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If Christ Is Not Raised...

- Pastor Sorenson

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is futile. If Christ is not raised from the dead, you are stuck in your sins. If Christ is not raised from the dead, you have no hope beyond this life. If Christ is not raised from the dead, death is the end because death remains undefeated.

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But, dear saints, Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia! And since Christ has been raised from the dead, everything listed above is exactly the opposite. Your faith is not futile. You are not stuck in your sins. You do have hope beyond this life. Death is not the end because death has been utterly defeated.

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection throughout this Easter season, consider how the fact of the resurrection affects more than just our Sunday morning worship.

Since Christ is raised from the dead, you do not need to be afraid when you stumble and fall into sin. For Christ's resurrection has won for you the forgiveness of sins.

Since Christ is raised from the dead, you can face suffering, hardships, and persecutions. For Christ's resurrection has won for you eternal life, which means there's nothing that can be done to you that can separate you from Christ.

Since Christ is raised from the dead, you can witness to Christ in this world confidently and joyously. For Christ's resurrection not only proves the truth of all of God's Word, but it also is the substance of what you confess. If you aren't sure what to say to someone who doesn't believe, in other words, simply give witness to Christ's death and resurrection.

Since Christ is raised from the dead, you can be generous, both with your offerings and with your aid to those in need. For Christ's resurrection opens to you the full kingdom of God and all its treasures, allowing you to be generous in this world because you realize you are losing nothing in the world to come.

Since Christ is raised from the dead, you can forgive one another everything just as your Lord has forgiven you. For Christ's resurrection shows that forgiveness is His and He gives it to you to speak to your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Since Christ is raised from the dead, you can love your neighbors, all of them. For Christ's resurrection allows you to escape the politics of this world and love people, not based on agendas or ideologies, but on the fact that Christ has died for that person to forgive him all of his sins and He has risen again to give that person life everlasting.

Since Christ is raised from the dead, you can joyfully fulfill all of your vocations. For Christ's resurrection not only gives you eternal joy, but it also frees you to serve others in whatever way God calls you to do so, since your salvation is secured by Christ rising from the tomb, not from you or your works.

If Christ is not raised from the dead, you would do well to disregard all of this and seek another way to eternal life. But since Christ is most certainly raised from the dead, living and reigning even now at the right hand of the Father,

rejoice! Give thanks to God for the victory He has given to you through Christ, your Lord! For Christ's resurrection touches more than just your Sunday morning worship during these great 50 days of Easter. Indeed, it changes everything listed above in your life and even so much more. Alleluia! Christ is risen! Go forth, now and always, living in and with His resurrected peace!

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 study the prophets Obadiah and Jonah. Sunday School will also meet every week, beginning at 10:15 AM.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** We will begin again on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 PM. Check weekly bulletins for more information on the upcoming topic.
- **Book of Concord Study:** Second Sunday of the month, May 8th, beginning at 5:00 PM. We will continue our study of the Smalcald Articles and we will have a pitch-in dinner following the study.

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.

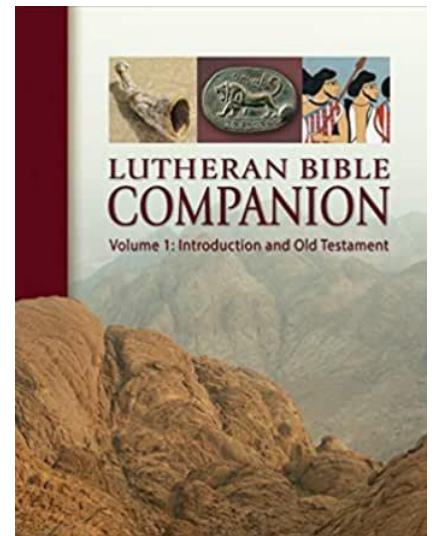
IN OUR PRAYERS

Throughout the year, this space will be used to encourage you to keep your brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. Peter in your prayers. As you pray for them, you may even ask them how you can pray for them. Families will be listed in alphabetical order throughout the year. During this month, you are encouraged to pray for:

