

St. Peter

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Serving the Michiana Community

connections

Worship 9:00 am

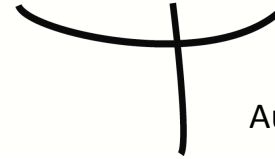
Hospitality Hour – after worship

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August 2010

Jottings from Pastor...

Dear St. Peter Congregation,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Jesus said, “John 14:6 Jesus said to him, **“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** (John 14:6)

By the time you read this, I will be back from the 1000 mile southern trek to New Orleans with 15 of St. Peter’s youth and three other FGALs (Family Group Adult Leaders) and leaving on our annual 1000 mile northern trek to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada with my family. But today as I write this, it is day three of our 8-day National Youth Gathering experience. Today after driving for three days we will finally arrive in New Awlins (local pronunciation) or Nawlins (tourist pronunciation for New Orleans).

Have you ever taken a trip and couldn’t wait to arrive at your destination? You plan, you pack, you schedule each mile of the journey and then you go. Everything is geared towards getting to your destination. Well, today we arrive at our destination. Twelve months of planning, fundraising, preparations and three days of driving and it looks like our FGAL, Dave Homann, will have successfully lead the St. Peter group to their long awaited and anticipated destination.

Don’t forget the journey along the way. On June 6, Dave Homann greeted me at the door after worship and said he was inspired. I had spoken about the raising of the widow of Zarephath’s son in the city of Nain from Luke 7:11-17. This is one of the few stories where Jesus sees something and does something as opposed to people seeing Jesus and clamoring to have him do something for them. Jesus and his motley crew were going to Nain and along the way they saw a funeral procession and he had compassion. The woman was widowed and now her only son was dead. A widow in the culture of the day was as good as dead because she would be destitute with no one to care for her. When Jesus restored her son’s life he restored her life as well.

So what inspired Dave Homann? It was the “along the way” part of the story. Jesus was on his way to Nain and something happened. Dave had the idea that “along our way” to New Orleans we should plan a service type project. This led to the kids submitting names of towns that were along the way, putting the names in a hat, praying over the names, and choosing one town called Harmontown. We thought we’d get some bottled water, put it on ice, and stop in Harmontown and hand it out to the hot citizens of Harmontown, all 12 of them as we found out. Harmontown is not exactly a town one accidentally drives through. You would actually have to draw the name out of a hat to end up there. One van went one way through Harmontown, and the other van went the

other way. We ended up down a road on which the last sign said, “Road Ends in Water.” Dave and the other van went the other way. The road didn’t end in water for Dave, but they did turn around after driving a bit and stopped at a place along the way where he had noticed a couple of men outside.

It was Pastor Ray and his son Jack and they were working on the church that Ray and his son started building in 2002. “Can we offer a hand?” There was a pile of sand that needed spread along the sidewalk and wall of the church to keep the water from running back into the church foundation. At this point our van had returned from the road that ends in the water and 2 hours later we had the sand spread and stamped down. We drank most of the water we had brought to hand out to the citizens of Harmontown. We saved Jack a day of hauling sand in a broken down wheelbarrow, and we listened to Pastor Ray’s story. Did we help? We moved some dirt, but I think it was our encounter with Pastor Ray and his son Jack that was God’s help to us who were “on our way” to New Orleans. We will share with you that experience and more when we return and during the congregational thank you from the Youth on August 22.

The interstates are an incredible marvel for getting people from point A to point B, but there is a great deal of life that occurs along the way. A great deal of that life is sinners just like you and me trying to live, grow and understand what it means to be God’s child. We learned some of that from our experience with Pastor Ray and his son Jack, but it was Jesus who was “on his way to Nain” that opened our hearts up to the idea that He would be with us “along the way” just as he was with the Widow and her dead son.

There isn’t much summer left it seems, but there is still a lot of living for all of us. May God “inspire” you to LOOK, LISTEN, and LIVE on your journey “along the way.” Jesus will be there with you “along the way.”

Pastor Bryan Borger

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Divine Worship - 9:00AM

Hospitality Hour - after Worship

July 25: 9th Sun. after Pentecost – Matins Service

August 1: 10th Sun. after Pentecost – Holy Communion Service

August 8: 11th Sun. after Pentecost – Service of the Word

August 15: 12th Sun. after Pentecost – Holy Communion Service

August 22: 13th Sun. after Pentecost – Service of the Word

*Baptism of Daria & Brett Spriggs
Youth Service*

August 29: 14th Sun. after Pentecost – Matins Service

Bible Studies in Summer Recess **until Sunday, September 12 - Rally Day**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
SPY North Bible Study at Evelers – Now-In-Recess
SPY South Bible Study at Smessaerts – Now-In-Recess
Tuesday Evening Confirmation Study – Now-In-Recess
Thursday AM Study at Evelers – Now-In-Recess
Men's Bible Study – Now-In-Recess

Bible Studies not in Summer Recess

Young Adult Bible Study – Ruchs
Friday Night Bible Study
Friday Noon Bible Study (every 2 weeks)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP AT ST. PETER?

BRILLE BITS

Our four Braille groups are taking a recess during June, July and August. We will resume Braille on September 7th.

We would be happy to welcome anyone who would like to join us in September as we need a few more workers from St. Peter. At present, there are only five people from our church who are involved. Thirty-three others are from other churches and Tri Kappa Sorority. You don't need to know Braille to become involved. The jobs are easy, work a two-hour shift, and have fun.

We will look forward to you joining us in September.

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SCRIP

Cindy has \$25 scrip available on Sundays for Martins Supermarket and Meijer.

