

# St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 14, 2020



*Sharing the  
Truth of Christ's  
Love by Caring  
for the Needs  
of Everyone!*

MESSENGER

## SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 am  
(Communion every  
second and  
fourth Sunday)

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(ages 3 through 5th Grade)  
September - May, 10:20 am

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

(6th - 8th Grades)  
September - May, 10:20 am

## HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

(9th - 12th Grades)  
September - May, 10:20 am

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

September - May, 10:20 am

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

**W**hat is Church? The Church is the invisible community of all those that believe in Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, as their Savior. Buildings and gatherings of people are all well and good, and they bring us comfort. COVID-19 is quickly making it clear to us that quality is more important than quantity.

The blueprint for what the church is supposed to look, act, and sound like is found in Acts 2:42-47, which says: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

Wow! Can you imagine going to church every day with a focus on being in God's Word, Holy Communion, and Christian fellowship. Wouldn't it be great if that were all we had to focus on? While that is not realistically available to us, we can do better. There are many Christians who believe that 45 to 50 minutes in worship meets the requirement God has set before us.

As we see here, worship for the early Church was comprised of the reading and expounding on of God's Word, prayer, and the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. Yes, that's right, all the other stuff has been added by man. Don't get me wrong. Man, by the direction of God, has added a lot of good things to worship.

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## Prayer Requests



**Members** who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Jean Brewer, John Wieg, Kristy Bartels, Dennis Roush, Rhonda Driver (Rose Harmon's daughter), Susan Felbinger, Denny Sunderlage, and Cindy Cangelosi.

**Members** who are residing at care centers: Dean Roby (Florence Nursing Home, Marengo), Fern Warfel (Tower Hill Care Center), Meta Meyer, and Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek).

**Members** experiencing increasing difficulties in getting out and about: Alta Dittman, Mary Jane Lindaas, Mabel Maas, Doris Meilahn, Eleanor Miller, Betty Roush, Marnie Wesemann.

**People** among us and those around us who suffer from physical, emotional, economic, or coronavirus (COVID-19) pain.

**St. Peter's Mission** to be revealed by the Holy Spirit and inform us of God's intention to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors.

Please keep the family of Lowell Henry Follman (brother-in-law of Carolyn Follman) in your prayers. Mr. Follman passed away on May 31. His funeral is Saturday, June 6 at St. Peter's.



## Altar Flowers



**Altar Flowers are always, first and foremost, given for the glory of God.**

**June 7**

Given by Evelyn Hertrich

**June 14**

Given by Sally Hartje, in memory of her wedding anniversary to Gordy, June 14, 1963

**June 28**

Given by Mildred Winkelmann, in memory of Emil on the anniversary of their wedding, and in memory of their son, Glenn (9/8/1956-6/26/1960)

## Attendance / Offerings



### ATTENDANCE

**May 31:** 45

**June 7:** 49

**June 14:**

**June 21:**

**June 28:**

### TRUE PRACTICE OF FAITH

Tithing is a question, not of reason or convenience or what God will do for us, but of faith in God as our Creator and Owner. Tithing involves complete trust in His providential promises.

## VIRTUAL VBS IS COMING IN JULY...SPREAD THE WORD!

St. Peter's will present **ROCKY RAILWAY...Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through** as a virtual VBS beginning July 6th.

Children attending will receive a great student packet, and each family will receive the music CD as well. The videos for each day will be available on YouTube beginning July 6, for 30 days.



Each family can do this at a time convenient for them. This is a GREAT outreach opportunity for our church members to help get this message to families in our community. Share this info with a family you know. Direct them to the church website for more information and a registration form. VBS is free of charge this year.

Because this is our gift to the community, we are asking church members who can to sponsor a child for \$10.00 (which is our normal registration fee). Mostly, pray for the VBS staff as they prepare, and for the children who will receive the Good News of Jesus as their Savior!

**Thank You!**

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Man, on his own, has added things that aren't so good.

These Scriptures also point out that how these believers were getting along, the Holy Spirit was at work through these believers, and the Church grew in the number of believers who were being saved. Wow!

There was a time when Small Group Ministry was a big thing. I believe it still is. Instead of Small Groups, I prefer to call them Life Groups. These are groups of 10 to 14 people who gather to study God's Word, grow in their relationships to one another and God, and spend time in Christian fellowship. I have led several of these and I believe Life Group is a more appropriate name because these groups allow the Holy Spirit and God's Word to bring life into their lives and the lives of others.



As we move closer to the lifting of the Stay at Home order, I would love to begin Life Group ministry here at St. Peter's. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. It gives you the opportunity to be disciplined, grow in your Christian journey, and become an everyday missionary of Jesus Christ.

So, what is Church? It is the body of believers, which means *you* are the Church and Jesus Christ is the head of it. What is worship? Worship is being in God's Word, receiving God's gifts for you, growing in your relationship to God and others, and being in Christian fellowship. Life groups meet all these requirements, but they do not negate the need to meet as congregations. Hebrews 10:19-25 says, "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,

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and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

So, for now, we continue to worship in ways that adhere to the civil government's guidelines and look forward to the day when we can meet again. When we are allowed to come together to worship again there will be some changes. Even if those changes are people's reluctance to be as close as they were before COVID-19, I pray we can begin a Life Group ministry the Holy Spirit will use to move people to be more like the Book of Acts Church bringing more people into a saving relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ. God is great!

***Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
Christ has died! Christ is risen! He will come again!***

### May 31 & June Worship Assistants

	JUNE 7	JUNE 14	JUNE 21	JUNE 28
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Steve Sporleder	Dennis Sunderlage Paul Tegtmeier	Bob Felbinger	Jeff Pergande Chuck Petersen
<b>USHERS:</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Sally Hartje Nancy Miller	Ken Bartels Dolores Schuring
<b>READERS:</b>	Steve Sporleder	Fern Petersen	Kathy Pergande	Sonja Sporleder
<b>ORGANISTS:</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Carol Wieg	Carol Wieg	Carol Wieg	Carol Wieg

# JUNE CALENDAR

Birthdays are in red  
Anniversaries are in green

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1          <b>Linda Meyer</b>	2	3	4 <b>Elder's Mtg.</b> 6:30 pm	5	6
7 <b>In-person Worship, with Communion 9:00 am</b> (also available on the Website and Facebook by Monday afternoon)	<b>PASTOR ON VACATION</b>				12	13
	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>          <b>Chase Wacker</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>Ron &amp; Carol Large</b>	<b>Stan Hecker</b>          <b>Ron Large</b>	<b>Don Balgeman</b>          <b>Marie Gehrke</b>          <b>Don &amp; Gloria Balgeman</b>	
14 <b>Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion 9:00 am</b>          <b>Neil &amp; Diane Steffens</b>	15	16 <b>Church Council Mtg.</b> Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm	17	18	19	20
21 <b>In-person Worship, with Communion 9:00 am</b> (also available on the Website and Facebook by Monday afternoon)	22	23          <b>Dan Petersen</b>	24	25	26	27          <b>Nancy Miller</b>
28 <b>In-person Worship, with Communion 9:00 am</b> (also available on the Website and Facebook by Monday afternoon)	29          <b>Marilyn Eaves</b>          <b>Dave &amp; Danette Trupp</b>	30				

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**Church Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Pastor's Office Hours**  
Mon., Wed., Thurs.  
10:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Tues., Fri.  
10:00 am - 12:30 pm