

St. Peters Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod  
**May 2022**



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Our Mission Statement:

**"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done."**

**Psalm 105:1**



## Credo: The Trinity

Last month we started to talk about the Creed and how we confessed the faith ‘I’ and not ‘We’ believe in. We laid the groundwork for understanding how we confess together this common faith we all share in. After understanding we confess our faith to the world and our common faith together, we want to know to whom we are confessing our faith in. The Creed answers this question by laying out all three persons of the Trinity.

We need to start by knowing the word Trinity does not appear in the scriptures instead it is a word theologians have invented, to sum up, the doctrine (meaning teaching) about God. In the more complicated doctrine of the church, we come up with words that help us to talk about them in a shorthand way. Of course, all of these doctrines are found in the scriptures of both the Old and the New Testaments. The doctrine of the Trinity is no exception.

The Trinity to put it in the simplest words possible is the statement that we have one God in three-person, but we do not say there are three Gods but one God, and we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance, all equal in glory and majesty, and coeternal.

Now that is a lot of wording that seems complicated. If we are going to boil the Trinity down without false teaching, we need to look at each part carefully. First, there is one God. We go to what the Jews teach and confess called the

Shema Yisrael coming from Deuteronomy 6:4, **“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”** The Old Testament is going to teach there is no more than one God we are to worship and the passage from Deuteronomy will go on to teach that we are to love with all our heart, soul, and strength. At the same time, the three persons of the Trinity are present in the beginning when God says, **“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” (Gen. 1:26).** God is talking about Himself in the plural and so we see the Trinity is present in the three persons from the beginning. This is echoed in John 1, **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn 1:1-4, 14).** The New Testament tells us Jesus was present at the time of creation and was around for all of creation.

To wrap up the Trinity in the New Testament we go to Matthew 28:19, **“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.”** We see the Trinity again present as the three persons here in Matthew’s Gospel and become the primary place we see the Trinity present. Of course, there are many other places to see and learn about the Trinity in the New Testament.

In conclusion, the Trinity is a word that sums up the complicated doctrine of the Trinity from the scriptures. What we need to know is there is one God in Three Persons and all three persons are equally, worshipped, equal in majesty and glory, and finally coeternal. While it can be hard to understand we take it on faith as what God has revealed about Himself to us and trust even if we do not fully understand it God’s work of salvation is still good for us.

