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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 15 CONGREGATION MEETING -A BIG DEAL!

HELLO MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

I hope and pray you are enjoying the fall weather. Not only is the temperature dropping but so are the leaves. With Autumn comes beautiful foliage; colors of red, orange, yellows and more span the landscape for us to ponder the majesty of God. We do serve an awesome God. But weather and landscape aren't the only things on the verge of change.

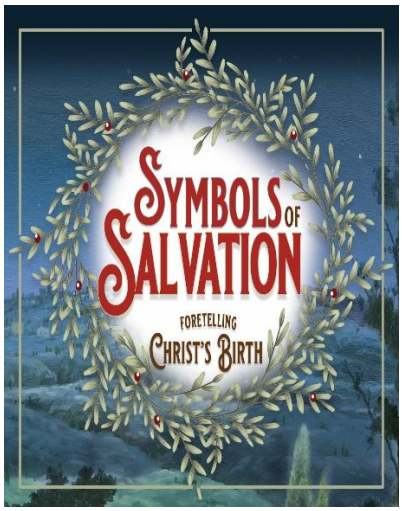
Quite a while ago the family of St. Peter's got together and worked hard to clarify our ministry objectives (MINISTRY CLARITY). Over the past few years, we have been accomplishing them. You may have seen some of them materialize though a new mission/vision statement, a newly painted sanctuary, the cleaning out and repurposing of classrooms, and new small groups, Bible Studies, Dances, breakfasts with Santa, and more.

This November you will be have the opportunity to hear and be a part of more! Of course, there's the business of the church that will include voting on a "Ministry Spending Plan, (Budget). Now, similar to commercials of the past, "But wait! That's not all!" We will also be voting on the adoption of a new church constitution. But wait…that's not all! We will hear about the process of bringing on a new staff member specifically for Family Life Mission/Ministry.

I'm sure I may be forgetting more of the news and opportunities but I hope to see all of you there.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

Pastor Brian Pape



ADVENT WORSHIP WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY'S, DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16TH AT 6PM. WE WILL BE DOING SOUP SUPPERS AGAIN THIS YEAR FROM 5-545PM.

A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR CROCKPOTS OF SOUP WILL BE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

Fellow Saints in the LORD,

This November's newsletter comes at a time of great excitement for your church. St. Peter's is following our Lord's sovereign guidance which He has given to us. As **"WE ARE A BEACON OF THE COMMUNITY, EQUIPPING, EMPOWERING AND SHARING THE HOPE AND LOVE OF JESUS,"** we continue to seek out resources to assist us.

Recently an application was sent to the CID-CEF for a grant categorized as "Ministry Outreach Grant." I am happy to announce that we have been rewarded $10,000 for what we have called "The Welcome Home: Family Outreach Initiative."

The Board of Trustees felt that this project met the criteria for their Ministry Outreach Grants and they were pleased to see that we have an intentional plan to reach out to people in our community with little or no connection to a local church.

It has never been a greater time to be about the Lord's work in this place and the wonderful part of that is you GET-TO be a part of it. Keep watch for more news to come.

Pastor Brian

Do you enjoy working with children and making a positive impact? We would love to add more caring and dedicated individuals to our substitute teacher list! Substitute teachers play an important role in supporting our students and helping keep our classrooms running smoothly. If you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher or know someone who might be a great fit, please contact our school office at **(309) 347-2020**.

Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd!



Did You Know?

Recently, a dear friend from my church said she would like to know more about Lutherans For Life. In the busyness of that Sunday morning we didn't have much time to talk, but I'd like to at least begin to answer her questions this month. Hopefully, others of you reading this might also find it informative.

Lutherans For Life is one of the many RSO's (recognized service organizations) that help our Synod extend its mission outreach, education and social ministry. Other RSO's you might be familiar with are Lutheran Heritage Society, Lutheran Braille Workers, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ministry to the Armed Forces, and many, many others. Each RSO is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit with its own focus, but whose programs are in harmony with the doctrine and practice of the LCMS. You can visit LCMS.org and search RSO's to see a directory. Next month I'll give you some information about Lutherans for Life in general and about our local Peoria Area Lutherans for Life Chapter #268, specifically. Until then, may God bless and keep you all.

Bob Wegner

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life



Nov.1- Sheryl Robison
Nov 8.- Sandra Ragon
Nov. 15-Pearson's
Nov. 22-Marlene Miller
Nov. 29-Paula Sammis

BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10am
LETTERS OF PAUL. CURRENTLY THE PASTORAL LETTER OF TITUS.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SMALL GROUP WITH TERRY WOODLEY THEY ARE STUDYING THE NICENE CREED.

THESE BIBLE STUDIES ARE HELD IN THE BASEMENT.

