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## Looking to Sunday Morning

- Pastor Sorenson

Preparation is important. The better prepared you are for something, the better the outcome will be. You will get more out of a class, for instance, if you do the homework ahead of time. Your cooking or baking will go better if you lay out everything first. You will perform better at work or in sports or other similar activities if you practice your skills.

The same is true for Sunday mornings. Sadly, many people approach Sunday mornings without this mindset. They show up to church and have no idea what is about to happen, except for a basic outline of the service. They aren't looking ahead to Sunday morning as much as going through it and leaving it in the rearview mirror.

So, what can you do to look ahead to Sunday morning? What can you do to prepare for the Divine Service each week? The good news is it's really not too complicated or difficult. But you do need to know how Sunday mornings work and where to find the things you need to prepare well.

The first step, then, is to recognize what changes each week. It's true that much of the Divine Service is the same week to week. The most notable change, however, is the readings. Each Sunday is driven by these readings, with the Gospel reading setting the theme and focus for the day.

With this in mind, one of the best things you can do to prepare for Sunday morning is to read these readings in the days leading up to Sunday. There are plenty of resources to help you with this. In the bulletin, there is a devotion guide that does this for you. On Monday through Wednesday, you reflect on the readings for the last Sunday. Then on Thursday through Saturday, you read the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

In addition to the bulletin devotion, you can find the upcoming readings in many other places. In the hymnal, the readings are all laid out on pages xiv-xix. Starting on November 30, we will be on page xiv. There will also be a sheet for the entire next Church year available with the dates and readings all listed together. Finally, you can also go to [yaag.org](http://yaag.org) and see exactly which readings are coming up.

Reading these ahead of time will help you be ready to hear all of the other connections to these readings throughout the service. From the hymns to the prayers to the sermon and in many other places, these readings will echo all morning. And, if you have any questions about the readings, you are much better prepared to listen for answers and, if they still linger, to come to Bible study and ask those questions. Chances are, if you have that question, other people do too.

With these readings in mind, you can also find the hymn of the day for the upcoming Sunday and sing it at home throughout the week. Again, this is listed on the devotion list in the bulletin every week. The hymns help to reinforce the readings and show what themes will be the focus on Sunday morning.

Finally, you can pray the collect of the day for the upcoming Sunday throughout the week as well. This too is listed in the devotion in the bulletin. The collect of the day brings all of the readings together and gives you the central theme while also being a great model of prayer in general.

May this be an encouragement for you to look ahead to Sunday mornings and to prepare for them. Not only does this get you into the Word of God throughout the week, but it also helps you be prepared for Sunday morning so you may see how God is working to give all of His good and gracious gifts to you.

# LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Lcms.org/stewardship

## ***Pointing to the Rock of Ages***

*Not the labor of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. (LSB 761:2)*

While the classic hymn “Rock of Ages” shows up in the *Lutheran Service Book* in the “Hope and Comfort” section, it can also teach us a valuable lesson about Christian stewardship. If that surprises you, stay with me on this one.

No Lutheran would ever dispute the fact that our work does not save us. Ephesians 2 makes it truly clear that we are dead in our trespasses and sins and would remain in that state until Christ raises us by grace. There is not a ladder on which we can climb out of the grave that our sins have dug for us. No blood, sweat nor tears will be able to rescue us. We all know this.

Our works do not save. Christ’s work on the cross of Calvary does! He bore human flesh. He carried the burden of our sin to the cross. His body was beaten, bruised and bloodied for us. He has indeed atoned for us! This is more than enough reason for this hymn to be bouncing around in your head all day today!

But our work has a place. The place is in response to what the Father has done for us in Jesus. The Rock of Ages, who is Jesus, becomes the foundation on which our lives of faith are built. The Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to make us God’s workmanship that Paul talks about in Ephesians 2:10.

Our workmanship does not display our power or prowess. Like the heavens declare the handiwork of the Creator, the works of a redeemed sinner point others to the salvation that is worked only by Jesus alone. Our work is a response to and reflection of a grace and glory that we ourselves could never accomplish or achieve.

