and allow it to enlighten both hearts and minds in the

revealed truth of our God. As St. Peter Lutheran Church, we are provided opportunities to grow in the Word. Sunday School provides a strong foundation for our youngest members, Confirmation instruction provides our young adults in-depth study in the doctrine of the faith, and Bible classes allow for continuing study in many different areas of Biblical knowledge.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory praise and honor be
Now, and throughout eternity.

Our Teacher, the Holy Spirit, reminds us of the Word we've heard and read, He applies it in our daily lives, and through that Word He fixes our hearts and minds on our Savior, Jesus Christ. As the new school year starts, let the Holy Spirit ignite a hunger for His Word. Regularly take a few moments to anchor your heart in Scripture: allow it to fill you. Allow it to change you! Join with your friends in Bible study and reap the harvest our God has promised to give you. We are truly blessed as the Holy Spirit "takes us to school!"

Welcome
Back To
School



The Word from the
Chairman!



Greetings,

Where has summer gone! Hopefully we will have an Indian summer and can enjoy Michigan's beautiful fall.

The church picnic was a success, the rain stopped before noon, as arranged, and the sun even came out later in the day. Big River BBQ was awesome as were all

the side dishes and deserts. Wiffle golf, and the chip and go games were the big hits, not much action on the cornhole boards.

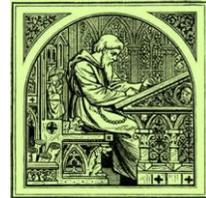
An emergency Board meeting was held and we settled several items that needed to be addressed before the 4th quarter meeting. They have been added to the calendar. The board will typically be meeting the second Monday of the first month every quarter in the future. All are welcome and encouraged to come and participate as we plan activities for our congregation!

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



As the summer vacation months pass and the sunshine fades ever earlier in the evening skies, we find ourselves re-entering the “busy” part of the year here at St. Peter.

Choir practice is the first activity to recommence. The choir’s first rehearsal is on Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 pm. Our St. Peter choir provides everyone in our congregation an opportunity to exercise their love of singing.

Sunday School begins again on Sunday, September 11th. It is always a pleasure to see so many of the congregation’s children gathered together to learn about Jesus and sing praises to our heavenly Father.

Confirmation instruction begins on Thursday, September 8th at 5:00 pm. Our class will include both first and second year students as we study the Bible together.

Our Bible Studies will commence again with our Thursday Bible class beginning on September 8th at 10:45 each Thursday morning. Sunday morning Bible study will commence on Sunday, September 11th at 8:30 am in Pastor's office.

The festival season in our Church Year will be here very shortly as it begins with the Festival of the Reformation on Sunday, October 30th. November begins with the Festival of All Saints on Sunday, November 6th and our Church Year ends as it brings us an opportunity to join together on Thanksgiving Eve to praise our God for His bountiful providence!

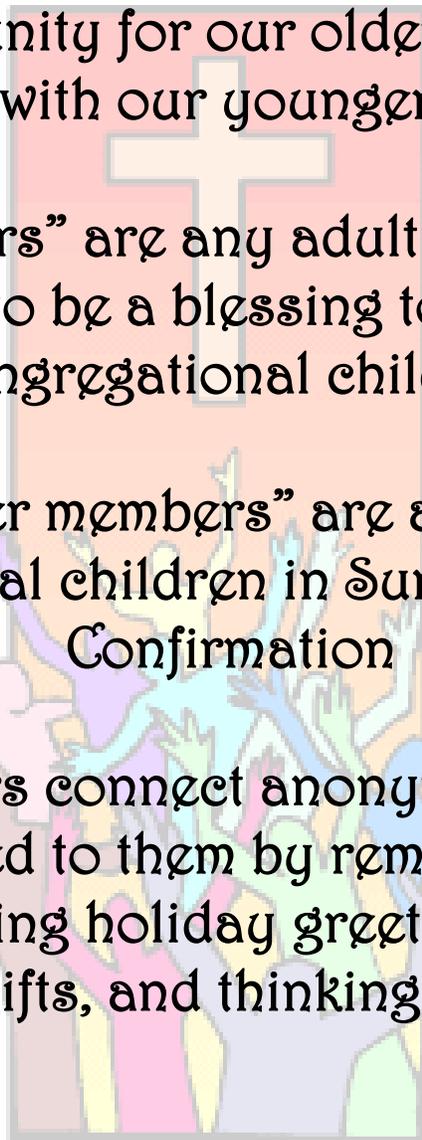
Faith Friends

An opportunity for our older members to connect with our younger members

“Older members” are any adult or adult couple who want to be a blessing to one of our congregational children

“Younger members” are any of our congregational children in Sunday School or Confirmation

Adult members connect anonymously with the child assigned to them by remembering their birthday, sending holiday greetings, occasional small gifts, and thinking of you's



For more information contact Linda LeBlachur ~
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St. Peter's Trusty Trustees

Your St. Peter Trustees continue their work!

