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## Excel in Giving

- Pastor Sorenson

The apostle Paul writes, “We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also” (2 Corinthians 8:1-7).

Dear saints, this is the example that the Lord has given to us and it shows us true, Christian giving in all its fulness. As we know (and if not, then know now), our congregation is in a time of great financial need. The book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a time for everything (chapter 3), and this is no different.

Thanks be to God that our congregation is strong and vibrant. We have a wealth of members who love and care for one another and who share such great fellowship together. We have a wealth of members who love the Lord and desire to be faithful to Him in all things. We have a wealth of members who rejoice in meeting together in the Lord’s house, as the writer of Hebrews encourages us to do (Hebrews 10:25). This is the Lord’s doing and we rejoice in all of it.

However, as we excel in faith, speech, knowledge, earnestness, and love for one another, we have not been excelling in the grace of giving. Paul’s example of the churches in Macedonia is, on the one hand, condemning for us, and on the other hand, encouraging for us.

It condemns us because they were faced with a severe test as well even as they experienced extreme poverty, and yet their faith overflowed with generosity. They saw the need among the Church, especially for a congregation, and they gave according to what God had given them and even more!

We pray that God would bless us with such faith. Faith that gives to God’s Church for the work of the Gospel in spite of economic hardship all around us. Because, after all, money will always be tight. There will always be things we can save for or on which to spend money. But nothing is more important than receiving the Gospel from the Lord and proclaiming that Gospel to the world. That’s what our tithes and offerings are meant for.

In the same way, though, this example encourages us. It encourages us to remember what we pray for in the Lord’s prayer, “give us *this day* our *daily* bread,” and that God answers that prayer day after day. It encourages us to put aside the worries and anxieties and trust the Lord who tells us to give to His Church trusting that He will still provide for us.

We pray that God would use this encouragement to help us trust His Word and not only to give, but to excel in this grace of giving. To be generous with what He has provided, first and foremost towards the work of the Gospel which is done chiefly within the congregation, but also for the care and relief of all people.

For, indeed, as we give ourselves to the Lord and His Word which calls us to excel in giving, we can’t help but see the abundance of joy that it brings. Joy that comes from the Gospel itself, which brings us, our fellow members, and all who hear the very gift of salvation.

During this time in the life of this congregation, prayerfully consider how God calls us all to excel in this grace of giving, just as He calls us to excel in faith and love and everything else. And see how God uses our tithes and offerings to rain down blessings upon us, most especially by the continued work of the Gospel for our forgiveness and salvation.

## What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

### **Elders’ Corner**

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

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

In light of Christ’s ascension, we remember these words from Ephesians 1:15-23: “For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

In Christ,  
Elders of St Peter Waymansville

## WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

### Bible Studies:

- **Sunday Mornings:** We will begin a study on the book of Romans.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. If you have any ideas or suggestions for future topics, please speak to Pastor.
- **Book of Concord Study:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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=2796](https://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page_id=2796))
- 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.

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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| • David & Donna Losey                                           | • Lynnette May           | • Kevin, Amy, Jackson, & Holly Nagel                     |
| • Teresa Lucas                                                  | • Jennifer Milan         | • Jeremy, Mandy, Audrey, John,<br>Noah, Emma, & Ella Nye |
| • Michael, Cindy, Mackenzie,<br>Tristan, Danica, & Isabella May | • Barbara Minor          | • Ben Otte                                               |
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### GENERAL INFORMATION

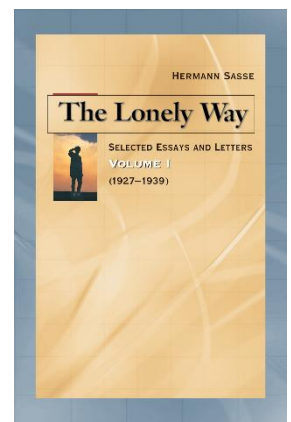
**Missions:** This year we will be supporting two missions: a new playground for the church and a seminary student (Rick Crain). May God continue to bless these missions as Christ is proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

**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.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** If you have any Thrivent policies, you may have Thrivent Choice Dollars which can be directed to benefit the congregation. You can do this online on the Thrivent website or by contacting your Thrivent agent. Thank you for supporting the church in this way!

