

Sermon by Rev. Dale Kohrs
150th Anniversary – Saint Peter’s Belvidere
September 24, 2023
Hebrews 13:8

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Each of us reacts differently to change. Some people thrive on it. They look forward to doing things in a new way. They are always ready for new jobs, new furniture, new cars, new experiences. Others of us – and I am one – are reluctant to change. We like things the way they are. We want things to change only if there is a reason for a change. We don’t want the living furniture arranged differently unless that new recliner takes more room and something has to give – we don’t want the furniture rearranged “just because” someone wants things to be different. We are content to stay at the same job unless the job decides it no longer needs us. For some, change is unwelcome.

Our text reminds us that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ does NOT change. He is the same today as He was yesterday. He is the same today as He will be tomorrow. He is the same for eternity. Our God is eternal and we are reminded about the awesomeness of the One who has created us, preserved us and saved us. We cannot understand eternity. Everything we know has had a beginning and will have an end. Everything. The concept of eternity is not understandable to us at all. Everything we know changes. Everything. Except Jesus. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

What does that mean for us? On the day that Adam and Eve first sinned – on the very same day – God came to them and promised that He would make it all right – that He would send a Savior to cover the sin that Adam and Eve had committed. It took some 4000 years, but God kept His promise. He sticks to His commitment. He doesn’t change from the plan. Certainly, there were many who gave up on God. They worried – or were maybe even sure – that God had changed His mind – that there was no Messiah coming after all. There were Christians in the New Testament who thought the promise that Jesus would return was also changed. They thought – or hoped – that Jesus would return while they were still living. But Jesus has not changed that promise. He will come back. That will NOT change.

Among some of the pictures and papers that were among my mother’s many “collections,” there was this little book, written for the 75th Anniversary of St. Peter’s. The author is not named anywhere that I could find. It was done in a style of writing that we don’t use so much today – a little more “flowery.” Some of you have read this, maybe have a copy. I believe the written history of the congregation has been updated since this was published, but I found some interesting stuff in this one. I’m sure I read it before, but I noticed things that I had not remembered.

The message that this congregation has heard and lived with for 150 years has not changed. The message of salvation in Jesus Christ is the same as it was when the congregation started. It is the same timeless message that the true Church has had since it began. But the delivery has changed. The manner in which the Word has been preached has changed. The way the congregation worships and carries on its business has changed. But the message is the same. Jesus Christ is the same now as He was 150 years ago and the same that He will be as far in the future as we can think.

In the earliest days of St. Peter’s history, things moved quite rapidly. According to this little book, the first German Lutheran settlers seemed to appear in the Belvidere neighborhood in about 1866. Worship was important to them and the closest opportunity for them was happening in Hay Creek. That congregation had been established in 1858 – the same year that Minnesota became a state. Pastor Horst was serving the faithful at Hay Creek in the late 1860’s. After a time, those who were living in this neighborhood asked Pr. Horst if he would bring worship to them. They would worship in one of their homes. House worship was part of the Church since the earliest days. We hear about it in the Book of Acts. Those home worship services in the

Belvidere neighborhood started in 1871 or 2. Soon these worshippers wanted to establish their own congregation. On February 9, 1873, the Constitution of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Belvidere was signed by those charter members. The names of those signatures are names that are still part of this congregation even though the descendants may not carry that name. It shows names like Rusch, Brunkorst, Schmidt, Fitschen, Brinkmann, Mickow, Tomhave, Bolland Boesch, Martens, Meincke, Holst, Burfeind, Hoffman. Some of you can trace your heritage back to those original members. When the congregation celebrated its 50th anniversary, only one of the charter members was still alive, and I believe that was my great-great-grandfather, Christopher Rusch.

As soon as the congregation had been established, change started. Later in that same year, they started to realize that their numbers were too large to meet in homes. That first church was 16 by 26 feet. Some homes today have living rooms that are that large. By the time the first called pastor was installed in December of 1874, the congregation had built a parsonage as well.

