

# St. Peter Lutheran Church

## May Monthly Newsletter



**Martin Luther –**

**“For all works and things, which are either commanded or forbidden by God and thus have been instituted by the Supreme Majesty, are ‘musts.’ Nevertheless, no one should be dragged to them or away from them by the hair, for I can drive no man to Heaven or beat him into it with a club.”**

Isn't it interesting! Martin Luther fully understood that it was not by force that the message of the Kingdom is brought to mankind, but through a different, a gentler approach. Too often people think that in order to bring someone into the Kingdom of God you must “pound some sense” into them. Too often people believe that is the model for reaching people, “show them their sin” and tell them they must change. I don't know about you, but I tend to push back when someone tries to push me into their way of thinking. Think about how you reacted to things your parents told you to do when you were a teen ager. You may well have done it, but out loud or under your breath, there were rumblings about fairness, or no understanding of the way things are today.

Jesus never pounded anyone into coming into the Kingdom of God. He invited many. Some were too busy or had something else to do first before they could come along. The same things we hear from people we talk to in today's world. But we are in the invitation business, not the enforcement business. Enforcement is tied to the Law and what you can and cannot do. We live in a covenant that is shaped by a relationship we have with our Lord and Savior. We certainly have an understanding that there are ways we are to live our life, but those are rooted in demonstrating God's forgiveness, mercy, and grace. We are called to live in a relationship where we give and receive love from a God who has shown us what love looks like.

**Worship Service**  
9:30am Traditional  
Worship Service-S

**Prayer Meeting**  
Saturday @ 9am-O

**Bible Study**  
10:00AM Bible Study  
Wednesday by Pastor  
Rich-CR

### **Church Staff**

**Senior Pastor**  
Rich Schleier

**Associate Pastor**  
Andre Miller

**Office Manager**  
Jean Kennedy

**Custodian**  
Anthony Montford

Worship  
Assistants

Ushers

5/5

5/12

5/19

5/26

Greeters

5/5

5/12

5/19

5/26

**Reflections From Pastor Rich (continued)**

When you meet someone, do you ever think, "I wonder if they know Jesus?" If we are going to truly love everyone as much as we love ourselves, this question should be at the front of our minds each time. Can you imagine what your life would be if someone had not told you about God's love, His mercy, and the gift of salvation available through Jesus? Wouldn't you want someone to tell you? Are you too ashamed to tell anyone? Too embarrassed?

Jan and I will often end a conversation with people by saying, "God Bless". God impressed on me a question, "Which God are you inviting to bless them?" Why aren't you making sure that they know that the God you're referencing is Me? How will they know you are talking about Jesus if you never mention His name? God wants us to speak about Him and Him alone. He does not want us to make some vague reference to a God we know, but the other person may not. God has asked me to change what I say so there is no question about who I am asking to bless them. From now on, I will be saying "May Jesus bless your day!"

Please join me and bring Jesus' name to the open market where everyone may know that He is your Lord and Savior and wants to bless those whom we meet as well.

***Maranatha!***

*Blessings,  
Pastor Rich*

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me and  
Where the Spirit is, there is freedom!**

**Church Council**  
Tuesday  
May 14th  
Conference Room

**Committee**  
**Meetings**

**Outreach and  
Christian Ed  
Board Meeting**  
Sunday  
5/5

**Worship  
Committee  
Meeting**  
Monday  
5/13

**Finance  
Committee &  
Property  
Committee  
Meeting**  
Monday  
5/13

**Partners in  
Ministries**

**Prayer Chain Chair**  
Office

**St. Peter Women**  
**President**  
Waneta Housh

**Altar Guild Chair**  
Sally Rogers

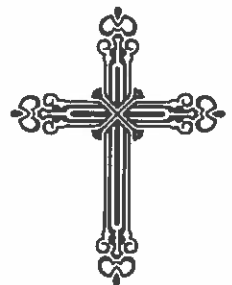
## Pastor Andre's Korner

Here is "The Reason" you feel drained!!!

