



THE MESSENGER

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Early Childhood Ministry (ECM) Committee Update

Our St. Peter ECM Committee met in August to review information that has been gathered so far on the feasibility of our church opening a Christian pre-school, and to consider what the next steps would be in the discussion and process.

The committee feels strongly that the Lord has placed us in a community and neighborhood that is ideal for reaching out with the gospel to young families with children by opening a Christian pre-school. They also feel that the “*Mornings with Mommy*” survey taken last spring, which indicated that 24 moms were highly interested in enrolling their child(ren) in a pre-school at St. Peter’s, is a compelling reason to continue this discussion. The pulse group discussions from last May indicated that our church members are very supportive of this idea as well, yet have more information they desire, mostly on what the costs of such a program would be.

Therefore, the ECM Committee has asked a small task force to spend time doing research on the actual details and costs of starting a Christian pre-school, and also operating it annually. The steering committee consists of Vicki Schewe and John & Teresa Barber. Advisory members are Pastor Schewe and Travis Hambleton.

The steering committee’s report will be presented at the next ECM Committee meeting on October 7. Their recommendations will then be brought to the Board of Elders and Church Council meetings the second week of October for discussion. The results of those discussions and the information that is gathered by then will be brought to the October Voters Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 28.

Due to the importance of this discussion and the fact that all our people need to be informed of developments in this discussion, an Open Forum might be scheduled for a Sunday in October as well.

Keep the committee’s work and this concept in your prayers, that the Lord would lead us to see if this is a ministry that would be a benefit for young children and families that we would meet and invite in the process, and also that we are led to gospel-motivated discussions as to whether our congregation can open an Early Childhood Ministry.

“*Mornings with Mommy*” Starting September 11!

The new season of “*Mornings with Mommy*” begins on Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept. 11 & 12. St. Peter moms, plan to join us with your children aged 0-4 as we meet neighborhood young families! Themes for the September playdates are:

September 11 & 12

Things that GO

September 25 & 26

All About Me





Dear brothers and sisters at St. Peter,

We need you.

Yes, we do! We need some help with a new opportunity for outreach at church.

Here's some background. On average, we have 140 households move into a residence within a 2-mile radius of our church property every month. How do we know that? We receive the list of these people's names and addresses each month.

Isn't that surprising? I'd imagine many of you would have guessed the number would be substantial, but 140? And for the month of July, that number was 240!

This is one of the greatest opportunities for outreach that we have at St. Peter's. Many of these people are new to the area, and are finding a bank, a convenience store, the post office, and... a church.

We have been mailing a nice note to these households along with our church brochure. We have had visitors at church and at "Mornings with Mommy" who have told us they are new to the area. But we can do more.

Don Sweetman, our new Evangelism Chairman, and I talked about how we could reach out to these households in addition to our mailing. If we could find volunteers to knock on ten doors over the course of each month, we would be able to follow up on the entire list with 14 volunteers. People who are willing to do this would only need to knock, ask whether they had received our mailing, ask a few friendly questions, and leave a warm invitation to come visit us.

At times people have debated about the value of knocking on doors in neighborhoods (for the record, I'm a fan of it), but consider that these people are NEW to the area. This is a different type of door to door than has been done at our church in the past.

Can you help in this way? The best time to knock on doors is late afternoon and evening on Saturdays, and the rest of the day after church on Sundays. This means that church members who don't live in Clovis could be able to help with this effort.

Current Bible Classes:

Sundays (10:20 am)

"Lifestyle Witnessing." This series helps Christians think about their roles as witnesses of God's good news, and gives encouragement and practical advice in speaking about your faith.

Wednesdays (6:30 pm)

"Luther's Catechism for Adults."

