

St. Peters Lutheran Church  
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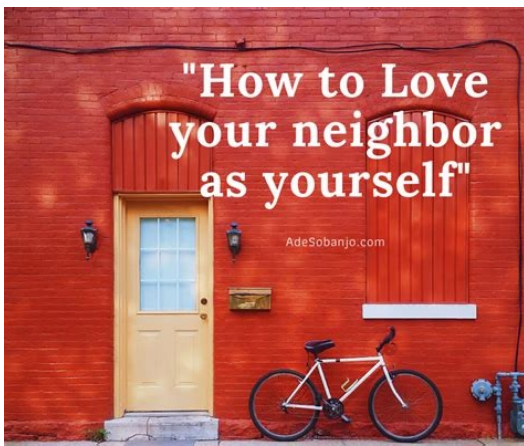
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Our Mission Statement:

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



Christ has called all Christians to show love to their neighbors. “Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:29-31). The summary of all the law can be said simply Love God and love your neighbor. Saying it and doing it are two completely different things. How do you love your neighbor?

To answer this question, we have to understand our love flows from God’s love for us. We can love our neighbors because God first loved us and gave us His love in the flesh and blood death of His Son, Jesus Christ. You have received this love in the waters of your baptism, in the words of absolution, and in the Body and Blood of the Lord’s Supper. Wonderfully, the love of God never runs thin or runs out. It is always overflowing for you with forgiveness in mercy and grace.

Out of God’s love for you flows the love for your neighbor. To answer how we can love our neighbor in great detail would exceed the limits of what we have room for here. But a couple of examples will demonstrate for us and my prayer would be to get the wheels turning for you to find many and various ways to love your neighbor.

We can first do works of mercy. These works can be many but one way would be to become certified in Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training and help out in disaster situations. These disasters can be small or large. Sometimes they will cover just one home or they might be covering vast cities and areas of the country. By coming and helping to clean up and recover from this disaster you show love to your neighbor by being the hands and feet of God’s mercy to them in this tragic time.

Showing love can be as simple as providing a meal to a family who is having a difficult time. Maybe Mom is sick and Dad is working so you can help by cooking for them. Maybe a joyous event of a new baby has come onto this family, and it would be a blessing for the new mom and dad not to have to cook meals or even just to have a couple of meals on hand for those times when they have been up all night and are exhausted. Here again, you become the hands and feet of God’s mercy to these people.

The greatest love we can show is the love found in the gospel. When we bring the Word of God to people who have never heard it or even people who have but need it again, we show them, love. A love that desires for them to have the greatest gift of all the peace and hope only found in the death and resurrection of Christ. Here we become the voice of God bringing His grace and mercy to all those around us.

Whether it is LERT training, meal train, or some other work we always couple it with the hope in Christ for eternal life. What can you do to show love to your neighbor and be the hands and feet of God's mercy in this world?

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor

# **CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

Fort Wayne, Indiana

## **VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT**

April 24, 2023

**Baker, Matthew J.  
Brookings, SD**

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Cedar Falls, IA  
Iowa East District**

# Sunday School Spring Program

## May 21, 2023

On May 21<sup>st</sup> the Sunday School Children and St. Peter's Jr. Bell's will have their Spring program to end the Sunday school year for the summer.

Refreshments will be served.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following service.



# Recognition Sunday

June 4, 2023

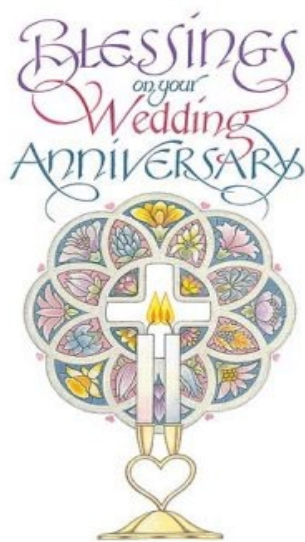
***Every year on the first Sunday in June we recognize members starting from May to the following May when our Seniors graduate high school.***

***We recognize those that have been baptized, transferred in from another LCMS church, Adult and Junior Confirmands, our High School Graduates. We also recognize those that were married in the church.***

***A light brunch is served, as we enjoy fellowship together.***

***Please join us on Recognition Sunday***

## MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Russ & Kay	Mendel	May 9, 1987
Loren & Shirley	Zimmer	May 9, 1964
Josh & Neisha	Bjorklund	May 10, 2003
Greg & Linda	Teal	May 10, 2015
Eric & Ashley	Milbrandt	May 21, 2016
Jeff & Marlys	Arneson	May 23, 1981
Verl & Opal	Uthe	May 23, 2009
Chad & Heidi	Huwee	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
Layla	Gibney	May 31, 2008

## MAY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

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
Layla	Gibney	May 22, 2022
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 2023

Altar Guild: Lacey Gehrels ~ Danielle Gehrels ~ Kayla Welton

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	4	5	6
7 Sunday, May 7 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Presley Schneider Greeters: Josh & Megan Bonstead Organist: Peg George Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service. Board of Education Meeting	8 7:00 pm ~ Altar Guild	9	10 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group 7:00 pm ~ Elders Meeting	11	12	13 Fellowship Hall Reserved for day
<b>Secretary out of office 11<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup></b>						
14 Sunday May 14 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Jayden Delfs Greeters: Connie Brown; Macie Brown Organist: Peg George Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following service. Sunday School Teachers Meeting	15	16	17 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	18 Winkle	19	20
						
21 Sunday May 21 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion  Acolyte: Lorelei Welton Greeters: Russ Claussen Organist: Peg George  Sunday School Spring Program following service	22 <b>NEWS LETTER DEAD-LINE</b>	23	24 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	25	26	27
						
<b>Pastor at LERT Training in Black Hills</b>						
28 Sunday May 28 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Ainslie Klawonn Greeters: Ashes Dean Family Organist: Peg George Adult Bible Study following service	29	30	31 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	<b>Leave for Camp Comeca May 30 and Return on June 1<sup>st</sup>.</b>		