**Book of the Month:** The Book of the Month will be available in the Parish Hall library. The June Book of the Month is *The Lonely Way: Selected Essays and Letters, Volume 1* by Herman Sasse. Here is an excerpt from the book: “Upon what does the church rest? No not our faith, not on the holiness of our lives – then it would have long since dwindled out of history – but solely on Christ the Lord. *Ubi Christus, ibi ecclesia* (“where Christ is, there is the church”) – with these words every definition of the church must begin. Because there is one *Kyrios*, there is therefore one church. Have we not all too often forgotten this? That there is one living Christ, that God raised the Crucified One and made him Lord, and that this Lord really and personally is with us always – these are not parables or pictures, rather realities of which we know in faith. Where his Gospel is plainly and purely preached, where his Sacraments are rightly administered, there he is really and personally present.”

**Playground:** As we look to a new playground for the church, there is a matching grant of up to \$10,000 available to us. If you would like to contribute to the playground and utilize this matching grant, please speak to a council member or to Camden. Thank you!



**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, there is a sign-up sheet for 2026 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 2026 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 in the cabinet in the Conference Room closest to the white board. Enjoy a variety of puzzles and fellowship with your fellow members!

### YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH CLASSES

**Youth Group:** The youth group will meet Monday, June 15<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.

**VBS:** Children ages 3+ are invited to join us for VBS June 29-July 2 from 5:30-8:30 PM each night. Our theme this year is Tropical Trek. We also are in need for volunteers to provide a meal each night and for any tropical decorations. To volunteer, for more information, or to register a child, please talk to Michelle Schultz.

### EVENTS

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

**3v3 Basketball Tournament:** A 3v3 basketball tournament will be held here at St. Peter on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM. It will be \$45 per team with divisions for 18 years old and under and 18+ years old. Concessions will be sold during the event as well. You can register a team at the following link (<https://forms.gle/XuqThavbyDKiA4Sk8>) or with the QR code to the side. For more information or to see how you can help, please speak to Kyle Thomas or Pastor.



### 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)

**St. Paul ECM:** Registration for the 2026-2027 school year at St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Ministry has begun! St. Paul Lutheran ECM (6045 E State Street) is a fully accredited early childhood center. The Word of God is the foundation of our instruction as we provide for the developmental needs of the whole child. We offer preschool classes for three and four-year-olds, as well as a comprehensive half-day kindergarten program. Kindergarten students can participate in a complimentary, flexible pickup time until 2:30 PM. Before and after school care is offered to all classes on the days their classes meet. Tuition for kindergarten is free at St. Paul, and needs-based scholarships are available for preschool families. Our program also offers a weekly, after-school STEM enrichment class. To register or find out more about our Christ-centered ECM, please visit [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org) or contact our director, Jennifer Probst, by phone 812-376-6504 or email [director@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:director@stpaulcolumbus.org).

**Lakeview Is Hiring:** Lakeview is entering an exciting and pivotal season of growth as we expand our year-round ministry and invest in the future through the For Generations to Come campaign. To make the campaign a success, and

as we navigate healthy staff transitions, we are seeking mission-driven individuals to join our team and help carry this ministry forward. The future includes major facility improvements, infrastructure expansion, and new ministry development across all Lakeview Ministries campuses. At the same time, several long-serving staff members are faithfully stepping into new callings, creating the need to hire and train new leaders to continue this important work. These openings represent both growth and continuity, ensuring Lakeview remains strong, sustainable, and Christ-centered for generations to come.

