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When Should I Call the Pastor?

- Pastor Sorenson

Often people think the pastor is too busy for them to bother him with what they are going through at any given time or they are simply unaware that the pastor is here for them and wants to know what is happening so he can serve them. The goal of this list is to help you know some examples of when I (or any pastor) would desire and expect a call from church members as I shepherd the flock.

- When ...you are admitted to the hospital (hospital staff and nurses often will call for you)
...you receive life threatening news
...you want to talk about major problems (marriage, substance abuse, family, etc.)
...there is restoration in the family after major problems
...you need to hear you are forgiven for your sins
...death is imminent for you or a member of your family
...there is a death in the family
...there is a need for prayer
...there is a struggle with an issue of faith (spiritual, mental, or emotional distress)
...there is domestic violence or any form of abuse
...there are potential new members in need of instruction or confirmation
...a marriage is being planned
...there is a discussion of medical assistance to get pregnant
...a woman finds out she is pregnant
...there are difficulties during pregnancy or a miscarriage in the family
...there are thoughts of abortion
...there are thought of adoption
...the child is born
...a new child comes home
...a baptism is necessary
...the family will be away for an extended time from home/church
...a family member moves into a nursing home or assisted living
...there is a criminal act against the family or home
...there is a fire or other kind of accident
...there is a suicidal issue
...you have a theological question
...the pastor has offended you or someone you know
...there is strife or animosity between members, family, etc.
...there are thoughts of leaving the church or congregation
...there is a loss of employment
...a family member is arrested or put in jail
...a child moves to college
...something good happens
...anything else that may arise in which you are in need of pastoral care

As always, I am here to serve you. If any of these or other situations arise, do not hesitate to call, text, email, or visit me at the church. Whether it is times of joy, hardship, distress, sadness, or anything else, I am here for you because Christ is with you always. God will never leave you or forsake you. As a reminder of this, your pastor is always here for you. Thanks be to God for His never-ending care for His flock!

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:

- **Sundays:** We are studying the minor prophets Sunday mornings after worship. This month we will continue studying the prophet Amos. Sunday School will also meet every week, beginning at 10:15 AM.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Currently studying what you might've missed in the Small Catechism. Bible study meets each Wednesday at 6:30 PM.
- **Book of Concord Study:** Second Sunday of the month, February 13th. This month only we will do this study on Sunday morning during the regular Bible study hour. Join us as we continue studying the Smalcald Articles.

Online Bible Study: Resources, including full Bible studies and devotional videos are available on our church Youtube page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzA1mStTKU8Sb0ia1OjDrPg>).

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)
- 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). 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. 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.

May these resources assist you as you continue to hear the Word of God and cry out to Him in prayer.

150th ANNIVERSARY FOLLOW-UP

Cookbook: The 150th Anniversary Cookbooks are here! They are available for \$20 each. Proceeds will benefit the 150th anniversary celebration events and the general fund. Grab one for yourself, your family, and your friends! They also make great birthday and Christmas gifts!

Cat's Meow: Cat's Meow cutouts of the church to celebrate the 150th anniversary are available for \$20 each. You can pick one up on Sunday mornings or during the week.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Book of the Month: 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 *Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity* by Alvin J. Schmidt. Here is an excerpt from the book: "This book seeks to help Lutheran laity come to know, understand, and appreciate their church's treasured teachings and help them not to be tempted to think it makes little or no difference whether they or their children remain Lutheran in our diverse culture. To help today's Lutheran overcome the latter temptation, the book seeks to inform and encourage them to understand, to believe, and to hold fast to the historic Lutheran teachings."

New Board Members: We would like to thank Eric Turner (Chairman), Nikki Finke (general fund treasurer), and Michelle Schultz (director of Christian education) for agreeing to serve on the church board beginning this year. We also thank all of our returning board members and our outgoing board members Rick Flohr, Barb Minor, and Kevin Schultz for their service.

Make a Joyful Noise!:

- **Easter Choir:** There is interest in forming a choir to celebrate the Easter season. On Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 PM we will have an organizational meeting in the sanctuary. At that time we will decide on a rehearsal schedule.
- **Handbell Choir:** Resumes on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in ringing, please contact Debbie. No prior experience is needed – just a basic sense of rhythm and the desire to have a lot of fun!
- For either choir, please contact Debbie Flohr at 812-341-4724 if you have any questions.

