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Abundant Jesus

- Pastor Sorenson

Jesus, in His Good Shepherd discourse in John 10, says this, "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). St. Paul says in Ephesians, "In him (Christ) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us" (Ephesians 1:7-8).

One of the things that these verses show us is that God delights in giving us great and precious gifts. He doesn't hold back or give us just barely enough. Instead, He gives us abundant life. He lavishes His riches upon us. His forgiveness, according to the riches of His grace, has no end.

Yet, too often we are tempted to approach the things of God in a different way. Instead of seeing how God wants to give us such great things, we can be left asking what is the bare minimum that we need or need to do.

This finds its way into our thinking in lots of ways. When it comes to our lives, we want to know how much I need to pray. Or how often do we have to do devotions with our family. Or what is the minimum requirement when it comes to talking about God with other people.

When it comes to worship, it's even more stark. How quickly can we do the worship service so we can move on to other things? How many times do we have to have the Lord's Supper? Do we need to receive forgiveness of sins or talk it about every week or multiple times in a service?

These questions, and many others like them, are well-meaning, but there is a much better kind of question that we ought to be asking. Instead of wondering what the minimum requirement is when it comes to the things of God, we should take a cue from Jesus and ask, "What does God desire to give us?"

When we look at all of these things with this question in mind, we find a much more joyful answer. Because now our focus shifts from us and what we need to do to God and what He is doing for us.

For those questions in our everyday lives, we find that God invites us to pray at any and all times. He'll always be ready to hear and answer our prayers. God gives us His Word to be read at home, by ourselves and/or with our family, so that we may always have this treasure in our ears and hearts. God prepares us always to speak of Him so that whoever He brings into our lives may hear of Christ their Savior.

Regarding worship, God's gifts are so great that we don't worry about the time as much as we rejoice in what God is doing with that time. Christ doesn't restrict when we can have His body and blood in the Supper but freely gives it to us whenever we gather in His name. When it comes to forgiveness, God knows that it brings us life and salvation so He fills every second of worship by proclaiming that our sins are forgiven so He may lavish these gifts upon us like the loving Father that He is.

Truly, when we turn the question around from what is the minimum to what does God desire to give us, we see that we have a God who not only has so many great things for us, but who also desires for us to have all of them. He holds nothing back from us at all. He desires to lavish His riches upon us so that we may have life and have it abundantly in Christ, our Lord. May we always rejoice to receive all that the Lord so loves to lavish upon us.

Elders' Corner

(A monthly feature from the Board of Elders)

Greetings. Rejoice in the day the Lord made.

As the calendar turns to another page, we are reminded Fall is inching closer. A celestial reminder of change comes on Tuesday, September 17th, the full Harvest moon. The Lord of evangelism says in Luke 10:2, "And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" We as a congregation continue praying the Lord will raise up new generations, young and old, of workers to harvest souls unto eternal life.

Our church congregational evangelism continues with one another. An avenue of harvest is our Fellowship Fridays at 5. This month it is scheduled for Friday, September 20th. The menu has not been finalized as of this writing. The Elders ask for recommendations for meal planning as we wish to include everyone's taste. Input is greatly appreciated.

The teachings that our Lord imparts upon us are immense! The Word in James 3:17-18 is a wonderful gift. "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." What a true statement.

Also read, John 4:34-36.

In the love of our Savior,
Elders of St Peter

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Bible Studies:

- **Sundays:** We are studying the minor prophets Sunday mornings after worship. This month we will study the prophet Malachi.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Please let Pastor know if you have a suggestion for a topic to study.
- **Book of Concord Study:** 2nd Sunday of the month, September 8th, beginning at 5:00 PM. We will continue our study of the Formula of Concord 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=1965)
- 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:

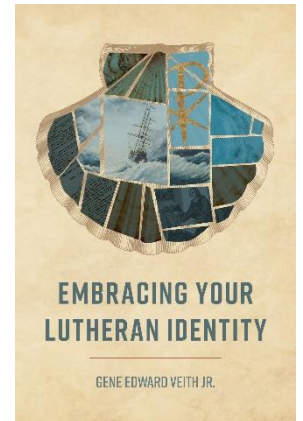
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| • Robert & Connie Stiles | • Tom & Brenda Tracy | • Paul & Kathy Trotta |
| • Danny & Judy Strasser | • Greg & AJ Trimpe | • Eric & Brenda Turner |
| • Carla Strasser | • Carolyn Trimpe | |

GENERAL INFORMATION

Missions: This year we will be supporting a variety of missions. The missions we will support include Clarity, Lakeview Ministries, Orphan Grain Train, Tiffany Smith (missionary for Lutheran Bible Translators serving in Tanzania), and a seminary student. If you would like to submit a name of a seminary student to receive this support, please speak to an elder or to Pastor. May God continue to bless these missions as Christ is proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

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.

