

**March 2025**

Welcome to that time of year when everyone begins their spring cleaning. The gardens are spruced up, you might sow grass seed. The trees get pruned, even the inside of the house gets “spruced up”. These same events will be happening here at St. Peter. We usually perform these activities on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. In the meantime, your spring cleaning around your house may benefit our youth.

As you know, our youth plan to go to the National Youth Gathering (NYG). They will be holding a garage sale on March 7th and 8th. If you have something that is slightly or gently used, yet still serviceable, please consider donating it to the garage sale. I am fairly certain that there will be other fundraisers scheduled for the youth group.

At some point, in the coming months, we will be scheduling a “spring cleaning” of the church and grounds. This would include weeding and mulching the gardens around the church, a deeper cleaning of the sanctuary, and many other cleaning opportunities.

As to our personal lives, we also could use a spring cleaning of sorts. Dusting off a devotional book, or starting a new devotion series helps to keep us in the Word of God. There are many different devotions available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH). If you would like to look through some of the books available from CPH, I have quite a few of them in my study. Just come on by and take a look at them.

In February, the Adult Fellowship Group went to Wichita Falls on February 22nd for lunch and The Sound of Music. This month, the Adult Fellowship Group will be heading to Wichita Falls on Saturday, March 8th, to try our hand at axe throwing. There are more fellowship outings scheduled for April and May. A sincere thank you to Bettie Hines and Lou McConeghy for leading our group.

March 5th is Ash Wednesday and starts our Lenten season. The sermon series for the midweek services will be loosely related to the “Stations of the Cross.” This is a closer look at some of the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday that lead to, and include, the crucifixion of Jesus.

— Pastor De Young

P.S. It has been requested by the Board of Elders that I provide my working hours. I am in my study, working, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 until 5:00 p.m. My door is open during these times. If you want, or need, to speak with me, feel free to come to the church to speak to me in person. Or you may call me on the church phone line, or on my cell phone (512) 470 – 1003. My days off are Friday and Saturday. You may still contact me via phone on those days in case of emergency.

**The Colors of the Liturgical Seasons**

**White**

White is the color of purity and completeness. The theme for the “great fifty days” of Easter is supported by the use of white. This color, used primarily during these Sundays, assists in bearing the message that “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.” Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

In addition to its use during Eastertide, white is the appointed color for such festive Sundays as Christmas and its twelve days; Epiphany (Jan. 6) and the first Sunday following it, observed as the Baptism of Our Lord; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday; Holy Trinity Sunday; and twenty-one minor festivals and occasions listed on the church year calendar in *Lutheran Service Book*. In all, white serves as the best festive color for the church year.

**Red**

Finally, red completes the acronym, “Bg-Bgs-Pwr.” Red is a power color and is appropriate for use on Pentecost Sunday. On this day we remember the power and fire of “the Lord and Giver of Life,” who revealed himself as the promised one. The color red communicates the motif of strength-strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others.

There is no question that red is a compelling festive color. Consequently, it serves well as the traditional color for the heroic martyrs of the church. The *Lutheran Service Book* church year calendar provides propers for sixteen martyr festivals and recommends red as the appropriate color. Their red blood shed in defense of the Gospel offers perpetual encouragement for God's people to be resolute in living the faith.

Additional uses of red are Reformation Sunday; Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14); on such festive occasions as dedications, anniversaries of a congregation and its physical structure; festive days celebrating the office of the public ministry, such as ordination and installation.

**Symbolism of Colors**

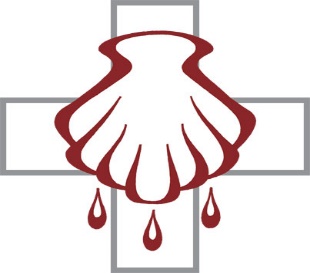
It is appropriate, from time to time, to take a thoughtful and fresh look at the colors that are displayed throughout the church year. In the end, we admit, the use of paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners is an adiaphoron. Even the symbolism behind the traditional colors is somewhat arbitrary and open to additional interpretations as generations pass. The primary source and guarantor of their meanings is tradition.

However, the important thing to remember is why we retain this traditional liturgical standard. The value of the “Bg-Bgs-Pwr” color scheme rests in their purpose: to serve God's worshiping community by assisting in communicating the holy faith from generation to generation. In every age, the beauty and symbolism of color in the church continues to serve us exceptionally well!

Soli Deo Gloria pro Ecclesia Colorem!

Glory to God alone, for the colors of the Church!

<https://www.lcms.org/worship/church-year/colors-of-liturgical-seasons>



Celebrate February’s Baptism Birthdays

& their years as heirs of God’s kingdom!

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| **Date** | **Name** | **Years** |
| 1st | David Geis | 64 |
| 2nd | Charlie Pace | 11 |
| 4th | Kyle Caswell | 6 |
| 8th | Gary Hoover | 38 |
| 13th | Darlee Allen | 14 |
| 14th | Jazlyn McComack | 4 |
| 15th | Delanie Anderson | 33 |
|  | Valerie Gill | 33 |
|  | Katie Jones | 27 |
| 17th | Dalton Fechtler | 23 |
| 21st | Ashley Shaw | 32 |
| 28th | Edgar Robinson | 40 |
|  | Jessie Roth | 26 |
| 30th | Lily Gill | 28 |

**Serving in God’s House this month**

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| **Elder of the Month** | Travis Dyson |
| **Counters** | Brent Husfeld & Darren Gill |
| **Altar Guild** | Kristin Henry & Rebecca Horton |
| **Altar Care** | Sherry Hammer & Carla Hughes & Chanda Lee |

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| **Week** | **Acolytes** | **Reader** |
| March 02 | Emily Keyes & Parker Lawson | Lee Hughes |
| March 09 | Avery Henry & Aiden Henry | Arn Anderson |
| March 16 | Max Gilmore & Kegaan Gilmore | Bryan Roth |
| March 23 | Karlee Hughes & Annallee Osbon | William Pickett |
| March 30 | Bella Caswell & Ailey Pickett | Arn Anderson |

**A person in a sailor suit

AI-generated content may be incorrect.Sid Mayfield Graduated Navy Bootcamp on January 23rd!**

A collage of people eating at a dinner table

AI-generated content may be incorrect.**The Youth Group had a Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser**

A group of women posing for a photo

AI-generated content may be incorrect.Some of our ladies had fun at this year’s Women’s Retreat

A collage of people eating food

AI-generated content may be incorrect.The LWML Fiesta Stack-Ups was a Success

A collage of a group of children

AI-generated content may be incorrect.The Midweek Kids

A collage of kids playing in a park

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A collage of kids in sports uniforms

AI-generated content may be incorrect.Our kids are having fun in basketball!