Weekly Communion Resources: There are some free resources on the topic of weekly communion in the narthex of the church. If you would like to learn more about this topic, feel free to pick up a book or the articles any time.

From Matt Riley: This past year we have been supporting seminarian Matt Riley. We will also be supporting him this year with our midweek Advent and Lent offerings. It is a wonderful thing for us to support a future pastor in Christ's Church! Each month he has been sending us a letter, which is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Be sure to check it out and keep Matt and his family in your prayers.

Usher & Communion Sign-Up Sheets: We are in need of volunteers for both of these roles. The 2022 sign-up sheets are up now 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.)*

Usher, Acolyte, Communion Training: On Saturday, February 12th beginning at 11:30 AM, we will meet together to brush up on usher duties, acolyting, and communion assistance. Come on out to learn more about each of these unique ways to serve in the church. You won't be obligated to serve if you attend, so if you've ever had interest in learning more about these roles this is the perfect opportunity. We will have a lunch provided as well! Everything should be over within an hour.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, there is a sign-up sheet in the hallway between Pastor's office and the church office. 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. Please contact Sue Anne Lee at (812) 717-0167 if you have any questions.

Contribution Statements: Hope everyone's new year is going great! I have placed contribution statements in your mailboxes for each of you. If you did not receive one, please reach out to me and I will get them to you! I'm finally getting used to this position so I thank everyone for their patience! If anyone else needs anything from me, I try to be in office on Sundays before and after church and one day throughout the week, so please feel free to stop by if needed anything. Have a great year and may God bless all of you!! – Camden Jeffries

Butter Braids: We will once again sell Butter Braids to benefit our building fund. Sales will be February 6th – February 20th. Delivery will be the week of March 7th. More info to come soon. Watch the bulletins and posters.

YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH CLASSES

Youth Group: The youth group will meet on Sunday, February 20th, for our youth night. We will have a meal, time to study God's Word, and a fun activity. Feel free to bring a friend! If you would like to be added to the text group to receive youth group notifications, please let Pastor know.

Sunday School Update: I would like to update everyone on Sunday School. We have two classes this year. Our younger class has four students ranging from age two and a half to age six. So far, we have learned about the creation, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, Abraham and Joseph's coat taking a break during Advent to learn about the birth of our Savior. Our lessons include a story, songs with sign language and art practicing fine motor skills for little hands. Our older class has six students ranging from age eight to age fourteen. They are learning about gory deaths in the Bible. Sunday School is for ANY age so if your child does not attend, and you have questions, please let me know. I would love our classes to grow. I would also love to have another teacher come aboard so that we can have a third class. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 812-371-2137 or email me at mreeneeschultz@gmail.com.

EVENTS

Game Night: Game Night will be on Friday, February 4th beginning at 6:00 PM. Our dinner theme will be your favorite football snack. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! (This is a great chance to practice euchre before the Euchre party as well.) Feel free to bring a dish to share, your favorite games, or a deck of cards. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come along as well!

Soup and Euchre: Join us on Sunday, February 6th from 5:00-7:00 PM for our Soup and Euchre party! It will be \$5 for soup and \$5 for euchre. If you are interested in helping out with food, prizes, or running the event, please speak to Brenda Turner, Karen Dobrinski, or Kelly Thomas. Invite a friend or two and enjoy a night of soup, cards, and fun.

