

# St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 28, 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**e've all been tasked by God to carry out evangelism, which is the act of telling others the saving Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Yet, evangelism scares a lot of people because they feel it's something they can't do.

A few years ago, some churches exchanged the word evangelism for outreach. The word outreach, they believe, has a much softer and less offensive impact on people. In addition, many who hear the word outreach feel they can just be nice while witnessing and don't have to specifically tell people about Jesus.

The Gospel message isn't good news, my friends, it's the *best* news. So, why would we *not* want to share it? Why are we afraid to tell others the Message that will have a profound and eternal effect on their lives?

Let me share a story to encourage you. In 2 Kings 6:24-7:20, the Syrian army besieged the city of Samaria. During that time, food was extremely scarce and the people were in despair. But during that same time, four young men were coming into some knowledge that affected them and the very livelihood of the Samaritans and how they handled this news. "Now there were four men who were lepers at the entrance to the gate. And they said to one another, 'Why are we sitting here until we die? If we say, 'Let us enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. So now come, let us go over to the camp of the Syrians. If they spare our lives we shall live, and if they kill us we shall but die.' So they arose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians. But when they came to the edge of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no one there. For the Lord had made the army of the Syrians hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to come against us.' So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp as it was, and fled for their lives. And when these lepers came to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent and ate and drank, and they carried off silver and gold and clothing and went and hid them. Then they came back and entered another tent and carried off things from it and went and hid them. Then they said to one another, 'We

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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), Denny Sunderlage, Cindy Cangelosi, and Meta Meyer.

**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.



## 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 (9/8/1959-6/26/1960)

## Attendance / Offerings



### ATTENDANCE

**May 31:** 45

**June 7:** 49

**June 14:** 58

**June 21:** 44

**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.

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are not doing right. This day is a day of good news. If we're silent and wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come; let us go and tell the king's household!" (2 Kings 7:3-9).

God used four lepers who'd been quarantined and forced to live outside the city to go into the Syrian camp. They hoped to find mercy, and maybe some food and water. But when they got there, they discovered that an army of angels had scattered the Syrians, who had fled, leaving behind food, water, clothing, and treasure. They couldn't believe their good fortune! So, they ate, drank, exchanged their rags for fine clothing, gathered treasure and hid it where they could find it later.

But then they remembered their own people in Samaria, who were starving, sick, and dying. They were faced with a dilemma: Do we keep all of this to ourselves, or do we share it with those who need it as much as we do? "Then they said to one another, 'We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news. If we are silent and wait until morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come; let us go and tell the king's household.'"

They made the right choice and shared their good fortune with those in dire need.

Today, you may meet someone who's never heard the Gospel message and that they need a Savior. What will you do? If you don't tell them, who will? If you don't share the Good News, they may die spiritually. But you say, "I'm too timid." Take heart, my friends, God used four social outcasts to bring good news of deliverance. If you let Him, He will use you, as well, to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who are perishing.

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



# Scenes from Virtual VBS



