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The Church at Work

- Pastor Sorenson

Our Synod works on a three-year cycle. The first year is focused on life within our congregations. The second year is when the congregations meet together in their districts for convention. The third year is when the Synod meets together in convention. In fact, this is part of why we use the term Synod, which means “walking together” or “coming together.”

This year we are in the second year of this cycle. As such, our district (the Indiana District) will be meeting in convention on June 19th and 20th. An important part of this process is the selection of delegates for the convention. Each congregation may send one pastoral delegate and one lay delegate. For this convention, I will be going as our pastoral delegate, Barb Minor is our lay delegate, and Mike Vandercar is serving as our alternate lay delegate.

There are several purposes for the district convention. During those two days, the delegates will gather to discuss and vote on several items of business facing the Church. Some of the business will be things that our district should do and some of the business will be to pass things along to the Synodical convention next summer for the Church to consider.

Along with this business, the delegates will hear several papers delivered by several different speakers. This is a great opportunity for each congregation of our district to hear and learn together on important topics. This year, for instance, one of the papers will be on the theology of adoption.

Add onto this, there is time throughout these two days for the delegates to gather together in worship and prayer. This is always an important part of conventions, as it is for the daily life of the Christian too.

Finally, as far as official business goes, there is also a time for important updates from around the Synod. Delegates will hear from the Synod leadership, our universities, various boards, and other leaders in our Church.

One thing that’s not on the agenda, though most delegates will mention as one of the highlights of the convention, is the time to see one another and enjoy fellowship together. There isn’t always a lot of free time, but it’s always encouraging to go to a convention and run into all kinds of people, some that you may already know and some that you are meeting for the first time.

Now, if you’ve made it this far through the details of a convention, notice what’s really happening here. In convention, the Church is at work. The Church is busy being the Church in the world. The life of the Church is centered on the hearing of the Word of God and the reception of the Sacraments, but from there there’s work to be done. Convention is one of many ways, and certainly on a larger scale, that the Church works to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

Doctrine is never voted on in convention, as indeed doctrine can never be voted on. God’s Word and His Word alone determine our doctrine. Yet, the Church must work together to do things such as how to support our universities, how to plant churches, how to use the resources God has given us to the praise of God and the benefit of our neighbor, and so on.

As we approach another of these conventions this year, please keep the delegates, our district, and the entire Church in your prayers. Pray that the Church may work always for the good of all people and to the glory of God. For that, truly, is the Church at work.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Lcms.org/stewardship

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

Elders' Corner

(A monthly feature from the Board of Elders)

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have just finished another joyous and rewarding Lenten season. Our hope is that you were able to join with the congregation in attending the joyous and uplifting services of the season.

We, the elders of the congregation of St. Peter, would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that made this special time a great success.

Everyone who provided food for the Wednesday night dinners. Our acolytes. Our ushers. The ones who set up communion. The ones who provided the wonderful music for all the services.

And last, but certainly not least, Pastor Sorenson for the great messages he brought to us during our Lenten journey.

I know that I have probably forgotten someone. If so, please forgive me. We now look forward to a busy month of May with many great and fun things coming up.

Yours in Christ,
Elders of St Peter

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Bible Studies:

- **Sundays:** We will begin at study on the book of James.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. If you have any suggestions for possible topics, please let Pastor know.
- **Book of Concord Study:** 2nd Sunday of the month, June 8th, beginning at 5:00 PM. We will continue a study on the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope and we will have a pitch-in dinner following the study.

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 page - https://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page_id=1965)
- 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.

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

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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| • Connie Johnson | • David & Donna Losey | • Lynnette May |
| • Damon Lee | • Teresa Lucas | • Jennifer Milan |
| • Chris Littiken | • Michael, Cindy, Mackenzie, | • Barb Minor |
| • Steve & Jeanne Loesch | Tristan, Danica, & Bella May | • John & Beth Muntzinger |

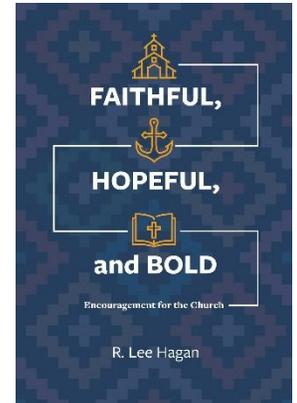
GENERAL INFORMATION

Missions: This year we will be supporting a variety of missions. The missions we have supported include Clarity, Lakeview Ministries, Orphan Grain Train, Tiffany Smith (missionary for Lutheran Bible Translators serving in Tanzania), a seminary student, and our youth group. If you would like to submit a name of a seminary student or any other organization for consideration this year, please speak to an elder or to Pastor. May God continue to bless these missions as Christ is proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

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.

