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Dust Off Your Catechism

- Pastor Sorenson

Youth Catechesis classes begin again on August 21st this year. This is an exciting time for our youth who will either begin or continue learning more about the faith in this class. They will, of course, be instructed in the whole counsel of God as He reveals it in Holy Scripture and they will also be using the helpful tool of Martin Luther's Small Catechism to accomplish this goal.

The Small Catechism has been used ever since the days of the Reformation, not because it was written by Martin Luther, but because it is a faithful, thorough, and simple explanation of the Christian faith.

That's really the point of the Catechism. It presents the basics of the faith in an easy-to-understand manner, while simultaneously opening the door to the full depth of God's Word. In this way, the Catechism is perfect for Christians of any age. The youngest Christian can hear and learn the words of the Catechism just as much as the oldest Christian can dive back in to discover more of God's riches.

Our youth will immerse themselves in this Catechism for the next several months, soaking up everything it teaches about God and His grace and mercy towards us. They will recite it together, memorize it together, discuss it together, and rejoice in it together as Christ is always front and center.

But this doesn't have to be the case only for those Christians in 7th and 8th grade. Let this be a loving encouragement to us all to dust off our Catechisms to read and learn. There's always more we can learn about the faith and the Catechism is a great way to do just that.

It doesn't have to be anything fancy or intense. Simply read a small portion of it each morning or night. Or focus on a section each week or each month. Read it aloud as a family and perhaps look up Bible passages that speak to whatever section you study. Try memorizing a part of it, even when there's no assignment to do so!

That's the great thing about the Catechism. Every Christian can use it and learn from it in a variety of ways. Whether you use it daily, weekly, monthly, or anything else, continuing to read or hear the Catechism is a fantastic way to grow in the faith.

No matter how long ago Catechesis was for you, then, or no matter how far into the future it may be for your children or grandchildren, dust off your Catechism. Let the simple way that Luther teaches the basics of the faith be in your heart and mind. Let the faith which God Himself has created in you be nurtured as you use this helpful tool in addition to reading and hearing the Word of God.

And as you do, remember to keep our catechumens in your prayers and encourage them as they learn from the very same Catechism. Pray that God may continue to bring them growth in the faith which He first planted in them in Holy Baptism. Pray that God may bring them to a deeper knowledge of His truth. Pray that God may give them joy in their identity as His beloved children. Because, as the Catechism says, that's who we are all in and through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Worship Service Update: 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 prophet Micah.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** We will begin a study on biblical motifs (themes) on August 10th at 6:30 PM.
- **Book of Concord Study:** Second Sunday of the month, August 14th, beginning at 5:00 PM. We will continue our study of the Formula of Concord 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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| • Ben Otte | • Tom & Kathy Rebber | • Phil Schaefer |
| • Tom & Pegi Owens | • Skyler Rebber | • Chris Schaefer |
| • Larry & Sandra Phelps | • Ernie Rotert | |
| • Francis & Karen Probst | • Roger Rotert | |

GENERAL INFORMATION

Amazon Smile: St. Peter is now on Amazon Smile! Amazon Smile is a donation platform for different organizations. When you go onto Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), you can order items that are on Amazon just like normal and .05% of your purchase will be matched by Amazon and donated to the church! Just make sure to select our church as the donation, and they do the rest! If anyone has any questions, please contact the office at waymansvillestpeter@yahoo.com or at (812)390-5980 (Camden)

Church Work Day: We will be having a work day this coming Saturday (Aug. 6) beginning at 8 AM. We will be working on the outside landscape, cleaning windows, and other projects around the property. Bring any tools you have or just come and lend a helping hand!

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 August Book of the Month is *"Faith That Engages the Culture"* by Alfonso Espinosa. Here is an excerpt from the book: "We strive to do our part in the engagement, but we leave the results to the Holy Spirit. After all, we don't convert anyone; we are simply called to love people and share Jesus. The goal here is to do our part in the best way possible. We will leave the rest to God. Sharing the Gospel one-on-one is not a church, religious, or spiritual specialization. It is rather to be viewed as a part of ordinary Christian life. When we treat sharing the Gospel as a natural and basic thing, then we are in the position to not only experience its personal benefits for our faith but more importantly, the person who receives the Gospel receives the greatest news anyone could possibly receive."



College Outreach and Care: As a new school year begins, we will continue our college outreach and care program for our college students. If you are going to college (or know a member who is going to college), please let Pastor Sorenson know so he can add you to the list.

Thrivent Action Teams: If you have any Thrivent policies or products, you are eligible for two action teams a year. An action team includes \$250 seed money and may be used for a fundraiser, an educational event, or a service activity. As a church, we have used action teams for the fish fry, the youth golf scramble, Bible studies, etc. If you are interested in using your action teams for events at church or anywhere else, you can look for more information and help signing up on the Thrivent website or by speaking to Pastor.

Usher & Communion Sign-Up Sheets: 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.

Music Group: The music group is meeting again on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:00 PM. Come on out with any instrument you may have to learn, play along, and have fun! (No experience or expertise necessary.) We are also in need of singers who can sing along while we play.

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 Catechesis: Youth Catechesis (confirmation) classes will be beginning on August 21. If you have a child who has already begun Catechesis, or if you have a child you would like to start this year, please contact Pastor Sorenson as soon as possible. If your child will be going through classes at White Creek, please contact Pastor Sorenson as well, as he would like to have all of our catechumens together in class so they may grow with one another and so he may get to know them and they may get to know him. Thank you!

Youth Group: The youth group will meet on Sunday, August 21st. 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.