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

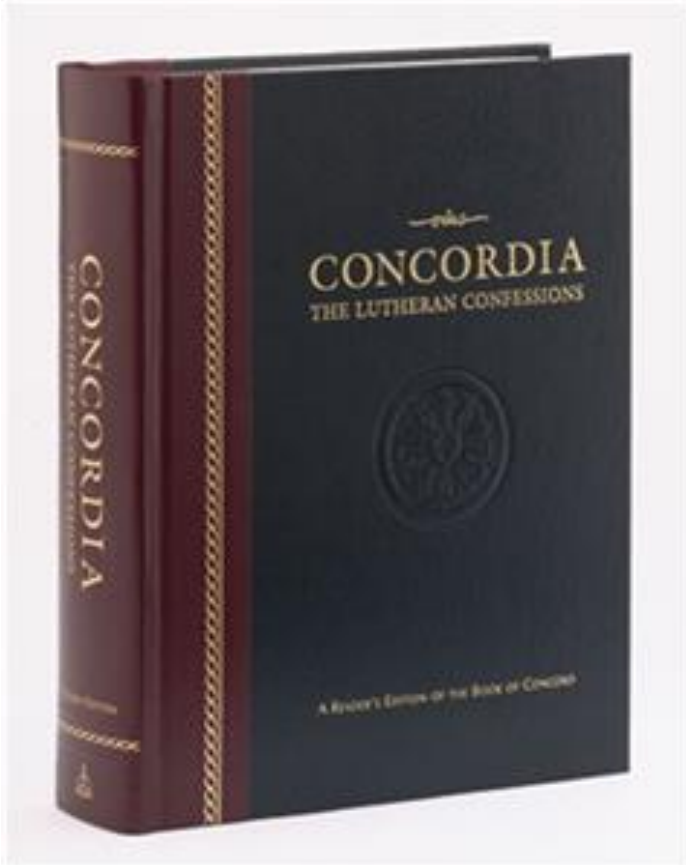
Trinity Job Posting: Trinity Lutheran High School is seeking a Science teacher starting the 2022-23 school year. Primary teaching responsibilities include Biology and Dual Credit or AP Biology. Standing alone, this is a part-time position; however, if combined with other teaching content areas or responsibilities it may become full-time. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Principal Clayton Darlage at cdarlage@trinitycougars.org. Additional details or job description upon request. Position will be posted until filled.

Trinity Cub Soccer: Please join us for our first season of Trinity Cub Soccer! Registration will open on January 30 and run until February 28. It will be solely online, and links to the registration website will be posted on our website (www.trinitycubs.com) and on our Facebook page (Trinity Cub Soccer). The registration fee is \$50 per player. Please contact us via Facebook or email (trinitycubsoccer@gmail.com), if you need assistance. The season will begin on March 28/29 and run until May 9/10. Both practices and games will be on Monday evenings at Trinity Lutheran High School. If weather prohibits us from meeting on a particular Monday, we will try to meet on Tuesday. Practices start at 5:30 p.m. for each age group, and the length of a practice/game will depend on the age group. We welcome players from 3 to 13 (as of January 1, 2022). Additional details will be provided after registration closes and before the season begins. Please indicate if you are willing to volunteer as a coach when you register your child(ren). We need your help! And don't let unfamiliarity with soccer keep you from volunteering. We will provide basic information, sample drills, and assistance if you need it! Help us make this first season a success. Thank you for your support!

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 Camden 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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Book of Concord Corner

“The first and chief article is this: Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification (Romans 4:24-25).

He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29), and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all (Isaiah 53:6).

All have sinned and are justified freely, without their own works or merits, by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood (Romans 3:23-25).

This is necessary to believe. This cannot be otherwise acquired or grasped by any work, law, or merit. Therefore, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us. As St. Paul says:

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. (Romans 3:28)

That He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus (Romans 3:26)

Nothing of this article can be yielded or surrendered, even though heaven and earth and everything else falls (Mark 13:31).

For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

And with His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

Upon this article everything that we teach and practice depends, in opposition to the pope, the devil, and the whole world. Therefore, we must be certain and not doubt this doctrine. Otherwise, all is lost, and the pope, the devil, and all adversaries win the victory and right over us.” (Smalcald Articles, Part II, Article I, The Chief Article)

Soup Supper & Euchre Party

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

11750 W 930 S

Waymansville, Indiana

Sunday, February 6th

Soup Supper begins at 5:00 PM

Euchre Party begins at 6:00 PM

Soup Supper \$5



Euchre Party \$5



St. Peter Lutheran Church Calendar

Ushers: Kevin Schultz
Communion Clean-up:

Acolytes: **February 6** – Joe Acree
February 27 – Anslee Hawkins

February 13 – Trevor Acree
March 2 (7 PM) – Max Hoene

February 2022
February 20 – Rayleigh Acton

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Dates: 3/1: Choirs 3/2: Ash Wednesday, Divine Service @ 7 PM		1 9 AM-2 PM – Pastor @ Circuit meeting	2 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	3 10 AM – Elders meeting	4 6 PM – Game Night	5
6 <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM – Soup & Euchre Party	7	8	9 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	10 7 PM – Board meeting	11	12 11:30 AM – Usher, Acolyte, Communion training with lunch
13 <i>6th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	14	15	16 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	17	18	19
20 <i>7th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00-7:00 PM – Youth Group night	21	22	23 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	24	25	26
27 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	28					