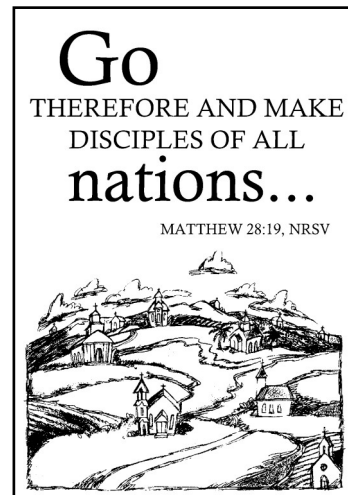
Each lesson is based on a Catechism lesson, but is discussed on an adult level. We're currently discussing The "Ten Commandments." Join us "live" at church or LIVE on our church Facebook page.

How long does it take to knock on ten doors? With limited travel time, since these homes are not far from our church property, not long.

Prayerfully consider whether you can serve in this way also. You don't need to take a seminar or complete a course to do it. Just be friendly and give it a try.

May God bless us as we continue to strive to "make disciples of all nations," including those in our own backyard,

Pastor Schewe



September SPRY Dinner

St. Peter Recycled Youth (SPRY) is a fellowship group for those 50+. SPRY meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month for dinner and a meeting. The September SPRY dinner will be hosted by Jan Carter and Irene Payne in Luther Hall. The October dinner will be hosted by Norm and Donna Vander Poel. Please see Inge Stutz if you have any questions.



Sisters in Service Update

- ♥ At the quarterly SIS meeting on July 29th, President June Lewis announced that she and her husband, Brian, will be moving out of state to be closer to family. This will leave a vacancy in the role of president. A nominating committee has been appointed and will be contacting SIS members regarding upcoming positions on the board to prayerfully consider those requests.
- ♥ SIS is planning a fellowship outing—a train trip from Fresno to Hanford—for the *whole congregation*. On September 22, we'll meet at the Fresno Amtrak station and take the train to Hanford. We'll walk to Superior Ice Cream for a snack and then take the train back to Fresno. There is a sign up sheet available in the Luther Hall entryway.
- ♥ Ongoing Service Projects: Altar Guild, Cradle Roll (cards and books for new babies), Sonshine (sending cards to members for special occasions or during difficult times).
- ♥ New Service Projects: Helping with new resident mailing, bringing snacks to quarterly church work days, making sure hymn racks are stocked with cards.
- ♥ SIS would like to encourage all ladies in the congregation to attend the quarterly SIS meetings. The next SIS Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 28th.



- September 1—Liam Evers
- September 2—Bernita Krumbach
- September 11—Patti Sweetman
- September 19—Mary Sanchez
- September 20—Bob Dickson
- September 21—Chad Dickson
- September 21—Amanda Harville
- September 26—Mary Anne Blalock
- September 27—Teresa Barber
- September 29—Sarah Dubin

Those Who Serve—September

Ushers

Norm Vander Poel & Evan Blankenship

Flowers

- 2—Travis & Catherine Hambleton
- 9—Don & Patti Sweetman
- 16—Mike & Leslie Fitzgerald
- 23—Norm & Donna Vander Poel
- 30—Jan Carter

Altar Guild

Dorothy Teufel & Jan Carter

Coffee & Dessert Hosts

- 2—SIS—Cake for Brian & June Lewis
- 9—OPEN
- 16—Inge Stutz
- 23—OPEN
- 30—Jan Carter

Lawn Mowing Teams

- 1—Schewe Family & Blankenships
- 8—Travis Hambleton
- 15—Jeff Hansen & Don Sweetman
- 22—Jeff & Brad Carter, Ken Hoffmeyer, Justin Dubin
- 29—Andrew Schulz, Josh Schulz, Travis Armstrong

Church Cleaning

- 1—Bruno & Inge Stutz
- 8—Michelle Taub
- 15—Ken Hoffmeyer
- 22—Jeff & Helen Hansen
- 29—Vicki Schewe

Luther Hall Cleaning

- 1—Don Sweetman
- 8—Andrew & Niki Schulz
- 15—Ken Hoffmeyer
- 22—Travis & Madeline Armstrong
- 29—Vicki Schewe