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| • Jeffery Gray | • Brad, Amanda, Zoie, Anslee, Max, | • Luella Holle |
| • Brandon, Logan, & Maggie Hall | & Lane Hoene | • Camden Jeffries |
| • Lynn & Bev Hoeltke | • Tim, Judy, Ryan, Ellie, & Olivia | • Jennifer & Lillian Jeffries |
| | Hoene | • Connie Johnson |

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 May Book of the Month is *“Lutheran Bible Companion: Volume 1: Introduction and Old Testament.* Here is an excerpt from the book: “For thousands of years, people have turned to the Bible for wisdom, comfort, and hope; the Bible has changed their lives. Lutherans read the Bible, or hear it read at church, because they believe that through Holy Scripture God answers essential questions about life, death, and eternal life. They believe that God works through the message of the Scripture to call them to repentance and take away their sins.”



Make a Joyful Noise!:

- **Easter Choir:** There is interest in forming a choir to celebrate the Easter season.
- **Handbell Choir:** 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.

Confirmation: Congratulations and God’s blessings to our confirmands this year: Joe Acree, Jonah Sciano, and Laurie Schultz! Please keep them in your prayers and share an encouraging word with them as they come to this exciting time.

Quarterly Voters’ Meeting: We will have our quarterly voters’ meeting on April 24th following the worship service.

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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH CLASSES

Youth Group: The youth group will meet on Sunday, May 15th, 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.

Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Breakfast: Thank you to everyone who helped fill Easter eggs, to the youth who assisted with hiding the eggs and with serving the Easter breakfast, and to the youth parents who helped make the Easter breakfast happen!

Activity Bags: I have placed bags in the back of the church for your little ones replacing the old smaller bags. I will try to add to them or replace things in them every couple of weeks so the children can continue to enjoy them.

Vacation Bible School: VBS is tentatively scheduled for June 6-10 in the evenings (exact time each night TBD). If you have a child or children who are interested in attending, please speak with Michelle Schultz. Be on the lookout for flyers and more information in the bulletins, as well as next month's newsletter.

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.



Sunday School is so much fun!!! We sing songs, play games, and do fun crafts! Most of all, we learn about Jesus!

EVENTS

Game Night: Game Night will be on Friday, June 10th beginning at 6:00 PM. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! 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!

Golf Outing: The Youth Group will be hosting our annual Golf Outing on Saturday, April 30th at Hickory Hills Golf Course in Brownstown. If you would like to play or be a sponsor for the outing, please speak to Pastor Sorenson. Additional information can be found on the flyers on the bulletin boards.

Golf Outing Donations: The Youth Group is asking for donations of food items for lunch at the golf outing. If you would like to donate, please see the sign-up sheet on the conference room door. Thank you for your support towards our youth!

Pastor's Conference Worship: The congregation is invited to join the pastors of the southern part of the Indiana District in worship on Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM. The service will be held here at St. Peter and we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper that evening.

Ascension Day Service: Join us on Thursday, May 26th for a joint Ascension Day Divine Service. We will join together with the saints from St. John, White Creek and St. Paul, Jonesville to celebrate our Lord's Ascension. This is a wonderful opportunity to join in worship with fellow Lutherans in the area on a very special day in the Church Year. The location of the service and the time will be determined shortly. Check the weekly bulletins for more information as it becomes available.

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Trinity Plant Sale: The Annual Trinity Lutheran High School Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 10 am-2 pm. Many options will be available including marigolds, zinnias, petunias, dahlias, a variety of vegetables, bedding plants, hanging baskets, potted plants, and many more! See you there!

White Creek Foundation: We are excited to share that a foundation has been established to provide for the long term financial stability of White Creek Lutheran school so that future generations can be raised in the truth of our Lord. This foundation is a stand alone 501(3c) nonprofit and your church has members on the board. A poster has been placed in the narthex with informational packets. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to support the foundation. If you have any questions Or would like to speak to your congregation’s representatives about the foundation please contact: Verna Vandercar momvandercar@yahoo.com or Kelly Thomas kmtho4@yahoo.com.

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!