Youth Group Camping Weekend: We are looking at a time to do a youth group weekend at Camp Lakeview in August or September. Be on the lookout for more information and let Pastor know what weekends would work best. Also, if any adult would like to volunteer to help chaperone that weekend, please let Pastor know.

Sunday School Teachers: As we approach a new school year, it is time to start planning for Sunday School! We are in need of people to volunteer to help teach our Sunday School classes. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to be a part of teaching the Word of God to our children, to dive into the Word yourself, and to build up the entire church. If you are

interested in teaching in any capacity (weekly, twice a month, once a month, substitute, etc.), please contact Michelle Schultz or Pastor Sorenson. Thank you for supporting our youth in this way!

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 few weeks so the children can continue to enjoy them. – Michelle Schultz

EVENTS

Game Night: Game Night will be on Friday, August 5th beginning at 6:00 PM. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! We will have a taco bar night for dinner. There's a sign-up sheet on the conference room door if you would like to help provide all the fixings for tacos. 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!

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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!

Church Constitution: If you would like to sign the church constitution, please contact Camden.

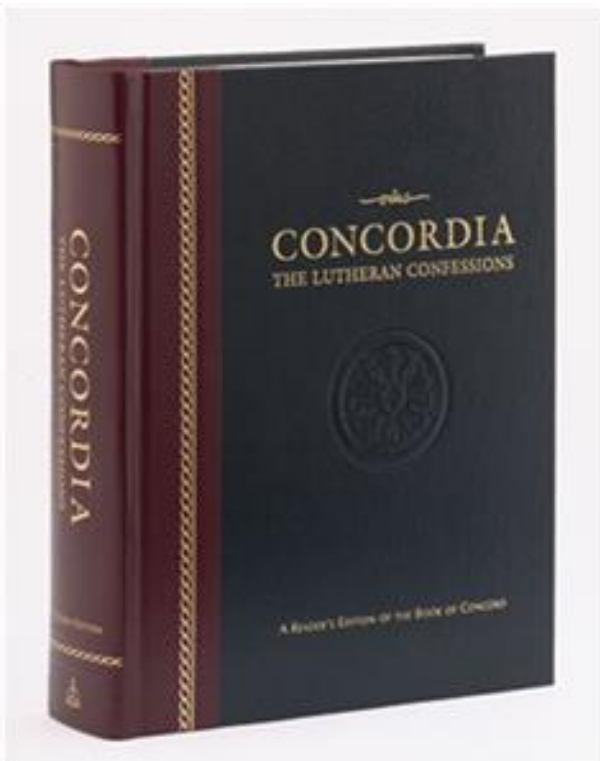
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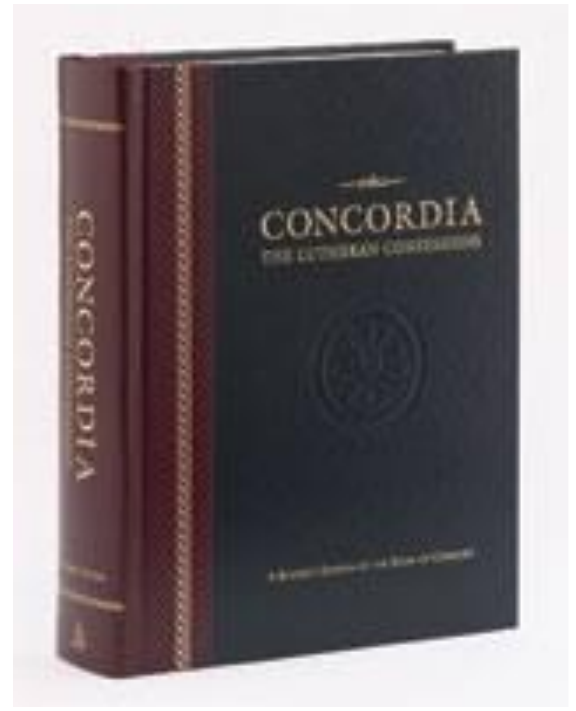
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Book of Concord Corner

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my limbs, my reason, and all my senses, and still preserves them. In addition, He has given me clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods. He provides me richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger and guards me and preserves me from all evil. He does all this out of pure, fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this I ought to thank Him, praise Him, serve Him, and obey Him. This is most certainly true." (Small Catechism, II. The Creed, The First Article)



Book of Concord Study



Every congregation of the Lutheran Church vows to unconditionally hold to the Book of Concord.

So what is it?

Join us

**August 14,
5:00 PM**

for an evening of discussion in **Holy Scripture** and our **Lutheran Confessions**.



Following the discussion, we will enjoy **conversation** and a **meal**.

Study meets **2nd Sunday evening of every month** ⁵

St. Peter Lutheran Church Calendar

August 2022

Ushers: Max Thomas & Curt Acton

Acolytes:

August 7 – Anslee Hawkins

August 14 – Max Hoene

Communion Set-up & Clean-up:

August 21 – Trevor Acree

August 28 – Rayleigh Acton

August 7 – Schultz

August 14 – Strasser

August 21 & 28 – Open

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Events: 9/11 – Sunday School begins	1	2	3	4 10 AM – Elders meeting	5 6 PM – Game Night	6 8 AM – Work Day
7 9 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study	8	9	10 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	11 6 PM – Music Group 7 PM – Board meeting	12	13
14 10 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study 5:00 PM – Book of Concord Study	15	16 9 AM – 2 PM - Pastor @ Circuit meeting	17 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	18	19	20
21 11 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM – Youth Group	22	23	24 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	25 6 PM – Music Group	26	27
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