

# St. Peter Communicator

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## THE GREEN SEASON OF GROWTH

Dear Members of St. Peter,

Christ is risen! The Easter season in the Church Year has come to a close, but the Easter acclamation continues to sound forth into all the world. Christ has ascended to the right hand of the Father, but His abiding presence remains with us as He comes to us in His Word and Sacraments in His Church—the community of believers.

We are in the Time of the Church—those Sundays following Pentecost until the First Sunday in Advent. This long stretch in the Church Year is sometimes called the “green season”—not referring to the grass but the paraments that adorn the altar, pulpit, and lectern. However, the green grass does remind us of growth.

The Church grows in Christ. The Easter acclamation is our daily influence. It continues to shape us as God’s holy people. Now that we’ve concluded the Festival half of the Church Year in which we celebrated and remembered all of Christ’s major milestones during His time when He walked on earth, we do not move on from what Christ did for us to what we can do for Him. That is not the purpose for the Time of the Church. Rather, the “green season” is about how Christ is working in His people by His Holy Spirit to strengthen and preserve them unto life everlasting.

Make no mistake: He gathers us together here, in St. Peter, to be among us to give us His eternal life. Here, Jesus heaps up on us grace upon grace! He forgives us, renews us, and strengthens our faith in Him to face all of the trials and tribulations of another week. The Benediction reminds us that we belong to God, we have His blessings and favor for Christ’s sake, and He will always be with us. What Good News of restoration it is because then He sends us out into the world to be His ambassadors.

With the Easter acclamation on the tip of our tongue, we are ready to renew our family, friends, and, yes, even our enemies with the forgiveness that is ours in Christ Jesus. We are well prepared to tell our neighbors that God has sent His Son to be the Redeemer of the world. This message, God’s own Message, converts unbelief to belief. It softens stiff hearts like yours and mine. By God’s grace, His Word will not return empty and growth will happen—growth in the sheep who have gone astray and growth by Christ’s command to “baptize all nations” (Mt 28.19).

What an opportunity we have before us—together—as pastor and people! I am privileged to be serving you as vacancy pastor, and God-willing, as your called pastor should the Joint Agreement be approved. This is the Time of the Church, always, until Christ returns. Come into His presence often, even every week, to be given His Gospel gifts in Word and Sacrament. Say your “amen” with boldness and confidence, and thereby, claim His gifts, His eternal life as your own, but don’t keep it to yourself. The world around us needs His life, too!

God be with you in the “green season” of growth!

Your partner in the Gospel,

Pastor Brassfield



## Parish Nursing

by Judy Paulson, RN, BSN,  
Parish Nurse

This month, for my parish nurse article, I have chosen to share an article written by one of my parish nursing colleagues. As I write this, I am preparing to attend our annual Parish Nurse Conference at Concordia – Mequon. I anticipate obtaining updates to some of the things we have talked about in the past. Meanwhile, enjoy this article by my friend, Hope.

### Friendship: The Key to Good Health

When one wants to achieve good health, we typically consider diet and physical exercise. Health is also affected by attitude, stressors, coping mechanisms, and socialization.

Friends come in different forms, under many circumstances, and during various seasons of our lives. Outsiders may look at a large gathering in our honor and wonder why this group of people came together. The scriptures give us a glimpse of the friendships of Jesus. Matthew 9:9-13 discusses how the Pharisees were somewhat mystified that Jesus would dine with lowly tax collectors and sinners. He replied that he desired mercy, not sacrifice. Jesus called sinners, not the righteous. He knew it would be this group that people could relate to in the generations to come. Friendship and closeness was very evident in this group.

John 11:1-45 reveals that Jesus had other close relationships. He loved his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He told the disciples that their friend Lazarus had died, and then tried to comfort these friends in their grief. This group depended on each other to cope with this difficult situation.

