

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church and Preschool Newsletter
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The Lectionary

- Pastor Sorenson

The month of June brings with it three straight weeks of feast days in the Church. On Sunday, June 2nd, we will observe the feast of Christ's ascension. The next Sunday, June 9th, the Easter season will come to a close as we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Finally, on Sunday, June 16th, we will celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity. After these three weeks, the Church enters into the long season after Pentecost. This season, which lasts until Advent begins in December, is often referred to as "ordinary time" or the "non-festival season" in the Church, due to the ordinary nature of every Sunday with no large feasts like Christmas or Easter.

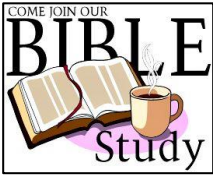
It is easy, then, for the Church to doze off during this long season. Week after week, month after month, it seems like the same thing is happening over and over again and there is nothing to energize us. Of course, we know this is not the case because each and every Sunday the Lord comes to bring us life and salvation through the forgiveness of sins. Nevertheless, these summer months are difficult without any structure or goal to them.

It is at these times when the lectionary, and understanding what the lectionary is, is of such great importance to us. The lectionary is simply the list of readings for each Sunday of the year. You can find this list on pages xiv-xxiii in the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*. (We are currently in Series C of the Three-Year Lectionary.) The readings for each week are never picked haphazardly, as the Church as a whole has portioned out readings which go together well and help us to understand God's Word more clearly. In other words, no one person came up with the lectionary.

Following the lectionary gives us many benefits. First, it ensures that we hear a large breadth of the Word of God. Second, it gives unity to all of the churches as everyone is hearing the same readings every week. Third, it helps us see how the saints who have gone before us have understood some of the more difficult passages in Scripture. Fourth, and most to the point for this season after Pentecost, it gives us something to look forward to and build upon as we know every single week where we are headed. In this way, we can reflect upon what we heard the previous week and even prepare for the coming Sunday before we even sit in the pew.

Thus, we know what to expect and look forward to this summer and fall in the Church. We will be reading straight through the Gospel of Luke, starting in chapter 8, as the Old Testament readings provide greater illumination of the Gospel readings. We will also be reading all of, or at least significant portions of, the epistles of Galatians, Colossians, Hebrews, Philemon, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and 2 Thessalonians. Seeing this list, we see how every Sunday will be building on the previous one and how amazing it will be to read the Gospel of Luke and the various epistles straight through as they were meant to be read.

With this in mind, do not let the lack of special days dampen your joy for coming to church each week this summer. We have so much to hear from our Lord. What a joy it will be to do so in an orderly, beneficial way as we use the lectionary which, this year, guides us through the Gospel of Luke and the various epistles. And if you find yourself out of town on vacation this summer, have no fear. Attend one of our sister congregations in the LCMS and most likely you will hear the very same readings which will ring out here in Waymansville. Praise be to God!



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

From 10:15-11:15 a.m. following our worship service, join us for study of the Gospel of Matthew.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesday night Bible study - Handling the Word of Truth - Join us, starting May 8th at 6:30 PM, as we learn about Law and Gospel. Understanding the Law and the Gospel is key to understanding God's Word and any sermon you will ever hear. As such, this will be a wonderful opportunity for us to gather together, learn about these most important articles of the faith, and have a common language when discussing Scripture and sermons.

BOOK OF CONCORD: Pastor's study on the Book of Concord will meet on Sunday, June 9th at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share for a light supper following our study.

"What is the value of group Bible study?"

Christianity was never intended to be a spectator sport, group Bible study is not just valuable; it is invaluable. Small group study is so effective that Jesus used it to train the men who would be known as the apostles ([Luke 6:12](#)).

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SPRING THANK YOUS:

- Thank you to Pastor Sorenson from our congregation for his dedication and hard work during his first Lenten and Easter Season with us. The special services he held midweek and during Holy Week were a wonderful addition to our worship during this time in our church year.
- The congregation would like to thank Janice Acree and the Youth Group members and parents for providing breakfast again this year on Easter morning. The fellowship it creates between our two services is a wonderful addition to the morning!
- We also thank Janice and the Youth Group for coordinating their annual golf event to benefit the Youth Group's philanthropic efforts and youth events. This is a successful and fun annual project they have put together!
- From Janice Acree and the Youth Group: Thank you to our many hole sponsors and food donors for the annual youth group golf scramble! Eight teams joined us for a great day of fun and fellowship, and many comments were made regarding the delicious food provided by the members of St Peter! Because this was a Thrivent sponsored event, our cost was around \$60. The hole sponsors, teams, and yardstick sales raised \$2835 for a **profit of \$2775!!!!!!** These funds are used for the continued support of the Columbus Firemen's Cheer Fund, Wheeler Mission Ministries, and savings for any participants for future LCMS National Youth Gatherings. We thank you for your continued support of our youth & their activities!



Our first annual STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL was a beautiful day of fun and fellowship! Many thanks to Debbie Flohr for coordinating this event. The day would not have been possible without our many volunteer who helped set up, prepared shortcakes, cut up strawberries, served food, ran the pedal tractor pull, and stuck around to help clean up. This event raised \$5823.00 for our building fund!