We become stewards of the treasure that is the Gospel. When we faithfully support the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our financial support, we are doing the work which points to the One who alone atones. When we come alongside a struggling sister or brother for whom Christ died and we share the stewardship work of compassion and care, we en flesh the treasure of God’s love and redemption. When we make it a weekly priority to arrange our schedule to be in the Lord’s House with other stewards of the Gospel to receive again and again the Gospel’s precious gift, we are stewards of the Body of Christ in the congregation that points even more people to Jesus.

We cannot do this. Jesus does it through us. We are simply stewards of this precious treasure!

## Elders' Corner

*(A monthly feature from the Board of Elders)*

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings of thankfulness, well-being, and love to all our congregation and believers. The month of November brings many opportunities to give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we read in Psalm 69:30, "I will praise the name of God with song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving." Let loose your voice, sing with joy in your heart, give thanks, all simple actions to give glory to God.

The upcoming month is full of many blessings for St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. The 7<sup>th</sup> of November will be our Fellowship Friday @ 5 Fall Party. We will celebrate autumn outdoors with chili, hot dogs, s'mores, and fun. On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>, we can pause and render prayers for all who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Veteran's Day is a wonderful time for a handshake of acknowledgement to those that have worn a uniform. Thanksgiving Day, November 27<sup>th</sup>, is by name a wonderful time to reflect on all of our God-given blessings. Everything we have, see, or experience is provided to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Acts 2:38-39.

Prayers of health, happiness, and faith to you all in our Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Elders of St Peter

### **WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION**

#### **Bible Studies:**

- **Sundays:** We will continue a study on the book of James.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Currently we are doing a study on apologetics. If you have any suggestions for possible topics, please let Pastor know.
- **Book of Concord Study:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, November 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 PM. We will continue our study of the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, with 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](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](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.

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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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### **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:

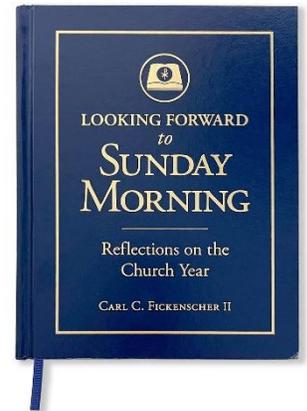
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| • Brandon, Logan, Maggie, & Emery Hall | • Luella Holle  | • Connie Johnson  |
| • Sue Anne Heilers                     | • Roger, Colleen, Miley, Alex, Braden, Cody, & Chase Hughes | • Sydney Johnson  |
| • Judy, Ellie, & Olivia Hoene          | • Camden Jeffries   | • Damon Lee       |
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## 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 November Book of the Month is *Looking Forward to Sunday Morning: Reflections on the Church Year* by Carl C. Fickenscher II. Here is an excerpt from the book: "We always get more out of an event if we've put something into it ahead. We've all shown up for a school class after forgetting (or simply choosing not) to do the reading assignment. But maybe we've also had the rich experience of vacationing at a historic site or a city in the news after doing a little research on it first. The service on Sunday morning packs countless loaded phrases, vivid images, and fertile implications into a very short time. We can process more of them if we reflect beforehand and come with a sense of what to expect. You'll have those questions; you'll listen for answers. We'll feel we have some 'skin in the game': we'll probably put more into the worship time mentally and spiritually if we've invested a bit in advance."



**2026 Calendar Planning:** What are some activities, events, long-range plans, outreach opportunities, fundraising events, etc. you would like to see here at St. Peter in 2026 and beyond? Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 20th at 6:00 PM to help plan a tentative calendar for the upcoming year and share any ideas you have. This will be a great opportunity for us to come together as a church and prepare for another fantastic year at St. Peter!

**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 Barb Minor (812-372-4193) 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 Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5 PM 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.