Meijer and most other scrip you can order look just like gift cards. Martins and a few others are on paper.

Traveling this summer? Please check out the scrip hotels, motels, and restaurants listed on the order sheets on the scrip table. Cindy may be able to place an extra order just for you!

FAMILY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Do you have an idea of how to engage the community or other groups? Sports? Games? Fellowship? We'd love to hear them! With all that goes on at St. Peter, we formed this committee to better connect the groups that call St. Peter home and engage the community. We want to be able to greet our guests and show them what we have to offer as well as reach out to the community. We wish to embrace all that is around us as we "*Gather by the Cross.*" **Any questions or concerns for this group, contact Brian Ruch, 287-8075.**

COMMUNICATE AND INFORM

The Connections newsletter and Sunday Announcements Insert

GOINGS ON FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP

Hey Ladies...We are now in rest mode and gearing up for the fall. Summer is a busy time for most families. Traveling, vacations, family reunions and weddings are just the tip of the iceberg. Enjoy your family and things you get to do with them. More information will follow in the September newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns for this group, please contact Paula Ryan at 633-4679 or Roxy Rockwell at 633-4292 and they will be glad to answer any questions or discuss any concerns or future ideas that you may have.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| Bob Allison | August 1 |
| Emma Clark | August 6 |
| Karolyn Carpenter | August 9 |
| Mike Germann | August 9 |
| Debbie Watson | August 9 |
| Chris Nuechterlein | August 10 |
| Sharyn Schemahorn | August 10 |
| David Schroeder | August 11 |
| Alex Siebert | August 13 |
| Linda Quier | August 15 |
| Joshua Borger | August 16 |
| Sydney Rohr | August 17 |
| Tomi Perkins | August 18 |
| Kris Perkins | August 20 |
| Margie Smith | August 22 |
| Jerry Huener | August 23 |
| Jill Reedstrom | August 23 |
| Emily Ruch | August 25 |
| Casey Toombs | August 25 |
| Norma Melser | August 28 |
| Linda Germann | August 29 |

The monthly Connections seeks to provide the St. Peter community with relevant, pertinent, informative, educational and edifying ministry news. Your "ministry" is the best kept secret at St. Peter. Why not share it? In order to connect with each other in ministry and pray for each other's work we have to communicate. Your contributions are encouraged and welcomed for publication in the monthly Connections newsletter.

The following is only a smattering of ministries we would love to hear from on a monthly basis:

- Bits from Braille
- Eye on SPY
- Goings-on from the Women's Group
- Melodies of Music
- In Stitches from the Sewing Group

Let your voice and volunteer needs be heard! Special events; special happenings... SHARE IT! Please provide a computer-ready paragraph or two for the monthly Connection Newsletter. Don't have e-mail or a computer, don't fret, the church computer, next to the printer, is available for you to type-up your group's piece. Every Sunday a one sheet 2-sided Sunday Announcements will be provided at church with brief weekly news and updates.

Here are some deadlines:

- The Sunday Announcements insert deadline will be Thursday at HIGH-NOON.
- The monthly Connections newsletter deadline will be on the 20th of the month. We will try to have the monthly newsletter to you by the 30th or 31st of the month.

HOSPITALITY HOSTS

We need hospitality hosts for every Sunday in August. If you would like to furnish coffee and something to eat, such as donuts, coffee cakes or nut breads, or something of your own choosing, please sign the sheet on the kitchen door and be willing to serve hospitality to our guests who stay after worship.

HOW ABOUT A PET FOR YOU?

Buddy, Gretchen Francis's 13-year-old Miniature Schnauzer needs a home! Gretchen had Buddy since he was a pup. Buddy comes from a long-line of long-



living dogs, maybe 19-20 years. Buddy is kennel-trained and eats a special diet, which Gretchen has a 2-3 month supply. If you are interested in trying Buddy out as a family pet for your home (if it doesn't work out, you can

return him), please contact Jennifer Francis at 574-514-8668.

PACKING THE BACKPACKS FOR EMMONS SCHOOL

MAC Food Pantry has given us the opportunity again to build a bridge and help our neighborhood school, Emmons Elementary, located a stone's throw away at 1306 S. Main St., Mishawaka.

We at St. Peter, will once again be packing backpacks for Emmons School. Emmons School is one of the schools in the City of Mishawaka that can really use our help. Our efforts last year really help 23 children start out school with the supplies they needed, along with extra supplies for the school to use later on.

If you could buy the supplies yourself or donate money towards the purchase of the supplies, that would be great. We will be collecting money and school supplies thru the end of July. **If you are going on vacation this month, please send a check to church by July 26. Please bring your**

items to church and put them in the back by the MAC food bin. Someone from St. Peter will go on a shopping trip and purchase as many supplies as the money allows.

The box will out next week for you to put your supplies in. Then we will pack them up in August to take to Emmons School. Thank you in advance for your help.

RALLY DAY

Join us for fun, food and fellowship at our

5th Annual Rally Day Celebration

on

Sunday, September 12, 2010

at

St. Peter Lutheran Church

437 Dragoon Trail, Mishawaka

Education Hour begins at 9:00 a.m.

Followed by

Fellowship at 9:55 a.m.

Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Potluck, fun and games immediately following the service

Gather with members of St. Peter and our visitors to celebrate our ministries and to kick-off the educational year. Dress is casual. Sign-up in the Narthex will follow shortly and please invite a friend!!! Questions? Call Kim Eveler at 674-7010 or the Church office at 255-5585.