



September 10, 2017

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Margie Fites and Mary Ennulat in Celebration of Judy Berman's Birthday and her life; Kenita Kersten in memory of her husband Ron; Lee Riley in honor of his wife Sharon's birthday

EXCITING NEW BIBLE STUDY Opportunity!! Sunday mornings beginning September 17: **Getting to Know Jesus**. Books are \$15. Order yours on the sign-up sheet and pay in the office.

From President Brad Hughes: The next Council Meeting will be October 10, at 7:00 p.m..

At the last Voters Meeting, it was decided that we purchase the electronic sign. We will pay the balance of what we have not yet raised with fundraisers. If you would like to have a special part in helping purchase the sign, we will have specially marked envelopes in the narthex for that purpose. These should be turned in by September 24.

Pastor Ben and Melissa will be gone most of this week at the first PLI training. If you have a church need, please contact one of the elders or call the church office to be put in contact with one.

Nursery volunteers needed! We are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery for the 9 a.m. service. Further details coming soon.

Though our Sunday School year began this past Sunday, we will be starting our new curriculum on Sunday, September 17th. Additionally, our first "Children's Faith Night" will begin on Monday, September 18th and will run from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. for children ages 6 through 12. If anyone has any questions, please contact Tiffany at [\(219\)-707-6720](tel:219-707-6720).

Sunday School Substitutes needed! Are you interested in being a substitute teacher for this year's Sunday School program? If so, contact Tiffany at [219-299-7473](tel:219-299-7473). Jesus' little lambs can benefit from your service!

COMMUNITY DINNERS will be on the four Wednesdays in September -- 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27: This year we will follow a theme – Cook-out, Mexican, pasta. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. **We feed 60-80 people each week, so we need YOUR help! PLEASE SIGN UP! Come and have some fellowship with new and old friends!**

We served 69 at the 9/6 Cook-Out dinner!

It's time for **CRAZY BUNCO!** Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 17th @ 2:00 p.m.** Tickets will be \$10.00. Light refreshments will be served. Basket raffles, door prizes, and 50/50 raffle! Limited seating available. See Nancy Carroll (762-4220) for tickets.

Ladies: "You're probably one of the nicest things that has ever happened to me"...

Join us at our next Gab 'n Eat for lunch 12 noon on Sat. Sept. 16th at the Hacienda 2148 Karmic Rd, Michigan City.

..."and I'm thankful for that!!" Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Carpool from church 11:30AM!!

Won't be long 'til TRUNK OR TREAT TIME on SAT: OCT. 21ST 5:00 -7PM. More information to come - also donations of candy will be appreciated. Thank you

Coming on Sat. November 4th will be our Christmas Vendor/Bake Sale 9AM-3PM.(concession stand too!) We're looking for Vendors \$20 a space we'll supply tables. If you are or anyone you know that may be interested please contact me (Candy @[219-331-4745](tel:219-331-4745)). Also we'll need donated bake goods for that day. Thank-you

Sunday Nov.5th Bon fire/Cook-out/Hayride 4-7pm at Marge & Keith Fites' home!

More information to come

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS! FREE MONEY FOR St. Peter! Are you a member of **Thrivent Financial**? If so, are you aware there is a program called **Thrivent Choice** that is designed for **you** to direct some of the charitable funds to churches and nonprofit organizations nationwide? Please consider directing your **Choice Dollars** to St. Peter Lutheran Church. To do this online, log in at [Thrivent.com /thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call [800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. Questions? See Nancy Carroll.

The Comfort Dogs' official home church is now Trinity in Hobart, but they are also still available to our congregation & community. If you would like to have Barnabas Comfort Dog attend an event or for a visit to someone, you may contact Nancy Carroll (741-4220) or Dan Fulkerson (805-5492) to schedule.

If you would like to be included on the St Peter email list and prayer chain and are not currently on that list or have a change in **your email address**, please print your name and email address on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

An updated church address and phone directory can be had by asking in the office. Please check your information for mistakes and let Wanda know of the corrections. Please take one home!

You Never Know when your donation to the church's food pantry will be a blessing to someone. Your food and personal items are given to congregation members who are in need. We are now asking for additional donations to re-stock items.

Organist Jim Crisman is available for weddings, funerals, and other special occasions. His number is 465-0735.

The church has a new policy regarding the use of the fellowship hall and the loaning of tables and chairs. This will help keep us organized. Please ask Wanda for a form 30 days prior to your event. Please do not put your event on the church calendar until the request has been approved.

Garbage to Goodies: Please collect plastic bottle tops from milk gallons, drinks, water etc. Also card fronts, stamps, pop tops and Campbell Soup labels. Turn them in at the bookshelf in the hallway in the old narthex. Plastic tops go to an organization in Valparaiso that makes benches!!! Please save your pop cans and turn them in to the recycle center here at the church. Those donations go to the church!

Last Sunday's Offering

Envelopes are available at the bulletin table for donations to the Parking Lot Fund & for the Mortgage

Offering \$ 3269 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)

Mortgage \$490 (weekly need \$640)

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

9:00

Greeter

Lector: Mike Lemond

Bartz

Usher: Marty Riley

11:00

Victoria Luster-

Bob Duron

This Week at St. Peter September 10 - 17, 2017

Sunday Early Service 9 AM, Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs

Adult Bible Study 10;

Late Service 11 AM

Wednesday..... **BIBLE STUDY 10 a.m.**

Thursday **Praise Team practice 7 p.m.**

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Adult Bible Study 10

Late Service 11 AM

Visit the church's Facebook page for up to date information including

CANCELLATIONS - www.stpeterportage.com

Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer – cell number [989-907-9481](tel:989-907-9481) Church office – 762-2673

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REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

Linda Lemond, Wanda Gilbert, Matthew McCall, Karen Ackermann, John Spencer, Brenda and Bob Busch, Kenita Kersten, John Newlin, Tiffany Richards, Betty and Dick Hull, Donna Potchen, Michael Cooper, Wayne Miller, Tina Gurniewicz, Loraine Giertz, Dorothy Anderson, Cathy Laatsch, Lindsay Hietz, Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Phoebe Wilson, the family of Marsha Logan, Pat Newlin, Pauline and Mark Krill, and the many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones and those in harm's way thru natural disasters.

September Birthdays

Sharon Stephens		9/1
Wendy Harnung	9/3	
Trystan Hitchcock		9/4
Leland Riley	9/4	
Thor O'Donnell	9/5	
Caitlin Minard	9/6	
Brian Pleasant	9/7	
Mitchell Roscoe	9/8	
Amy Mundell	9/16	
Tyler Stout	9/17	
William Lackey Jr.	9/18	
Laura Bianchi	9/19	
Susan Schoech	9/20	
Savannah Cooper	9/23	
Ken Coons	9/24	
Cameron Wickhorst	9/25	
Margaret Berg	9/26	
Susanne Lynch	9/30	