Book of the Month: The Book of the Month will be available in the Parish Hall library. The June Book of the Month is *Faithful, Hopeful, and Bold: Encouragement for the Church* by R. Lee Hagan. Here is an excerpt from the book: "We live in desperate times. Our post-Christian culture is spiraling out of control. As a result of everything from the pressures of social media to the diminished role of religious institutions in society, people all around us are struggling with mental and emotional hurts. In these dark times of virtual reality and artificial intelligence, where can people find a message of true hope? The psalmist writes, 'Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord' (Psalm 146:5)."



Altar Flowers: If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, there is a sign-up sheet for 2025 in the hallway between Pastor's study 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 Heilers at (812) 717-0167 if you have any questions.

Communion Assistance: We are looking for people who may be interested in setting up and/or cleaning up communion. No need to worry about the linens, as those will be taken care of for you. If you are interested in learning more, please speak with Lynnette or Pastor. The sign-up sheet for 2025 is also on the bulletin board.



Vanco: A new, online offering method is now available. You can find more information by scanning the QR code in the bulletin or by going to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZMRA>.

Church & Parish Hall Cleaning Volunteers: If you are interested in helping to clean the Church and Parish Hall, there is a sign-up sheet in the hallway in the Parish Hall. You can sign-up for a month at a time and you can sign-up with another person/couple/family too. Prayerfully consider lending a hand in this way. You may also speak to Janice Acree or Jenni Acton for more information about the cleaning duties or the sheet on the bulletin board.

Puzzle Sharing: If you would like to borrow a puzzle or donate a puzzle, they can be found or placed in the cabinet in the Conference Room closest to the white board. Enjoy a variety of puzzles and some fellowship with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!

YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH CLASSES

Youth Group: The youth group will meet on Monday, June 16th at 5 PM for our youth night. We will have a meal, time to study God's Word, and water ballons. 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. Also, we will begin the night with a National Youth Gathering meeting, so please plan on a parent attending at the start of the night.

T-Shirts: The Youth Group is taking pre-orders for a new church t-shirt. \$24 per shirt or 2 shirts for \$40. Orders will be taken through June 15th. See Pastor or a Youth Group member to order.

Pampered Chef Fundraiser: The Youth Group is doing a Pampered Chef fundraiser now through June 23rd. Speak to a Youth Group member or visit here for more information – www.pamperedchef.com/party/stpeteryouth.

VBS: Children ages 3+ are invited to join us for VBS July 28-31 from 5:00-8:00 PM each night. Our theme this year is Splash Canyon. For more information or to register a child, please talk to Michelle Schultz.

EVENTS

Ascension Day Service: Join us on Thursday, May 29th at 7:00 PM for a joint Ascension Day Divine Service at St. John's White Creek. We will join with the saints of St. John's, White Creek and St. Paul's, 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. A dinner will be served before the service as well starting at 6:00 PM.

Game Night: Game Night will be on Friday, June 6th, beginning at 5:00 PM. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! Our dinner theme will be your favorite summer dish. 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

Lutheran SGO: Take full advantage of all the benefits of donating to the Lutheran SGO and support the students and families of Trinity Lutheran High School. For their generosity, donors may receive a 50% state tax credit. Donations can take many forms, from cash to credit cards to commodities. <https://www.lutheransgo.org/donations/index.php> Have questions or want to learn more? Contact Erin Brooks at 812-524-8547 or ebrooks@trinitycougars.org

FROM THE OFFICE

Contact Information: 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. Thank you!