Your Servant in Christ  
Pastor Welton

# **St. Peters Lutheran Church** **Inflows & Outflows by Class**

Cash Basis

January through March 2022

	Building		Total unclassified		TOTAL	
	Jan - Mar ...	Jan - Mar ...	Jan - Mar ...	Jan - Mar ...	Jan - Mar ...	Jan - Mar ...
<b>Income</b>						
4001 · Interest Income	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.43
4011 · General Fund	0.00	0.00	34,002.84	34,002.84	34,002.84	34,002.84
4015 · Sunday School Donations	0.00	0.00	374.00	374.00	374.00	374.00
4019 · Refunds	0.00	0.00	283.00	283.00	283.00	283.00
4020 · Building Fund	1,134.00	1,134.00	0.00	0.00	1,134.00	1,134.00
4053 · Designated Funds	0.00	0.00	1,937.75	1,937.75	1,937.75	1,937.75
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,134.43</b>	<b>1,134.43</b>	<b>36,597.59</b>	<b>36,597.59</b>	<b>37,732.02</b>	<b>37,732.02</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
5180 · District/Synod Support	0.00	0.00	1,937.49	1,937.49	1,937.49	1,937.49
5182 · Together in Mission	0.00	0.00	987.51	987.51	987.51	987.51
5186 · Conference & Workshops	0.00	0.00	707.54	707.54	707.54	707.54
5189 · Mission Work - local	0.00	0.00	248.00	248.00	248.00	248.00
5190 · Designated Funds Expen...	0.00	0.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00
5195 · Sunday School-mission ...	0.00	0.00	300.06	300.06	300.06	300.06
5201 · Pastor's Salary	0.00	0.00	5,037.48	5,037.48	5,037.48	5,037.48
5202 · Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	8,937.54	8,937.54	8,937.54	8,937.54
5203 · Social Security Offset	0.00	0.00	833.00	833.00	833.00	833.00
5205 · Worker Benefit Plan	0.00	0.00	8,177.64	8,177.64	8,177.64	8,177.64
5206 · Church - Health Savings ...	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
5207 · Pastor's pymts to HSA	0.00	0.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
5209 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	400.73	400.73	400.73	400.73
5301 · Organist Salary	0.00	0.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00
5690 · Publications	0.00	0.00	302.25	302.25	302.25	302.25
5695 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	691.37	691.37	691.37	691.37
6001 · Secretary's Salary	0.00	0.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	3,780.00	3,780.00
6020 · Office Expense	0.00	0.00	436.78	436.78	436.78	436.78
6030 · Postage	0.00	0.00	235.59	235.59	235.59	235.59
6070 · Telephone/Internet	0.00	0.00	300.04	300.04	300.04	300.04
6301 · Janitor's Salary	0.00	0.00	1,725.00	1,725.00	1,725.00	1,725.00
6344 · Copier Lease	0.00	0.00	815.14	815.14	815.14	815.14
6372 · Utilities - Church	0.00	0.00	3,834.40	3,834.40	3,834.40	3,834.40
6374 · Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	1,335.38	1,335.38	1,335.38	1,335.38
6560 · Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	421.13	421.13	421.13	421.13
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>43,914.07</b>	<b>43,914.07</b>	<b>43,914.07</b>	<b>43,914.07</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,134.43</b>	<b>1,134.43</b>	<b>-7,316.48</b>	<b>-7,316.48</b>	<b>-6,182.05</b>	<b>-6,182.05</b>

Cash Basis

**St. Peters Lutheran Church**  
**Account Balances**  
As of March 31, 2022

	<u>Mar 31, 22</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1010 - Great Western - Checking	4,450.11
1016 - Great Western - Build/Improv Fd	18,266.08
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>22,716.19</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	22,716.19
<b>Other Assets</b>	
2020 - SD District Ext - Scholar-#4806	1,535.00
2022 - Endowment Fund	3,478.32
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>5,013.32</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>27,729.51</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
3900 - Retained Earnings	33,911.56
Net Income	-6,182.05
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>27,729.51</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>27,729.51</u></u>

## Offerings

Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2022

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Average Gift</b>	<b>Giving In Date Range</b>
GENERAL	\$117.78	\$34,155.75
BUILDING	\$53.75	\$215.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$28.77	\$374.00
CAMP COMECA	\$147.75	\$147.75
DOXOLOGY	\$410.00	\$1,640.00
LUTHERANS FOR LIFE	\$75.00	\$75.00
MAIN STREET LIVING	\$75.00	\$75.00
REIMBURSEMENTS	\$130.00	\$130.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$36,812.50</b>



## News from the Rajek Family

May 2022

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# “To The Ends of The Earth”

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

*Jesus said, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”*



Here I am recently at a meeting in Wittenberg, Germany. Representatives from our two seminaries, the Evangelical Church of Latvia, the LCMS and Luther Academy met to discuss the possibility of forming a stronger relationship between the entities.

### Welcome

Kristus ir augšamcēlies! These are the Latvian words of Easter proclaiming “Christ is risen!” Welcome to the May 2022 issue of our newsletter. In this issue, you will read about the truth of the resurrection for you, an update on the mission work I’ve been involved in and how you can support this important mission. So, I hope you enjoy this issue and, as always, thank you for your continued support.

