



Pastor's Notes:

The Proclaimer

St. Peter Lutheran Church

October 2014

Evangelism Starts at Home

Pastor Loeslie

Over the last 30 years or so there has been a great deal of interest in what we call “evangelism,” which usually has to do with various programs and committees dedicated to getting more people to come to church. Surely this can be a tremendous blessing when it comes to outreach to those who so desperately need to hear the Gospel.

However, for some reason with all the emphasis on evangelism, the most important place for sharing the good news has been neglected: the Christian home. Martin Luther called each home where Christians live a “*kleine Kirche*,” which simply means “a little church.” Lutherans before us often had altars, kneelers, candles, family bibles, and hymnals located in their own home where they gathered together for family devotions.

Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism that the head of the household should guide the family in daily prayer, “In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say: ‘In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’ Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer... Then go joyfully to work, singing a hymn like the Ten Commandments.” Luther suggests similar devotions throughout the day making use of Bible readings and reading sermons or short devotions.

If we want to strengthen our church it is best to start at home where you have the most influence in regards to matters of faith and Christian devotion. Bring yourself to church every Lord’s Day. Bring your spouse. Bring your children with you whether they are 8 weeks old, 8 months old, or 8, 18, 28, or 58 years old! We come to meet with the Risen Lord Jesus! He invites us to a feast of forgiveness, life, and salvation!

We have started a new devotional pamphlet for each week. You will find a “Congregation at Prayer” guide with daily readings for the week in the narthex at church or on the website. Portals of Prayer are available as well. The Small Catechism includes prayers for morning and evening, as well as before and after meals. Our homes should sound and look like “little churches,” where prayers are heard, hymns are sung, and the Bible is read. In the home we forgive one another, pray for one another, and return to the Divine Service every week for healing from our Risen Lord.

It’s true that the whole world needs to hear the Good News of Jesus, but most especially those closest to us – and usually under our own roof. God promises to bless us in these efforts.

All Saints' Day Roses

Sunday, the 2nd of November, is the church celebration of "All Saints' Day". During that service, we will be remembering those dear to us who are now in heaven. Red roses can be purchased for \$1.50 each to honor your loved one (s), church member or non-member. The roses will be supplied by The French Bucket Floral & Gift shop in Glencoe. The flowers will be displayed in the front of church by the altar and your loved one's name will be appear in the Sunday bulletin that day. After the service, the roses will be in the narthex for you to take home or to the cemetery. Order forms are available in the narthex until Sunday, the 19th of October. If you have further questions, please contact an Altar Guild member.

School Lunch

St. Peter will host the Lester Prairie High School students for lunch on Wednesday, October 8. This event is funded by the LP Youth Task Force. We hope to connect students to the churches and resources for crises that we have in town, including our pastors. We would love to have as many hands serving lunch for these students as possible. If you can help contact Pastor Loeslie or Lyle Kuhlmann. Meet in the kitchen at 9:00 AM. *Menu: shredded turkey sandwiches, pickles, chips, brownies, cookies, angel food cake, lemonade, milk. Jr. High: 11:57-12:22; High School: 12:50-1:15*


Directory Update

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Lester Prairie Sandwich Ministry

Everyone in the community and surrounding area is invited to help assemble sandwiches for the Marie Sandvick Center in Minneapolis. The sandwiches are made on white bread, without butter or mayonnaise, using sandwich meats such as bologna and summer sausage. They are bagged with a Bible verse, boxed and driven to the center by volunteers for distribution to the homeless and needy. Donations of cash or checks payable to "LP Sandwich Ministry" can be dropped off at First Community Bank. The need is great! Please join the next sandwich making event on Thursday, October 23, at 9:00 AM in the basement of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church.

