

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Built on the Rock of Jesus Christ



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## May 2023

**From the Pastor:** Acts 2:1-3 "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them."

What a day that must have been. Can you imagine what that scene would have looked like? All the people around the Disciples wondering what in the world was going on... Well, that same kind of scene is happening here at St. Peter's. We are experiencing the Holy Spirit "sitting on our heads" as we move through 2023.

If you look around you might see some very cool stuff going on like: Adult Bible Class and Sunday School rooms begin to fill up. Sunday Worship attendance on the rise. Baptisms, Confirmations (Adult and Youth), Midweek attendance up, Thursday Bible Studies going strong, Vacation Bible School, Fundraising dinners and a general sense of just being happy to be part of the St. Peter's family.

It is easy to try and pin point a specific event for all of this excitement, and quite honestly it really is simple. It's the Holy Spirit at work! He is inside of all of us and it shows when we get together and share the love of Jesus with one another. That was the message the Disciples carried with them on the day the tongues of fire came upon their heads. And it spread all over the community and eventually the world.

I am thankful that I get to see it all firsthand with all of you. May God continue to "fire us up" as we move through 2023 and on into the years ahead. Thank you all for being such an integral part of our church. God bless you all!



# May 2023

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|   | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br><br>6p– Midweek<br>730p– Elder’s | <b>4</b><br>9a– Mission of Love<br><br>5p– Men’s/<br>Women’s BS  | <b>5</b><br>Pastor’s Day Off  | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7 Confirmation</b><br>830a-SS/ABC<br>930a– Worship<br>2p– Munro Shower | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br><br>6p– Midweek<br>Party        | <b>11</b><br>9a– Mission of Love<br><br>5p– Men’s/<br>Women’s BS | <b>12</b><br>Pastor’s Day Off | <b>13</b> |
| <b>14 Mother’s Day</b><br>830a-SS/ABC<br>930a– Worship                    | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br>930a– Winkel<br>(Humboldt)<br><br>6p– Ann’y<br>Comm. Mtg | <b>17</b>                                    | <b>18</b><br>9a– Mission of Love<br><br>5p– Men’s/<br>Women’s BS | <b>19</b><br>Pastor’s Day Off | <b>20</b> |
| <b>21</b><br>830a-SS/ABC<br>930a– Worship<br>BoCE Mtg<br>3p– LWML Tea     | <b>22</b><br><b>Newsletter<br/>Articles Due</b>       | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>                                    | <b>25</b><br>9a– Mission of Love<br><br>5p– Men’s/<br>Women’s BS | <b>26</b><br>Pastor’s Day Off | <b>27</b> |
| <b>28 Pentecost</b><br>830a-SS/ABC<br>930a– Worship                       | <b>29</b><br><b>Memorial<br/>Day</b><br>Office Closed | <b>30</b><br>12p– Kid’s<br>Choir Concert                              | <b>31</b>                                    |  |                               |           |

# Who's Preaching?

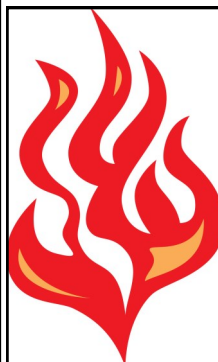
**May 7– Pastor Matt Jennings  
Elder– Bret Hauser**

**May 14– Pastor Matt Jennings  
Elder– Bret Hauser**

**May 21– Pastor Matt Jennings  
Elder– Bret Hauser**

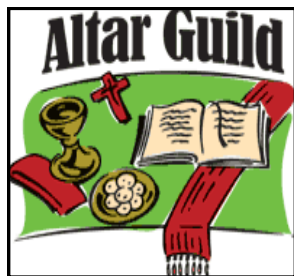
**May 28– Pastor Matt Jennings  
Elder– Bret Hauser**

## + Christian Symbol +



### TONGUES OF FIRE

Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples’ heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian’s life.



