

Keynotes

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St. Peter's Lutheran Church exists to prepare God's people with God's promises for God's purposes.

A LETTER FROM THE PASTORS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Peter's is adopting a new translation of the Bible! You may be aware that currently the Bible translation we use in Church, Bible class, and our Day School is the New International Version (NIV), 1984 edition. This August we will be switching to a new translation called the English Standard Version (ESV). A switch in translation is not something that is taken lightly or done without much prayer and consideration. This is a decision that our pastors and elders have spent much time prayerfully considering.

There are many reasons for changing to the ESV translation. Perhaps the biggest reason is that the NIV 1984 edition is no longer in print. This causes several problems for our Church; one of the

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biggest is that our day school children cannot buy and read the same Bible that they hear in Church. Having our children read multiple translations is harmful to them in learning and memorizing the faith.

Another reason for changing to the ESV translation is for unity. Although the LCMS does not have an official translation, it appears that many, if not most, in our Synod have adopted the ESV. For instance, Concordia Publishing House has adopted the ESV translation for all of their resources. This includes Lutheran Service Book (Our Hymnal); all Sunday school curriculum; and all the religion curriculum that we use at our day school and preschool. Also, all of the churches in our circuit (group of churches in Fort Wayne) have adopted the ESV translation as the translation they use in their Church.

The NIV translation has served us well for over 30 years. God has tremendously blessed us through the Word which was proclaimed each and every week we heard it. As we move forward and adopt the ESV translation, God will continue to bless us through the same Word. With each generation that comes after another, God continues to be faithful and to bless His people.

If you have any questions regarding the ESV translation or the decision which was made to adopt it, either of our pastors would be happy to talk with you more about it. We are confident that the ESV will serve God's people well.

Blessings as you study His Word,

Pastor Ahlersmeyer & Pastor Schultz

WHO-WHAT-WHEN-WHERE**BACKPACK BLESSING - AUGUST 6-8**

The weather is hot, but the new school year is rapidly approaching. It is almost time for students to return to the classroom and for other fall schedules to resume. St. Peter's will be having a Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone Celebration as part of the worship services on August 6-8. We are asking all students to come to worship with a backpack or another kind of student bag. The Backpack Blessing Celebration will include students (of all ages), parents, and other caregivers for recognition and for prayers. Students will also receive a small gift for their backpack in the Ministry Center after worship.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

Kids of the Kingdom will return in August. Two more teachers are needed for the Saturday night session. If you are interested, please

contact Naomi Woehner (415-7842).

AUGUST BREAKFAST WITH THE BIBLE

The August Breakfast with the Bible will be held on Tuesday, August 16 from 9-10 a.m. at the home of Elise Koenemann. It's simple to get there, so please call for directions (493-3923). Bring a coffee cake (or similar), and start your day off with food for both body and soul as we study *Highlights from John*.

WORSHIP DVDs AVAILABLE

Copies of the weekend worship service are available on DVD each week. If you have limitations preventing you from attending worship, we have people ready and willing to deliver a DVD to your home each week. To add your name to the delivery schedule, please contact the church office. (DVD players are also available on loan if you do not have one.)

In addition, our weekend worship services are broadcast at 6:00 p.m. on Comcast Channel 57 and at 6:00 p.m. on Frontier FiOS Channel 27.

FALL NOMINATION SUGGESTIONS

The Nominating Team is seeking suggestions from the congregation for candidates for the fall election at the Voter's Assembly meeting. Candidates are needed for the following positions:

- Board of Elders
- Social Ministry Chair
- Endowment Chair
- Family Life Chair
- Parish Education Chair.

Although incumbents may run again, it is the intention of the Nominations Team to come up with a slate of candidates. If you have suggestions, please submit names on the church website or by contacting Chairman Mike Meyers (mcmeyer102@comcast.net or 484-4132). Nominations may be added from the floor. Nominees must have been notified before standing for office.

ST. PETER'S PRESCHOOL

St. Peter's Lutheran Preschool begins its 15th year of early childhood education centered in God's Word! Parent Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 31 with Children's Orientation beginning on September 6-7. A few openings still remain in the afternoon for 3, 4 and 5 year old classes. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the preschool (748-0775 or preschool@stpetersfw.org).