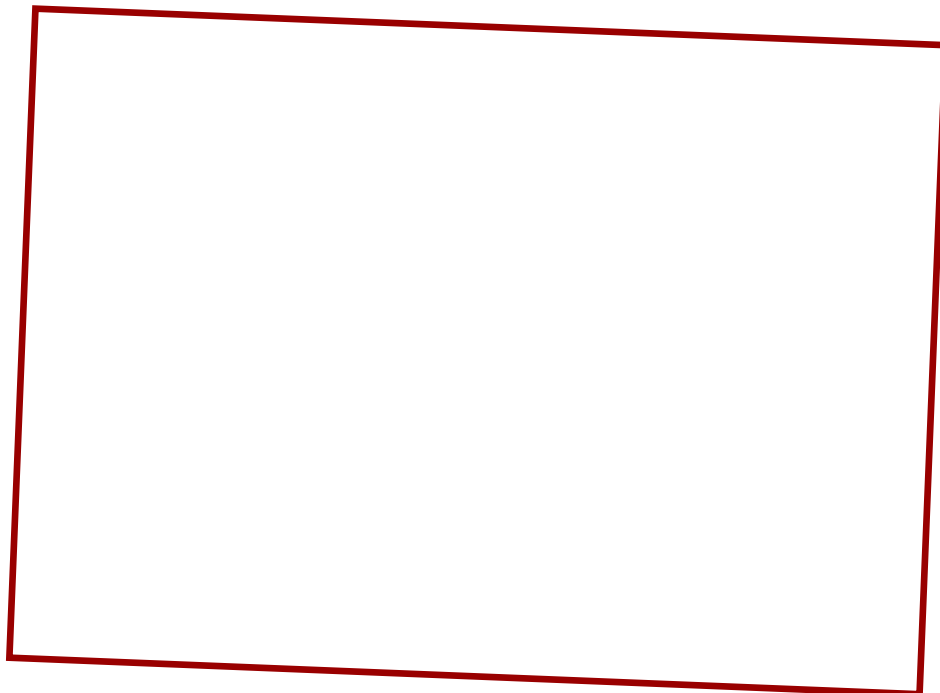
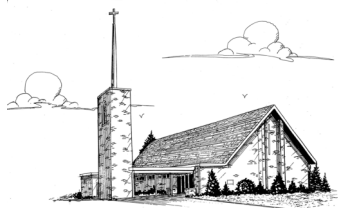
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>OCT.</h1>			1 9:30 AM-1:30 PM office open 7 choir practice <i>*bulletin submission deadline: Wed. @ 10</i>	2 9:30 AM-1:30 PM office open	3 Pastor's day off	4 MN S. District Visitation @ Our Savior's Lutheran
			5 9:00 AM Divine service w/HC 10:15 AM Bible study & Sunday School	6 9:30 AM-1:30 PM office open 7:00 PM Elder's mtg.	7	8 <i>office closed</i> 11:30 Youth Task Force Lunch 6 S.S. teacher's mtg. 7 choir practice
12 9:00 AM Divine service 10:15 Bible study & Sunday School	13 9:30 AM-1:30 PM office open Fall Dist. Pastor's Conference	14 Fall Dist. Pastor's Conference	15 9:30 AM-1:30 PM office open 7 choir practice	16 9:30 AM-1:30 PM office open	17 Pastor's day off	18
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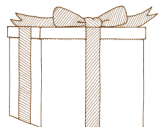
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Birthday



- 1 Pastor Loeslie
- 2 Mary Otto
- 3 Oria Brinkmeier
- 4 Amber Alberts
Rosemary Thiel
- 8 Matthew Dossett
- 9 Carol Adams
- 11 Katie Fillbrant
- 12 Heather Piehl
Dale Krienke
- 14 Rebecca Mueller
David Eckstein
- 17 Ewald Bettcher Jr.
- 25 Kraig Krienke

Anniversary



- 1 Taz & Kelli Fischl
- 5 Ralph & Diane Prehn
- 11 Gary & Linda Rehmann
- 27 Gordy & Marla Birkholz
Jake & Melissa Mochinski

Acolyte

- 5 Dave Kern
- 12 Wes Schmidt
- 19 tbd
- 26 tbd

Greeter



- 5 Wes & Lois Schmidt
- 12 Phil & Christine Schmalz
- 19 Mike & Shirley Maddox
- 26 Louis & Leette Dammann

For the month of
October

Note: If you notice an anniversary or birthday that is missing from our list, please email the church office so we can update our records for the calendars! Thanks!