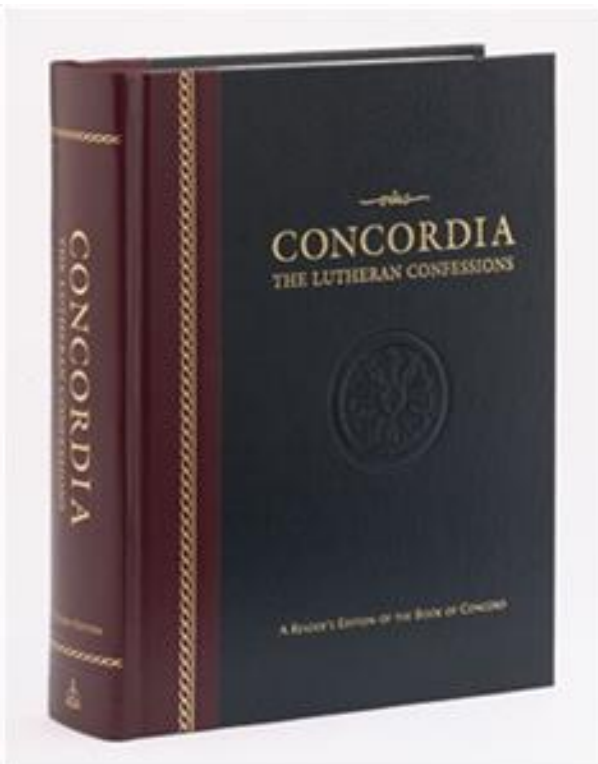
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Book of Concord Corner

“We believe, teach, and confess that Mary conceived and bore not merely a man and no more, but God’s true Son. Therefore, she is rightly called and truly is ‘the mother of God.’ 8. We also believe, teach, and confess that it was not a mere man who suffered, died, was buried, descended to hell, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and was raised to God’s majesty and almighty power for us. But it was a man whose human nature has such a profound (close), indescribable union and communion with God’s Son that it is one person with Him. 9. God’s Son truly suffered for us. However, He did so according to the attributes of the human nature, which He received into the unity of His divine person and made His own. He did this so that He might be able to suffer and be our High Priest for our reconciliation with God, as it is written in 1 Corinthians 2:8, they ‘crucified the Lord of glory.’ And Acts 20:28 says, with God’s blood we have been redeemed. 10. We believe, teach, and confess that the Son of Man really is exalted. He is (in deed and truth) exalted according to His human nature to the right hand of God’s almighty majesty and power. For He was received into God when He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in His mother’s womb, and His human nature was personally united with the Son of the Highest.” (Formula of Concord, Epitome, Article VIII, 12-15)



Annual Waymansville Open Golf Scramble



Prizes for:

Closest to the Pin

Longest Drive

Winning Team Members

Yardsticks will also be available!

Saturday, April 30th, 2022

Hickory Hills Golf Course
1509 SR 135
Brownstown, IN 47220
(812) 358-4529

8:00 AM - Registration
9:00 AM - Shotgun Start

\$50/player
4 players per team
Includes: 18 holes, cart,
food, drinks, prizes

Proceeds benefit the
missions of St. Peter
Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Waymansville
Youth Group

To register your team, sponsor a hole for \$50, or
for more information, contact Pastor Erik Sorenson
at (812) 371-1151 or pastoresorenson@gmail.com

St. Peter Lutheran Church Calendar

Ushers: Curt Acton

Communion Set-up & Clean-up:

May 1 & 22 – Kathy Rebber

May 8, 15, 29 - Open

Acolytes: May 1 – Trevor Acree

May 22 – Max Hoene

May 8 – Raleigh Acton

May 29 – Trevor Acree

May 2022

May 15 – Anslee Hawkins

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School	2 Pastor at Southern Indiana Pastors Conference 7:00 PM – Southern IN Pastor’s Conference Divine Service	3 7 PM – Handbell Choir	4 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	5 10 AM – Elders meeting	6	7
8 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 5:00 PM – Book of Concord Study	9	10 7 PM – Handbell Choir	11 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	12 7:00 PM – Board meeting	13	14
15 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 5:00 PM – Youth Group	16	17 7 PM – Handbell Choir	18 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	19	20	21
22 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM – Easter Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School	23	24 7 PM – Handbell Choir	25 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	26 <i>Ascension Day</i> <i>Joint Ascension service (time, location, TBD)</i>	27	28
29 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School	30	31 7 PM – Handbell Choir				