



**St. PETER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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### Stewardship Moment

Luke 5:5 – “And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’” Peter’s words show both exasperation and trust. He’s tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust the Lord’s word – and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting the Lord’s word ... and acting on it.



Altar flowers this week are to the Glory of God

*Please Note*

Altar Flowers are \$15 per arrangement. Please pre-pay for your flowers in the Church Office at least one week in advance.

# WELCOME

*We are so glad You are here!*

February 10, 2019

## St. Peter Weekly Announcements



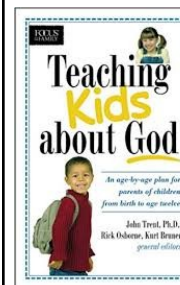
**Save the date! St. Peter's 2nd Annual Germanfest will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Founders Square.**

We are looking for volunteers to help with acquiring vendors, sponsors and developing a marketing plan. Job descriptions for each area are below. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Jen Santaquilani at Jennifer12778@comcast.net, call or text (219) 381-1138 or talk to her after Sunday service.

**Vendor Volunteers:** attend craft fairs and events (starting in November), pass out vendor applications, talk to potential vendors about Germanfest and/or pick up business cards for follow up. We will coordinate who will attend what event at the meeting.

**Sponsorship Volunteers:** drop off sponsorship packets to businesses, talk to potential sponsors, help research potential sponsor. We will coordinate who will contact potential sponsors at the meeting.

**Marketing Volunteers:** research marketing options both local and regional, help distribute fliers, posters and signs (distribution will begin in 2019), assist with social media and updating the Germanfest website.



Martin Luther was clear that the spiritual training of children wasn't a Sunday morning deal when trained staff & volunteers taught all the children what they needed to know about God. Spiritual training was and is meant to be lived out in daily life where loving parents, grandparents & others have the teachable moments to "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6) In Deuteronomy 6 it reads that communicating our love for God to our children is supposed to happen in the home during the course of everyday life. That means it is the responsibility of parents to be the primary spiritual teachers of their children. Don't panic..Seminary training isn't required for parents & children to know Jesus, to love Him & to serve Him. With this book, a bit of commitment and some intentional action, parents are good to move ahead as they grow in faith with their children. **Teaching Kids about God** is an age by age plan for parents of children from birth to age 12 as we navigate daily life.

The book can also be a large door of opportunity for other adults to share their faith stories with kids in more intentional ways. **You can borrow a copy from the crate at the information desk & quickly read the age appropriate section to get started with the children in your life!**

**Let's grow in faith together & enjoy the journey along the way!**

We'd "rada" appreciate your support for our church fundraiser "RADA CUTLERY". Orders due back by

February 24th! Sign out a catalog to get more orders or just fill out order form on table by welcome center. Pre pay (cash or check) put in envelope either give to me or put in my mailbox. Please make checks to me: Candy Gaines, I will pay the amount due giving the church the balance. I too will show total sales, balance due and the profit made given to the church.

Thanks so much.

## St. Peter Weekly Announcements Continued...

The Praise Team is in need of a drummer. If you have some experience on the drums and can make Wednesday 7 p.m. practice (Thursday during Lent and Advent) and the early service on Sunday, please talk to Mario or Linda.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Shining God's light through our love!**

The Family Ministry Action Team would like to invite you and your family to a little **Glow Together!** We're having a **Glow Party February 17** right here in the fellowship hall from **6 to 8 PM**. We'll have music, games, glowing snacks and all kinds of glowing activities for every age! Spread the word and invite your neighbors and their families too! We'll also be looking for volunteers to join in on all this glow fun to help us run games and activity stations and make all the glow happen. If you're interested, look for the sign up sheet on the welcome center! Can't wait to see you there!

### Church Council

The next Council Meeting is on **Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm**. In addition the next **Voter's Meeting will be Sunday, February 17 at 12:15** after the Late Service. At the Voter's meeting we will discuss the feedback from the small-group meetings. We will talk about the things that we did last year and what we hope to do this year. We will also talk about whether or not it would be a good idea to have just one Service on Sunday mornings during the summer months.

### Attention Ladies

Ladies: "You brighten my day, just know that you do," ... Join us at our next "Gab 'n Eat" Saturday Feb. 16th for lunch 12 noon at: Beach Café (903 N. Shelby St., Miller). .."I'm ever so Lucky, to have a friend such as you" **HAPPY Valentine's Day!** Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center! (Carpool: 11:30am)



**St. Peter's Next Blood Drive**  
**Will be on February 18th, 2019**  
**11:30 am - 5:00 pm**

### This week at St. Peter...

#### Sunday 2/10

Early Service 9a.m.  
 (Nursery available for ages 0-2 yrs)  
 Sunday school and Adult Bible Study -10a.m.  
 Late Service 11a.m.

#### Tuesday 2/12

Church Council Meeting  
 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday 2/13

Bible Study 10 am  
 Praise Team Practice 7:00pm

#### Saturday 2/16

Ladies Gab N' Eat at 12 pm  
 Beach Café, Miller, IN.

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Early Service 9a.m.  
 (Nursery available for ages 0-2 yrs)  
 Sunday school and Adult Bible Study -10am  
 Late Service 11a.m.

Voter's Meeting 12pm  
 Glow Party 6pm-8pm



April Wickhorst	Feb 4
Amber Young	Feb 5
Ron Semper	Feb 20
Kenita Kersten	Feb 22
Alexis Thaxton	Feb 22
Linsey Bianchi	Feb 23
Allison Bodza	Feb 23
Leona Keel	Feb 26
Stacy Moehl	Feb 27

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN  
**OUR COMMUNITY**



**Comfort Dogs** are not the only outreach Lutheran Church Charities does. One of the other services they provide is volunteer emergency response teams who report in crisis situations such as catastrophic storms. They have boots and paws on the ground within 24 hours in such situations. They do not receive any state, federal, district or synod funding. 100% of their operating budget is from donations from people like you. Their annual fund campaign is going on now. If you feel so moved to help support this ministry, you can get further information at their website: [www.lutheranchurchcharities.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org)

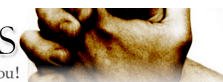


### Now Accepting donations for our food pantry

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 & community members who are in need. We are now asking for additional donations to re-stock items.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Susan Lackey, Bob Kuhn, Dawn White & Family, Tina Gurniewicz, Virginia Galanos, Margie Fites & Family, Shirley Kuhn, Dorothy Coons, Marge Shery, Kenita Kersten, John Gallagher, Wanda Gilbert, Kristina Thaxton; Ruth Imhof, Donna Flint-Wood and her mother Eleanor, Howard, Deb and Ari Wilson; Joleen Wilson, Mike Lemond, Karen & Claus Ackermann, John Spencer, Brenda and Bob Busch, Pat and John Newlin, Tiffany Richards, Betty and Dick Hull, Michael Cooper, Loraine Giertz, Cathy Laatsch, Lindsay Hietz, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Pauline and Mark Krill, and many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Have a Prayer Request that you would like St. Peter's Prayer Chain to know about? Please feel free to fill out a prayer slip on the bulletin table, or email /call the office with your request.

### Serving in the Lord's House

9am 11am

Lector: Jim Wells John Carney  
 Greeter: Marty R  
 Usher: Marty R Bob Duron  
 Counter: Kelly R

### Sunday's Offering

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

Offering - \$3,119.00  
 Mortgage- \$350.00  
 (weekly need \$591.00)

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