

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

June 2024 Newsletter



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Our Mission Statement

To reach out with the WORD
and LOVE of JESUS CHRIST to
ALL people.

John 12:46

“I have come into the world as light, so that
no one who believes in me should stay in
darkness.”

Come Worship With Us



Bible Study 9AM
Every Sunday



June 2

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Communion

June 16

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Communion

June 30

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Communion

June 9

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.

June 23

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.



Pastor's Message: A Reluctant Traveler

“Hier stehe ich. Ich kann nicht anders.”

(“Here I stand. I can do no other.”)

Well over a year ago, I was asked by a former Thrivent colleague to join him with the Imagine Tours & Travel organization for a Luther Reformation Tour in Germany. The trip would be from May 11 - May 13. He had asked his wife to join him, but partially due to health, she opted out. But she said, “Ask Ken, he’ll go!”

So he asked me. It would be with a group of 28 fellow Lutherans. I told him, “I’ll pray about it.” But frankly, I didn’t want to go. Among other things, my wife wouldn’t be going with me. And with everything else going on, I just felt I should graciously but firmly decline his invitation. Meanwhile, my wife Kim is encouraging me to go. And then my wife and I attended a South and East Pastors’ Conference held in Frankenmuth, MI. At that event, Dr. Robert Kolb, an eminent scholar known as an international expert of Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformation, gave an absolutely spellbinding series of lectures on this very topic. During one of the breaks and on a walk with my wife Kim, I told her, “Maybe I should go.” Once again, she encouraged me to go as a once in a lifetime experience.

I finally decided to go - sort of. I paid the down payment, but it wasn’t until December of this past year that I gave myself a definite, no turning back, “yes” and paid the remaining amount due in January. Talk about a reluctant traveler!

But I am extremely thankful that the Lord worked on my mind and heart to go. It truly was an unforgettable experience. Some of the cities we traveled to included: Rudesheim, Mainz, Worms, Heidelberg, Nuremberg, Coburg, Erfurt, Eisenach, Jena, Buchenwald, Dresden, Wittenberg, and Berlin.

One of the memorable places include the Diet of Worms spot, where Luther made his statement against the entire German empire and Catholic church where he finally refused to recant with the words, "Hier stehe ich. Ich kann nicht anders". He basically signed his death warrant as Emperor Charles V banned his writings and declared him a heretic and an enemy of the state. We were standing in essentially the very spot that Luther made his statement. The tour guide was emotional. I was emotional.

And then we were at the Wartburg Castle where Luther spent his exile after the Diet of Worms experience. We saw the very room where Luther translated the New Testament in German. And standardized the German language in the process!

How can I forget Wittenberg and the very spot where Luther nailed his 95 Theses? Likewise, a moving experience! Also, the place where Luther was buried as well as his wife Katherine!

We visited castles and cathedrals and the little Lutheran mission church determined to grow and build.

Finally, the food was tremendously delicious and, I must confess, so was the beer (did you know Germany provides beer for everyone?!).

In the final analysis, this reluctant traveler was deeply grateful that he went and all that more determined to study Scripture and share the Gospel message with others. Hier stehe ich Ich kann nicht anders.



Announcements

- ▶ We will be having a “casual dress Sunday” on Sunday, June 2nd. For those attending the Mud Hens game, the bus will be leaving at 12:45 so please be here around 12:30 so we can leave in a timely manner.
- ▶ We would like to have a lunch following our June 30th service. Hamburgs, hotdogs, and more! More information to come.
- ▶ Please join us for Bible Study every Sunday at 9:00AM!
- ▶ If you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing please write it on the paper in the entrance when you come into church and give it to one of the Elders.
- ▶ Saturday, June 15th - 10:00-11:00 Memorial Service for Bill Saylor at St. Peter's - Service will start at 11:00 followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



In our thoughts & prayers ...

Gary Brockman

Blake Mason

Dee Golemdiepski

Tom Preston

Mary Foulke

Pastor & Cheryl Flory

Bruce Sieler

Mike Wollin

Our Service Men: Larry Lloyd Jr, John Petcoff,
Nicholas Hoover, Blake Mason, Noah Johnson, Ben
Jensen, Jeff Keller, Tyler Dickerson



June Birthdays

Shelby Bruckner

Philip Leiter

Josh Winter

Kathy Gorr

Ben Winter

Judy Waterstradt

James Priebe

Fellowship Hall Available



The Fellowship Hall is available to rent for graduation parties, family reunions, showers, etc. Contact Eudora Judit at 734-279-2229.



Thank you to everyone who helped and prepared for Vicar Pete's visit.
Thank you to Bill Stahl for the flowers and Anita Leiter and Carol Cilley for planting them.
Thank you to Leon Cilley who mows the lawn at the church and parsonage.

Refreshments List for June/July/August 2024

Each family is asked to please furnish 2 dozen cookies or some refreshment. Coffee pots will be ready to be plugged in. Please set up cups and napkins ahead of time, and clean up when everyone is done.

June 9 - Glen Diesing, Larry Wright, Leon Cilley, Andy Stahl

June 23 - Julie Mens, Phyllis Sieler, Tyler Dickerson, Greg Heisler

July 14 - Janet Romano, Ken Mason, Kathy Gorr

July 28 - Howard Hunter, Tom Preston, Dory Judit

August 11 - Delmer Cilley, Ed Churma, Betsy Winter, Jim Wright

August 25 - Julie Mens, Jim Waterstradt, Anita Leiter, Tom Stahl

Servants of The Lord

Altar Guild

June - Diane Saylor
July - Betsy Winter
August - Diane Saylor

Pastor	Vacancy Pastor: Pastor Huner		
Secretary	Eudora Judit		
Organist	Anita Leiter & Mary Tomell		
Fellowship Hall Rental	Eudora Judit: 734-279-2229 Church: 734-279-1949		
Church Council			
President	Tom Stahl: 517-403-2601		
Vice President			
Secretary	Carrie Dickerson: 734-755-7405		
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Elders			
Tom Stahl 517-403-2601	Jim Waterstradt 734-279-2065	Tom Preston 734-646-4612	Tyler Dickerson 734-755-7405



What is going on this month?

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship Service with Communion 10:30AM Mud Hens Game 2:00PM Bus Leaving Church 12:45PM	3	4 Council Meeting 7:00 PM	5	6	7	8
9 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship Service 10:30AM	10	11 Elders Meeting 7:00 PM	12	13	14	15
16 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship Service with Communion 10:30AM	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship Service 10:30AM	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship Service with Communion 10:30AM						

Date	Lector	Communion	Acolyte	Altar Flowers
2	Tom Stahl	Tom Stahl	Ben, Matt, Brayden	
9	Jim Waterstradt		Ben, Matt, Brayden	
16	Tom Preston	Jim Waterstradt	Ben, Matt, Brayden	Cheryl Harnica: Father's Day & Anniversary
23	Tom Stahl		Ben, Matt, Brayden	
30	Jim Waterstradt	Tom Preston	Ben, Matt, Brayden	



Go in peace and serve
The Lord!