Many congregations in our LCMS have come to a point that they need to come together with another congregation in order to have the necessary resources. St. Peter's has been together with Bethany – again – since the early 2000's. But the history of the congregation tells us that, like many other congregations in the day, for much of St. Peter's history, it was not a congregation served alone by its pastor. The first called pastor, Pastor Christian Maurer served congregations at Chester, Jacksonville and Lincoln as well as Belvidere. During those years, it seems that worship was held on alternate Sundays – Jacksonville and Lincoln on one Sunday, St. Peter's and Chester on the next. It wasn't until the 1940's that Jacksonville and Lincoln were not served by the pastor from St. Peter's and St. Peter's and Chester became a dual parish with worship every Sunday. Chester closed and soon Bethany began and it wasn't until the 1950's that St. Peter's had a pastor all to themselves, Pastor Walter Zemke. The point of all this sharing all this history is to remind us that things in the Church are always changing. Neighborhoods change, families change, roads change. Congregations, especially rural ones were established to minister to the people that lived near the church. Now people think nothing of driving past another couple churches to worship in their congregation.

Another area that has seen great change is how Christian education is provided. From its earliest days, teaching the faith to the young in preparation for Confirmation was of primary importance. It sounds like the first school at St. Peter's was taught by pastor and didn't offer much more than instruction in the faith. Later, it was realized that time spent at school needed to include "readin', writin' and 'rithmetic." It was not until 1945 that the school year at St. Peter's was a full nine-month term. Instruction had changed from German to English not too many years before that. The white frame building on the west edge of the property – the second school building – was built in 1902, the brick building on the back of the church in 1961. Changes in demographics eventually closed the school and Christian education is accomplished in other ways – changes.

There are many other changes that have occurred through the years. The first two churches were, of course, used before electricity was available to light the building. Since 1946, all services have been in English rather than German. Different organizations have come and gone – all with a purpose for the times – but changes come to those things too.

And we can be sure that changes will keep coming. Farms have continually gotten larger and the neighborhood around this church is no longer mostly German. Many in our society find less reason to be involved in a church at all. They want no influence in their lives from the Scriptures. The number who indicate "none" as their religious preference gets larger with each survey. Artificial Intelligence or "AI" is the current buzzword. If you believe what they say about that, we will soon have computers doing our thinking for us. Much of current social, educational and economic thought is quite scary for many of us. Not only are things destined to keep changing, it seems like change is happening faster than ever.

At a celebration like this, we are giving thanks for the many years of blessings that our gracious God has bestowed on this congregation and its people. Many have been the opportunities to share the Gospel with our families, our neighbors and the world at large. We give thanks to have been part of the Gospel mission for 150 years. Certainly, much has changed – and much will change in the coming days and years. But we are confident that our gracious Savior will continue to bless His people as He has in the past and as He is doing now and has promised for the future.

I asked that two things be included in this service. I asked that the Gospel reading be from Matthew 16 – those well-known words of Peter’s confession. Perhaps the first minutes of this congregation’s business would give us some insight into the reasoning for choosing to name the congregation after St. Peter. Perhaps there were already some congregations around that were named St. John’s and Trinity and Immanuel – and they didn’t want to get people confused. I’d like to believe that they chose to name their new congregation after St. Peter because his was the first strong confession in the Scriptures of Jesus as the Messiah. Most were terribly confused about who Jesus was at that point and that confusion would continue until the Holy Spirit arrived on the faithful at Pentecost. Peter is well known for his brashness and his boldness. Perhaps he spoke what the rest of the disciples were thinking – perhaps not, but what he confessed, “You are the Christ the Son of the Living God” was revealed to Peter by God the Father Himself. His confession didn’t come from His own thinking – it was divine revelation. I’d like to believe that the founders of this congregation were aware of what Peter had said and wanted to be part of that kind of brave and strong confession. Before that confession, Peter’s name had been Simon – a good name which means “the listener” or “he who has heard.” After Peter’s bold confession, Jesus added to Simon’s name. “Peter” comes from the Greek word for “rock.” It is on the rock of Peter’s confession that Christ said His Church should be built. 150 years ago, the founding fathers of this congregation chose that name, Peter, the Rock, to be the foundation for this congregation. 150 years later, this congregation is still built on the Rock of Faith, the Rock of Christ, the Rock of Salvation.