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS – St. John's Lutheran Church in Pekin is once again hosting a Sacred Music Concert and Hymn Sing, this year in support of University Lutheran Church, our LC-MS Central Illinois District Campus Ministry at the University of Illinois in Champaign, on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

We will join together in singing some hymns, and in listening to sacred organ, choir, vocal solo, and hand bell music, all under the theme, "Oh, Give Thanks to the Lord." Featured musicians will include guest organist Samuel Bishop, vocalist Allison Harley and the combined choirs and hand bell ensembles of St. John's and Trinity, Pekin.

A free will offering will be gathered to help support our University Lutheran Church in Champaign, which is served by Pastor Michael Schuermann. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Please set aside the time to participate in and enjoy the music program, and to support our Central Illinois District mission work. The church is located at 711 Court Street in Pekin. For more information you may contact the church office at 309-347-2136.



The labeled boxes for winter donations is in the gallery!



Children's Sunday School

The Sunday School program has been so much fun! Watching the kids remember stories from week to week, is amazing! Oh, to have a young mind again!

We were averaging between 7 to 11 children weekly. Since school has started, our numbers have dipped to 3 to 5.

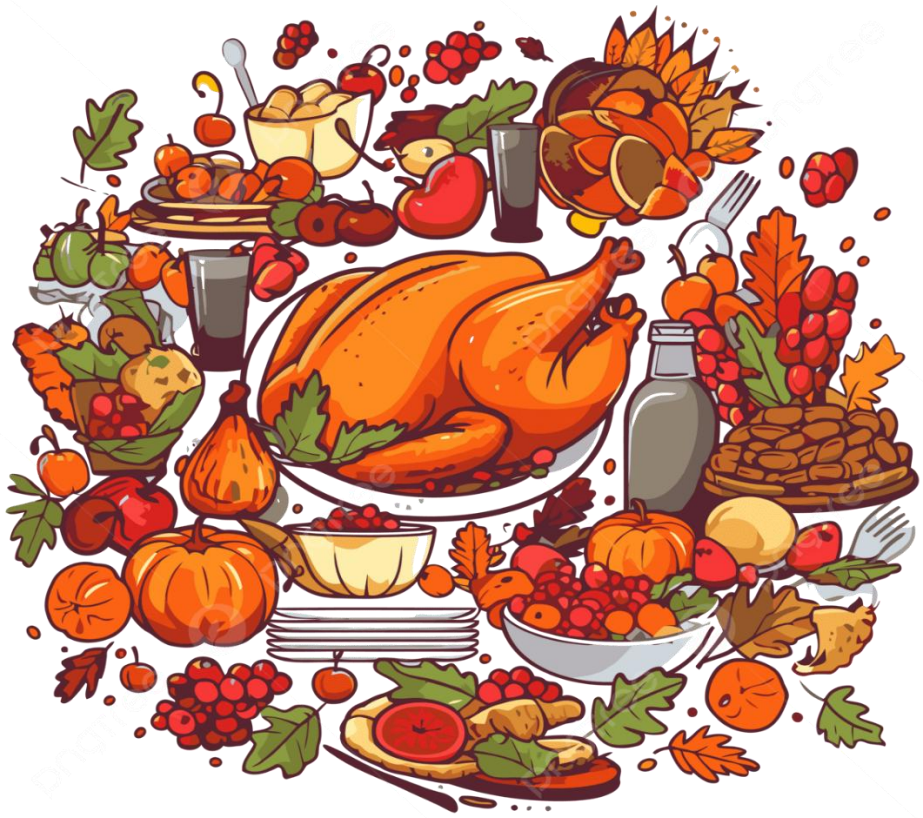
Please continue to lift this program up in prayer!

In Matthew chapter 19, verse 14 where Jesus says, Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Our teachers are there every week, ready to share the Word. Please let them know you appreciate their time and commitment.



It's that time of the year, where I need to assign offering envelopes for 2027. So, if you would like a box of offering envelopes for next year *please* let me know. If you tithe monthly I can give you 12 envelopes. Also if you do have unused envelopes *please* drop the in a box that I will have on the table with the new year envelopes.
Thank You...Hilda
My number is 309-694-7115 leave me a message.



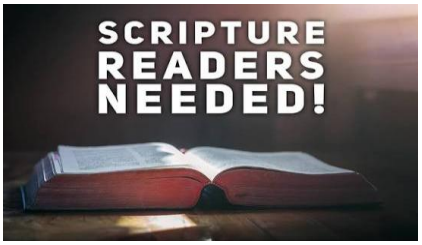
THANKSGIVING FEAST ON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND AT NOON

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

WE WILL ALSO BE ASKING FOR CANNED GOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD DRIVE





Are you interested in being part of our Sunday morning worship? Sunday morning worship includes more than the message. Sunday morning worship includes **readers, musical talents, and other gifts** and abilities that can be presented on a Sunday morning. Pastor would like to encourage everyone to consider this and to let him know so that we can add to the worship experience for our church family and as well as any visitors that may be attending. Pastor



DO YOU KNOW SOMEBODY WHO IS MISSING?

Statistics don't lie. When attempting to increase our worship attendance ONE METHOD stands above all the rest.