**Current Open Positions:** Administrative Assistant (Full-Time, Hourly) The Administrative Assistant supports the daily operations of Lakeview Ministries by assisting with office management, accounting support, payroll processing, donor and guest communications, and front-office hospitality. Serving under the direction of the Executive Administrator, this role helps keep the organization running smoothly and supports staff, guests, and ministry partners. Filling this position ensures operational continuity as staff transition and allows the broader team to be focused on ministry delivery.

Construction Manager (Full-Time, Salaried) As Lakeview embarks on multiple large-scale capital projects over the next several years, the Construction Manager will serve as an on-site leader and in-house construction expert. Working closely with the Director of Capital Development, this role oversees day-to-day construction activity, coordinates contractors and volunteers, ensures compliance with codes and best practices, and helps bring campaign projects from vision to completion. This position is critical to faithfully stewarding the significant investments being made in Lakeview's facilities.

Director of Advancement (Full-Time, Salaried) The Director of Advancement provides leadership for all fundraising and development efforts that support Lakeview's mission and long-term sustainability. This role leads annual giving, major gifts, grants, capital campaigns, and planned giving—particularly as Lakeview advances the For Generations to Come campaign and matching opportunities connected to the Lilly Endowment Grant. The Director of Advancement works closely with the Executive Director and Camp Lakeview Foundation to cultivate strong donor relationships that make expanded ministry possible.

Director of Operations – Lakeview Springs (Full-Time, Salaried) The Director of Operations for Lakeview Springs provides senior leadership for the development, launch, and ongoing operation of Lakeview's newest ministry site. As Lakeview Springs transitions from construction into active ministry, this role oversees staffing, facilities, programs, and guest experiences while serving as a visible leader and champion for the site. This position is essential to ensuring Lakeview Springs grows into a fully operational, mission-aligned ministry focused on family and adult programs.

Learn More & Apply

Full job descriptions and application instructions for all open positions are available at: [lakeview.camp/work](http://lakeview.camp/work) Applicants can review detailed role expectations and submit a resume directly through the website. We invite you to share these opportunities, pray for the hiring process, and consider whether God may be calling you— or someone you know—to serve at Lakeview Ministries during this important season. Together, we are preparing Lakeview for generations to come.

#### FROM THE OFFICE

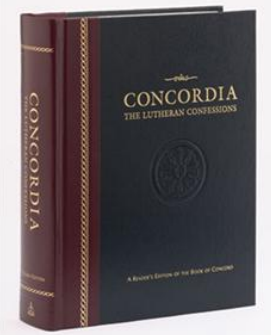
**Contact Information:** We would like to be able to contact everyone in a quick and timely manner. If you could please contact Camden or Pastor to update your contact information, especially phone number and email, that would help us tremendously and be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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

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#### Book of Concord Corner

On the Lord's Prayer: "We need to know this: all our shelter and protection rest in prayer alone. For we are far too weak to deal with the devil and all his power and followers who set themselves against us. They might easily crush us under their feet. Therefore, we must consider and take up those weapons with which Christians must be armed in order to stand against the devil (2 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 6:11)." (Large Catechism, Part III, 30)



# 3v3 Basketball Tournament

\$45 per team

Divisions: 18 and younger  
18+ years old

Concessions available  
Free Throw Contest (\$5)