The second thing I asked to be included in the service was the hymn, “Abide with Me.” Certainly it is a familiar and favorite hymn for many. The final verse, where we ask that the cross be our vision as we close our eyes for the final time is a moving and faith-filled set of words. But it is the fourth verse that I want to re-emphasize this afternoon:

Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

The words of that verse perhaps give a negative view of change, putting it together with decay. Change has happened. Change will continue to happen, but our Savior and His love for us will never change. And He will abide with us until He takes us to the home in heaven that He is preparing for us.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be with you this afternoon. My membership left St. Peter’s back in 1970, but this congregation will always be a place that I give thanks for – for the beginning of faith that was worked in me here. There are others of you out there who are like me – former members drawn back to celebrate. But there are also a goodly number of you who are working to do the work of the Gospel in this place today, carrying on the mission started by those faithful German settlers back in 1873. We give thanks for them and for the many who have come since then. We give thanks for this congregation today and for the faithful confession that is still being made. May God bless St. Peter’s Lutheran Church of Belvidere.

In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

October 2023

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Worship

9am on Sunday

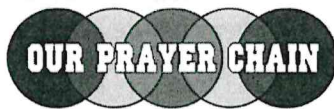
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- Sunday at 9am (LIVE)
- Monday at 8pm
- Tuesday at 11am

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Please watch the
bulletins for changes.



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Bethany Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod

Happy Birthday in October!

Alden Scolley 2nd
Aiyana Scolley 2nd
Pam Moyer 4th
Neveah Anderson 5th
Drake Anderson 9th
Nate Jasso 9th
Wally Banks 11th
Connie DeFrang 13th
Marcella Hoffman 13th
Darleen Brand 15th
Pastor Scott Flege 18th
Neil Stehr 18th
Karen Meyer 19th
Pamela Plank 20th
Nolan Anderson 21st
Kevin Nolan 24th
Mark Bestul 28th

Happy Anniversary in October!

Chuck and Tess Holmstadt 1st
Nick & Tara Hough 6th
Jerry and Kris Abidin 12th
Pastor Steve & Vickie Frentz 12th
Don and Kay Hanson 28th

Women's Bible Study

Monday's, October 2nd & 16th 1:00pm at Bethany

Bible Study

Wednesday's, Oct. 11th & 25th 11:00am at Bethany

Our 75th Anniversary

Join us on Sunday November 5th at 3pm to celebrate God's blessings and connect with old friends. A choir will sing and practice at 2pm. Please RSVP to bethanylc4@hotmail.com or 651-345-2424. Lunch and fellowship to follow service.

Pastor Brent Parrish to preach.

We were able to send \$1350 to Sarah Parrish for her work with Mission of Christ Network from our block party proceeds.

The Church parking lot is being resealed and painted, starting Tuesday, October 10th. The parking lot will be closed until Saturday, October 14th. Please use street parking during this time.

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Job 5 Psalm 90 Luke 8:26-39	Job 6 Psalm 91 Luke 8:40-56	Job 7 Psalm 92 Luke 9:1-9	Job 8 Psalm 93 Luke 9:10-20	Job 9:1-20 Psalm 94 Luke 9:21-36	Job 9:21-35 Psalm 95 Luke 9:37-50	Job 10 Psalm 96 Luke 9:51 - 10:12
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Job 11 Psalm 97 Luke 10:13-24	Job 12 Psalm 98 Luke 10:25-37	Job 13 Psalm 99 Luke 10:38 - 11:13	Job 14 Psalm 100 Luke 11:14-26	Job 15 Psalm 101 Luke 11:27-36	Job 16 Psalm 102 Luke 11:37-54	Job 17 Psalm 103 Luke 12:1-12
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Job 18 Psalm 104:1-18 Luke 12:13-34	Job 19 Psalm 104 19-35 Luke 12:35-47	Job 20 Psalm 105:1-22 Luke 12:48 - 13:5	Job 21 Psalm 105:23-45 Luke 13:6-17	Job 22 Psalm 106:1-23 13:18-30	Job 23:1 - 24:12 Psalm 106:24-48 Luke 13:31 - 14:11	Job 24:13 - 25:6 Psalm 107:1-22 Luke 14:12-35
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Job 26 Psalm 107:23-43 Luke 15:1-10	Job 27 Psalm 108 Luke 15:11-32	Job 28 Psalm 109:1-20 Luke 16:1-13	Job 29 Psalm 109:21-31 Luke 16:14-31	Job 30 Psalm 110 Luke 17:1-19	Job 31:1-15 Psalm 111 Luke 17:20-37	Job 31:16:40 Psalm 112 Luke 18:1-14
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Job 32 Psalm 113 Luke 18:15-30	Job 33 Psalm 114 Luke 18:31-43	Revelations 14:6-7 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36				
29	30	Reformation 31				

Bethany Lutheran Church
Voters/Council meeting
July 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Stehr
15 people were in attendance.