Church Flyers-NOPE

Online advertising and invitations-NOPE

Fantastic music or Pastor-NOPE

A personal invitation from you to a friend-YES-ABSOLUTELY!

If you personally invite someone you know to church the chances of success increase exponentially. One statistic says between 75 and 85%. AMAZING!

So, what are you waiting for?



Mary/Martha Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 6th.
Watch for more information soon!



Hello Fellow Prayer Warriors,

What a Beautiful day!
As you may know that our Beth has stepped down from being our lead prayer warrior. She is dealing with some health issues and we will keep her in our constant prayers. Beth did such an awesome job at getting the need for prayer out to us, I hope I can fill her shoes.
That being said I have a Gmail account set up for us, it is as follows:

Hisprayerwarriors1@gmail.com

Should you have any questions or concerns
Please reach out to me

Tanya Rickert
309-620-3636 Thank you Have a blessed day!

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY!

Bronson Moeller, grandson of Marsha Roberts, he is still serving in Kuwait

On Tuesday, November 17th at 7 PM in the upstairs double classroom. St Peters hosts game night. The featured game is called "Joker" also known as "Marbles and Jokers", but other games may be available.

This is a wonderful opportunity to just get together and have FUN, build relationships, and maybe even start some new ones. Tell your friends! Bring your neighbors.

Pastor Pape's small group is studying, "Answers in Genesis-foundations" by Ken Ham. At the end of October this small group will start collecting items for the Center of Prevention of Abuse in Peoria. Needed items include pajamas, socks, underwear, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies. We will be bringing more information to you about this soon.

We would love to know if anyone is interested in joining a Life Group in the future. Whether you are a leader or participant, these groups provide spiritual growth, deeper relationships, and authentic fellowship. If you are interested, please contact Pam Nelson at (309) 370-7271 or email at pam_nelson@comcast.net.

Acts 2:42-47: The early church modeled the small group blueprint, meeting daily from house to house to break bread, pray, and share their lives with one another.

GOT TO KEEP ON MOVING!

"Got to keep on moving" might just be the theme of any church that is striving to obey the GREAT COMMISSION given by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Churches that aren't moving are the ones that are not just disobeying, but more than likely are declining. That was part of the reason that St Peters Lutheran (SPL) embarked on the MINISTRY CLARITY journey a couple of years ago. That is when all the members of SPL were brought in to revitalize our collective walk in the kingdom of God. We concluded with the Mission statement**, "WE ARE A BEACON IN THE COMMUNITY EQUIPPING, EMPOWERING, AND SHARING THE HOPE AND LOVE OF JESUS."**

Together we constructed 4 PILLARS - ENGAGE, EQUIP, EMPOWER, & SHINE!

Under each of these pillars, GOALS were established that would be advanced through varying TASKS. **I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN ACCOMPLISHING MANY OF BOTH TASKS AND GOALS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME THAT HAVE YET TO BE ACHIEVED. THAT'S WHY WE MUST .....**

"KEEP ON MOVING!"



NOVEMBER 29TH AT 10AM-(NO 8AM WORSHIP OR SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Beacon Light Prayers

As a Beacon to the community, St. Peter's Lutheran Church shines the Light of God to our community. This is a request to join in an endeavor to seek Prayer support for our efforts in dedicated times of prayer throughout the week, just as the Beacon shines its light at certain times of the day.

A Beacon often shines at Dawn and at Dusk. Please prayerfully consider if you could dedicate time in a day each week to pray for the needs of this church. Spending dedicated time alone with God in purposeful prayer for this church along with your own personal needs can become very special to you.

BEACON LIGHT MINISTRY

WE NEED EVERYONE IN PRAYER

ENGAGE, EQUIP, POWER & SHINE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS

PRAYER MINISTRY NOTIFY ELLEN SCHIEBER

ellenschieber1892@gmail.com 309-264-1001

Having a Thrivent Product or insurance policy qualifies us to COLLECT Choice Dollars and Action Teams FUNDS for ministries here at SPL. An action team provides you with $250 seed money to use on your Outreach/Ministry. If you need help doing an action team call 1-800-847-4836.

Church Classified----2026

Magnusson Construction
Replacement Windows & Siding
Adam Magnusson, E. Peoria, Il. (309) 694-7831

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Alexandria Lamprecht (309) 439-9169
112 State St. Ste. 2C, Peoria, Il. 61602

Ron's Carpets
Sales & Service. Free Estimates
John Vollrath (309) 674-3338
1003 NE Adams, Peoria, Il.

Monica Pape (217) 714-6259
pianoteacher.MP@gmail.com
Piano lessons in my home.

Energy Savings
AAA Insulation, Don Meyer (309) 698-0062

Tippy Creek
Raw (local) Honey and Honey Infused soap
Pam Nelson (309) 370-7271
Rob Preston (309) 657-5692 or TippyCreek.com

Cindy Miller, Crafts
Handmade Embroidery and Crochet items
(309) 472-2161

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