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THERE'S HELP AND HOPE AT TURNSTONE

Turnstone is a place of help and hope; they empower people with physical disabilities to reach their full potential in every aspect of life. You don't have to go to Indy or Chicago to take advantage of the programs at Turnstone (see www.turnstone.org); we have one located on North Clinton.

You can help. Needed: aluminum foil, non-dairy coffee creamer, plastic silverware, flex straws, stickers, and bubbles.

This Compassionate Care Collection is sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Collection baskets are in the North Corridor and the Ministry Center.

HELPING OTHERS THROUGH A TIME OF CRISIS

LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) is a ministry through Lutheran Church Charities. LERT trains and certifies volunteers (per FEMA standards) to participate in disaster recovery efforts, providing help and support when others need it the most. Members of our own congregation have been trained by LERT and have entered the mission field in this capacity. LERT is currently assembling a team to provide support in West Virginia to rebuild and repair LCMS member homes that were recently destroyed by the flooding in the area. Please keep these response workers and those they serve in your prayers in the coming weeks. If you would like more information about LERT or are interested in participating in this important work, please contact Mike Bultemeier (485-1416).

OTHER AREA NEWS

Lutheran Night at the Fort Wayne Tin Caps - August 20

[Click here for the flyer.](#)

Concordia Lutheran High School

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Concordia Theological Seminary of Fort Wayne

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News from Missionary Jacob Gaugert in Dapaong, Togo

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A hearty thank you to Paul Peterson and his his crew for their help and also to our pastors for their visits during my recent hospitalization.

Russell Schweyer

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*Thank you all for your well wishes, gifts, birthday cards and coming to celebrate my 90th birthday. It was a great celebration. God Bless you all.*

Many thanks,  
Pauline Baatz

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Marie E. Busch (Mickey), widow of former pastor E.D. Busch (Shrub), wishes to thank all who sent greetings to her on the occasion of her 95th birthday. What a joy! God bless you and yours!

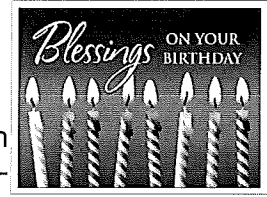
Sincerely,
Mickey B.

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*Thank you to our friends and family at St. Peter's for your outpouring of love and support for our entire family. Although we rejoice that he is living the ultimate life with our Lord, his death has left a big hole in our family. His wishes were carried out with the help of so many of you. Thank you to Pastor Steve and his amazing crew. No one realizes how many details go into planning the event and all the wonderful people that made the day come together. For those of you who donated food, drinks and your planning expertise, your generosity allowed us to truly celebrate the life of a wonderful man. We are truly blessed and forever grateful.*

In loving memory of Edward C. Patire  
*The Patire, Moher and Busch Families*

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



### August 1-7:

(1) Elda Koldewey, Carolyn Springer, Ben Brown, Adalia Kramer, Elliana Manzaneda-Crismore; (2) Jeremy Schuller, Megan Kammeyer, Alaina Schwarz, Landon Meyers, Raiden Zoda; (3) Kathryn Bremer, Brenda Hauschild, Julie Reidt, Jon Meyers, Brigitte Slack, Alexandria Berning, Stephen Buhr, Alayna Hall, Zach Roberts; (4) Val Messmann, Erik Roach, Rebecca Flanigan; (5) Sandra Barnette, David Wilson, Jack Bentz, Bradley France, Lukas Kline, Emilia Kennedy; (6) Clair Winesburg, Gene Friedrich, Frank Hartman, Barb Knoblauch, Joe Leahy, Chad Zelt, Jim Ulewicz, Aaron Bastian; (7) David Hartman, Ashley Linkhart, Bailee Chapman, Camden Zwick;