Secretary's report: read and approved

Treasurer's report: read and approved

Financial Secretary's report: read and approved

Trustee's report: Three drains on the roof were repaired at a cost of \$816. There is a new copier in the office. We are charged a flat rate for a set amount of copies each month. If we exceed that amount, we are charged 2 cents for black and white copies and 10 cents for a color copies. They will look into the times when we are over and try to cut down on paper at those times. Some work has been done on the Prairie Street house and more electrical upgrades are necessary. \$675 was spent on capital outlay to add more outlets for the use of more roasters etc. during large events. Quotes were given to redo the parking lot. It was decided to just fill cracks and get volunteers to work on it ourselves for now.

Education: Pastor filled us in on confirmation for the coming year. Sixth grade will be included in some of the material and will continue on in 7th and 8th grades. Parents of all students will be updated. There are no elementary students younger than that at this time.

Discipleship: The Block party will be Saturday, August 26th from 4:30 to 7 pm. Jim Sexton will be providing music again. Pat Blum is in charge of the event. The annual garage sale will be held the last weekend in September. Volunteers are needed for both events.

Cemetery: The shed has been moved at a cost of \$975. There will be a road put in by Glander Excavating hopefully by the end of this year. We are still looking for a cross to place in the center of the cremation site. Donations have come in to cover the cost.

Pastors report: We welcome Pam Anderson as a new member. She is the wife of Greg Anderson. July 30th the Gideon Society will have someone here and there will be a free will offering. August 6th someone from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation will be here as well. Pastor will be gone on August 20th and Pastor Dale Kohrs will fill in.

Old/New business: We will try something new for our next voters meeting in October. We will have it on a non-communion Sunday following the service. We want more members to be able to attend.

Adjournment. We closed with the Lord's prayer

Respectfully submitted
Sue Blumberg

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF

	August	Year-to-Date	2023 Budget
ELDERS			
Pastor's Salary/Housing 65%	\$4,062.50	\$32,500.00	\$48,750.00
Pastor's Mileage 100% 50/50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Pastor's Benefits 100% 50/50	\$2,669.92	\$18,689.44	\$30,957.50
Organist's Salary (\$ 55 Sunday)	\$220.00	\$1,815.00	\$3,670.00
Conference & Workshop	\$0.00	\$1,012.00	\$1,200.00
Guest Pastor (\$ 150)	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$900.00
Worship Supplies/Music/Postage	\$715.80	\$2,901.54	\$2,500.00
Secretary Annual Salary	\$1,302.96	\$10,423.68	\$15,635.52
Social Security/Medicare	\$112.32	\$940.48	\$1,380.00
Accounting Services	<u>\$37.50</u>	<u>\$901.59</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,271.00	\$69,483.73	\$111,793.02
DISCIPLESHIP			
Operating Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Central Mission	\$0.00	\$795.00	\$5,000.00
General Mission	\$0.00	\$4,024.48	\$5,000.00
Adopt a Student	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$500.00
Local Missions	<u>\$355.91</u>	<u>\$490.91</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$355.91	\$6,150.39	\$11,500.00
EDUCATION			
Children's Education	\$0.00	\$470.28	\$2,000.00
Adult Education	\$149.97	\$252.54	\$500.00
Missions	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$149.97	\$837.82	\$2,500.00
TRUSTEES			
Utilities	\$317.27	\$8,071.59	\$15,000.00
Church Supplies/Maintenance	\$0.00	\$4,318.56	\$4,500.00
Cleaning Service	\$850.00	\$5,100.00	\$9,000.00
Office Equipment/Maintenance	\$342.22	\$2,332.16	\$5,000.00
Insurance/Work-Comp	\$836.08	\$6,720.68	\$8,500.00
Capital Improvements	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$10,000.00
Rental Property Tax & Maintenance	<u>\$435.65</u>	<u>\$5,691.15</u>	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,456.22	\$32,909.14	\$63,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$229.69	\$967.94	\$2,500.00
CEMETERY	\$0.00	\$2,975.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	<u>\$13,462.79</u>	<u>\$113,324.02</u>	<u>\$191,293.02</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	\$13,600.91		

