

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter**  
**February 2021**



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**Let Us Rejoice and Celebrate**

- Pastor Sorenson

Psalm 150, the final psalm in the book, begins this way: "Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!" (Psalm 150:1-2)

These are fitting words for us to hear as we look forward this year to celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. The big celebration will come on the weekend of July 11<sup>th</sup>, when we will have a special anniversary worship service along with several other activities.

However, our celebration of 150 years of St. Peter need not be limited to one weekend. Rather, throughout this year, let us rejoice and celebrate. For indeed, the Lord has done mighty deeds here in this place for the last 150 years. He has shown His excellent greatness time and time again in many and various ways.

I know it is difficult to do much or be too excited about celebrating this anniversary in the midst of a pandemic, but do not let that stop us from rejoicing and celebrating when, where, and how we can in a safe manner.

For truly, celebrating an anniversary of a congregation is about more than the here and now. It is about remembering the saints who have gone before us, who were fed and nourished by their Good Shepherd in this very place. It is about giving thanks to God for continuing to feed and nourish us in our lifetime within this congregation. It is about asking for God's grace, mercy, and blessing to be upon this congregation for years to come.

But an anniversary celebration is also about giving thanks to God for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are currently members of this congregation. We are truly a family here because we are truly members of the body of Christ. Thus, as part of our anniversary celebrations, we rejoice and celebrate in this fact too, that God has surrounded us with beloved church members who share the same faith and work together as the one body of Christ.

Because of all of this, and because the year is already upon us, please consider how you might be able to assist in our anniversary celebrations. Every single member of St. Peter has such special talents and abilities and this is a great opportunity to use them, in praise and honor of the Lord and in service and thanksgiving to your fellow church members.

There are several opportunities to assist already, whether that is helping with the cookbook or helping with the anniversary weekend celebration. The opportunities don't stop there, however. Please consider coming to our upcoming anniversary planning meetings. One thing we need is good ideas to be shared, and I promise the meetings will not take up much of your time.

Consider also heading up a project. It can be something small, like mailing invitations or updating historical information of the church. It can be something big, like making a new directory, designing an anniversary banner, or anything else you think would be a joy and a blessing to the congregation.

For those who have already assisted with planning or heading up a project, thank you so much! Your service is truly a blessing to the entire congregation and it is appreciated by everyone.

I pray that this anniversary year will be a great blessing for this wonderful congregation and a reminder of God's grace and mercy to us. For truly, it is by His grace and mercy alone that St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church has come to this celebration of 150 years of life together in this place. Let us, then, rejoice and celebrate this year, not because of what we or the saints before us have done, but because of what God has done and is still doing in this place.

## WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

### Worship Service Update:

We are now back to having one service each Sunday at 9:00 AM. As we do so, we will continue to follow the state guidelines regarding social distancing and other safety measures. For each service, the radio transmitter will still be used and the sermon and readings will be posted on the website.

### Bible Studies In-Person:

- We have begun meeting again on **Sunday mornings** after worship.
- We will continue **Wednesday Night** Bible Study as we study the topic of church membership. We will meet the first two Wednesdays of the month and then take a break for Lent beginning on February 17 (Ash Wednesday).
- **Book of Concord Study** will meet on the second Sunday of the month, February 14, beginning at 5:00 PM and continue studying the Smalcald Articles. A pitch-in dinner will follow the study as well. Everyone is welcome to attend!

### Online Bible Study:

- We will continue having a short devotional video on **Tuesdays at 2:00 PM** on the church Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StPeterEvangelicalLutheranChurch>) and is also available to view in its entirety even after the study concludes.

### Sermons and Devotional Resources:

- Weekly sermons will be posted on our church website (<http://www.stpeterwaymansville.com>) on the sermon page under the “At St. Peter” tab. (Direct link to that page - [http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page\\_id=417](http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page_id=417))
- You can also find helpful resources for your home devotions on the “Devotional Resources” page under the “Resources” tab ([http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page\\_id=489](http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page_id=489)). Now is a great time to begin, continue, and strengthen a home devotional pattern by yourself and with your family.
- Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex. You can drop by and pick one up or contact Pastor or the church office to have one delivered.

**Lord’s Supper:** If you would like to receive the Lord’s Supper during this time, please contact Pastor Sorenson via call, text, or email. His phone number is 812-371-1151 and his email is [pastoresorenson@gmail.com](mailto:pastoresorenson@gmail.com). He would be happy to meet you at the church for this purpose or to bring it to your home, making sure at all times to take the necessary safety precautions.

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May these resources assist you as you continue to hear the Word of God and cry out to Him in prayer.  
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## INFORMATION, NEWS & EVENTS

### Library:

The Book of the Month will be available in the Parish Hall library for you to look through and read. You may take the book home to read as well, but we ask that you please do not hold onto it for too long so other people can enjoy it as well. The February Book of the Month is *Connected to Christ: Why Membership Matters* by Peter Speckhard. Here is an excerpt from the book: “Christians are by definition members of the Church, which is the people of God. We are baptized into a people, a kingdom, a body, a huge global family of Christians. To be a Christian is to be a member of a larger group. There is no such thing as Christianity that is simply one-on-one, you and Jesus, independent of other believers. You have a relationship with Jesus, of course, and in a sense, it is an extremely personal relationship – you know Him and He knows you. But that word personal, while true, is not exactly biblical and leaves out so much of what God gives us and how He forms us with the Gospel. Essentially, Christianity is corporate.”

