

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter
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Books for Your Home

- Pastor Sorenson

Physical books are becoming less and less popular in the world today. The cost, the ease of access online, and even the space books take up are all reasons why this is the case, among various other reasons.

Yet, there are some books which you really should consider having in your home no matter what. Whether you are an avid reader or not, whether you have a whole library or just a couple books at home, as a Christian the following are books you should know, love, and use on a regular basis.

The first of these books is, of course, the holy Bible. While you can always find the Bible online, having a physical copy and actually reading from it is invaluable (not to mention, in a physical copy you can take notes which are a precious gift over time). If you don't have one already, a great option is the Lutheran Study Bible. Not only does it have the biblical text itself, but it includes helpful notes on nearly every verse. You can find that Bible at this link: <https://www.cph.org/c-2885-the-lutheran-study-bible> (there is even a 25% off sale happening right now).

The second book to have is a Small Catechism, which summarizes the teachings of the Bible in a helpful way. You may very well still have your Small Catechism from catechesis classes growing up. If not, you can find it here: <https://www.cph.org/luthers-small-catechism-with-explanation-2017-edition>

The third book to have in your home is the Lutheran Service Book, which is the hymnal of our church. There are more resources in here than you may know. From hymns to prayers to devotional services to the Small Catechism and even Bible reading plans, the hymnal is a book to go to every single day. A link for that is here: <https://www.cph.org/lutheran-service-book-pew-edition> (it, too, is on sale right now for nearly 40% off).

These three books, in particular, are ones you should strive to have and use in your home regularly. They all focus you on God's Word and deliver that Word to you in different ways, all of which build you up and strengthen you in the one, true faith.

A few other books are worth considering after these three, too. The Book of Concord contains several documents that wonderfully explain the faith. This book comes out of the Reformation and serves as the confession of the Lutheran Church throughout the ages. A good edition of that can be found here: <https://www.cph.org/concordia-the-lutheran-confessions-a-readers-edition-of-the-book-of-concord-2nd-edition>

The Treasury of Daily Prayer is a devotional book that provides devotions throughout the entire year. Every day it has readings from a Psalm, the Old Testament, and New Testament, along with a writing from throughout the church's history, a hymn stanza, a prayer, and even a suggested reading from the Book of Concord. This link is for the regular edition, though there are compact and deluxe editions available too: <https://www.cph.org/treasury-of-daily-prayer-regular-edition>

Finally, the Lutheran Book of Prayer is a helpful book to have, as it contains prayers for nearly every situation you can think of or that you might encounter. <https://www.cph.org/lutheran-book-of-prayer-5th-edition>

If you have all of these, thanks be to God. Use them and love them as the treasures that they are for your life and faith. If you don't have these, consider acquiring them. Whether from these links or by other means, these books are available and often go on sale as well. While the world may be moving away from books, these ones remain forever since they contain and/or extol God's holy Word.

Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect this belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

Elders' Corner

(A monthly feature from the Board of Elders)

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Good day. May the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always and forever. Summertime is fading as the beginning of September is upon us. May we all rejoice in the great gifts the Lord has provided. The start of schools and colleges for our youth bring much joy in the eyes of a generation, new teachers, friends, classes, and surroundings. May we all pray that the Word of God travels with them on this journey. Let them remember Isaiah 40:8, “The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the Word of our God will stand forever.”

This month the youth of our congregation embark on a new year of Sunday School starting Sunday, September 13th after our Divine Service. A small celebration before the new year of Sunday School with doughnuts, fruits, and other goodies will be provided. All are welcome to join. The Elders have scheduled Fellowship Friday @ 5 on September 25th, including a cornhole tournament. The meal for this evening has not been decided as of yet. Any recommendations to consider are greatly appreciated. The fellowship we enjoy on Friday evening gatherings grows our congregation closer in friendship. Galatians 6:9-10.

Let us all rejoice in the season, as in every moment our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ provides unending love and blessings to His children. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11.

God's blessings to all,
Elders of St Peter Waymansville

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Bible Studies:

- **Sunday Mornings:** We will continue a study on the book of Romans.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. We will continue our study of the life and times of Martin Luther. If you have any ideas or suggestions for future topics, please speak to Pastor.
- **Book of Concord Study:** 2nd Sunday of the month, September 13th, beginning at 5:00 PM. We will continue a study on the Large Catechism 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)
- 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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| • Mark & Yvonne Willman | • Dan, Janice, Joe, Trevor, & Abigail | • Doug Ahlemeyer |
| • Sonya Wilson | • Acree | • Chris & Mindy Allen |
| • Dale & Ruth Woodard | • Curt, Jenni, Rayleigh, & Abe Acton | • Conner Axsom |
| • Cheryl Yearsley | • Allen & Beverly Acton | |