In order to keep our “new” carpets looking good, we will be having the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall carpets cleaned in September. We’ll be saying “goodbye” to those pesky coffee stains!

We, like you, are still waiting for the septic field renovation to begin. We’ll keep you posted as we hear more from the contractor.

In other Trustee news, the garage got a good scrubbing and it certainly shines!

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 ~



St. Peter Cemetery Committee



A meeting has been planned for the cemetery committee on Wednesday, September 21st at 3:00 pm.

The committee is made up of Pastor and Debi Hoerr, Ken and Marie Brockmiller, Debra Fletcher, and Kevin and Deb Labuhn. If I have missed someone or if you would like to join the Cemetery Committee please see Deb Labuhn.

If you can't make the meeting please see me and I will let you know what I need from the committee. We will be updating the map of all the graves and going over the cemetery's policies.

**Thank you,
Debbie Labuhn**



Scrapbook Saturday is on September 17th from 12 noon till 8 pm. Bring a dish to pass and join the fun.

We are changing the name of the activity to "Craft Saturday" because we usually have a variety of things going on. Some people are working on scrapbooks, some are making journals, and one lady was making a wreath!

Join us for the fellowship and fun!



Choir News

On Thursday September 1st at 6:30 pm, your St. Peter Choir will begin another season of practices. We're starting early because we have some exciting opportunities to sing in early September.

We will be singing here at St. Peter for Sunday School Rally Day, September 11th, then we will be joining with our friends at First Lutheran to help bolster their choir for the Installation of their new pastor, the Rev. John Greig.

Regardless of your level of singing ability or experience, if music is a pleasure to you consider joining us on September 1st. 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 1st!



Christian Education News



Sunday school will start on September 11th! All children 3 years and up to 7th grade are welcome. We are looking forward to another great year of learning about Jesus' love for us, singing songs of praise to our God, and doing all sorts of interesting projects as we learn about our loving heavenly Father.

If anyone is interest in helping with teaching this year, please see either Pastor or myself. It's going to be an exciting year for our children!

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

The Faith Friends program is in the sign-up stage for adults and we appreciate all those who have already signed up! The program is similar to a secret pal, with the emphasis on connecting our children and our adults within the congregation. There's still time to sign up!

Linda LeFacheur



Altar Guild



The St. Peter Altar Guild continues their faithful service to our congregation week after week, month after month, and year after year. We have been blessed with a wonderful group of volunteers who help keep our services running smoothly and pleasantly.

Our St. Peter Altar Guild volunteers are as follows:

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| January ~ Linda Hansen | February ~ Marie Brockmiller |
| March ~ Jessica Hoerr | April ~ Debbie Beres & Carrie Cain |
| May ~ Karen Williams | June ~ Sandy Carr |
| July ~ Claudis Methner | August ~ Myra Wildner |
| September ~ available | October ~ Laura Neumann |
| November ~ Debbie Labuhn | December ~ Debi Hoerr |

If you would be interested in serving on the Altar Guild during the month of September, please contact Debi Hoerr at 810-420-0028 or speak with her after service.

Thank you very much to all our Altar Guild volunteers. Your work is a great blessing to all of us!

A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~ September

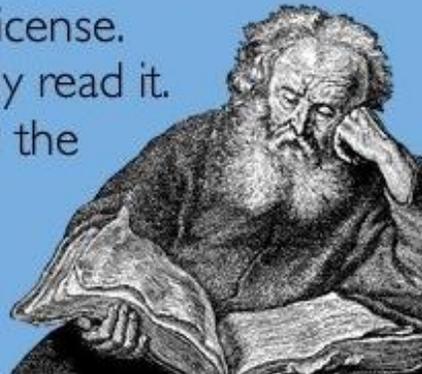
| Day | Old Testament | New Testament |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 st | Psalms 135 & 136 | 1 Corinthians 12 |
| 2 nd | Ps 137, 138, & 139 | 1 Cor 13 |
| 3 rd | Ps 140, 141, & 142 | 1 Cor 14:1-20 |
| 4 th | Ps 143, 144, & 145 | 1 Cor 14:21-40 |
| 5 th | Ps 146 & 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 |

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| 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

For many Christians, the Bible is like a software license. They don't actually read it. They just scroll to the bottom and click, "I agree."



The Bible is our God's revelation of Himself. The pages of Holy Scripture are the inspired Word of God just as Jesus Himself is the incarnate Word of God. The Holy Spirit works through the inspired Word to keep us safe in the

salvation won for us by the incarnate Word. Everything that we can know about our Triune God is available to us through the Bible.

Since Holy Scripture is the only rule and norm for our Christian faith, we are called to read, mark, learn, and make it a part of our lives. The words of Scripture have been passed down to us so that they may “make their home” in our hearts and our minds. The Holy Spirit uses the Word we’ve learned to draw us closer to our God and to allow us to think God’s thoughts.

If regular Bible reading has not been one of your habits, now is a great time to carve out a few minutes each day to allow your God to be your Teacher and Advisor. It will change your life!