

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 24, 2021

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

MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 am
(Communion celebrated
every Sunday)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(ages 3 - 4th Grade)
September - May, 10:00 am

CONFIRMATION CLASS

(5th - 8th Grades)
September - May, 6:00 pm

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

(9th - 12th Grades)
September - May, 10:00 am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

September - May, 10:45 am

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Have you ever wondered why God made King Solomon the richest man in his day? The answer is in **1 Kings 3:9-13 (ESV)**: "Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.'"

We ask God for many things. He tells us in **Matthew 7:7-11 (ESV)**: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

Before you ask God for material success, ask Him for wisdom and understanding. When you have

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Prayer Requests



Those who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Kristy Bartels, Jean Brewer, Rhonda Driver (Rose Harmon's daughter), Al Hendon (friend of the Sporleders), Peyton Howard and family (Sonja Sporleder's niece), Lynn Hubbs and family, and Neva (Rose Harmon's niece and sister), Ernst Kohn, Mary Jane Lindaas, Dennis Roush, Denny Sunderlage, Marilyn Thompson, and John Wieg.

Members who are residing at care centers: Meta Meyer and Ellen Nelson at The Sheridan at Tyler Creek, and Fern Warfel at Tower Hill Care Center.

Members experiencing difficulties in getting around: Alta Dittman, Mary Jane Lindaas, Mabel Maas, Doris Meilahn, Eleanor Miller, and Betty Roush.

People suffering from physical, emotional, economic, or COVID-19 pain, and residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

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

For the people who are grieving the loss of loved ones.



Attendance



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Jan. 3: 43

Jan. 10: 52

Jan. 17: 43

Jan. 24:

Jan. 31

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.

Altar Flowers



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

January 24

Given in honor of Dolores Schuring's birthday, which is January 26.

Given in honor of Shirley Schneider's birthday (Marilyn Eaves' mother), which is January 23.

Upcoming Meeting

Please mark your calendars for:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Congregational Assembly to ratify the Constitution
Immediately after service

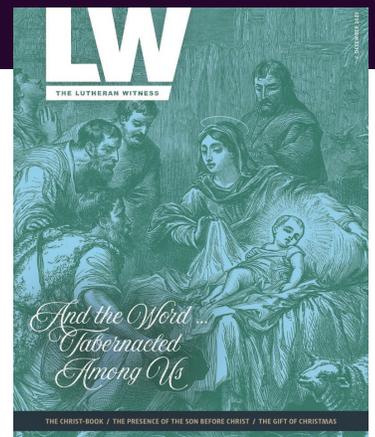
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Thank you, Darlene Tegtmeier.



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these two qualities, God can trust you with material success because He knows you'll use it to do His will and glorify Him.

But what exactly is understanding? It's the sum total of knowledge and wisdom! It's the ability to interpret life as God does, to see what He sees in a person or situation. In other words, understanding is the ability to see through God's eyes, hear through His ears, think through His mind, and feel through His heart. What's the answer to marital conflict? Understanding! What's the answer to parent-teen conflict? Understanding! What's the answer to business conflict? Understanding!

Proverbs 4:7-8 (ESV) says: *"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."*

The word insight at the end of verse seven can be understood as understanding. So, God's counsel for you today is pray for understanding. Reread **1 Kings 3:9 (ESV)** in the box at right, and seek God's understanding.

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



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Family Fun Bingo

Saturday, March 6 from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm
Hosted by the Board of Outreach

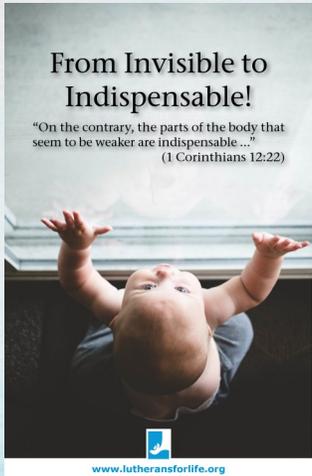
Cards are \$1 each | Prizes will be White Elephant
Hot dogs, water, soda, and snacks will be available for purchase
Bring your family and friends | Children are welcome
Proceeds will go to the Outreach Committee for upcoming events
**Masks are required.*



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS				
	USHERS	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR GUILD
January 24	Fern Petersen	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Steve Sporleder	Cindy Kuschel
January 31	Christy Petersen	Sally Hartje & Nancy Miller	Kathy Pergande	Cindy Kuschel

Birthdays	
January 20	Fern Petersen
January 23	Teddy Beaman
January 25	Ruth Ann Kowalski
January 26	Dolores Schuring
January 31	Meta Meyer
Baptismal Anniversaries	
January 23	Phillip Stojan
January 26	Scott McBride
January 31	Meta Meyer

This Week at St. Peter's		
Sunday, January 24	Worship, w/Communion	9:00 am
	Christian Education	10:00 am
Tuesday January 26	Church Council Mtg.	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 27	LSP Chapel	11:15 am & 2:45 pm
	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
Thursday, January 28	LSP Chapel	11:15 am



A bortion acts like some persons are invisible. Assisted suicide treats some persons as invisible. It says they don't have enough size to matter. It says they don't have adequate skills to matter. It says they don't have the right circumstances to matter. It tempts us to use death as a solution. It tells us we shouldn't have to look at them anymore.

If our unborn neighbor or the elderly one seems invisible, if the persons with disabilities feel invisible, doesn't anyone wonder why? Their ages don't make them invisible. Their appearances don't make their humanity invisible. Their inabilities don't make their sanctity invisible. Pretty and popular are just comparisons. Productive and profitable are only perceptions.

None of these can impart humanity, and none of them can deprive someone of it. Humanity comes from what we are and not from what we do.

And just because it sometimes goes unnoticed doesn't mean it's absent. No person's preciousness depends on us detecting it. It isn't that the worth and purpose of the least of these are so little we cannot calculate them.

It's that human worth and purpose are too great for us to comprehend.

It's not just her body, her choice. It's not just his problem, his fault. Your body belongs to the Almighty Father who made it.

Their body belongs also to the Incarnate Son who redeemed it. Each body belongs also to the Holy Spirit who calls it His temple and treasure.

This is My body, says the Savior Jesus Christ. This is My beloved son and My beloved daughter, says the Lord our God.

This life, embryo or aged, dying or disabled, is also your privilege and my responsibility.

Humanity isn't made up of individuals but of indivisibles. We are connected. We are community. We are one body. We need each other. We have each other.

No one lives to himself alone, and no one dies to himself alone. If one member suffers, all suffer together. We can do this, and we will rejoice!



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