GENERAL INFORMATION

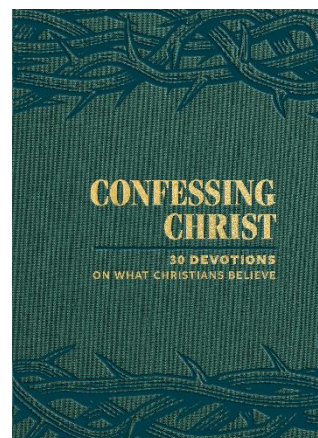
Missions: This year we will be supporting two missions: a new playground for the church and a seminary student (Rick Crain). May God continue to bless these missions as Christ is proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

Baby Shower: We rejoice with Brandon and Logan Hall at the birth of their baby girl. We will have a diapers/wipes/gift card shower and desserts reception with them on Sunday, September 20th after the service. Their preferred diaper brand is Pampers Swaddlers (size 1 or above) and their preferred wipes brand is Pampers Sensitive. If you would like to gift a meal, they politely ask for gift cards to local and kid friendly restaurants.

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 September Book of the Month is *Confessing Christ: 30 Devotions on What Christians Believe*. Here is an excerpt from the book: "This devotional book builds upon Paul's sermon and fills out the story of God's love for us from the beginning to the end. In these pages, we will consider topics such as knowing God; the way God reveals Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; humanity's fall into sin and God's rescue plan to save us; the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit's work for and in us; the gifts God gives us through His Church; the way God organizes our lives and provides for them; and Christ's return."



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. So far, we have raised just over \$5,000. Thank you!

Council & Other Positions: At our October voters' meeting, we will elect new council members for the positions of congregational chairman, recording secretary, and synodical fund treasurer. We will also elect an elder and an auditing committee member. If you would be willing to serve in any of these roles or would like more information about them, please speak to a current council member, elder, or Pastor.

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 Pastor. The sign-up sheet for 2026 is also 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!



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 see the sheet on the bulletin board.

YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH CLASSES

Youth Group: The youth group will meet on Sunday, September 20th beginning at 5 PM. 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.

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!

EVENTS

Game Night: Game Night will be on Friday, October 2nd, beginning at 6:00 PM. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! Feel free to bring your favorite games, a deck of cards, or a dish to share. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come along as well!

Fellowship Friday @ 5: Join us on Friday, September 25th beginning at 5 PM for Fellowship Friday @ 5! We will be having an outdoor fun night, with a cornhole tournament and other fun outdoor activities. A meal will also be provided, with more details in the weeks to come on that. All are welcome!



Fish Fry: Hello everyone! Our annual Fish Fry is upon us. I plan to head the Fish Fry again this year, and I am asking for any pie or money donations from the congregation. If you would like to make pies, give a donation, or help during the event, please let me know as soon as you can. We will have a brief meeting on Sunday, September 6th after church as well. I look forward to this every year and can't wait to put on this event that brings everyone together. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time! Thank you in advance to everyone who plans to help! – Camden Jeffries

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

White Creek Fall Dinner: Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Dine In or Carry Out (must go through serving line for carry out) Menu includes Baked Ham or Turkey, Sage Dressing, Real Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Homemade Noodles, Green Beans, Home Grown Corn and Desserts. Prices (Cash Only) Adults: \$16.00 Children (Ages 3-5) \$6.00 Children (Ages 6-10) \$8.00 Extra Meat \$4.00 Extra Dessert \$4.00

Emmanuel Dudleytown Grab & Go Cookout: Saturday, September 12 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Address: 2174 S. Co Rd 750 E, Seymour, IN. Free will donation. Tenderloin or Pork burger, baked beans, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade dessert. Pre-ordering available until Sept. 11th on Facebook page or by calling 812-528-0182.

Trinity HS Open House: Trinity Lutheran High School invites you to join us for a Way. Truth. Life. Dusty Boots Open House on Sunday, September 27, from 1–3 p.m. Come see the exciting progress of our Way. Truth. Life. Campaign and building project firsthand! Visitors will have the opportunity to walk through the construction project and see the vision for the future of Trinity taking shape. Bring the whole family! As part of the open house, there will be an opportunity to write a Bible verse, prayer, or name on the structure of the building, leaving a lasting reminder of the faith, prayers, and people that are part of this exciting chapter in Trinity's history. Guests are asked to park in the rear parking lot and enter through the new gym entrance.