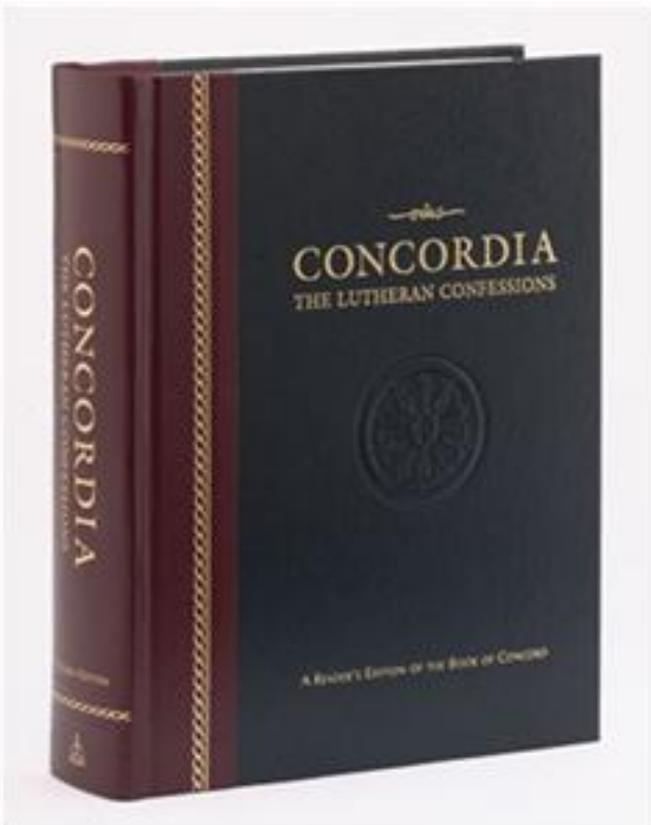
2025 Offering Envelopes: Hello everyone! I wanted to inform you that 2025 envelopes are now in your mailboxes, or sitting, in the narthex of the church. Please let me know if I did not provide you with them, and if you would like to have envelopes. Hope everyone has a great month!

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

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Book of Concord Corner

“I believe in the Holy Spirit...

You see, all this is the Holy Spirit’s office and work. He begins and daily increases holiness upon earth through these two things: the Christian Church and the forgiveness of sins. But in our death He will accomplish it altogether in an instant (1 Corinthians 15:52) and will forever preserve us therein by the last two parts (of the Creed)....

Now this is the article of the Creed that must always be and remain in use. For we have already received creation. Redemption, too, is finished. But the Holy Spirit carries on His work without ceasing to the Last Day. For that purpose He has appointed a congregation upon earth by which He speaks and does everything. For He has not yet brought together all His Christian Church (John 10:16) or granted all forgiveness. Therefore, we believe in Him who daily brings us into the fellowship of this Christian Church through the Word. Through the same Word and the forgiveness of sins He bestows, increases, and strengthens faith. So when He has done it all, and we abide in this and die to the world and to all evil, He may finally make us perfectly and forever holy. Even now we expect this in faith through the Word.”

(Large Catechism, Part 2, 59, 61-62)

St. Peter T-Shirts

Front



**\$24
Or
2 for \$40**

Back



Sizes:

Youth XS-XL

Adult XS-5XL

**Pre-orders now
available**

**See Pastor or a
youth group
member to order**

Join us for VBS!
July 28th-31st



5:00-8:00 PM

Children ages 3+ welcome

**Sign-up sheet in narthex or email
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St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

June 2025

Ushers: open

Acolytes: **June 1** – Abe Acton
June 15 – Noah Nye
June 29 – John Nye

June 8 – John Nye
June 22 – Abe Acton

Communion Set-up & Clean-up:

June 1: Judy Strasser June 8: AJ Trimpe June 15, 22, 29: open

Parish Hall Cleaning: Camden Jeffries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study	2	3	4 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	5 6 PM – Elders meeting	6 6 PM – Game Night	7
8 <i>Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study 5:00 PM – Book of Concord Study	9	10	11 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	12 7 PM – Council Meeting	13	14
15 <i>Holy Trinity</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study	16 5 PM – Youth Group	17	18	Pastor @ Indiana District Convention		21
22 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 – Pastor’s Bible Study 2:00 PM – Lutheran Community Home Chapel	23	24	25 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	26	27	28
29 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study	30					