There are two types of people in this life regardless of theology. Givers and Takers, both are often plagued with the same problem though: Not knowing when enough is enough. The taker is always better off because they amass things, gather things, and never run out because they have no problems taking even up to the point where they develop a pariah mindset. The giver is often found wanting after over extending themselves at their own peril forgetting that they themselves have a need, and the taker could care less.

It's time that we pray for discernment (preaching to myself as well) when we are by characteristics "givers". Don't forget and remind yourself daily takers don't care! and by design they won't ever! So knowing this as a fact should make you move differently with your time, talents and treasures. Don't allow your kindness to be "taken" as a weakness, and understand NO is an acceptable answer to those who only withdraw from your life. The Lord is Able!

Pastor Andre



## **April Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 08,2019**

The April council meeting of St. Peter Lutheran Church was called to order by President Ray Housh at 6:03 hours, March 12, 2019.

Present: Ray Housh, Roderick Mitchell, Pastor Andre Miller, Mary Hayes, Christina Lobosco, Jim McDaniel, Jan McDaniel, Louise Behnke, Marcy Perry, Pastor Rich Schleier, Lynnette DeLosRios, Debbie Lawrence excused.

Vice President Marcy Perry opened with devotion and prayer with the Story of Mary of Magdala.

President's report: Ray Housh discussed the passing of Bernie Stout. New accommodations needed for keys to be made. 5 members will be leaving the Council. Positions open for 3 year terms. Louise Behnke offered to help with money counting. Need trainees for Sound-board. Names suggested Logan Hernandez and Carlos Miller. The women of St. Peter gathering donations for new projector. Total cost \$4,000. Currently have \$2,000.

From the VP, Marcy Perry: Nothing to report at this time.

Secretary's report: Marcy made the motion to approve March's council meeting minutes.

Second by Ray and approved by voice vote of the council.

From the Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence: Debbie excused.

Pastor Richard Schleier discussed Pastor Prayer Gathering. Two new Congregations joining St. Peter. Holy Week preparation to include English/Spanish service to include all 5 churches. Pastor Andre Miller discussed the Adult Probation group doing a great job on the grounds. More weeds to come! Other-Side Ministries with Pastor Jason will utilize the kitchen to feed the homeless on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Need to allocate times and locations for all 5 churches to allow each service adequate time.

Christina Lobosco presented Education Committee meeting minutes. Adult volunteers are needed for VBS for Sunday mornings and for Sunday School teachers. Jeanne Kennedy will be moving out of teaching. Lynnette DeLosRios has volunteered to teach. Egg Dying Easter activity will be on April 20 at 9:30am in the classrooms.

Jim and Jan McDaniels presented Worship: New usher volunteers Mike and Linda Schultz.

Mary Hayes and Amanda Jensen presented Outreach: Rummage sale was a huge success!

Thanks to all who helped, including Waneta Housh. Lenten services continue to be a great success as well. March 31st was Potluck and cake for March birthdays. Beth Moore, Jesus My One and Only bible study Thursdays at 6:30. Upcoming April birthday celebration Potluck on April 28th after service. Please donate hard boiled eggs for the Egg Dying event on April 20 and send children in clothes that can get stained. Jeanne Kennedy will no longer be heading VBS starting next year, will be working with the homeless.

Louise Behnke presented finance: Insurance policy premium is increasing, and deductible is also increasing. Ray is looking into different companies for quotes. Looking to reduce cost for

phone and internet with Cox. Additional revenue coming from 2 new churches. Council discussed possibly holding some revenue from new churches in Savings to build cash reserve. Bank forecast is improving.

Roderick Mitchell reported for Property: Kvamme room doors are installed. Dishwasher working at the moment, may be a future repair need or consider installing double sinks. Carpet cleaned in Great Hall.

Old business: None

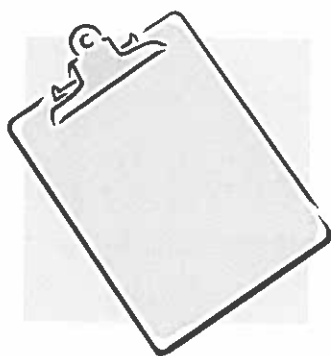
New business: None

June-August hiatus for Council.