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

MONTH OF AUGUST 2023

Category	Beginning Balance	IN	OUT	Ending Balance
St. Peters Church	\$ -	\$ 1,334.96	\$ (1,334.96)	\$ -
Current	\$ -	\$ 16,408.00	\$ (16,408.00)	\$ -
Capital Improvement	\$ 28,778.84	\$ 350.00	\$ (675.00)	\$ 28,453.84
Cemetery	\$ 16,425.87	\$ 125.00	\$ (16,082.87)	\$ 468.00
Altar Guild	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)	\$ -
Easter Breakfast	\$ 464.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 464.35
Fellowship	\$ 3,574.86	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 3,724.86
Garage Sale	\$ 568.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 568.97
Block Party (Hog Roast)	\$ 1,034.20	\$ 1,557.00	\$ -	\$ 2,591.20
House Rent	\$ 66,995.05	\$ 1,740.00	\$ (1,239.50)	\$ 67,495.55
Interest	\$ 3,887.01	\$ 116.00	\$ -	\$ 4,003.01
Memorial	\$ 6,079.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,079.70
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,182.45	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ 1,217.45
Mission Central	\$ 125.00	\$ 85.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00
Missions	\$ 345.00	\$ 640.00	\$ -	\$ 985.00
Sunday School	\$ 6,026.69	\$ -	\$ (1,615.00)	\$ 4,411.69
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,861.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,861.07
Thrivent	\$ 9,183.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,183.69
2022 Convention	\$ 499.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 499.00
Endowment	\$ 70.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70.00
CD's	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (42,476.82)	\$ (42,476.82)
TOTAL	\$ 147,151.75	\$ 22,540.96	\$ (79,882.15)	\$ 89,810.56

Memorial Fund Breakdown	
Sound System	\$ 7,174.50
Undesignated	\$ -
Youth	\$ -
Total	\$ 7,174.50

Endowment Acct. Balance #1937	
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,165.37
Added This Month	\$ -
Interest Added	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 5,165.37

St. Peter's Contribution	
Mileage	\$ -
Newsletter	\$ 150.00
Concordia Plan	\$ 1,270.96
Total	\$ 1,420.96

NOTES	
\$901 in Capital Improvement designated toward carpet.	
\$200 in Capital Improvement designated toward kitchen remodeling	
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St. Peter's News

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October Worship Assistants

Altar Care: Brenda Betcher & Heidi Roberson

Elder: Kevin Paradis



Remember in Prayer...

Please keep in your prayers:



Barb Hinck, Marilyn Diercks, Ashley Sexton,
Meryl & Lois Watson, Elnor Bollum, John
Diercks, Wes Paradis, the family of Alan Brink-
man, Delaine Hinck & Angie Dicke families,
and the family of Blake Apley

Council Meeting

Council will meet on Monday, October 2nd
at 7:00PM. Let a council member know if you
have a topic for discussion. Jonathan Huneke,
Kevin Paradis, Jim Hansen, Marty Kehren, Ar-
lan Betcher, Tony Betcher, and Roger Benrud.

Mary Martha Meeting

The Mary Martha group will have a planning
meeting on Monday, October 2nd at 7:00PM.

Anniversary Cookbooks & Ornaments

If you are still interested in a St. Peter's 150th
anniversary cookbook and/or ornament con-
tact Pat Stemmann or Heidi Roberson.



Worship Schedule

10:30AM Sunday Worship (year round)

9:30AM Sunday School

Looking Ahead • Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving Worship

7PM at St. Peter's Nov. 22nd

Advent Worship

7PM at Bethany Dec. 6th

7PM at St. Peter's Dec. 13th

Christmas Eve with Communion

5:30PM at Bethany

7:30PM at St. Peter's

*No Christmas Day worship

St. Peter's 150th Celebration • THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who volunteered and
helped out in so many ways to make our 150th
Celebration a Holy success!

Congratulations!

We congratulate Rachel Watson and Miles Leff-
ingwell as they were united in marriage on Sep-
tember 16th!

Address Change

Delaine Hinck: 221 N. Franklin #311 Lake City

Youth Information



Sunday School Schedule

9:30AM Sunday School
PreK through 8th grades

All children are welcome to join at
anytime of the year!