### August 8-15:

(8) Becky Klotz, Kimberly Vereb, Cathy Brooks, Olivia Koenig, Cindy Foster; (9) Jill Goeglein, Jackie Scheumann; (10) Pamela Ehle, Trent Ehle, Angela Worden, June Worden; (11) Alice Bruick, Glenn Wolff, Stanley Hostetler, John Pusey, Timothy Armstrong, Michelle Gibson, Sarah Wenzel, Isla Campbell; (12) Beverly Scheiwe, Robert Bisarek, Roger Buhr, Joshua Vowles, Jacob Puls, Mitchell Nunez, Marianne Schauer, Claire Clinkenbeard; (13) Joan Shank, Tanya Wiseman, Michael McFeters, Addison Dellinger, Kody Jones; (14) Steven DePue, Tami Burchardt, Austen Bartels, Elle Fritcha, Shannon Leahy; (15) Cole Bruick, Rashon Johnson, Kaylee Thompson;

### August 16-23:

(16) Jacquelyn Hermance, Austin Dosen, Caitlynn Flanigan, Ava Hayes; (17) Cindy Wigfield, Kim Berger, Rian Campbell, Julie Hale, Emma-Marie Blosser; (18) Leon Fahling, Carolyn Brueggemann, Julia Peterson, Matthew Miller, Zachary Weber, Marisa Komonsinski; (19) Frieda Hieber, Kenneth Johnson, Sharon Kammeyer, Patti Knuth, Savannah Woehner, Tabbetha Busche; (20) Carol Buhr, Karen Stuby, Kurt Busche, Nicholas DeCamp, Ian Starewich; (21) Alvin Griebel, Kimbra O'Brien, Mike Jones, Olivia Sell, Zachary Vereb, Mike Roberts; (22) Dick Blair, Mitchell Schultz; (23) Ralph Wetzel, Joylyne Dickerson, John Hartman, Masie Korte, Tyler Mason;

### August 24-31:

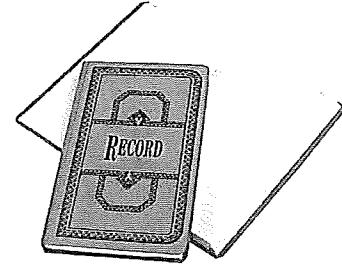
(24) Jean Hieber, Carolyn Zelt, Jason Eicholtz, Samuel Schauer; (25) Andrew Krahn, Spencer North; (26) Rev. Donald Nord, Anna Davidson; (27) Marilyn Moeller, Kirk Nahrwold, Colson Flahaut, Alaina Stankovic, Harper Thompson; (28) Albert Selking, Pat Manning, Thomas Gerig, Jon DeCamp, Lonnie Foster, Asher Puls, Cole Weiss, Ashlynn Hinkle, Carter Ripke; (29) Mark Johnson, Stacia Traxler, Tyler Otis, Brooke Smith, Kristina Launer, Ross

Webb, Zoe Meyer, Mia Hamann; (30) Tonya Konow, Troy Buuck, Staughton Wade, Gunnar Koenig; (31) Kalon Avery, Rose Wilkins, Kelly Bremer, Hayley Grisez

## THE RECORD BOOK

### Baptisms:

Stephanie Leigh Bremer (7/3)  
Sarah Angel Lee (7/23)  
Nevaeh Angel Zywicki (7/23)  
Chloe Marie Zywicki (7/23)  
Lauryn M. Lemberg (7/23)



### Adult Confirmation:

Stephanie Bremer  
Sarah Lee

### Transfers in:

Kevin Jones (from Mt. Calvary)

## Newsletter Deadline & Info

The next Keynotes deadline is August 25th. Please send all information to [churchoffice@stpetersfw.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpetersfw.org) by noon. Don't forget that the Keynotes is now being delivered by email. If you have not received this issue by email and would like to, please make sure that we have your current email address. Your updated email address can be turned in to the church office by calling 749-5816 or emailing [churchoffice@stpetersfw.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpetersfw.org), or simply write your email address on the line next to your name when you sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Printed copies of the Keynotes will always be available for pickup at the church for those members who do not have access to email. Copies will be delivered to shut-ins who receive DVD recordings of our weekly services.

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