- September 4—David & Michelle Taub
- September 11—Robert & Janet Zeisser

Church Council Update

August 12 Meeting

- **Pastor's Report:** Fresno Hmong Congregation is currently renting a worship space in Fresno. WELS Board for Home Missions has informally asked us to consider whether they might be able to worship at our facility again. This is not an imminent request but the council should seek input from the congregation on this.
- **Outreach** continues to have a booth at the Clovis Farmer's Market (last Friday of each month). We continue to send out a letter and church brochure to all new Clovis residents each month (approximately 160-240 letters).
- **Trustee:** The new photo wall was installed on 8/18. Thanks to Jan Carter for refinishing the credenza. Next projects include church work day on September 1st and continuing sprinkler development.
- Next council meeting is scheduled for October 14th. Leo Schulz would like the congregation to know that they are invited to offer suggestions for issues that the council might address at future meetings.



Pastoral Installation— Peace, Santa Clara

The members of Peace Lutheran Church called Pastor Joon Ho (Paul) Chung to serve their congregation. He accepted the call and was installed as their pastor on **Sunday, July 29**. The congregation gives thanks to the Lord for providing a shepherd to lead and guide them as we restart Peace's ministry efforts. It's been over a decade since Peace last had a pastor!



Luther Prep Traveling Choir coming to Clovis!



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PREPARATORY
SCHOOL**

The Luther Prep select choir (Prep Singers) will be taking a tour of the west coast during their Spring Break in 2019, and stopping for a one-day only evening concert at St. Peter's.

This select group of 36 singers, along with their director Prof. Randy Bode, will be presenting both Lenten and Easter music in their concert. Joel Schewe is a member of the Prep Singers this year.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 21. Hosts will also be needed down the road for overnight hosts for the group, who will stay over that night and head to their next stop in the morning.

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 Worship (comm) 10:15 Family Bible Hour	3	4 5:00 Youth Catechism	5 6:30 Bible Class	6 7:00 Board of Elders	7	8 10-noon Fresno Parkin- son's Support Group (Luther Hall)
9 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hour	10	11 10:00 <i>Mornings with Mommy</i> 5:00 Youth Catechism	12 10:00 <i>Mornings with Mommy</i> 6:30 Bible Class	13	14	15 5:30 SPRY Dinner Host- ed by Jan Carter and Irene Payne
16 9:00 Worship (comm) 10:15 Family Bible Hour	17	18	19 6:30 Bible Class	20	21	22 Fresno to Hanford Train Outing
23 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hour	24 Fall Pastoral Conference (Citrus Heights)	25 10:00 <i>Mornings with Mommy</i> 5:00 Youth Catechism	26 10:00 <i>Mornings with Mommy</i> 6:30 Bible Class	27	28	29
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Meet Phil and Joy Rosenthal

On August 12th, Phil and Joy Rosenthal celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their church family! Phil and Joy are long-time members at St. Peter.

Phil and Joy met each other at Phil's brother's wedding. Phil was the best man and Joy was a friend of the bride. Joy was born and raised in Oklahoma City. Phil was born in Sheboygan, WI. The family moved to LA so his dad could work in the shipyard during World War II. After getting married, Phil and Joy lived in Redondo Beach, CA. Phil worked as an upholsterer for 17 years then at the Union Oil refinery for 18 years. He is also a navy veteran. Joy worked at the phone company then as a secretary for Arco for 30 years.

After living in Redondo Beach for 42 years, they decided to move to Clovis because they couldn't stand the traffic anymore! Phil and Joy have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Congratulations to Phil and Joy on their 60th anniversary! May God continue to bless them in the years ahead!



Fresno to Hanford Train Outing!

The whole congregation and friends are invited on a train outing from Fresno to Hanford. We'll catch the train in Fresno on Saturday, September 22nd at 1:40. When we arrive in Hanford, we'll walk to Superior Dairy for an ice cream treat. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall if you'd like to attend. See Mary Sanchez if you have any questions.



SPRY in Fowler

The August SPRY dinner was hosted by Mike Farley at his home in Fowler. After dinner, everyone was able to pick their own Thompson seedless grapes from his field.