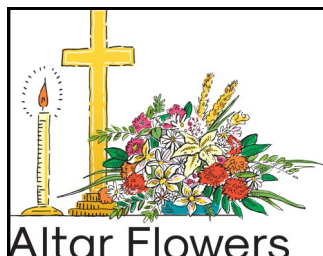
**Carol Stoll**

### Divine Service Settings

**May 7– DS1  
May 14– Hymn Sing  
May 21– DS1  
May 28– DS1**



**May 7– Open  
May 14– Open  
May 21– Open  
May 28– Open**



**May 7– Open  
May 14– Janet Storck  
May 21– Open  
May 28– Open**

Please keep the following families in your prayers:

### **May 7**

Jackson, Mike/Angela  
Jennings, Joseph/Mandi

### **May 14**

Jennings, Merry  
Jennings, Pastor/Jennifer

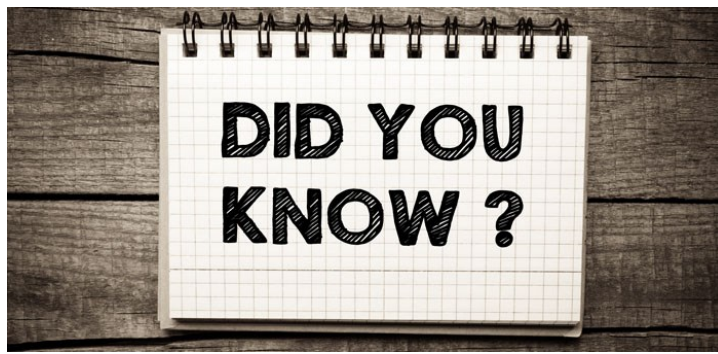
### **May 21**

Kaufman, Judy  
Keidel, Dale/Jolene

### **May 28**

Klimes, Milada  
Krone, Bob/Janis

*We are asking you to include in your prayers 2 families each week from our membership list. We continue to pray for each individual for their birthday, baptismal birthday and anniversary on Sunday mornings.*



**Q: Why do bad things happen to good people? Does God cause bad things or does he just let them happen? Does he punish or discipline? And what could be the purpose—such as when you lose your Mom at the age of 11 and she suffered so with cancer?**

A: We live in a world permeated with sin. It's a sinful world. Because of that and since the devil is the prince of this world, as the Bible says, bad things happen to good people. But consider this. A lot more good has happened to people who love God in Jesus than bad. Read Psalm 90 and 91. And consider how God can turn the bad things into good for those who love God (Romans 8:28).

God does no evil. Yes, He can cause and allow bad things to come to us, but always for our good. Scripture also gives witness to God punishing the wicked (Proverbs) and punishing individuals and even whole nations for evil (Egyptians, Israel for their wickedness and idolatry, etc.). But when it comes to sin, we Christians know that God has punished Jesus in our place for our sins, and that we are not punished. God disciplines those whom He loves. Read Hebrews 12.

We know God is Good and Gracious and Loving in giving us the Way, the Truth and the Life for our salvation, our Savior Jesus. We know that He works all things for our good. And that must be the purpose in your and your mother's case, although it may be a bitter pill to swallow. We must always turn to God in His Word and prayer for answers, never away from Him. Sometimes the answers He has are not evident right now, but later. It may even be in heaven that we see and understand His purposes.

*Taken from: [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org). Frequently Asked Questions/Doctrine*



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**on your graduation to:**  
**Mary Brown— Marmaton Valley HS**  
**Chloe Daniels— Humboldt HS**

May God bless you as you enter into  
this new chapter of your life!

### **Honor your mother**

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom's favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother's Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they "symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying."





Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



Wednesday Midweek Christian Education, for preschool to 8th grade begins at 6pm with an opening, followed by classroom instructions, and ends with a closing at 7:20pm.

It's not too late to join in!



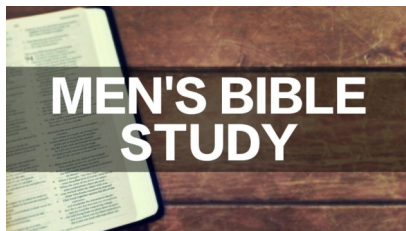
Sunday School begins at 8:30AM. We offer classes for children pre-school to High School. We'd love to have you join us.



**Wednesday May 3, 2023  
at 7:30pm.**

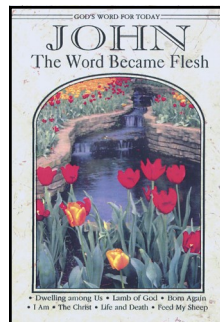


**Sunday May 14, 2023**



### Men's Bible Study:

The men's Bible study group meets on Thursdays at 5pm in the narthex. We are studying the book of Judges. We'd love you to join us!



### Women's Bible Study:

The women's Bible study is studying John and meets on Thursdays at 5pm in the Sunday School room upstairs.

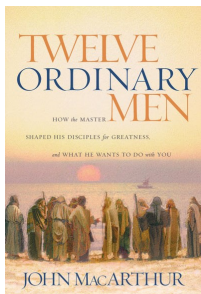


**Sunday May 28, 2023**



### BIBLESTA COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next Biblesta Fund raiser is scheduled for **June 4, 2023** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church fellowship hall 11 AM-1PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend to support the 65th Biblesta Parade and Celebration!!



