

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 1	Ladies Aid	12 pm
Sept. 5	Worship	9 am
Sept. 7	Men's Group Quilters Healing Rooms (Marion) Town of Wyoming	8:30 am 9 am 6:30 pm 7 pm
Sept. 8	24/7 Bible Study	5 pm
Sept. 12	Worship	10:30 am
Sept. 14	Men's Group Quilters	8:30 am 9 am
Sept. 19	Elders Meeting First Day of Sunday School Worship Trustees Meeting	8 am 9 am 10:30 am 11:30 am
Sept. 21	Men's Group Quilters Healing Rooms-Marion	8:30 am 9 am 6:30 pm
Sept. 22	24/7 Bible Study	5 pm
Sept. 26	Sunday School Worship	9 am 10:30 am
Sept. 28	Men's Group Quilters	8:30 am 9 am
Sept. 29	Ladies Aid Card Party	11 am-3 pm



### Openings for Fellowship Times

We have open dates for Fellowship Hour. If you, or a group, family, etc. would like to sign up contact Jackie via phone at 715-754-2690 or email: [stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com). Fellowship time is immediately following the worship service and consists of donuts, bars, cookies or whatever you would like to serve and beverage.



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

The Marion Food Pantry is in need of canned fruit and soup or any non-perishable food items. Wants are dish soap. Items may be dropped off at church or at the House of Hope in Marion. Due to COVID please call Pat Leach at: 715-754-2665 to arrange a drop off.

# St. Peter's Proverbs



## St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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*"Alive in the Spirit"*

## A Message from Pastor Janice



Dear friends in Christ,

In these times of turmoil, conflict, and natural disasters around the world (in addition to any turmoil and troubles in our own daily lives!), these words of Martin Luther's are insightful.

### MARTIN LUTHER'S TEACHING ON PSALM 27

"The 27<sup>th</sup> psalm is a psalm of thanks. However, it also prays much and gives us comfort against false witnesses, who blaspheme without

any hesitation. For only entirely foolish saints would give a witness, bold and impudent, before God—from whom they have no command! Yet we see it daily: the more foolish and unlearned the people are, the more bold and audacious they are to preach and teach the whole world. No one knows anything; they alone know all. They prepare themselves to make war and revolt against the true saints and God-fearers. This psalm belongs in the Second and First Commandments and in the First and Second Petitions [of the Lord's Prayer]."

### SUGGESTION:

**Pray** this psalm (recite/read it out loud to God) several times (every day for 7 days or for a month or whatever you choose).

**Meditate** on this psalm—read it slowly, meditatively, over and over. Reflect on whatever words or phrases catch your attention. Ask God what he wants you to know.

### Psalm 27:1-14 Of David

[1] The Lord is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?

[2] When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

[3] Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

[4] One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

[5] For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

## Isaiah Bible Study Offered

Pastor Kay will be teaching on the book of Isaiah. She understands that everyone's schedule is different and is trying to figure out what will work best. Contact her to let her know what times would work best for you: either Sundays, 12:30-2 p.m. or Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. There is the possibility that both times will be offered if enough people are interested. She may be contacted at rascal01@frontiernet.net or 715-460-2131.

### 2021 Monthly Budget at a Glance Budgeted 2021 \$147,639.36

Needed each Month	July Income Received	July Expenses	July Net Income
\$12,303.28	\$7,280.14	\$9,608.06	-\$2,327.92

### 2021 Year to Date Budget at a Glance

Budgeted Thru July	Income Received	Expenses	Net Income
\$86,122.96	\$60,819.59	\$72,682.23	-\$11,862.64



*Happy Anniversary*



Scott & Patty Beck  
September 8, 3 Years

Larry & Tracey Burghdoff  
September 8, 14 Years

Jim & Heather Haacker  
September 10, 27 Years

Jack & Rosie Bazile  
September 14, 58 Years

Adam & Tina Anderson  
September 17, 10 Years

Braden & Krystal Paulson  
September 21, 2 Years

Steven & Nichol Soik  
September 22, 14 Years



Erin Bonikowske	Sept. 4
Pastor Janice	Sept. 4
Braden Paulson	Sept. 8
Abigail Bonikowske	Sept. 9
Derek Peebles	Sept. 12
Ron Nyhouse	Sept. 18
Shelby Peeters	Sept. 18
Marvin Beyersdorf	Sept. 19
Lyn Mortenson	Sept. 21
Dave Schmidt	Sept. 22
Margie Schmidt	Sept. 22
Shannon Hickey	Sept. 23
Audrey Hintz	Sept. 25
Richard Jobst	Sept. 27
Darla Waite	Sept. 27



## Card & Game Luncheon

You are invited to attend the St. Peter's Ladies Aid Card and Game Luncheon for an afternoon of fun. Bridge and Sheepshead will be on the agenda as well as games, prizes and a door prize. Cards and some games will be provided. If you have a specific game you and a group of friends enjoy, please feel free to bring it along. St. Peter's is wheelchair accessible

**Where:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church, N10685 Petersen Rd., corner of Hwy. G & Petersen Rd.

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 29

**Cost:** \$10 per person, payable at the door

**Time:** Registration 11 a.m.

Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

Cards Games 12:30-2:45 pm

Prizes 2:45-3 p.m.