FROM THE OFFICE

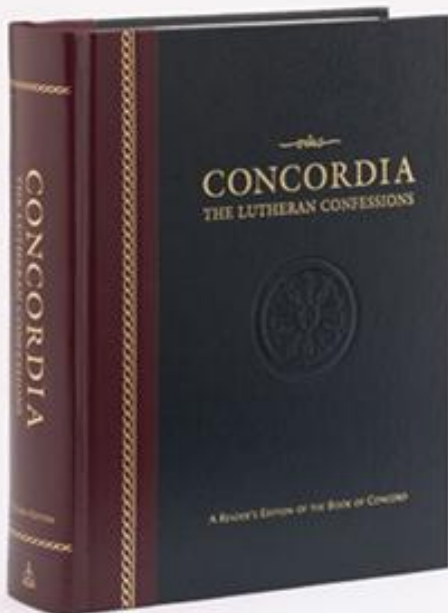
Contact Information: We would like to be able to contact everyone in a quick and timely manner. If you could please contact Camden or Pastor to update your contact information, especially phone number and email, that would help us tremendously and be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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: "Hallowed be Thy name.... 'But what does it mean to pray that His name may be holy? Is it not holy already?' Answer, 'Yes, it is always holy in its nature, but in our use it is not holy.' For God's name was given to us when we became Christians and were baptized (Matthew 28:19). So we are called God's children and have the Sacraments, by which He connects us with Himself so that everything that belongs to God must serve for our use (Romans 8:16-17). Now, here is a great need that we ought to be most concerned about. This name should have its proper honor; it should be valued holy and grand as the greatest treasure and holy thing that we have. As godly children we should pray that God's name, which is already holy in heaven, may also be and remain holy with us upon earth and in all the world." (Large Catechism, Part III, 35, 37-38)

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FISH FRY

Menu:

Fish Sandwiches, Hot Dogs,
Coleslaw,
Mac N Cheese, Baked Beans, Chips,
Pie,
And Drinks.



OCTOBER 18th

From 4:00pm-7:00pm



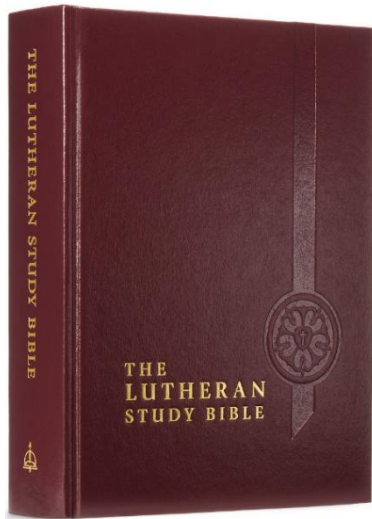
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Carryout, or



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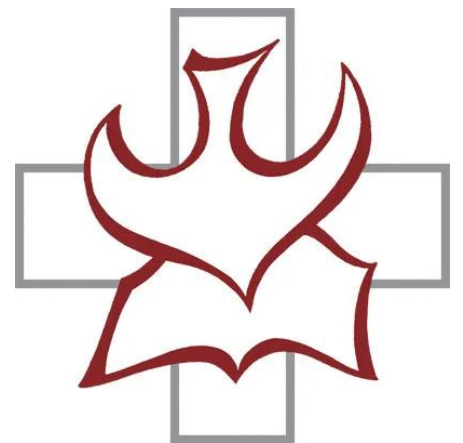
2026 Fall Bible Study Kickoff

Sundays

- Pastor's class & Sunday School – after Divine Service
- Book of Concord Study – 2nd Sunday of the month @ 5 PM
- Youth Group – 3rd Sunday of the month @ 5 PM

Midweeks

- Youth Catechesis – Mondays @ 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 PM



Prayerfully consider attending one or more of these regularly

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

September 2026

Ushers: Bill Finke

Acolytes:

September 6 – Abe Acton

September 20 – Noah Nye

September 13 – John Nye

September 27 – Abe Acton

Communion Set-up & Clean-up:

9/6, 13, 20, 27: needed

Parish Hall Cleaning: needed

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Upcoming Events:</i> 10/2: Game Night 10/18: Fish Fry		1	2 10 AM – Elders Meeting 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	3	4	5
6 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Fish Fry meeting with Pastor's Bible Study to follow	7 6 PM – Youth Catechesis	8 10 AM – 2 PM – Pastor @ Circuit Meeting	9 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	10 6 PM – Council Meeting	11	12
13 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School 5:00 PM – Book of Concord Study	14 6 PM – Youth Catechesis	15	16 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	17	18	19
20 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School 5:00 PM – Youth Group	21 6 PM – Youth Catechesis	22	23 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	24	25 5 PM – Fellowship Friday	26
27 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School	28 6 PM – Youth Catechesis	29	30 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study			