### The 12 Disciples

That is our topic for our **Adult Bible Class**. The class is held in the Sanctuary on **Sundays at 8:30AM** with Pastor Jennings.



### Confirmation Sunday May 7, 2023

*Hadley Galloway* will be confirmed during the 9:30am worship service. All are invited to a cake/punch reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.



### VBS is fast approaching!

Save the Dates:  
**July 10-15, 2023!!**

I would like to invite you all to be a part of VBS

2023! If you are interested in helping out in any way please contact Alicia Schomaker.

# CHURCH REPORTS



## 160th Anniversary

The 160th Anniversary Committee has designated **October 22, 2023** as a celebration of St. Peter's. A lunch will be held following the service with the meat and potatoes being provided. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

A collection of historical items is being collected from members and will be on a rotating display beginning in July.

Please put the date of the celebration on your calendars!

## Cares and Concerns

The congregation is invited to attend a reception to honor our confirmand, Hadley Galloway, following the May 7th service. The cake/punch event will be held in the fellowship hall.

## Education

The Wednesday Midweek school year will end on May 10, 2023. We will have an end of year party of pizza/ salads/ dessert and drinks beginning at 6PM for all Midweek teacher's/ students and their family's. After the meal, we are planning outdoor games for all to enjoy. Have a great summer and we will see you in August 1023.

The Sunday School Department will continue to have Sunday School classes every Sunday beginning at 8:30 AM during the Summer months.

Our attendance of preschool aged Sunday School students has recently increased, and we are thankful that we have found a volunteer (Mandi Jennings) to help teach this class. Thank you Mandi for volunteering!

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next Board Of Christian Education meeting will be May 21, 2023, after church service.

## Elders

A meeting was held on Wednesday April 5, 2023.

## Altar Guild

Thank you to the many volunteers that helped during Lent and Easter. We appreciate all that you did to help prepare us for the Easter celebration.

## Stewardship

## Trustees

## Constitution Committee

# CHURCH REPORTS



## LWML

Yesterday I was elected as President of the Southeast Zone of LWML. I am already serving as President of St. Peter's LWML. We have so many members who could serve in that position. How many of you have considered serving as an officer of LWML? There is really not that much work, but the benefits are many. If you would like to be an officer, take time to talk with someone who has served. They are our mentors.

I am replacing Dodie Copley as President of the Southeast Zone. She has faithfully served in that position and many others over the years. This lady is one of the most gracious mentors that could be had. She has faithfully served St. Peter's in many areas. If you stop and think how many services she has prepared and played music for and how many extra events she has helped with. Praise the Lord for women who dedicate their talents to our events both at St. Peter's and the LWML. Her footsteps would be wonderful to follow. Get your advice from the best

This month we are holding a tea party (more than tea will be served) to honor all the women who are over 80 years old. They are our mentors. They started LWML over eighty years ago. Their mothers and grandmothers fought for the right to have a women's organization that could serve our Lord and Savior. Come to the tea and hear the history of our own group and its growth through the years. Other entertainment will be offered. We are going to have music and lots of fun.

We are preparing to attend the Convention in Milwaukee, WI! Take the time to gather the items for the ingathering. Bring them to church and place in the basket in the narthex. There are enough of us going to the convention to deliver them. Check the list attached to the basket. Some of the items are: for Phil's Friends: puzzle books, journals, playing cards (regular), fuzzy socks, hats (knit, crochet, or baseball), Walmart Gift cards (put amount on the card for counting purposes. For A Place of Refuge: Gift cards from Walmart, Target or Kohl's. For MOST Ministries: Recycled eyeglasses. For Orphan Grain Train: Quilts, blankets or comforters, hygiene kits complete. The items in those hygiene kits are: 1 bath towel, 1 washcloth, 1 bath-size bar of soap, 1 plastic soap box holder, 1 toothbrush, 1 study comb, 6 band-aids (1/2 or 3/4 inch), 1 small package of facial tissues, 1 nail clipper, and 1 piece of strong cord or ribbon.

May each of you step forward and share your given talents with others.

***Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12-13).***

God Bless – Your sister-in-Christ – Sharon Daugherty



**ALL LADIES OF ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**You are cordially invited to a**

**Vintage Tea Party**

**Celebrating St. Peter's LWML 80th Birthday!**

**We will be honoring all the ladies of St. Peter's that have obtained  
the age of 80 plus. Wear your most comfortable outfit and if you**

**have one,**

**your mother's old-fashioned hat! We're having a tea party just for  
the girls!**

**St. Peter's Fellowship Hall at 3 pm May 21, 2023**

**RSVP: Mary Bulk 620-473-0064 or sign list in Narthex**



## **ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH VOTERS MEETING**

**April 16, 2023**

### **To be approved at the next Voters Meeting**

President Scott Baker called the St. Peter's Lutheran Church voters meeting to order at 11:01am on Sunday, April 16, 2023.

Pastor Matthew Jennings opened the meeting with a prayer.

The roll call was answered by 44 members.

Bret Hauser made a motion to accept the consent agenda and reports. Bob Wulf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

Jean Ranabargar reported that all voters have received a copy of the constitution and by-laws with the changes that the district recommended. If anyone would like to have a printed copy, they need to contact Mary Bulk.

Jean said that all voters will receive a final copy of the constitution with the final additions and changes at least 30 days before the July meeting. A first vote to accept the changes will be taken at the July meeting. A second vote will be at the October meeting and after that meeting the constitution will go back to the district constitution committee for approval.

A question was raised about the building of the storage shed for the church. Darrell Krone said that he has asked for bids for a 25'X40' shed to give the committee an idea on how much to expect to pay for the building.

#### **New Business:**

After the discussion concerning the storage shed, Dave Scantlin told the voters that shingles are coming off of the roof of the church. He has asked Boren Roofing Company from Iola to come and look at the roof to get an idea of what needs to be replaced. He stated that he thought that on the west side of the roof on the north end is getting soft. He would like Boren Roofing Company to check that out also.

It was the consensus of the voters to repair or replace the roof of the church before the storage building to be built.

Alan Hauser addressed the retention of insurance policies. At the present time the church procedure is to keep all policies forever. Alan stated that LCMS is recommending that the rule be changed to keep the policies for 7 years.

Darrell Krone made the motion to change the policy from keeping the insurance policies forever to 7 years. Dave Scantlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **Announcements:**

Dave Scantlin has contacted a carpet cleaning service to look at the carpets for cleaning. He is asking people to look at items located in the Sunday School rooms, fellowship hall stage and under the bell tables to see if items could be cleared out so that when the carpet cleaning company comes to clean that it would be easier for them.

Curt Mueller thanked Don Lytle and Steve Bulk for mowing the church lawn.

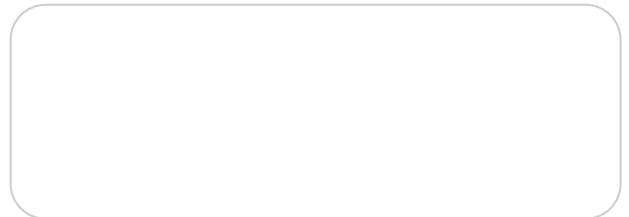
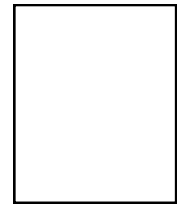
The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Submitted by Mary Bulk, Voter's Secretary

**THE 2nd 30 YEARS OF PROGRESS AT ST. PETER'S**  
(Information taken from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration booklet dated June 12, 1938)

- 1894.** Future elections the first meeting of the year. Henry Gerken elected permanent chairman at this meeting. Pastor to serve Humboldt and Owl Creek every Sunday, alternating morning and afternoon service. Discuss a new church building and at an extra meeting December 16 committee of five elected to draw up plans.
- 1895.** Church 36x56x18 is planned. Pledged \$640.00 to be paid by October 1. Building committee discharged one month later.
- 1896.** Needy in Oklahoma sent \$11, 720 pounds flour and 40 pounds clothing. J.W. Nessel begins long term as treasurer following eleven years as secretary.
- 1897.** Most of business devoted to discussion of financial matters.
- 1898.** Mission festival with German service in morning and English in afternoon.
- 1899.** Gas used as fuel in church at one dollar a month.
- 1900.** Decide to use full time pastor. Support is asked of everyone, including young people. Kauffeld receives call from Marshall county, Kansas, as is released because he was not well and at that place he would not need to teach school.
- 1901.** Four meetings to call pastor. No results.
- 1902.** Meetings on February 16, March 16, April 5, April 12, April 18, May 17, June 22, when, with the aid of professors at St. Louis Seminary, J.W. Werling is sent to Humboldt and installed August 31, 1902, as pastor.
- 1903.** New church building comes up again. H. Heitlage and J. Geissler to get pledges for church building. Vote to build church brick veneer church 36x56x16 with steeple 60 feet high and figure cost. Martin Sauer, John Igel and John Gadarl elected building committee. Contract let to J.W. Nessel for \$3200. Half of pledges to be paid by June 11. Front of old church removed to first window but not until after the confirmation exercises. Specify that steeple of new building should have a cross. Woodwork of new church to be colonial yellow. Furnace purchased for \$148. Prof. Meier, Pastor Hanson, Pastor Lange invited to conduct dedication service.
- 1904.** Total cost of church \$3503.23 of which \$2265 was collected from members and \$387 from other sources, leaving a debt of \$826.23.
- 1905.** Pastor allowed to preach three English services in following quarter. Resolution to have English once month. Later English morning service abolished. Two hundred dollars and interest paid on church debt.
- 1907.** Paid off \$448.85 on church debt.
- 1908.** Church debt reported paid. Beginning July 1, pastor's salary raised from \$400 to \$500 a year. Resolution that whenever money is needed for anything a collection should be taken.
- 1909.** Mrs. Sickman elected janitor. A new barn is built and paid for. Werling receives call from Winfield and is refused release.