NEW ARRIVALS:

- Congratulations to Eric and Brenda Turner on the birth of their grandson, Bradley Wayne Turner, on April 24th to parents Justin Turner and Anna Christine Guthrie. God's blessings to you on your new adventure as grandparents!
- Congratulations to Mike and Verna Vandercar on the arrival of their grandson, David Ray Vanderdar. Davy was born on May 9th and is the son of David and Whitney Vandercar. He was 5 lbs. 15 oz. and 20 inches long. God's blessings to you all!

* Sunday, May 19th was our **LAST REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** for this school year. Sunday School classes will resume in the fall. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Sunday School Lake Party at the Hoeltkes' home after church on June 2nd.

* There will be a **SPECIAL VOETERS' MEETING** held on Sunday, June 9th following our worship service. Please plan to attend this meeting that will follow up on topics from the April Voters' Meeting.



Mark your calendar for **GAME NIGHT** for families the evening of Friday, June 14! If you have ideas or games you would like to contribute to the evening, please see Pastor Sorenson or Amy Sciano. We plan to coordinate a pitch-in dinner for the evening. Watch future bulletins for more information!



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Pastor Sorenson has been working on updating our church website and making it a useful place for church information again. Visit our website for worship times and information about special events and programs. The church newsletter will also be posted there each month. Things like an events calendar and recordings of sermons are being considered. Useful tools will continue to be added as the website is further developed!

If you are looking for **CHURCH PUBLICATIONS** such as Portals of Prayer and other church magazines, they can be found in the library of the Parish Hall.

FROM THE OFFICE:

- Amy has a new email address. It is amy@stpeterwaymansville.com. Because this address is new to your inbox, you may need to check your spam folder and mark it as safe so that you will receive emails from the church office.
- Amy's summer office hours may vary while school is out. Please do not hesitate to contact her at (812) 390-2318 if she is out and you need assistance.

APRIL VOTERS' MEETING MINUTES:

Voters' Meeting
April 28, 2019
33 members present

Meeting was called to order by Rick Flohr and a prayer was given by Pastor Sorenson.

Minutes were read and approved.

Financial Report: The financial report was given by Barb Minor. She explained that we have insufficient funds for operating expenses to meet our financial obligations. She suggested we consider reducing the amount the congregation pays towards parochial school tuition to \$1,500 per student each year. No motion was made. Later in the meeting, Charlie Spurgeon requested that the board study the situation further and come back with a recommendation. The financial report was approved with a 1st by Danny Strasser and a 2nd by Eric Turner.

Practical Services: Ernie Rotert reported Josh Jeffries will no longer mow the grounds. Paige Russell is mowing for \$125/week to fill this need. Ernie will seek bids to fill this position.

Elders' Report: Mike Vandercar reported the transfer of membership in for Tim and Carole Luker. We also confirmed Trevor Wiesehan on Palm Sunday. Mike wanted to recognize the effort and guidance Pastor Sorenson provided leading us to and through Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Sorenson reported that the youth group golf outing and strawberry festival events are approaching asked for congregational support.

Youth Group: Janice Acree reported the Easter breakfast raised \$571 and expressed thanks for the Thrivent funding received. She currently has \$775 for purchase of boots and would like to reach a goal of \$1,250 to make another delivery. If anyone has extra yardsticks, the youth can use them for the golf outing so that new ones will not need to be purchased.

Building Fund Fundraising: Debbie Flohr thanked everyone for supporting the Butter Braid sale and reported over \$2,300 was raised. Our next building fund fundraiser is the strawberry festival, which will serve Brats, BBQ and strawberry shortcakes. We have received Thrivent funds towards this project and a donation has been made for the BBQ. Any and all donations will be appreciated for this event. Debbie will need help with workers and has two shifts for the work, but we need to begin the prep for the fundraiser on Thursday. Flyers are available for anyone to help spread the word.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

St. Peter Lutheran Church & Preschool Calendar

June 2019

Usher: Kevin Schultz

Acolytes:

June 2 – Gus Sciano

June 9 – Jonah Sciano

Communion Set-Up: 6/2 – Camden Jeffries

June 16 – Jenna Thomas

June 23 – Danica Crowe

6/16 – Camden Jeffries

June 30 – Ali Wooten

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 – Divine Service (Communion) 10:15-11:15 - Adult Bible Class  Sunday School Lake Party @ the Hoeltkes' after church	3	4	5 6:30: Bible Study	6 7:00-Elders' Meeting	7	8
9 9:00 – Divine Service 10:15 - Voters' Meeting 5:00 p.m.-Book of Concord Study	10	11	12 6:30: Bible Study	13 7:00-Church Board	14  6:00 – Game Night!	15
16 Father's Day 9:00 – Divine Service (Communion) *return baby bottles 10:15-11:15 – Adult Bible Class	17	18	19 6:30: Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9:00 – Divine Service 10:15-11:15 – Adult Bible Class	24	25	26 6:30: Bible Study	27 July Newsletter Deadline	28	29
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