

The Messenger



A Note from the Pastor

From the Pastor:

Ecclesiastes 1:9 (ESV) *“What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.”*

What’s new?

Have these words ever left your mouth? It is an open-ended question that leaves a lot of opportunities to learn more about someone. Well, this is as good of time as any to get reacquainted with you and fill you in on what has been happening here at St. Peter’s and Zion. Kind of like a “**State of the Churches**” report.

Since January of 2026:

- 1 baptism (Zion)
- New members (3 jr. confirmands (SP); 1 adult and 4 jr. confirmands (Z))
- Funerals (1 member from Zion)
- Transfers out (1 from SP and 1 from Zion)
- Weddings- 0
- Avg. Sunday Worship attendance- SP (94), Zion- (49)
- We became a Dual Parish on Feb. 1, 2026
- There was a joint elder’s meeting held in May at SP.
- St. Peter’s now has lay men teaching Sunday Adult Bible Class/ Zion still does!

What’s on the horizon?

- We will have 1 combined worship service on Sunday **July 12, 2026**, at Zion at 8:30am (no worship at SP on that Sunday); Adult Bible class/SS will be at 10am.
- We will have 1 combined worship service on Sunday **July 19, 2026**, at St. Peter’s at 10am (no worship at Zion on that Sunday); Adult Bible Class will be at 9am.
- On Sunday **August 30, 2026** (the 5th Sunday) we will have 1 combined service at Zion at 10am with a potluck to follow. No BC/SS on that Sunday at Zion and no worship/BC at SP.
- Planning of joint youth events and other ways we can pool our resources together

So, as you can see, there are plenty of new things “under the Son” happening here at both St. Peter’s and Zion. And as we all know we can’t do anything without the help of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is seeing us through it all. I hope that you will continue to pray for the ministries at both of our churches and for all those who are giving of their time, talents and treasures to these ministries. God is truly working here- in, with and through us all.

In His Service,



Lay Readers

As you may know, I attend monthly Winkel meetings. This is a meeting of all the pastors in our LCMS circuit (Circuit 5). We meet at one another's churches to discuss various topics. At our meetings from March-May we discussed the role of lay readers in LCMS congregations. Our study included many Scriptural passages, essays written by LCMS pastors and Seminary professors, and the documents that the Synod puts out on this matter through the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR). *(I have included the CTCR's document on this topic below.)* They all provided the material we needed to discuss the matter and what the best practice is for our individual churches.

We, as pastors of Circuit 5, all voted in full agreement for the following resolution:

- 1. The reading of Scripture in the worship service is a function of the pastoral office, as its purpose is the instruction and edification of those present.*
- 2. Having lay readers in the worship service is an adiaphoron, that is, their use is a matter of Christian freedom and discretion, as Scripture neither commands nor forbids such a practice.*
- 3. However, having female lay readers is not an adiaphoron, as Scripture is clear that women are not to serve as pastors nor carry out the functions of that office.*

With that being said, we as Pastor and elders of St. Peter's and Zion have decided it best that we no longer offer the practice of lay readers in either of our churches. I will be reading the Scriptures (OT, Epistle, Gospel) for each service we have at both churches. It is my responsibility as your Called and Ordained servant of the Word to do so, and I will do it willingly as Christ's servant.

I know this may seem a bit sudden and may not be what has been practiced at our churches in the past, but we feel it is the best practice as stewards of God's gifts moving forward. This will take effect beginning Sunday June 7, 2026. Please feel free to reach out to your elders or myself if you'd like to discuss this any further.

I pray God continue to bless our churches as they grow in God's Word and in His Grace.
Pastor Jennings

QUESTION: Does The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod hold a particular opinion as to who (pastor, elder, layman-woman) should or may read in front of the congregation the Sunday morning Scripture verses (including the Gospel books)?

ANSWER: In 1989 Res. 3-14, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod resolved "That the congregations of the Synod proceed with care and sensitivity in making decisions permitting the lay reading of the Scriptures, recognizing decisions in this regard lie in the area of Christian judgment."

The same resolution refers to a report of the Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations on [Women in the Church](#) and recommends it for study and guidance. With regard to the propriety of women reading the Scriptures in the service the CTCR report states, first, that there is no scriptural command forbidding the practice and, second, that in the opinion of the CTCR, reading the Scriptures in the service should be done by the pastor and "not ordinarily be delegated to a lay person, male or female."

www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/worship-and-congregational-life#scripture

Sunday	
June 7 th	Worship Service 8:30am Bible Study 10:00am
June 14 th	Worship Service 8:30am Bible Study 10:00am Council Meeting 6:00pm
June 21 st	Worship Service 8:30am Bible Study 10:00am
June 28 th	Worship Service 8:30am Bible Study 10:00am
Monday	
Ladies Bible Study	6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22 6/29
Tuesday	
May 2 nd	M&M Bible Study 4:30pm Elder's Meeting 7:00pm
May 16 th	M&M Bible Study 4:30pm



**The next Voter's Meeting
will be in July.**



*Men's Bible Study will resume in
the fall.*

Date:	Atten:	Comm:
5/3	45	39
5/10	75	55
5/17	43	39
5/24	44	38
5/31	41	36



*Ladies Circle will not meet for
June, July or August.*



**The Elder's Meeting is
June 2nd at 7pm.**

Mary and Martha
M&M's Bible study will meet
June 2nd and June 16th
at 4:30pm.