In order to plan food, prizes, etc., please RSVP by returning the lower half of this invitation to Patti Beck, Judy Anklaam, Lola Zaug or mail to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, N10685 Petersen Rd., Marion, WI 54950 by Sept. 14. Any questions call Judy at 715-754-5552. If you wish to play with friends, you may register as a table. When registering, list all participants at your table and we will do our best to honor your choices.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sheepshead \_\_\_\_ Bridge \_\_\_\_ Games \_\_\_\_  
Individual \_\_\_\_ Table \_\_\_\_

If you are registering a table please list the additional people at your table.

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[6] Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

[7] Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

[8] My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.

[9] Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

[10] Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

[11] Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

[12] Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

[13] I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

[14] Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

### MARTIN LUTHER'S PRAYER for Psalm 27

Lord, our God, You are merciful and kind, true and faithful.

Preserve us in Your Word, and guard Your Church against all oppressors and faithless leaders. Grant peace to our country, and wisdom to our government to protect right and truth, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Janice*



### Worship Hour Change

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 12, the time of worship will change from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Sunday School Begins

Sunday, Sept. 19, 9-10:15 a.m., is the beginning day for Sunday School. All children ages 3 through 9th grade are invited to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help during Sunday School contact Pastor Kay at rascal01@frontiernet.net.

### Food Pantry Volunteers

The Marion Food Pantry needs volunteers to help approximately 1-1/2 to 2 hours during distribution. Distribution occurs the first and third Thursday of each month from 2:15-4 p.m. Call 715-754-2665 if you are able to volunteer.

## A Message from Pastor Kay

Dear friends in Christ,

The question is being asked a lot lately...how do we get the people back after COVID? It's not found in your regathering plan, your programs, or your curriculum. It's found in your relationship with the Lord. Let's look at Matthew 22:36-40.

<sup>36</sup> **"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"** <sup>37</sup> **Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."** <sup>38</sup> **This is the first and greatest commandment.** <sup>39</sup> **And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'** <sup>40</sup> **All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."**

**Are you following this command?** This should be at the heart of everything we do. Let's continually bear in mind that God has to be at the center of it all. *If not, we're on a slippery slope that will lead to short-term ministry and lack of growth every single time.*

Every time someone gets burned out and leaves a group or the church entirely the churches we serve suffers greatly for it. Here are **4 things YOU can do to work on the foundation and follow the Greatest Commandment.**

### HAVE A REGULAR PRAYER TIME

We can't have a relationship with someone we're not even talking to. Prayer time is different for everyone, but before I get out of bed, I spend a few minutes thanking God for whatever he has given me for that day. Jesus told us how to pray in Matthew 6:9-13. Take a few minutes to look at that passage and try modeling your prayers after his.

### GET INTO A BIBLE STUDY

Whether it's at home or at church, you need to get into God's Word. This is *separate* from your duties at church, it's for you personally. If you don't study separate from your duties at church, the Bible will quickly become a textbook.

### GET A "PAUL" IN YOUR LIFE

Everyone needs a "Paul". The Apostle Paul was a spiritual leader for Timothy. You need someone in your corner that can point out what you're doing well and call you out when you're doing wrong. A good "Paul" will be there to mentor you, to pray for



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you, and to check in on you.

### GET A "BARNABAS" IN YOUR LIFE

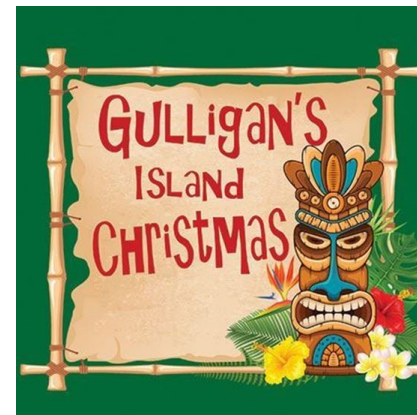
Barnabas means "son of encouragement". Sometimes it's not wisdom that we need the most, but encouragement (or a shoulder to cry on). This person is *not* your gossip outlet, they're a friend that's just there to walk alongside you in your life and ministry. If we'd all do this, we'll be on track for a healthy foundation for sustainable ministry. We'll get into the nuts and bolts of what programs to use later, but for now, let's take it slow and rebuild by growing deep roots in our relationships with God.

Have a blessed day! —Kay



### Dinner Show Being Planned

Just sit right back and you'll see a tale, a tale of a fateful trip, with seven familiar passengers, but with a few new twists! The castaways are stranded on a deserted island after their 3-hour cruise. There are no cars or lights, no iPads, no Facebook. It's primitive as can be. What is worse than the lacks of comfort is the sad fact that these shipwrecked passengers are unable to celebrate Christmas



"properly". How can you decorate a palm tree? Can you achieve a white Christmas with sand instead of snow? Are coconuts useful for making eggnog? These questions leave the castaways wonder...what makes Christmas "Christmas"? There will be a lot of information coming soon as we prepare for this event after thanksgiving. Date and time will be officially announced in the next week or so. BUT...for the time being I am looking for volunteers for performers, stage hands, tech assistants, cooks and servers and many others. Let me now what you would like to help with, we will take all hands. Contact me with any and all questions to volunteer ASAP. I will start getting materials out to everyone involved in the next few weeks.

We will start scheduling practices also very soon, so don't wait!

Call or text Kay Knight, 715-460-2131  
or rascal01@frontiernet.net.