## June 6, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

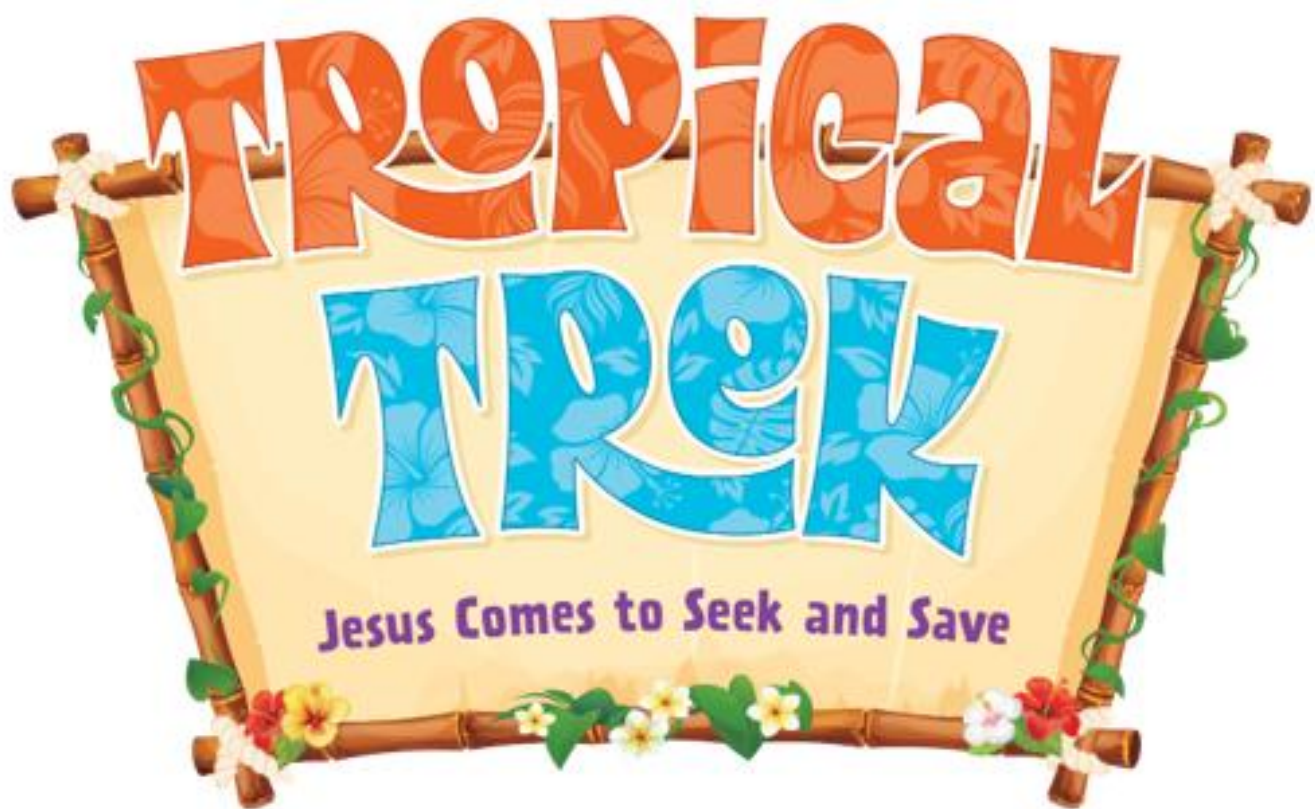
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Register and  
More Details



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**Join us for VBS!  
June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**5:30-8:30 PM**

**Children ages 3+ welcome**

**Sign-up sheet in narthex or email  
[pastoresorenson@gmail.com](mailto:pastoresorenson@gmail.com)**

# St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

**June 2026**

**Ushers:** Allen Acton

**Acolytes:** June 7 – Noah Nye  
June 21 – John Nye

June 14 – Abe Acton  
June 28 – Noah Nye

**Communion Set-up & Clean-up:**  
6/7, 14, 21, 28: needed

**Parish Hall Cleaning:** Camden Jeffries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Upcoming Events:</i> 6/29-7/2: VBS	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>4</b>  10 AM – Elders Meeting	<b>5</b>  6 PM – Game Night	<b>6</b>  9 AM – 3v3 Basketball Tournament
<b>7</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 – Pastor’s Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study 5:00 PM – Book of Concord Study	<b>15</b>  5 PM – Youth Group	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>18</b>  6 PM – Council Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 – Pastor’s Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 – Pastor’s Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School – 5:30 – 8:30 PM each night</b>			