Ray motioned to adjourn, seconded by Christina.

Mary Hayes will open with devotion and prayer in our May meeting.

Respectfully prepared by Lynnette DeLosRios, Secretary to the Council



### **Finance Committee**

We received a notice that our insurance policy premium is going up by \$2269 per year. Also, the deductible is increasing to \$5000 (from \$2500) with some other changes. Ray and Pastor Andre are looking into seeing about other choices for policies. Jean is still working on trying to get a meeting with Cox where Ray and Pastor Andre could also attend to see how we could reduce the cost of the phones and the internet.

Submitted by chairperson, Louise Behnke



### **The Church's Mission Statement**

Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey all I have commanded. Matthew 28:19-20

### **St. Peter's Vision Statement**

The love of Christ has saved us. Therefore, we rejoice and invite our neighbors to grow with us in faith and to serve God.

**Communion**  
**Assistant**

**May**  
Dean & Sally  
Rogers

**Lectors**  
5/5  
Alice Podzorski

5/12  
Lynette de los  
Rios

5/19  
Amanda Jensen

5/26  
Mary Hayes

**Acolyte**  
5/5  
Aidan  
Wichterman  
Gavin  
Wichterman

5/12  
Josh Roberson

5/19  
Brooke Balthazor

5/26  
Emil Lobosco

**Bible Studies Available**

Wednesday mornings with Pastor Rich at 10:00am in the Conference Room.  
The topic is Joy.

The Sisterhood of St. Peter meets the Monday after communion Sunday of each month off campus at the IHOP at Val Vista and Baseline at 6:15pm. We have a meal together before our bible study. We have the book FerVent by Priscilla Schirer that we are studying.

The Martha Circle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in the Great Hall. Bring a snack to share.

**Men's Bible Study Group**

Men of St. Peter – The Fellowship of the Way.  
We meet once a month to learn discipleship and to unite in following our Lord. All things are possible when we follow Him. Our meeting this month will be Sunday May 26th at 6:00PM in the Comfy Couch Room which is in the Office.  
Come see what the Lord can do!



Men of St. Peter – The Fellowship of the Way  
Friday morning Breakfasts  
Every Friday at 7:30AM in the Great Hall.  
Come join in the fellowship and enjoy  
a great breakfast.  
Always plenty of coffee!



### Sunday School Schedule

5/5 End of year Party

This group meets in the Learning Center.



Youth Group (7<sup>th</sup> thru 12 grade and older)

This group meets in the Youth Room of the Learning Center.

## Come Help Celebrate the May Birthdays!

Join us on Sunday, May 26th at 11:15am in the Great Hall as we once again celebrate the birthdays of everyone in the church family who were born in April. We'll provide the cake, the rest of you bring everything else, and we will have a good time!

Don't forget to bring a birthday card for each of the folks who are celebrating their special day in May. See the list on the last page of the newsletter for names. We will have a gift bag with their name on it to drop the card into.

This celebration gives us an opportunity to celebrate with them and gather together as a family of God.







Vacation Bible School = Beach Trek

July 15-19, 2019 9:00AM to 12:00PM

Great Hall Ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

We will learn about faith, Jesus and why we follow him.

Staffing is needed for: opening worship leader; theme teachers (2); snack servers; recreation leader; craft leader; music leader; storytelling leader; closing worship leader. See Jean to sign up.

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DINING OUT  
SATURDAY, May 18<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 PM



## Food Boxes:

Please consider purchasing some of the items below so that we can meet the needs of our community.