## EVENTS

**Game Night:** Game Night will be on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 PM. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! We will also be having a holiday meal that night prepared by the Elders. Feel free to bring your favorite games or a deck of cards. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come along as well!

**Fellowship Friday @ 5:** Join us on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 PM for a fall party. We will be having a bonfire, chili, hot dogs, s'mores, and more. All are welcome!

**Fish Fry:** Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Fish Fry this year!

## 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](mailto:ebrooks@trinitycougars.org)

**Blood Drive:** There will be a blood drive on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seymour. Visit [https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11622796](https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11622796) to learn more and schedule a time if you would like to donate.

**St. Peter's Brownstown Soup Supper:** We invite you to St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, in Brownstown, for our annual soup Supper. Dine-in or Carry-out from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Sunday November 9, 2025. Menu: Chicken Noodle Soup, Oktoberfest Soup, Chili, Westerns, Hot Dogs, Chicken Sandwiches, Variety of Salads, & Dessert! Free-Will Donation.

## 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!

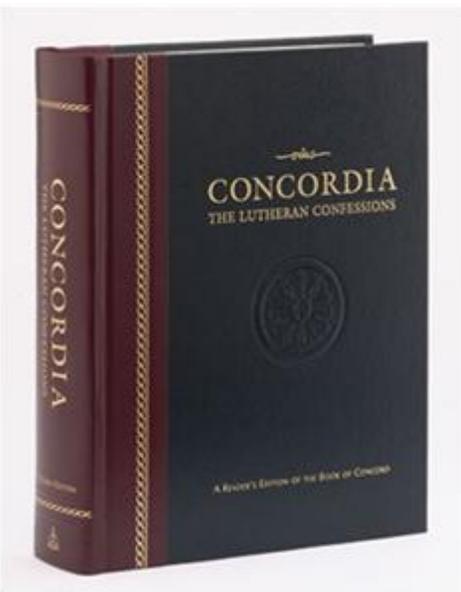
**Church Constitution:** If you would like to sign the church constitution, please contact Camden.

**Steeple Pictures:** If anyone has pictures of the steeple renovations and would be willing to have the pictures copied for a congregation member, please speak to Camden or Pastor. Thank you!

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### Book of Concord Corner

On the Lord's Prayer: "And the first thing to know is that it is our duty to pray because of God's commandment. For that's what we heard in the Second Commandment, 'You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain' (Exodus 20:7). We are required to praise that holy name and call upon it in every need, or to pray. To call upon God's name is nothing other than to pray (e.g., 1 Kings 18:24). Prayer is just as strictly and seriously commanded as all other commandments: to have no other God, not to kill, not to steal, and so on. Let no one think that it makes no difference whether he prays or not. Common people think this, who grope in such delusion and ask, 'Why should I pray? Who knows whether God heeds or will hear my prayer? If I do not pray, someone else will.' And so they fall into the habit of never praying. They build a false argument, as though we taught that there is no duty or need for prayer, because we reject false and hypocritical prayers (Matthew 6:5)." (Large Catechism, Part III, 5-6)

# St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

**November 2025**

**Ushers:**

**Communion Set-up & Clean-up:**

November 2 – Judy Strasser  
 November 9, 16, 23, 26, 30 - open

**Acolytes:**

**November 2** – John Nye  
**November 16** – Abe Acton  
**November 26** – Noah Nye

**November 9** – Noah Nye  
**November 23** – John Nye  
**November 30** – Abe Acton

**Parish Hall Cleaning:** Nye family

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Upcoming events:</i> 12/3: Advent Midweeks begin 12/6: Holiday Meal & Game Night						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <i>All Saints' Day (Observed)</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>6</b> 10 AM – Elders Meeting	<b>7</b> 5 PM – Fellowship Friday @ 5	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM – Book of Concord study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10 AM-2 PM – Pastor @ Circuit Meeting	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>23</b> <i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service	<b>27</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10 AM – Church Greening
<b>30</b> <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis						