



March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

403 West Bridge Street, Brownstown, IN

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, LCMS

403 West Bridge Street, Brownstown Indiana 47220

Sunday Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM

Scan QR Code for online services



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St. Peter's Child Care Ministry

812-358-7034

Lutheran Central School (Preschool 3 & 4 - Grade 8)

812-358-2512

HIS LOVE – OUR RESPONSE

Sunday, March 2: 202 General: \$ 8,55.75 Special Gifts \$ 25.00

Wednesday, March 5: 64 General: \$ 1,269.00

SERVING US THIS WEEK

Pastor: Rev. Ryan Schneider

Organist: Lori Tabor

8:00 AM Elders: Wes Pottschmidt -- Lucas Hanner -- Rex Kovert

10:30 AM Elders: Tony Eppley -- Phil Pottschmidt -- Brandon Briner

8:00 AM Acolytes: Owen Kellermeier

10:30 AM Acolytes: Brady England and Cody Burcham

Lenten Service (March 12): Evan Baker

AT EITHER DOOR

- 1) Portal of Prayers – Winter issue (January, February, March)
- 2) My Devotions – Spring issue (March, April, May)
- 3) **Special Voters' meeting agenda with teacher approvals and LCS 2025-2026 Budget**

† SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY †

Original Sin & Free Will. A correct understanding of sin is foundational to understanding of the Gospel. The more we come to realize the severity of our condition, the more our appreciation of the Gospel's beauty grows. The Bible, though, tells us that we are "dead in trespasses and sins." This means that salvation must be God's work. In this series of Bible Studies we will let the Formula of Concord (1577) lead us into the Scripture's teaching on Original Sin & Free Will. **Begins March 9**

MOWING BIDS

The church is accepting mowing bids. Bids to include mowing and trimming of the church, daycare, and parsonage. **Please turn in sealed bids to the church office by March 10th.** Questions contact Brad Nolan at 812-569-1886 or ask a trustee. Thank You, St. Peter's trustees.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer at Grain Train on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 am–3:00 pm, just show up and begin to work.

ST. PETER'S DAYCARE WISHLIST

The daycare is in need of supplies if you are willing to donate. The QR code will take you to the Daycare's Amazon Wishlist, where you can order the supplies directly. Thank you for your tremendous help!



DAY CARE - SPONSOR A CLASSROOM - 2025 FORMS

They are available at either door, please feel free to pick a form up, fill out the form, and return it to the Day Care. Thank You for your support..

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 9, AT 6:00 PM

A Special Voters' Assembly is required to approve new teaching staff at Lutheran Central. The school board held interviews to fill two teaching positions at LC - 3rd & 4th Grades. Out of four candidates, two were selected by the school board. **Katie Tormoehlen** has been selected and has accepted the 3rd Grade teaching position. **Chelsey Peters** has been selected and has accepted the 4th Grade teaching position. All three association congregations need to vote to approve these two candidates. Since this special voters' meeting pertains to LC, the 2025 - 2026 LC Budget will also be presented for a vote to approve by our congregation. Please attend this voters' meeting.

LUTHERAN CENTRAL DEAN OF STUDENTS

At our November 2024 Voters' meeting, St. Peters approved the creation of a Dean of Students position at Lutheran Central. Interviews were held by the school board, and **Andrea McKinley** was selected and has accepted the Dean of Students position. Mrs. McKinley will be finishing the current year 2024 - 2025 as the 4th Grade teacher. She will begin as Dean of Students in the 2025 - 2026 school year.

RaiseRight ORDER (SCRIP) Final order of the year!

RaiseRight orders are due Friday, May 12th. RaiseRight is an opportunity to support Lutheran Central by purchasing gift cards at cost to use on everyday purchases or as gifts. By purchasing them through the RaiseRight program, LC gets a percentage of each purchase that we then use for student activities and equipment. ***So far this year, our school has received \$1,027 through the purchase of RaiseRight gift cards. THANK YOU!*** We will ensure all orders are delivered the week after orders are due. Order forms can be found in each church or you may contact your church representative:

Trinity: Andrea McKinley St. Paul's: Kasey Wischmeier

St. Peter's: Andrea Pendleton & Jessica Kellermeier

Thank you for your support!

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK of March 9, 2025

Today: Sunday (March 9)

- + 8:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
- + 9:15 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
- + 10:30 AM Worship Service
- + 2:00 PM Lutheran Mission Federation Meeting at Immanuel Lutheran, Seymour
- + 6:00 PM SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING (see notes)

Wednesday (March 12)

- + 6:00 PM Board of Trustees meeting
- + 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service
- + 8:00 PM Board of Elders meeting

A LOOK AHEAD

Next Sunday (March 16)

- + 8:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
- + 9:15 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
- + 10:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday (March 19)

- + 1:00 PM Hoosier Christian Village Service
- + 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service

Spring Break for Brownstown Schools is March 17 – 21

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING -- TODAY at 6:00 PM

Agenda Items

- 1. 3rd & 4th Grade teachers positions**
- 2. Lutheran Central 2025-2026 School Budget**



THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Our Members:

Loretta Hoevener*

Charlotte Nichols*

Kristen Combs, recovering from gall bladder surgery****

John Sparks, cancer treatments****

Todd Stark*

Tim Keithley, husband of Sherri and step-son of Dorothy Keithley, neck/back pain treatments**

Those With Special Needs:

Charlie Seng, uncle of Shaylee Seng, cancer**

Clayton Keithley, son of Tim and grandson of Dorothy Keithley, therapy*

Shirley Wessel, mother of Sherri (Tim) Keithly, breast cancer***

Joan Ludban, surgery after a fall*** (sister of Arlene Ayers) and Joan's daughter ---

Leigh Kneller who was diagnosed with cancer****

Terry Schlehuser, (son-in-law of Bertie Roettger; brother-in-law of Rose & Gary Bischoff, Monie Cutter), **rectal cancer****

Arthur Kamman, brother of Marilyn & Mildred Kamman and Dorothy (Jim) Christopher, leukemia**

Jason Brescia, grandson-in-law of Carol Blackwell, recovering from a stroke*

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:

Jerry & Tammy Brown – 33 years

Jeff & Paula Hackman – 44 years

Jared & Jessica Kellermeier – 16 years

Mike & Julie Hackman – 28 years

Celebrating Birthdays This Week:

March 9 – Janet Lee, Philip Rebber, Jace Sparks

March 10 – Clayton Main, Jacob White

March 11 – Michael Berry

March 12 - Joshua Briner, Stacy Cooper, Jaren Cunningham

March 14 – Kristen Combs, Raelynn Shelton, Ella Waskom

March 15 – Wes Pottschmidt, Josh Teulker

We understand that life can get super busy, so we want to make sure that Christian fellowship is accessible and interesting for our youth members. Would you please take a moment to fill out the below survey to help us better understand the needs of your child(ren) and family?

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

YOUTH GROUP

CALLOUT!



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- **FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

YOUTH GROUPS PROVIDE A DEDICATED SPACE FOR BIBLE STUDY, DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CHRISTIAN BELIEFS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLY FAITH PRINCIPLES TO EVERYDAY LIFE, HELPING THEM GROW IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD AND THEIR LUTHERAN IDENTITY.

- **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

YOUTH GROUPS FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AND CONNECTION WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE WHO SHARE SIMILAR FAITH VALUES.

- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

YOUTH GROUP EQUIPS TEENS WITH CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SKILLS THROUGH TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE WITHIN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY.

- **ADDRESSING REAL-LIFE ISSUES**

YOUTH GROUPS CAN PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE TO DISCUSS AND NAVIGATE CHALLENGING TOPICS LIKE RELATIONSHIPS, MORALITY, AND LIFE DECISIONS THROUGH THE LENS OF CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS.

- **MENTORSHIP AND GUIDANCE**

ADULT LEADERS IN YOUTH GROUPS ACT AS MENTORS, OFFERING GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO YOUNG PEOPLE AS THEY MATURE IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY.

Submitting Pictures for Church Directory

If you were unable to have your picture taken by the Directory Photographer, you may now be able to submit a photo of your family.

If it is a photo taken by yourself (a selfie) then I will need the picture (either as a hardcopy) or (one that you may email to the church at churchoffice@stpetersbtown.com)

If you are using a professional picture for this directory, I will need a release from the photographer to go along with the picture.

With the picture, please put the names of all the people in the picture, left to right, written on a piece of paper or included in the email.

Please see that the church office gets the picture by Sunday, March 30.

If you want the picture returned to you, please leave a note with the picture and a good address to mail it to.

Lutheran Mission Federation Sunday

P.O. BOX 1001, SEYMOUR, IN 47274

OUR HISTORY

On July 19, 1931 the Lutheran Mission Federation (LMF) went on the offensive for Christ. Eleven congregations from Jackson and Bartholomew counties heard the call of their Lord's words from Matthew 28, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." With the Great Commission in their hearts and minds, this newly formed Federation set out to spread the Gospel & make new disciples throughout Southern Indiana. In its first 5 years sustained preaching stations were established in Bedford, Greensburg, Austin, Butlerville, and Weddleville while efforts in Rushville and Shelbyville were not as successful. The diligent service of many pastors and laymen kept the efforts of the LMF going through the mid-1930s and 40s when financial support dipped and "war hysteria" led to a faithful pastor being slandered and wrongly investigated. These setbacks did not slow down the LMF; they remained undeterred. In 1944 the LMF hit smaller communities like Leesville, Kurtz, Sparksville, Medora, Mitchell, Freetown, Oolitic, Ft. Ritner, & Tampico with "trailer missions." At one point, over 42 consecutive nights the Gospel was preached to 8,450 souls. Into the 1950s the LMF expanded its outreach into Madison, Scottsburg, North Vernon, Crothersville, and Salem. Many of these areas that started as preaching stations became thriving congregations that are still here today. The prayers and financial support of the LMF member congregations from 1931 to today have given it the ability to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ crucified for sinners to many people. Some planted the seed, others watered, but it has always been God who has given the increase. Ninety years later, this remains the mission of the Lutheran Mission Federation.

CURRENT CONSTITUTION & ACTIVITIES

The Lutheran Mission Federation is currently comprised of 11 congregations of the Seymour and Brownstown Circuits. Representation for the LMF includes the Pastor of each member congregation and up to 3 delegates. Member congregations are asked to give \$5.00 per communicant member each year to fund the mission efforts of the LMF. The LMF delegate body meets semi-annually to do business. Delegates may be asked to contribute in subcommittees that plan for events like: the Reformation Rally, the Jackson Co. Fair Booth, Jackson Co. Fair Mission Festival, or the Reformation 500 Parade Float. The LMF also sponsors Friendship Bible Study at Redeemer, VBS for congregations, and Lutheran Hour Christmas and Easter programs on local television stations. Please ask your Pastor on how to get more involved, and thank you for your support.

Lutheran Mission Federation Sunday

March 2025

CURRENT MEMBER CONGREGATIONS

Emanuel, Dudleytown • Emmanuel, Leesville •
Faith, Salem • Good Shepherd, Medora •
Immanuel, Seymour • Redeemer, Seymour •
St. John, Sauers • St. Paul, Wegan •
St. Peter's, Brownstown • Trinity, Vallonia • Zion, Seymour

CURRENT SUPPORTED MISSION CONGREGATIONS

Holy Cross, Scottsburg • Lord of Life, North Vernon •
Faith, Salem • Emmanuel, Leesville

THIS YEAR'S NOTABLE EVENTS

Reformation Rally (Chair: St. Peter's)

6:00 p.m., October 26, 2025 at St. Peter's

Jackson County Fair Booth (Chair: Zion)

Building 3, July 20-July 26, 2025 – 4:00 p.m. to Close

Bi-Annual Meetings (Begin at 2:00 p.m.)

March 9, 2025 at Immanuel and September 14, 2025 at St. Paul, Wegan

RADIO SUPPORT

Lutheran Hour (Sunday Broadcast)

WMPI 105.3 at 7:30 a.m. • WSLM 97.9/1220 at 10:15 a.m. •

WZZB 99.3/1390 at 11:30 a.m.

Know Your Bible

Monday-Saturday on WZZB 99.3/1390 from 6:55-7:00 a.m.

The Lord's Prayer on the Radio

Every day on WJAA 96.3 at Noon

Every day on WSLM 1220 at 5:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m. and 97.9 at 7:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN HOUR TELEVISION PROGRAMS

**Easter I, at 7:00 p.m., 4/12/25 on WDRB 41 and 12:30 p.m., 4/13/25 on WAVE 3.
3 Day, at 9:30 a.m., 4/18/25 on WHA 11 and 6:30 p.m., 4/19/25 on WBKI 58.**

LENT MIDWEEK FOCUS

"Preparing For Easter"

The season of Lent is a penitential period of preparation. But what are we preparing for? Lent points us in the direction of Easter. So, as Easter approaches, we will be preparing by studying our Lord's Passion Narrative in the form of consecutive Easter Vigils.

Wednesday Services at 7:00 PM

March 5 - Ash Wednesday

March 12 - Creation and Recreation

March 19 - The Ark of the Church

March 26 - Walking through the Water

April 2 - Through the Belly of the Tomb

April 9 - Walking through the Fire

No Midweek Lenten Meals