



**October 29, 2017 – 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation! (Reminder for October 28 - don't forget the Germanfest Call-out meetings at 9 - 11 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m. Contact Jennifer Santaquilani, at [Jennifer12778@comcast.net](mailto:Jennifer12778@comcast.net) or [\(219\) 381-1138](tel:2193811138) for information, questions or if you have any ideas.)**

**The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Ed Gottschling in memory of his brother-in-law, Ray Sanders.**

**From President Brad Hughes:** The Next Council and Voters meetings will be **Tuesday, November 14.** The Council meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. and Voters will be at 7:30 pm. At the Voters meeting we will discuss the **budget** and **officers** for next year and next year's **church calendar**. If anyone has anything that they would like to get on the calendar, please come to that meeting or let me know.

**Please turn in your Pregnancy Aid Baby Bottles** today. Your change can make some positive changes in our community,

**The New Church sign has been installed!** Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this possible!

**A note from Candy....** I personally want to say **Thank you** to all who participated in one or another at our "TRUNK OR TREAT". Your donations of candy were so greatly appreciated! We had an awesome turnout of participants to pass out the treats, to Joleen, Carol R., & Pauline for working the concession stand & Donna FW for her delicious apple cider, to Mark & Linda for taking pictures, to Carrie, Phil & the youth group for doing games. Wow-- the number of kids- who would have thought- it was great! everyone got a prize; to Pam & family for adding more pumpkins (that was fun) People couldn't believe they were for free; to Josh for all his help especially for helping me pick the pumpkins from the garden, to Brad & Marty R. for helping clean up, & to my grandkids Halie & Caitlin for driving the hay wagon & Aydan & Kamryn for helping with the hayride & to my family for putting it together. We all together make an amazing team!!! We had about 350 kids come thru- kids of all sizes. It was so cool - people were actually parking across the street & walking over- it was quite a sight to see! So all and all I think we made a lot of Kids very happy! Thanks to you all.

**And from the congregation:** A huge THANK YOU to Candy for organizing and coordinating all of it!

**From the Ladies Guild:**

- **Mite Boxes will be passed out** on November 5 and will be out until the end of February. Mite boxes will be in the Narthex for your convenience.
- **Butter Braids** Please turn in your orders today. Let's have a super sale and surpass last year's! Our goal is 150 Butter Braids sold!
- The Lutheran Laymen's League of the LaPorte Zone is sponsoring a Reformation Celebration on Sunday, Nov, 5, 2017, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, [1600 S. Heaton Street, Knox IN](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1600+S.Heaton+Street,+Knox+IN). The celebration will begin at **3:00 CST**. A light meal will be provided. Tickets are **FREE**, and can be found on the desk in the Welcome Center.

**Ladies:** "Rich with happiness, filled with warmth, is the season!"... Join us at our next Gab 'n Eat for lunch 12noon on Sat. Nov.18 at the Texas Corral hwy 6 Portage. ..."So in my heart "blessed" with the precious gift of your friendship!!" Sign-up sheet in the

Welcome Center! Just meet there. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**

**THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR JELLO!** We are trying to collect 200 boxes of Jello, any flavor, for the 500 Turkeys event. If you can bring a box or two, please put them in the box in the Narthex.

**VENDOR/BAKE SALE: SAT. NOV 4- 9 AM-3 PM** We have some interesting vendors: we have some interesting vendors: 31, Mary Kay, Scentsy, Tupperware, a massage stress therapist, Lu la roe plus our holiday booth. (we do have room for a few more if interested. \$20 a space we'll supply tables.) Our concession stand will be serving lunch. Please sign up to donate baked goods. Thank you!

**BON FIRE/COOK OUT: SUN. NOV 5 – 4 PM-7 PM** Please sign up. This will be at Marge & Keith Fites' house please bring lawn chairs, snacks, hot dogs sticks if you have them. We will roast hot dogs and marshmallows. . Limited parking, so please carpool! Directions will be given to all who sign up. Candy Gaines has the directions, so please see her. Thank you!

**Mark your calendar for our Thanksgiving Eve service on Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.**

**We Need Your Help!** In order to keep our budget manageable, we have been having members clean the church rather than hire a service. A rather small group of volunteers has been handling this for quite a while. **If you could sign up to clean just once in a while, it would be a great blessing!** Put together a team from your friends and family! "Many hands make light labor!"

**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!

**Speaking of benches made from plastic caps,** Joleen Wilson said St. Peter is on the list to receive a bench made from our donated caps and lids. The benches are made in Evansville.

**Last Sunday's Offering**

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

Offering \$ 2114 (weekly need \$3,023 operating budget)

Mortgage \$30 (weekly need \$640)

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY**

**9:00**

**11:00**

Greeters:

Lector Linda

Lemond

John Carney

Ushers: Marty Riley

Bob Duron

**This Week at St. Peter October 29 – Nov. 5, 2017**

**Sunday ..... REFORMATION SUNDAY – 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF the day Martin Luther posted his**

**95 theses on the Church door**

Early Service 9 a.m. Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.

Wednesday..... Late Service 11 a.m.  
**BIBLE STUDY 10 a.m.**  
 Praise Team practice 7 p.m.  
 Saturday ..... **Vendor/bake sale event 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
 Sunday ..... Early Service 9 a.m. Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs  
 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.  
 Late Service 11 a.m.  
**Bonfire at Fites 4 – 7 p.m.**

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

**CANCELLATIONS** - [www.stpeterportage.com](http://www.stpeterportage.com)

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**REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS**

Judy Anderson, Donna Flint-Wood, Connie Carney, Howard and Deb Wilson, Joleen Wilson, Alice Miller, Mike Lemond, 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, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Phoebe Wilson, 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 or through the evil actions of others

**October Birthdays**

Melissa Ahlersmeyer	10/2
Judy Anderson	10/3
Brandon English	10/4
Thomas Levandoski	10/4
Dorothy Coons	10/5
Colton Wolff-Daily	10/6
Ronald Miller	10/10
Leslie Hawkins	10/21
David Gaines	10/26
Sharon Marino	10/29
James Maynard	10/29

**Early November Birthdays**

Robbie Maynard	11/1
Veronica Labonte	11/3
Robert Busch	11/5
Cheryl Lambert	11/6
Mary Shaw	11/6
Sherey Shoble	11/6
Zachary Young	11/7