### He...Is Risen.

*He is not here, but has risen. (Luke 24:6 ESV)*

Was it the greatest hoax devised by human hands? Did He pass out and later, inside the tomb, recover and escape? Did His followers steal His body and spread the story that He was still alive? Was there a twin brother that made an appearance or two after He died to make everyone think He was alive? Could there have been some sort of mass hypnosis, tricking people into believing that He died and rose again? Could all this be the

## Prayer Requests

- God's continued blessings upon the students currently studying to be pastors and church workers through Luther Academy.
- God's continued blessings upon the instructors of Luther Academy as they train these future pastors and church workers.
- For the people of Ukraine as their lives are severely impacted by the war.
- Continued prayers for my family as we adjust to life in Rīga.

product of legend, wishful thinking on the part of weak-minded people? Throughout history, critics have asked questions like the ones above as they pondered our Lord's resurrection. I find it interesting that sometimes people will believe just about anything and everything...except the truth.

The truth is Isaiah places us at Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion when he writes: "he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows ... he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities." (Is 53:4-5 ESV) There is no denying it. No way to rationalize it or explain it away. It was our sins which put Jesus on that cross. And it was His love for us that kept Him on His cross.

Yet, our Savior did not remain there. The truth about Easter is that Jesus rose to life on the third day. And because He rose to life, everything He ever said is absolutely true. Similarly, everything He ever claimed to be, He is. And everything He ever promised will come to pass. This is the reason we who believe in Him live each day in joy. This is the reason we live each day in certainty. This is the reason we carry on. Because Jesus lives, we who believe in Him will live also! There is then every reason to celebrate this victory with a life dedicated to serving God.

My friends, there is no well-designed hoax. No crazy conspiracy. No mass hypnosis. No twin brother. There's only Jesus, lovingly giving His life for you. There's only Jesus, lovingly giving you His victory over sin, death, and the devil. Good Friday and Easter Sunday, it's why our hearts will always be glad, and our tongues always rejoice. Amen.

## Update on the Mission

A couple of important events happened recently regarding Luther Academy. The first involves a meeting in Wittenberg, Germany and the second involves Intensive Studies Week (ISW).

First, an important meeting was held in Wittenberg, Germany between representatives from Concordia Seminary—St. Louis, Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne, the LCMS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia and Luther Academy. The purpose of this meeting was to establish a stronger relationship between the organizations. This relationship is important for the future of Luther Academy and the accreditation process in the European Union. I'm happy to report the result of the meeting was very positive, and we are hoping to take the steps necessary to rejoice in our common confession for the foreseeable future.



Here I am preaching at the Old Latin School Chapel for the Luther Academy meeting in Wittenberg, Germany. At this service, I was officially installed as a Theological Educator and missionary in the Eurasia Region.





Second, Luther Academy held its second ISW in Rīga and Saldus, Latvia. During each school year, students are required to attend ISW. The purpose of this important event is both educational and collegial.

The first part of the week was spent in Rīga where the students had the privilege of touring important sites and learning about the history of Lutheranism in Latvia. The second part of the week was spent in Saldus where students took classes from Dr. Arthur Just (from the Fort Wayne seminary) on diakonia and Archbishop Vangs (from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia) on church and ministry.



Students, lecturers and guests take time out for food and fellowship during Intensive Studies Week at Luther Academy in Saldus, Latvia.

### Thank You for Your Support



Thank you, thank you, thank you for your ongoing support of this very important mission. God is doing wonderful things in the Eurasia region through the Rīga Luther Academy. Through your support, you are making a difference for Christ. I praise God for the good work He is doing and for your partnership in this mission.

If you'd like to support the LCMS through the work of Rev. Dr. Cory J. Rajek, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
P.O. Box 66861  
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861



Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Mark checks "Support of Cory Rajek." Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on my online giving page at [lcms.org/rajek](https://lcms.org/rajek).

Or You can also send your support to our friends at:



Mission Central  
40718 Highway E-16  
Mapleton, Iowa 51034

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# Diaper Derby



Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, we invite you to gather donations of diapers and personal care items for the most vulnerable in our community.