Individual bags of chips

Canned tuna with crackers

Canned chicken with crackers

Small cans of tuna and/or chicken

Individual packages of crackers

Individual packages of peanut butter crackers

Individual packages of cheese crackers

Individual packages of cookies

Bottled water

Box of 1 gallon plastic zip lock bags

Small paper plates

Small paper napkins

Plastic utensils

Individual (sample) sizes of personal care items



### Congregational Leadership

#### Council President

Ray Housh

#### Council Vice President

Marcy Perry

#### Council Secretary

Lynnette De Los Rios

#### Council Treasurer

Debbie Lawrence

#### Education/Youth & Family Ministries

Christina Lobosco

#### Finance & Stewardship

Louise Behnke

#### Outreach, Fellowship, & Christian Service

Mary Hayes & Amanda Jensen

#### Property Chair

Rodrick Mitchell

#### Worship Chair

Jim and Jan McDaniel

## White Chicken Chili

1 32 oz chicken stock

3 cans white beans left undrained

5 cups cooked chicken – rotisserie or boiled

1 16 oz jar salsa

1 8 oz block pepper jack cheese, grated

2 tsp. ground cumin

2 cloves garlic minced

Black or white pepper to taste

½ finely crushed corn chips optional to make the chili thicker

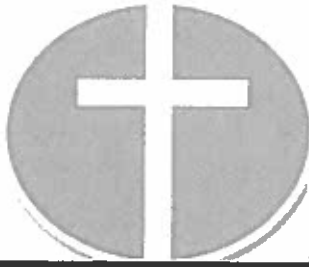
Sour cream for garnish

Prep: place all ingredients except corn chips in crock pot,  
Cook on high until cheese is melted.

May be cooked on stove top.

When cheese is melted add crushed corn chips (Optional).  
Cook 10 minutes and add more corn chips, cheese and sour  
cream to taste.





# St. Peter Lutheran Church Announcements

## May Events

**May 4, 11, 18, 25**  
Prayer Gathering  
9:00am-Office

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
Bible Study by  
Pastor Rich-10AM-  
CR

**May 14th:**  
Martha Circle-GH

**May 6 & 20:**  
Sisterhood of St.  
Peter - 7pm IHOP:  
Val Vista &  
Baseline

**May 26th:**  
Birthday Pot Luck

**May 25th:**  
Newsletter Deadline

## *Prayer Gathering*

*Every Saturday morning at 9:00 in the Pastor's office, we gather to pray for God's perfect Will to be done in the life of St. Peter. God revealed that this is an important part of the resurrection He is doing in our midst. Please come along side us and add your voice to ours as we seek His promised blessing, a Resurrection Church!*

**Learn to play bells. Sunday's at 8:15am in the Bell Choir room. South side of the Great Hall.**

## Gift Bags are needed.

Small ones 9 x 7 or 10 x8. If you have any around the house that you don't need, please bring them to the information desk.

## Romans 12:12

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.**



Judy Stout 5/5  
Shirley Boyken 5/22  
Mary Green 5/25  
Mary Hayes 5/31

Rad & Marcy Perry 5/15

Did you know that you can pay your tithes and offerings on-line? You can go to [www.stpetermesa.org](http://www.stpetermesa.org) and select "Giving" from the menu bar.



# May 2019

GH - Great Hall \* - Off-Campus  
 S - Sanctuary CR - Conference Room  
 KFR - Kwame Fellowship Room  
 LC - Learning Center Chr - Choir Room