- 1910.** Two months later Werling is released. Call sent to W.T. Vogel, Dewey, Ill. Returns call. Calls sent to four other pastors and finally another call is sent to Vogel June 19 which he accepts. Pastor permitted to preach English every Sunday evening. Decide to build parsonage in fall. Rent Fisher house until parsonage completed.
- 1911.** Parsonage completed at cost of \$1753.74, Debt of \$760. Clara Nessel elected organist.
- 1912.** Celebrate fifty-year jubilee. Prof. Grabner and Prof. Werling invited.
- 1913.** Pastor's salary raised to \$600 a year effective July 1.
- 1914.** Hire student to teach school eight month period. Pay raised by subscription.
- 1915.** H.H. Gerken elected chairman for life. Hire teacher again. Balance on parsonage paid. Lightning strikes steeple. Repaired at cost of \$172.
- 1916.** Pastor's salary raised to \$800 a year.
- 1918.** Church buys \$210 liberty bonds. Pastor received call from Collinsville, Illinois and asked to leave. Sudden shock to congregation, but is released. Three calls sent, the last to P.C. Kraus of Joplin, Missouri on August 11. He accepts pastorate on second call. Kraus arrived in Humboldt October 6, 1918, and was installed, but did not preach his first sermon until five weeks later because of influenza quarantine. Resolution that all teaching be in English language.
- 1919.** Hire student at \$50 a month. Resolution to pay teacher and pastor out of regular congregational treasury. Committee of three to see that money is collected. Pastor's salary raised from \$800 to \$1000m effective January 1, 1920.
- 1920.** Decide not to hire student teacher. Too few children. Art glass windows purchased.
- 1921.** Drop school again for lack of support.
- 1922.** Those unable to express themselves in German allowed to express themselves in English at meetings. Morning service to be conducted in English on last Sunday of each month.
- 1923.** Resolution to have school once more providing there are children enough. Dropped at next meeting. Motion to have English services every other Sunday tabled. Gas radiators installed. Resolution to build new school house.
- 1924.** J.W. Nessel asks that after thirty years service as treasurer, he be relieved of said office. H.C. Gerken elected, but refused to serve on account of his being inconveniently located. Unanimously voted to use English language in all business meetings. Committee on school building report no action, lack of information. Envelope system with monthly payments adopted. Heating system cost \$1117. Paid by subscription. Constitution revised and printed in English language. Finance committee provided for. Building of school deferred a year. Pastor's salary raised to \$1200, back pay to January 1, 1924. German and English service to alternate.

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6 Andrew & Martin Munro  
 8 Breckyn Gean  
 18 Chloe Daniels  
 25 Wanda Davidson\*  
 26 Joan Colvin\*  
 28 Madeline Sallee  
 30 Sydney Daniels



1 Khrystal Cash  
 7 David Avery  
 10 Hadley Galloway  
 12 Vesta Leroy  
 12 Eileen Robertson  
 13 Axten Hubbard  
 15 Bill Cavins  
 17 Ken Lumley  
 19 Heather Daniels  
 20 Alin Martin  
 28 Sam Hull  
 28 Lynn Lytle  
 30 Sandy Hildinger  
 31 Janice Schomaker



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4 Frank & Janice Schomaker- 60 yrs.\*  
 16 Scott & Sally Manbeck - 36 yrs.  
 17 Ralph & Cathy Norris - 39 yrs.  
 25 Leon & Janet Storck - 38 yrs.

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