

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

May 2024 Newsletter



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Our Mission Statement

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

James 1:17

“Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of the
heavenly lights, who does not change like
shifting shadows.”

Come Worship With Us



Bible Study 9AM
Every Sunday



May 5

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Communion

May 19

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Communion

May 12

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.

May 26

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.





Pastor's Message

First and foremost, Kim and I are excited and joy filled with the news of the new Vicar coming! His name is Pete Candreva and his wife's name is Vanessa. The Vicar placements service was Tuesday, April 23rd in the Chapel at Concordia Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. What a beautiful service it was! I live-streamed it and I got goosebumps as his name was called and as he proceeded across the chancel. Details will be forthcoming, but I know after reading some correspondence from him, the congregation will be tremendously blessed. We thank and praise the good Lord for him and his arrival with his wife.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching to observe all that I have commanded of you ...” (Matthew 28:19-20 ESV)

As at least some of you know, I have been privileged to teach Biblical Greek for the Deacon Training program that the Michigan District offers for those who wish to serve at a local church under the auspices of their Pastors. At a relatively recent in-person meeting, the Greek students discussed this passage above and shared insights. I had asked the question, “Based on the original Greek, how many imperatives or commands are in these two verses?”

At first glance, one would argue that there are two: “Go” and “Make disciples” as indicated by most translations. I had suggested that technically speaking there is only one: “Make disciples.” That is because the word “Go” in the original language is not an imperative or command, but is actually a participle along with “baptizing” and “teaching.”

Specifically, as Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs, in his exhaustive Concordia commentary on Matthew 21:1-28:20 essentially points out on page 1599 that this word for “Go” in Matthew 28:19 is what is called an attendance circumstance participle.

The main lesson from this that I was attempting to share is that perhaps it would be best to translate the beginning of Matthew 28:19 as “While you go” or “As you go” or “As you journey” make disciples. God’s Word bible translation starts out “So wherever you go ...” I think that about captures the nuanced meaning. In other words, where you go in life or as you go about in life or as you journey in life, **make disciples!** That is our mandate from our Lord is to make disciples. That participle, I would argue, stands right at the beginning of these two verses for emphasis sake, but **not** as an imperative. That is to say, Jesus is urging that your calling in life is (whatever it is) to make disciples.

And how do we do that? The other two participles are quite definitely participles of means. We make disciples **by** baptizing and **by** teaching.

One of the Deacon students basically said that this is comforting to know. He explained that it doesn’t mean we all are to go to some distant land as a foreign missionary to make disciples. But rather, whatever our station in life is, we are to make disciples. To him that made much more sense.

Another Deacon student suggested that this would coincide with Luther’s concept of vocation. I would say, “Precisely!” All of us are to make disciples whatever our vocation happens to be.

The power source for all of this comes from the Resurrected Lord’s own words: “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20b). This Easter passage is essential to always remember!



Vicar Pete Candreva!

**We are excited to
announce that Vicar Pete
has been called to St.
Peter's Lutheran Church!**



Pete is 53 years old and was born and raised in the outskirts of Pittsburgh, PA. He has lived in Texas and Alaska and has worked in a variety of fields: Air Force, Sales, High School Physics Teacher, Police Office, and Commercial Carpenter.

His wife, Vanessa is 64 years old and was born in Johnstown, PA. She has lived in Virginia and Maryland. She is a retired music teacher after 36 years.

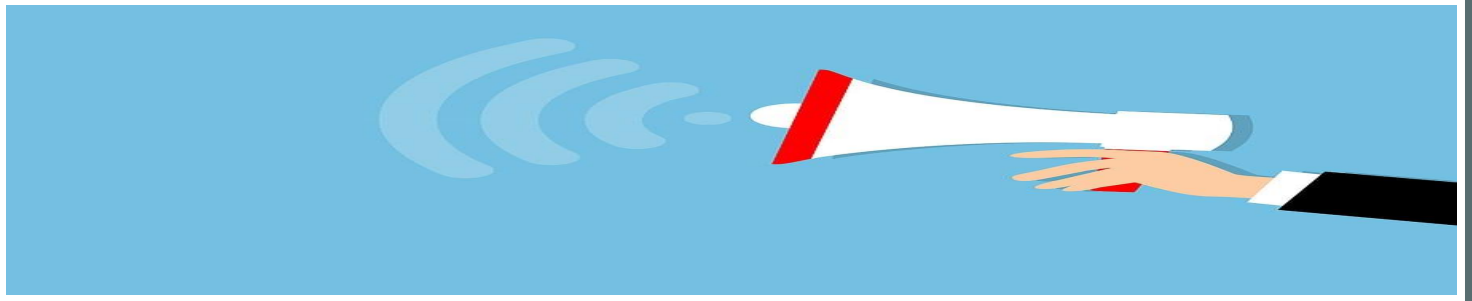
Vicar Pete will graduate on May 17th. Him and his wife are planning a visit to St. Peter's and will be here from May 19th - May 23rd. They will be joining us for worship service on May 19th to meet everyone.

The timeline for Vicar Pete in the coming months will be:

Week of May 19th - visit

Month of July - move into parsonage

August - will begin leading worship services



Announcements

- ▶ Toledo Mud Hens: Tickets for the game are \$11 paid to Jim Waterstradt. The cost to ride the bus is \$22.34 paid to Linda Preston. The game will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, June 2.
- ▶ If you would like to sing a particular hymn during worship service, please see Anita or Pastor Huner and let them know what hymn it is.
- ▶ New position for a Social Director - if interested see one of the Elders.
- ▶ We would like to update our prayer chain so if you would like to be included please see Carol Cilley.
- ▶ Our next Breakfast & Bible Study will be Sunday, May 19th.



In our thoughts & prayers ...

Gary Brockman

Blake Mason

Dee Golemdiepski

Ruth Eigenheer

Tom Preston

Mary Foulke

Pastor & Cheryl Flory

Mary Bruce

Mike Wollin

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



May Birthdays

Mary White

Sherry Harris

Ben Jensen

Anita Leiter

Lauren Hunter

Dory Judit

Tom Preston

Alivia Mehan

Braden Saylor

Tim Judit

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 make our first Breakfast & Bible Study a success!

Refreshments List for May/June/July 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.

May 12 - No Refreshments - Mother's Day

May 26 - Jeannine Pettcoff, Ken Mason, Jim Wright

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

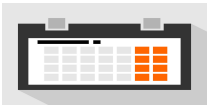
July 28 - Howard Hunter, Tom Preston, Dory Judit, Ruth Eigenheer

Servants of The Lord

Altar Guild

May - Mary White
June - Diane Saylor
July - Betsy Winter

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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Financial Secretary	Andy Stahl: 517-605-5745		
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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
			1	2	3	4
5 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship Service with Communion 10:30AM	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship Service 10:30AM	13	14 Elders Meeting 7:00 PM	15	16	17	18
19 Breakfast & Bible Study 9:00AM Worship Service with Communion 10:30AM	20	21 Council Meeting 7:00 PM	22	23	24	25
26 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship Service 10:30AM	27	28	29	30	31	

Date	Lector	Communion	Acolyte	Altar Flowers
5	Jim Waterstradt	Jim Waterstradt	Ben & Matt Winter	
12	Tom Stahl		Ben & Matt Winter	Phyllis Sieler
19	Tom Preston	Tom Preston	Ben & Matt Winter	
26	Jim Waterstradt		Ben & Matt Winter	In Memory of Juanita Meyers



Go in peace and serve
The Lord!