\*Calendar is subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 Third Sunday of Easter            9:30AM Traditional Worship- S            10AM Cambio De Vida COG-CHR            11:00AM Sunday School-LC            12:30PM NBCC-S            1:30PM Church of God-GH            2:30PM COGOP-S            4:30PM Hugs-CR</p>	<p>6 Overeaters Anon-CHR            7PM CODA-GH            7PM Sisterhood of St. Peter*</p>	<p>7 6:30 AM Overeaters Anon-CR            9AM Staff Meeting - CR            7PM COGOP-GH</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Bible Study-CR            12PM NBCC Bible Study-KFR            6:30PM NBCC Prayer &amp; Bible Study-S            7PM Alcoholics Anon-CR</p>	<p>9 4:30PM Over Eaters Anon-CHR            6:30PM AA-CR            6:30PM Beth Moore Study-O</p>	<p>10 Office Closed            7:30AM Men's Breakfast-GH            12PM Over Eaters Anon-CHR            6:30PM Nar-Anon-CR            7PM COGOP-GH</p>	<p>11 9AM Prayer Meeting-O            10:00AM AI-Anon CR            10:00--2:00 Mother's Day Tea GH-K            11AM-3PM NBCC-KFR            1:15PM HUGS-CR</p>
<p>12 Fourth Sunday of Easter            9:30AM Traditional Worship- S            10AM Cambio De Vida COG-CHR            12:30PM NBCC-S            1:30PM Church of God-GH            2:30PM COGOP-S            4:30PM Hugs-CR</p>	<p>13 Overeaters Anon-CHR            6PM Worship Committee - CR            7PM Finance Committee-CR            7PM Property Committee-CR            7PM CODA-GH</p>	<p>14 6:30 AM overeaters Anon-CR            9AM Staff Meeting-CR            9:30AM Martha Circle-GH            6PM Church Council-CR</p>	<p>15 10:00 AM Bible Study-CR            12PM NBCC Bible Study-KFR            6:30PM NBCC Prayer &amp; Bible Study-S            7PM Alcoholics Anon-CR</p>	<p>16 12PM LCHC Pastors Meeting-            4:30PM Over Eaters Anon-CHR            6PM Democratic Meeting-GH            6:30PM Beth Moore Study-CR</p>	<p>17 Office Closed            7:30AM Men's Breakfast-GH            12PM Over Eaters Anon-CHR            6:30PM Nar-Anon-CR            7PM COGOP-GH</p>	<p>18 9AM Prayer Meeting-O            10:00AM AI-Anon CR            10AM-2PM Sons of Norway-GH            1:15PM HUGS-CR            4:30PM Pastor Jesus-1/2 GH            6:30PM Dining Out*</p>
<p>19 Fifth Sunday of Easter            9:30AM Traditional Worship- S            10AM Cambio De Vida COG-CHR            12:30PM NBCC-S            1:30PM Church of God-GH            2:30PM COGOP-S            4:30PM Hugs-CR</p>	<p>20 Overeaters Anon-CHR            7PM CODA-GH            7PM Sisterhood of St. Peter*</p>	<p>21 6:30AM Overeaters Anon-CR            9AM Staff Meeting - CR            7PM COGOP-GH</p>	<p>22 12PM NBCC Bible Study-KFR            6:30PM NBCC Prayer &amp; Bible Study-S            7PM Alcoholics Anon-CR</p>	<p>23 4:30PM Over Eaters Anon-CHR            6:30PM Beth Moore Study-CR</p>	<p>24 Office Closed            7:30AM Men's Breakfast-GH            12PM Over Eaters Anon-CHR            6:30PM Nar-Anon-CR            7PM COGOP-GH</p>	<p>25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE            9AM Food Bank-Peoria            10:00AM AI-Anon CR            1:15PM HUGS-CR            5-10PM AI-Anon-GH</p>
<p>26 Sixth Sunday of Easter            9:30AM Traditional Worship- S            10AM Cambio De Vida COG-CHR            12:30PM NBCC-S            1:30PM Church of God-GH            2:30PM COGOP-S            4:30PM Hugs-CR</p>	<p>27 Overeaters Anon-CHR            12PM CODA-GH            7PM Sisterhood of St. Peter*</p>	<p>28 6:30AM Overeaters Anon-CR            9AM Staff Meeting - CR            9:30am -1pm Bertré's Memorial Services - GH and S</p>	<p>29 12PM NBCC Bible Study-KFR            6:30PM NBCC Prayer &amp; Bible Study-S            7PM Alcoholics Anon-CR</p>	<p>30 4:30PM Over Eaters Anon-CHR            6:30PM Beth Moore Study-CR</p>	<p>31 Office Closed            7:30AM Men's Breakfast-GH            12PM Over Eaters Anon-CHR            6:30PM Nar-Anon-CR            7PM COGOP-GH</p>	