**Donations can be delivered  
directly to Option 1  
or the Thrivent office in Brookings.**

For more information or questions please call  
Michele Smith @ 605-692-6643 or email  
[michele.smith@thrivent.com](mailto:michele.smith@thrivent.com)

We thank you for your support of life issues:

Lutherans for Life Dakota District Chapter:

**Cindy Buchholtz -  
secretary**

**Erich Olson -  
Diaper Derby Chairman**







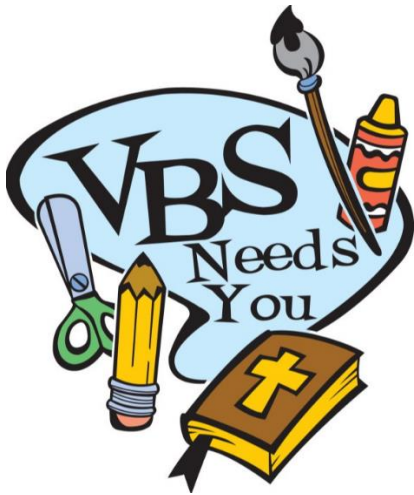
Parents of Bible History and Confirmation Students,

Camp Comeca information is here! We will be going May 31st, - June 2nd, 2022. The Cost will be \$161 which will include travel, lunch on May 31st at Pizza Ranch and the Camp. The Theme is A Good Conscience. There are sign-up sheets and supply lists at the back of the sanctuary. Please have registration back to pastor no later than **May 1, 2022. Payment is due by May 24, 2022.** We look forward to taking the students again to camp.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT 2021-2022**



St. Peter's Sunday School have been supporting seminary student Matthew Baker from Brookings, SD. The congregation is welcome to help the students in their support mission. If you would like more information on Matthew Baker and his family, they have a website that they use to keep everyone up to date on what is happening with them. [www.bakerleapoffaith.com](http://www.bakerleapoffaith.com)



We are still looking for helpers to sign up for VBS. If you are willing to help in any way, please let the Board of Education know.

Loren Lindholm, Scott Feige, or Jason Fischer

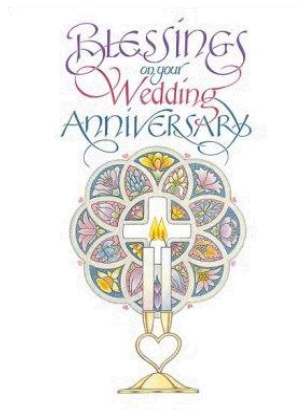
REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN SOON KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THE FORMS

The 2022-2023 Sunday School year is just around the corner.  
Please prayerfully consider being a teacher.



## MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Russ & Kay Mendel	May 9, 1987
Loren & Shirley Zimmer	May 9, 1964
Josh & Neisha Bjorklund	May 10, 2003
Greg Teal & Linda Werkmeister	May 10, 2015
Eric & Ashley Milbrandt	May 21, 2016
Jeffrey & Marlys Arneson	May 23, 1981
Verl & Opal Uthe	May 23, 2009
Heidi & Chad Huewe	May 31, 2014



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Terry	Reck	May 1, 1952
Julie	Gehrels	May 6, 1960
Ruth	Hotchkin	May 6, 1933
Jeffrey	Hanson	May 9, 1965
Jeb	Baumberger	May 10, 2020
Kory	Reck	May 10, 1977
Rosie	Alverson	May 13, 1936
Shelia	Gerry	May 13, 1943
Rudy	Schmidt	May 14, 1937
Les	Heidelberger III	May 21, 1970
Maddox	Maas	May 21, 2012
Jessica	Foster	May 23, 1991
Greg	Teal	May 26, 1962
Kylin	Kooiker	May 27, 2020