Our friends may not be what others expect, although we are healthier because of them. Bonds are forged at different times in our lives. In times of crisis, these friends come close and increase our ability to cope. The ability to share our deeply held personal feelings may decrease our stress, and

possibly help to avert depression. We depend on our friends to listen to our fears, and to share our tears and sadness when the unexpected happens in our lives. There are positive outcomes and increased outlooks when we can share such intimate feelings while being vulnerable. The response from friends brings closeness and increased support which can actually decrease mortality.

Having a network of friends, as well as a number of close friends, has been found to increase our happiness. This, in turn, boosts our health. Our mental health affects our physical wellbeing in a positive or negative way. Friendships are crucial in protecting our mental health. Having friends is having a safe harbor in which to weather the storm of stressful situations. It has been found that the more friends we have the better our mental, physical, and emotional health. Happiness and positive emotions from close friendships may just be the key one needs to improve overall good health!

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LCMS Parish Nurse District Representative for  
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## BAC'N, EGGS, AND THE BREAD OF LIFE

Morning Bible Study with Pastor Brassfield

Mondays @ 7:00 A.M.

Inside Terra Verde Coffeehouse, Chilton

All are invited to attend.





## LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

### Ingatherings:

Thanks to everyone for the items we were able to send to **A Place of Refuge** for moms and their children needing shelter. It's always a great feeling to be able to assist those in need. We also thank Minda Hernke for delivering our offerings on her way through Milwaukee.

Our next ingathering will be the **Back to School** supplies in August. We'll post reminders by the end of July, but if you see the school sales starting, go ahead and start shopping.

### Summer Schedule:

The women have decided to eliminate our business meetings during the months of July and August. We will have a meeting and Bible study at 2:30 on June 19. Project days will continue throughout the summer for those who would like to participate. We will meet at 1:30 on June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, and August 14 and 28. All ladies, mark your calendars!



St. Peter Lutheran Church's

## Outdoor Work Day

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 A.M. until Noon



## Mission Matters

### Lutheran Hour Ministries: Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is the men's auxiliary of the LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod). Most of us are familiar with "The Lutheran Hour", pamphlets on various topics, disaster response, and other such programs sponsored by LHM.

LHM has over 60 years of experience proclaiming the Gospel via mass media in the Middle East. Fortunately, the political climate in Egypt provides a new opportunity to expand ministry in the region. Other parts of the Middle East, however, are experiencing great turmoil with war and, as a result, refugees, mainly women and children, are fleeing to safety. There is urgency to expand their proclamation of the Gospel in these areas, especially refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey. LHM will reach families, refugees, and citizens of the region through a new television program broadcast in Cairo, Egypt. This new television broadcast has the potential to reach millions of people throughout the Middle East, refugees and citizens alike, with the message of faith and the true love of Christ and to be a strong Christian voice and witness through Arabic satellite television programming.

Let us offer our prayers, together with all those who partner with LHM, to bless this new ministry designed to reach lost souls throughout the world.



## *Our Response to His Love*

	4-29-18	5-6-18	5-13-18	5-20-18
General Fund	2500.00	2406.30	2460.00	1102.00
Missions	130.00	2.00	100.00	
Memorial: Nora McWilliams	120.00			
New Projector	2000.00			
Vacation Bible School	5.00		70.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4755.00</b>	<b>2408.30</b>	<b>2630.00</b>	<b>1102.00</b>



### Happy Birthday

#### June

- 4 Sandra Mirsberger
- 6 Janice Schroeder  
Laurie Ecker
- 9 Alec Schwalenberg
- 10 Lisa Lau
- 11 Nelson Teinert, Sr.
- 12 Delaina Mueller  
Louis Hernke
- 14 Barb Konen
- 15 David Behnke
- 16 DeAnn Eldred  
Madalyn DuPrey
- 17 Dolores Bornemann  
Marjy Jentsch
- 19 Paul Schwalenberg
- 24 David Franz
- 25 Bonnie Ott
- 28 Janet Bergelin

### *Happy Anniversary*

- June 11<sup>th</sup> Dean & Jan Bergelin
- June 16<sup>th</sup> Charles & Jerilyn Fochs
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Melissa DuPrey
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> Nancy & Jerome Propson  
David & Lori Schwalenberg

