



the church **Messenger**

Bi-Monthly Newsletter of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches |

June/July 2014

Mark Your Calendar

June 2
CenterShot begins

June 8
AED Training

June 11
AED Training

July 10-12
Iola Car Show Food Stand

July 21-25
Vacation Bible School

Letter from Pastor...

Dear friends,

Many of you participated in our 90 DAYS OF PRAYER this winter/ spring. If you've gotten into the habit of praying daily [which I sincerely hope you have!], DON'T STOP!

The last page of the *Pray Daily* guide has some great reflection questions to guide your praying of the Bible. I suggest you use those with your daily scripture reading plan [whatever one you might be using].

If you need a good daily Bible reading plan—that's short and simple—I suggest *The Daily Texts*. These daily Bible verses are chosen by the Moravian Church each year—for the past 350 or so years! There are 2 verses for each day of the year: one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. That's all! Just 2 verses, not too much for anyone to handle!.

You can buy a book with these Daily Texts [either hard copy or e-book] from either Mount Carmel ministries or the Moravian Church or simply read them on-line each day at one of their websites. [If you google Daily Texts, be sure to choose the Moravian Daily Texts—the Jehovah's Witnesses apparently have something they call daily texts too!]

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Introduction to CenterShot Archery

Beginning Monday June 2nd at 6:30 pm in St. Peter's activity building. The first two Monday's will focus on the CenterShot Program and archery basic's. Mondays after introduction can be for fun and friendly competition among the participants. All age groups welcome. For more information contact Dave Schmidt or Dave Eisele.

Huge Thank You to The Wegner Family!

The St. Paul's Sunday School extends a Big Thank You to Rick and Debbie Wegner and family for donating the meat and buns for the Sunday School Picnic. Your help is so much appreciated!

- St. Paul's Sunday School.

New St. Peter's Ladies Aid Brochure Available

The revised Ladies Aid brochure for St. Peter's is available on the table in the welcome area. All ladies are encouraged to pick up a copy and see how you can be involved in this organization.

Vacation Bible School—July 21-25

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled to take place at St. Peter's July 21-25, 2014 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Registration forms are now available on the table in the welcome area. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Connie Bestul or Kathy Bazile.

Join Us for Wednesday Evening Worship Services

St. Peter's is hosting evening worship services at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays. These services will be led by the seminary students and lay leaders of our congregations. Communion will be offered on the Wednesdays following the first and third Sundays of the month. Please consider joining us for mid-week worship. You

AED Trainings

AED Trainings have been set. Anyone and everyone interested in being trained on the AED machine may choose Sunday, June 8th at 12:00 p.m. or Wednesday, June 11th at 4:00 p.m. to receive training. Please sign-up for a training session on the sheets on the table in the welcome area.

I urge you to continue your daily habit of reading a verse or two from the Bible and then reflecting on it [using the questions from *Pray Daily* perhaps] and then offering yourself and your concerns in prayer to God.

These are the reflection questions suggested in the *Pray Daily* guide: After reading a Bible verse, ask yourself:

How can I praise God for and through this?

What does this passage reveal about God and his Kingdom?

Lord, why have you brought these verses before me today?

What do you want me to know or experience through these words?

If this truth were impressed upon my heart, how would I be changed?

What does this passage reveal about human nature? About God's nature? About me?

Holy Spirit, what wrong behavior, harmful emotions, or false attitudes come to me when I forget this truth?

How would my family, friends, my church be different if we lived this truth?

What actions would we take if this truth were impressed upon our hearts?

Holy Spirit, does my life demonstrate that I am remembering and acting on this truth?

Consider attending the Annual Gathering of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ [LCMC] October 6-8, 2014 in Des Moines, Iowa. Everyone is welcome! Check it out! You can get more info about the Annual Gathering at lcmc.net.

Another **Quarterly Ministry/ Mission Update** on a Sunday this summer [date to be announced]. The Board of Elders and the Council want to share with you updates on what the leaders of your congregation are planning and implementing in terms of ministry and mission projects. The president of the Council of Trustees will verbally present some highlights of what God is doing in and through our congregation during announcements time in worship; there will be a printed handout of the same information for you to take home if you wish; and the Elders and Council will serve lunch after church! Then if you have particular questions or concerns for any of the congregation's elected leaders you can talk to them about it over lunch.