## MAY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Elijah	DeGroot	May 1, 2011
Emma	Hess	May 1, 2005
Layne	Hess	May 1, 2005
Shawn	Martin	May 1, 1960
Russ	Mendel	May 4, 1975
Mike	Tammen	May 5, 1968
Darwin	Lindholm	May 6, 2012
Jim	DeVaney	May 7, 1952
Beau	Olinger	May 9, 2021
Jenna	Baumberger	May 10, 1988
Mindy	Olinger	May 15, 1992
Jeb	Baumberger	May 16, 2020
Lacey	Gehrels	May 18, 1991
Tom	Graff	May 18, 1952
Jill	Martin	May 19, 1963
Rudy	Schmidt	May 23, 1937
Neisha	Bjorklund	May 28, 1983
Shelia	Gerry	May 30, 1943





To read the Bible in one year:

**SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
May 1	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Titus, Philemon
May 2	Psalms 121	Hebrews 1-4
May 3	Psalms 122	Hebrews 5-7
May 4	Psalms 123	Hebrews 8-10
May 5	Psalms 124	Hebrews 11-13
May 6	Psalms 125	James 1-3
May 7	Psalms 126	James 4-5
May 8	Psalms 127	1 Peter 1-2
May 9	Psalms 128	1 Peter 3-5
May 10	Psalms 129	2 Peter
May 11	Psalms 130	1 John 1-3
May 12	Psalms 131	1 John 4-5
May 13	Psalms 132	2 & 3 John, Jude
May 14	Psalms 133	John 1-2
May 15	Psalms 134	John 3-4
May 16	Psalms 135	John 5-6
May 17	Psalms 136	John 7-8
May 18	Psalms 137	John 9-10
May 19	Psalms 138	John 11-12
May 20	Psalms 139	John 13-14
May 21	Psalms 140	John 15-16
May 22	Psalms 141	John 17-18
May 23	Psalms 142	John 19
May 24	Psalms 143	John 20-21
May 25	Psalms 144	Acts 1-2
May 26	Psalms 145	Acts 3-4
May 27	Psalms 146	Acts 5-6
May 28	Psalms 147	Acts 7-8
May 29	Psalms 148	Acts 9-10
May 30	Psalms 149	Acts 11-12
May 31	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Acts 13-14

# MAY 2022

Altar Guild: Julie Gehrels ~ Diana Maas ~ Jill Martin

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Sunday, May 1 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion</b> <b>Acolyte:</b> Presley Schneider <b>Greeters:</b> Leon & Melissa Gerry Family <b>Organist</b> Virginia Heidelberger Sunday School & Bible Study following service <b>Board of Education Meeting after classes</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>PASTOR'S CONFERENCE</b>				<b>Secretary Out of Office</b>	
<b>8 MOTHER'S DAY</b> <b>Sunday, May 8 -9:00 am Worship</b> <b>Acolyte:</b> Jacob Heidelberger <b>Greeters:</b> Shelia Gerry; Nathan Gerry <b>Organist</b> Shirley Backus Sunday School & Bible Study following service <b>Sunday School Teachers Meeting after class</b> <b>DIAPER DERBY BEGINS TODAY !!!</b>	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Altar Guild  <b>Secretary Out of Office</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Elders Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Sunday May 15 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion</b> <b>Acolyte:</b> Rilynn Zillgett <b>Greeters:</b> Tom & Deb Graff <b>Organist:</b> Peggy George Sunday School & Bible Study following service	<b>16</b> <b>NEWS LETTER DEAD LINE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Sunday, May 22 -9:00 am Worship</b> <b>Acolyte:</b> Carson King <b>Greeters:</b> Bill & Lori Hanson <b>Organist:</b> Shirley Backus Sunday School & Bible Study following service <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT IN FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH JR. BELLS FOLLOWING</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Sunday, May 29 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion</b> <b>Acolyte:</b> Olivia Cacho <b>Greeters</b> Jeff Hanson; Amanda Hanson; and Ashley McLaughlin Family <b>Organist:</b> Peggy George Bible Study following service	<b>30</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 	<b>31</b> <b>Leave for Camp Comeca</b> 				