**The next council meeting is June
14th at 6pm.**



*Ladies Bible study will meet
every Monday
at 1pm.*

June 2026 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED EVERY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Worship Service at Zion
Sundays at 8:30am
Sunday School at 10:00am
Pastor Matthew Jennings
Church Phone: 620-431-1341

USHERS for June

Ron Hurt and Doug Oehlert

Acolytes

Sunday, June 7 th	Gabriel Engelman
Sunday, June 14 th	Emma Washburn
Sunday, June 21 st	Kyron Ross
Sunday, June 28 th	Nova Ross

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Sunday, June 7 th	David Engelman
Sunday, June 14 th	Andrew Engelman
Sunday, June 21 st	Kyle Ross
Sunday, June 28 th	Greg Carter

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS 2025-2030

Board members are listed by order of appointment and
Chairman's name is marked (*) (when available)
Newly Appointed is marked (+)
Board members are placed by year of appointment

President: David Engelman **Vice President:** Ron Hurt

Secretary: Lisa Engelman

Treasurer: Gloria Quinn

Assoc. Treasurer: Cindy Graff

BOARD OF ELDERS

Head Elder: Andrew Engelman

Daniel Washburn

Trenton Engelman

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Ella Brazil

BOARD OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & FELLOWSHIP

David Engelman

Diana Saving

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION & YOUTH

Susan Stich

Jessica Audiss

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ENDOWMENT

Term Ends

President: Ron Hurt

2026

Treasurer: Julie Defebaugh

2029

Secretary: Toni Carter

2027

Member: Patsy Krokstrom,

2028

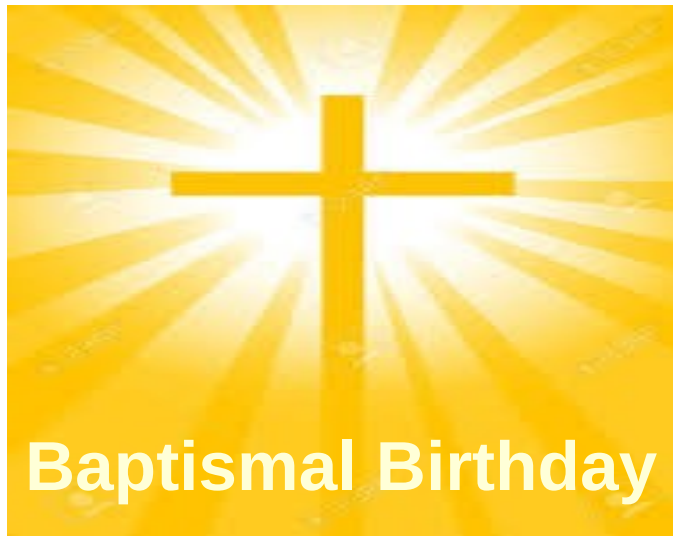
Member: Judy Chappell

2030

Ex Officio:



6/9 Emma Washburn
6/11 Lori Wilson
6/15 Trenton Engelman
6/15 Kinsley Ross
6/18 Kerrik Ross
6/23 Grace Lewis



6/1 Kathy Wood
6/8 Kalena Ross
6/9 Kelsie Lester
6/14 Jaydine Stiles
6/15 Dean Peter
6/16 Henryetta Sander
6/18 Ronald Burghart
6/22 Easton Washburn
6/23 Sharon Reaves
6/23 Isaac Lewis
6/26 Melissa Ross



6/11 Kyle and Melissa Ross
6/12 Doug and Janis Oehlert
6/16 Nick and Tia Barriger
6/16 Jim and Judy Chappell
6/18 Justin and Cindy Graff
6/19 Scott and Larita Murray
6/23 Joe and Julie Defebaugh
6/23 Tom and Janice Erickson
6/24 Corey and Kristen Stiles
6/26 Carl and Jennifer Reaves

prayer Requests



Our great physician, be with those who are battling forms of cancer.

*Susan Hendricks (N. Peter
Rebecca Thuillez
Ginger Church (R. Hurt)
Tammy Sloan
Thad Clements
Tara Buster (S. Engelman
Steve Church*

*Gloria Taylor (E. Brazil)
Beth Boyle (C. Graff)
Linda Reinhardt (P&E. Wolford)
Chrystal Brennan
Annie Brown (E. Brazil)
Barbie Dunn (S. Engelman)
Cindy Withers (E. Brazil)*

*Susan Cathers (D&V. Hurt)
J.R. Fitzpatrick (P. Krokstrom)
Kathy Bercaw (J. Reaves)
Allison Dye (J. Defebaugh)
Dawn Burchett (L. Engelman)
Fred Kuhn (E. Brazil)*

As well as those who are sick and suffering.

*Barb Seefeldt (E. Brazil)
Edie Godinez (S. Stich)*

Janis Oehlert

Kate Barker Sternberg and unborn baby (J. Oehlert)

*Those who are on the sick and suffering prayer list will stay for
one month unless otherwise requested.*

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study	02 4:30pm M&M's Bible Study 7:00pm Elder's Meeting	03	04	05	06
07 8:30am Worship Service 10am Bible Study	08 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study	09	10	11	12	13
14 8:30am Worship Service 10am Bible Study 6:00pm Council Meeting	15 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study	16 4:30pm M&M's Bible Study	17	18	19	20
21 8:30am Worship Service 10am Bible Study	22 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study	23	24	25	26	27
28 8:30am Worship Service 10am Bible Study	29 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study	30				

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