Yours in His love,

Pastor Janice

Reminder:

*Don't forget to work
the shifts that you
signed up for at the
Iola Car Show,
July 10-12!*

Proverbs 10:5

He who gathers crops in
summer is a prudent son, but
he who sleeps during harvest is
a disgraceful son.

St. Paul's Financial Update

Right now, in the financial dept., we are barely breaking even in our giving versus our monthly bills. Please continue to support St. Paul's through the summer months, as this is a time when giving tends to slow, but the monthly bills do not.

St. Paul's Sunday School

St. Paul's Sunday School will have a different schedule next school season. Starting Sept. 14th Sunday School will follow the 9:00 am worship service and begin at 10:00 a.m. Any new students please call Peggy Buss 715-754-2049 or Donna Polzin 715-754-5835 so we can have materials ready for you. Children 3 and up are welcome.

St. Peter's Funeral Committee Needs You

We are restructuring our funeral committee into three teams: Kitchen/Food Prep team, Dining Room Set-up Team and the Calling for Cakes/Bars Team. Please consider signing up to be a part of one or more of these teams. It doesn't matter if you are young or old, male or female; we can use your help! Please contact Patty Ambacher or Vicki Nyhouse to sign-up or to ask questions about each team's responsibilities.

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Available

St. Peter's Ladies Aid are selling Kwik Trip Gift Cards to raise funds for paving our parking lot. We have cards in denominations of \$25 and \$50 and 10% of each sale will go into our parking lot fund. The cards can be used on gas or anything inside the store. They make great gifts for birthdays, holidays and even graduation. Or you can buy them for yourself—after all, who doesn't need gas, milk, bread or bananas—plus you will be giving back to your church! Please see Patty Ambacher, Vicki Nyhouse or Sarah Blashe to purchase your gift cards.

**Save the Date! LCMC Annual
Gathering**

Theme: Defending the Faith
Date: October 5-8, 2014
Location: The Polk County Convention
Complex (Des Moines, IA)

Worship Assistants Calendar

St. Paul's

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Asst</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>
Sun, Jun 1	Volunteers	Peggy Davis	Chuck Adams
Sun, Jun 8	Volunteers	X	Rosie Wepner
Sun, Jun 15	Volunteers	Nancy Heiman	Nancy Heiman
Sun, Jun 22	Volunteers	X	Rosie Wepner
Sun, Jun 29	Volunteers	X	Chuck Adams
Sun, Jul 6	Volunteers	Ken Inger	Nancy Heiman
Sun, Jul 13	Volunteers	X	Rosie Wepner
Sun, Jul 20	Volunteers	Peggy Davis	Nancy Heiman
Sun, Jul 27	Volunteers	X	Chuck Adams

St. Peter's

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Assts</u>	<u>Lay Reader/ Wed Leader</u>	<u>Children's Church Leader</u>
Sun, Jun 1	Volunteers	Dave Schmidt, Margie Schmidt, Krista Enoch	Krista Enoch	Kim Peebles
Wed, Jun 4	Volunteers	Volunteer	Tracy Mengert	X
Sun, Jun 8	Volunteers	X	Elizabeth Enoch	Missy Rosenow
Wed, Jun 11	Volunteers	X	Sarah Blashe	X
Sun, Jun 15	Volunteers	Connie Bestul, Dale Rambo, Dan Gunn	Dan Gunn	Brenda Strebe
Wed, Jun 18	Volunteers	Volunteer	Dave Eisele	X
Sun, Jun 22	Volunteers	X	Faye Miller	Asherrie Opperman
Wed, Jun 25	Volunteers	X	Kay Knight	X
Sun, Jun 29	Volunteers	X	Dale Rambo	Erin Bonikowske
Wed, Jul 2	Volunteers	X	Penny Madson	X
Sun, Jul 6	Volunteers	June Rambo, Pete Fannin, Faye Miller	Lola Zaug	Sarah Blashe
Wed, Jul 9	Volunteers	Volunteer	Tracy Mengert	X
Sun, Jul 13	Volunteers	X	Kelly Zillmer	June Rambo
Wed, Jul 16	Volunteers	X	Sarah Blashe	X
Sun, Jul 20	Volunteers	Kelly Zillmer, Sue Miller, Patty Ambacher	Tiffany Bestul	Erin Bonikowske
Wed, Jul 23	Volunteers	Volunteer	Dave Eisele	X
Sun, Jul 27	Volunteers	X	Connie Bestul	Kim Peebles
Wed, Jul 30	Volunteers	X	Kay Knight	X