Book of the Month: The Book of the Month will be available in the Parish Hall library. The September Book of the Month is *Embracing Your Lutheran Identity* by Gene Edward Veith Jr. Here is an excerpt from the book: "It is astonishing how directly the Bible addresses the identity preoccupations of our time – ethnicity, social status, and sex – and puts them in their place: 'For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3:27-28) Everyone who is baptized has 'put on Christ.' So when God sees us, He sees us through the lens of Jesus. He sees not our sinfulness but Christ's righteousness. Christ – by becoming one of us, bearing our sin, and taking our punishment – has our identity, so now we have Christ's identity. Our identity is no longer based on the world's categories."



Council Positions: At our October voters' meeting, we will elect new council members for the positions of Chairman, General Fund Treasurer, and Sunday School Superintendent. If you would be willing to serve in either of these roles or would like more information about them, please let a current council member know.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, there is a sign-up sheet for 2024 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 Sue Anne Heilers at (812) 717-0167 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 Lynnette or Pastor. The sign-up sheet for 2024 is also on the bulletin board.

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 the sheet on the bulletin board.

Puzzle Sharing: If you would like to borrow a puzzle or donate a puzzle, they can be found or placed in the cabinet in the Conference Room closest to the white board. Enjoy a variety of puzzles and some fellowship with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!

College Outreach and Care: As a new school year begins, we will continue our college outreach and care program for our college students. If you are going to college (or know a member who is going to college), please let Pastor Sorenson know so he can add you to the list.

YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH CLASSES

Youth Group: The youth group will meet Sunday, September 15th, at 5 PM for our youth night. 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 6th, beginning at 6:00 PM. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! Feel free to bring a dish to share, your favorite games, or a deck of cards. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come along as well!

Fellowship Friday @ 5: Join us on Friday, September 20th beginning at 5 PM for Fellowship Friday @ 5. We will be having a cornhole tournament that night, along with a meal. All are welcome to come and enjoy a night of fellowship.

Fish Fry: The Fish Fry is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th from 4:00-7:00 PM.

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

Christian Education Gets Rolling: St. Paul's Jonesville invites you to celebrate Christian Education with us as we celebrate the beginning of another school year and Sunday School season. All are invited to our annual "Christian Education Gets Rolling!" event at Skateland in Columbus on Sunday, September 8th from 4-6 PM. Admission is free, skate rental is \$3.00. We hope to see you there!

Dudleytown Meal: Emanuel Lutheran Church is having a Grab-N-Go Cookout on Saturday, September 14th from 4:00 - 7:00pm. Please visit our Facebook Page at Emanuel Lutheran Dudleytown LCMS for the order form or call Karen at 812-216-1898 to pre-order your meals. Drive up orders are also welcomed. Meals consist of Pork Burger or Pork Tenderloin Sandwich, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and your choice of Desserts (Homemade pie, Dirt pudding, Angel Food Cake) There is also a Silent Auction beginning September 9th. See our Facebook Page at Emanuel Lutheran Dudleytown Lcms for more information.

White Creek Meal: St. John's Lutheran Church – White Creek Fall Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 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 choice of Dessert. Desserts are Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, Cherry Pie, Chocolate Pie, Sugar Cream Pie or Layered Pudding Dessert 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

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!

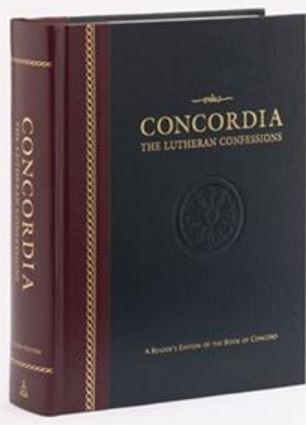
2025 Offering Envelopes: Hello everyone! I wanted to inform you that 2025 envelopes are now in your mailboxes, or sitting, in the narthex of the church. Please let me know if I did not provide you with them, and if you would like to have envelopes. Hope everyone has a great month!

Church Constitution: If you would like to sign the church constitution, please contact Camden.

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Book of Concord Corner

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth....This is what I mean and believe, that I am God's creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). I mean that He has given and constantly preserves (Psalm 36:6) for me my body, soul, and life, my members great and small, all my senses, reason, and understanding, and so on." (Large Catechism, Part 2, 13)

Dear Congregation Members,

We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards our church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community.

We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation.

You can give now at this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZMRA>

Or you can scan the QR code on the bottom of this page that will also lead you to our page.

Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Blessings,

The Church Council



St. Peter Lutheran Church Calendar

September 2024

Ushers: Kevin Schultz

Communion Set-up & Clean-up:

9/1: Judy Strasser

9/8: Open

9/15: Lynnette May

9/22: Judy Strasser

9/29: Open

Acolytes:

September 1 – John Nye

September 15 – Abe Acton

September 29 – Noah Nye

September 8 – Noah Nye

September 22 – John Nye

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