Teaching Sunday School 2023-2024

If you are interested in teaching this fall, please sign up using the link that Jackie emailed out or contact her (651) 385-0176 or jackiebetcher@gmail.com There are no specific skills needed to teach. The curriculum is scripted and gives options to expand the lesson and sometimes games/craft ideas.

October Acolyte Schedule

October 1: Chris Hanson

October 8: Marti Huneke

October 15: Aaron Betcher

October 22: Clara Benrud

October 29: Madeline Kehren

*Schedules through January 2024 are located
on the bulletin board at the back of church.

Birthdays in October

Oct. 1: Timothy Reincke	Oct. 17: Michelle Benrud
Oct. 3: Nathan Juers	Autumn Marklevits
Oct. 7: Eric Hokanson	Oct. 20: Lane Bollum
Oct. 8: Lois Watson	Chris Hansen
Oct. 9: Natalie Kehren	Oct. 21: Natasha Poncelet
Oct. 10: Pat Sexton	Oct. 26: Brayden Hinck
Oct. 11: Johnathan Hinck	Monica Poncelet
Oct. 14: Norval Dale	Oct. 27: Tara Marklevits
Oct. 15: Ayva Marklevits	Oct. 28: Katie Ryan
	Oct. 30: Angel Nelson
	Oct. 31: Wayne Thomforde

Giving

Missions

St. Peter's has set their 2023 goal of raising \$10,000 to send to various missions throughout the year. This year to date we have raised over \$7,000. If you wish to donate write "missions" on your donation.



ONLINE *giving*

We offer the option to give recurring gifts online through First Farmers & Merchants Bank. Contact our church treasurer, Tony Betcher to set this up.

Monthly Youth Group • 6-12th Graders

St. Peter and Bethany youth groups will meet on the third Sunday of every month from 11:30-1:00PM after worship at St. Peter's. Come for food, fun, and Bible study!

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Details

Confirmation for St. Peter and Bethany 7th & 8th graders is every Wednesday from 6-7PM at Bethany Church. We will not meet during MEA on October 18th. Sermon notes are required every Sunday. Sermon note copies/clipboards/pencils are located at the back of church.

Anniversaries in October

Oct. 8: Matt & Jolie Berktold
Oct. 10: Tim & Maria Reincke
Oct. 12: Pastor Steve & Vickie Frenz
Oct. 16: Andy & Chrissy Stemmann
Oct. 17: Pat & Duane Stemmann
Oct. 18: Craig & LaVonne Thomforde
Sean & Deanna Tupper
Oct. 20: Lois & Meryl Watson
Oct. 27: Becca & Carl Bollum
Al & Teresa Jacobson

Bethany Lutheran Church/St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion at Bethany</p> <p>9:30am SS at St. Peter</p> <p>10:30am Worship St. Peter</p>	<p>2 District Pastors Conference 1:00pm Women's Bible study at Bethany</p> <p>7:00pm Mary Martha</p> <p>7:00pm Council both at St. Peter</p>	<p>3 District Pastors Conference</p>	<p>4 11:00am LC clergy meeting</p> <p>6:00pm - 7 & 8 grade Confirmation with Pastor Michelle at Bethany</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:00am Worship</p> <p>Voter meeting following worship at Bethany</p> <p>9:30am SS at St. Peter</p> <p>10:30am Worship St. Peter</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 11:00am Bible study at Bethany</p> <p>6:00pm - 7 & 8 grade Confirmation with Pastor Michelle at Bethany</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion at Bethany</p> <p>9:30am SS at St. Peter</p> <p>10:30am Worship St. Peter</p> <p>11:30am Youth Group St. Peter</p>	<p>16 1:00pm Women's Bible study at Bethany</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 No Confirmation class MEA</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:00am Worship Bethany</p> <p>Pastor Dale Kohrs with be preaching</p> <p>9:30am SS at St. Peter</p> <p>10:30am Worship St. Peter</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 11:00am Bible study at Bethany</p> <p>6:00pm - 7 & 8 grade Confirmation with Pastor Michelle At Bethany</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:00am Worship Bethany</p> <p>9:30am SS at St. Peter</p> <p>10:30am Worship St. Peter</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Please watch the weekly bulletins for any changes to the calendar.</p>		<p>Bethany & St. Peter Confirmands meet with Pastor on Wednesdays, 6pm at Bethany</p>	<p>Bethany 6th graders meet with Michelle on Wednesday's, 6pm at Bethany for Sunday school</p>

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