### **Usher & Communion Sign-Up Sheets:**

The 2021 sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. We are always looking for additional people interested in filling these roles. Please feel free to sign up even if you have never before helped in these ways. Someone will be happy to show you the ropes. (At this time, communion assistance will be clean up only. Pastor will continue to set up communion so that there is only one contact prior to communion distribution.)

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church! We will have a special service on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to give thanks to God for 150 years of our life together here in His Church. The Indiana District President, Rev. Daniel Brege will be our guest preacher that day. As part of our celebration, we will be putting together a new directory, a new cookbook, and having various other events throughout the year. Make sure to keep an eye out for all of the special things that will happen in regards to this anniversary and if you would like to volunteer to help in any capacity or if you have any ideas for how we can celebrate this special occasion, please speak to Barb Minor or Pastor Sorenson.

### **Altar Flowers:**

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please contact Sue Anne Lee at (812) 717-0167. The cost to sponsor the flowers is \$20, and the payment can be put in the offering plate or in the mail rack outside the church office door. The flowers are yours for the taking after the worship service.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

### *Lent & Holy Week Services*

Lent is a special 40-day season during which the Church reflects on her sin and on her need for a Savior. It is a time for us to turn our focus away from the things of this world and toward Christ, our dear Lord. As such, it is most appropriate for the Church to gather together more often during this season as we wait with anticipation for the joy of Easter. It is my prayer that all of us here at St. Peter would join together during this special season as we repent of our sin and look for the death and resurrection of Christ.

### **The Start of Lent**

**Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday**

### **The Midweek Services – Sacrificial Foreshadowing**

**Wednesday, February 24 7:00 PM – Sacrifice of Eden**

**Wednesday, March 3, 7:00 PM – Sacrifice of Isaac**

**Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 PM – Sacrifice of Passover**

**Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 PM – Sacrifice of Day of Atonement**

**Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 PM – Sacrifice of Elijah**

### **The Start of Holy Week**

**Sunday, March 28, 9:00 AM – Palm Sunday and Confirmation**

### **The Triduum**

**Thursday, April 1, 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday**

**Friday, April 2, 7:00 PM – Good Friday**

**Saturday, April 3, 8:00 PM – Easter Vigil**

### **Easter**

**Sunday, April 4, 6:30 AM – Easter Sunrise**

**Sunday, April 4, 9:00 AM – Easter Divine Service**



## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### St. Peter Lutheran Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook

This process is mostly done online and by our church. If you are able to assist in any of these areas, please do!!

We need to design our cover for the cookbook! If you are artistic or great with photo apps, get with us.

We need to do a title page about our church and its history. If this is your area of knowledge, let us know!

A few folks are needed to help select the layout and page formats we want to use. Help us choose what will be representing our church!

We would like to start collecting recipes around 2/15/21. A website will be started, and you directly submit your recipes there. If any members are not able to submit them online, they can be given to the committee to enter. The deadline will be around 4/6/21.

All the standard categories for recipes that are traditionally included will be represented. We will also be adding the following categories: Keto, Instapot, Air Fryer, Vegetarian, and Gluten Free. If another category emerges, we will be happy to add to this list.

Plans are to order the books by 5/4/21 and have them on hand around 6/15/21 in plenty of time to be a part of our anniversary celebration!

Based upon the choices and type of book we design, we will also need to decide how much to charge for the books and then designate where the profits will be distributed.

Please see Pastor, Michelle Sorenson, or AJ Trimpe to join this fun committee!!

## YOUTH EVENTS

### Youth Group :

The youth group will meet on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, for our youth night. We will have a meal, time to study God's Word, and a fun activity.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Contact Information:

As the situation around us continues to change daily, we would like to be able to contact everyone in a quick and timely manner. If you could please contact Amy or Pastor to update your contact information, especially phone number and email, that would help us tremendously and be greatly appreciated. Keep an eye on the church Facebook page for the most up-to-date information. Thank you!

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## St. Peter Lutheran Church Calendar

**Ushers:** Allan Acton & Robert Stiles

**Communion Clean-up:** Feb. 7 – Amy Sciano

Feb. 17 – Lynnette May

Feb. 21 - Amy Sciano

**Acolytes:**

**Feb. 7** – Trevor Acree

**Feb. 21** – Jenna Thomas

**Feb. 14** – Laurie Schultz

**Feb. 24** – Rayleigh Acton

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**Feb. 17** – Jonah Sciano

**Feb. 28** – Joe Acree

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pastor at Circuit Mtg. until 1:00 PM 2:00 PM – Online Devotion	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM – Bible Study	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM – Elders’ Mtg.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 AM – Divine Service (Communion) 10:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 2:00 PM – Online Devotion	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM – Bible Study	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM – 150 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Planning Mtg. 7:00 PM – Church Board Mtg.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Quarterly Voters’ Mtg. Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM – Book of Concord Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 2:00 PM – Online Devotion	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service (C)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 AM – Divine Service (Communion) 10:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00-7:00 PM – Youth Group Night	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 2:00 PM – Online Devotion	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM – Lent Midweek Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis				<b>Upcoming Dates:</b> <b>3/28: Palm Sunday/Confirmation</b>		