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The Key to

 St. Peter **August 2022 2022 2022**

#  The Pastor’s Pen

 By Pastor Mark DeYoung

Grace and Peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Jesus Christ states in Matthew 6:25-34

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

We are hearing a lot in the news about Covid, increasing numbers, increasing hospitalizations. It is as though the mainstream media wants to instill as much fear as they can. They hope to motivate by fear. If Covid isn’t enough to instill fear, we have “Monkey Pox.” With each of these health “crises” (plural of crisis), their hope is keep you focused on their talking points, that you hop when they tell you to hop, and in this way, they defacto control you.

I would like to believe that there is no ulterior motive to the news broadcast, but I have seen too many times in my life where an anchorman outright lied over the air. Then they tried to have the lie investigated. The rest of the press corps supported his fabrication, all the way to the point that he was fired for continuing the lie without apology.

Just so you know, I experienced Covid twice. Once, before it was named (or at least before they reported on it) in December of 2019, the next time I got the Delta variant. Both times, it was brutal. But at no time, did I allow fear to stop me from worship. Even though I self-isolated, I tuned into the CTSFW chapel broadcast. I “attended” the Ascension Lutheran Church, Huntsville, AL daily devotional (Zoom meeting).

I encourage you to take care of yourself, but don’t give into fear.

Καὶ ὁ λόγος σὰρξ ἐγένετο καὶ ἐσκήνωσεν ἐν ἡμῖν

And the word flesh (He) became and (He) dwelt among us.

Pastor De Young

MIDWEEK SCHOOL

 Back to school time means its time to gear up for Midweek School. Wednesday afternoons find kids not only fr0m our congregation but from the community becoming closer to Jesus. This is an outstanding mission outreach. The stories, songs and attitudes make their way into homes around Bowie. This year we’ll start out focusing on David and what the Bible teaches us from his life.

We will start on September 7 at around 3:30, depending how the public school sets their schedule. If you know of any child you think would be interested in joining in on the fun, registration forms will be available next week in the narthex.

022 Women’s Retreat

Calling all women of the congregation! For the last few years several of the women of

St. Peter have joined together is fellowship, Bible Study, and just plain fun for a weekend

in a beautiful rustic setting. This year whoever joins in will get to know prominent women of the Bible in Study entitles “Servants of the Lord”. Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Esther, Mary Magdalene and Dorcas will be joining the group and offer up insights into how they lived lives of Service to God.

There’s still room for you to join them. The cost is approximately $50.00, depending on how many sign up. The place is Red River Breaks, a beautiful log lodge just north of St. Jo. If you are interested please contact Dawn Keyes (940-366-2507)

 Pastor’s New Bible Class

The Lutheran Study Bible is a treasure trove of information, history, study helps – along with an accurate translation of Holy Scripture. But sometimes such a volume can be overwhelming. Join Pastor as he walks us through the study possibilities and what all the symbols, cross references, etc. mean in Sunday morning Bible Class, 9:30 – first classroom on the right. If you don’t have a Lutheran Study Bible, we have copies available or you can order through the church office.

 **The Bible**

 **in a Year**

Trying to read the entire Bible in a year from Genesis to Revelation can be an overwhelming undertaking. Getting through Leviticus, Deuteronomy and all the Old Testament law can be brutal! Pastor De Young has provided a new way to do it. You read specified portions on each day – a Gospel portion on Sunday, Monday is Law (just a couple of chapters!), Tuesday is history, Wednesday Psalms, Thursday Poetry, Friday Prophecy and Saturday Epistles. Its all planned out for you on a spreadsheet. The entire years program is printed out for you and is available on the table in the Narthex, Or you can have it sent to your computer and have it a click away. Call Joanne if you would like to have this link. Let’s get into the Word and listen to what God wants us to know!



SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE IN AUGUST

 **ACOLYTES**

Aug 7 – Bella Caswell

Aug 14 – Raegan Hughes

Aug 21 – Parker Lawson

Aug 28 – Aiden Henry

**Elder**

Don Unger

**Counters**

William Pickett

Jack Morgan

 William PICKETT



**Altar Guild**

D’Ann Hammett

Sharon Rainwater

**Altar Care**

Lou McConeghy

Teresa Johnston Melissa Stephens

 **Altar Care**

Rebecca Pickett

 Sally Morgan