

# *ST. PETER'S CONNECTIONS*

*MAY, 2025*



**PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL  
AND**

**IMPACTING GENERATIONS**

**125 YEARS  
1900 — 2025**



# St. Peter's Connections for May

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*"Again Jesus spoke to them saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'" John 8:12*

### Called to Be Light

The Bible frequently contrasts light and darkness, symbolizing God's love and righteousness against sin and evil. As believers, God calls us to be His light in a dark world, reflecting His love and forgiveness. This mission starts at home with our families, extends to friends and neighbors, and ultimately reaches the entire world. We shine this light both individually and collectively as a church community.

However, living as light-bearers is challenging. Some people prefer darkness, and at times, it feels like evil prevails. Yet, Scripture assures us that darkness cannot triumph. John 1:5 declares, *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* Jesus, the ultimate light, guarantees victory over darkness, and as His followers, we share in that victory.

Someone once shared this illustration with me: In a classroom with a closet, a teacher asked students whether the closet's interior was light or dark. "Dark," they replied. The teacher then asked, "What happens when you open the closet door? Does the darkness spill into the room, or does the room's light flood the closet?" The answer is clear: the light fills the closet. Darkness cannot overpower light; light always prevails. Another example is a single candle illuminating a dark room; its small flame pushes back the shadows, proving that even a modest light can make a difference.

This principle applies to our faith. Jesus' light is unconquerable, and as His disciples, we carry that invincible light within us. The Easter hymn "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" (LSB #490) celebrates this truth, proclaiming Christ's triumph over sin and death. Because of His victory, we are empowered to shine brightly in a world that often embraces darkness.

Matthew 5:16 urges us, *"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Our actions; acts of kindness, forgiveness, and love, reflect God's light, drawing others to Him. Whether through personal gestures or collective efforts as a church, our light glorifies God and counters the darkness around us.

Shining as God's light requires courage and perseverance, especially when the world seems hostile or indifferent. Yet, we are not alone. Jesus, the source of our light, sustains us. His victory assures us that no darkness, whether personal struggles, societal evils, or spiritual battles, can extinguish His light or ours. As we live out our faith, we become beacons of hope, illuminating the path to God's love and grace.

In a world that often feels shrouded in darkness, let us boldly shine Christ's light. Through our words and deeds, we proclaim that the victory is won, and the darkness will never overcome the light of Jesus.

In Christ,

*Pastor Schneider*



<sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.  
*Hebrews 13:16*

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
**March 31, 2025**

	Balance 01/01/2025	Jan - Feb Activity	March Activity	Balance 03/31/2025
<b>Assets</b>				
Jackson County Bank Checking				
General	297.90	(6,099.41)	(6,364.25)	(12,165.76)
Dedicated to Family Assistance	547.78			547.78
Prayer Garden	2,290.75	225.00	200.00	2,715.75
Special Trustee Projects	9,730.18			9,730.18
	<u>12,866.61</u>			<u>827.95</u>
Jackson County Bank Savings				
Handbell & Music	363.68			363.68
Live Stream	1,730.00			1,730.00
Alter Guild	4,959.08	(2,220.40)	-	2,738.68
Capital Improvements	50.00			50.00
Interest	3,638.65	41.62	23.27	3,703.54
	<u>10,741.41</u>			<u>8,585.90</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Payroll Taxes Withheld	330.27	8.76	-	339.03
Jackson County Bank Line of Credit	-	-	-	-
LCEF Loan for Taco House Buidling	-	-	53,965.55	53,965.55
Owe Lutheran Central \$30,363.95 for March				

St. Peter's Lutheran Church				
March 31, 2025				
		Balance	Jan - March	Balance
Other Church Assets per the bank		01/01/2025	Activity	03/31/2025
<b>Child Care Ministry</b>				
	Jackson County Bank Checking	885.60	12,949.39	13,834.99
<b>Sunday School</b>				
	Jackson County Bank Checking	2,395.98	72.22	2,468.20
<b>Youth</b>				
	Jackson County Bank Checking	830.50		830.50
	Jackson County Bank Savings	4,543.62	2.80	4,546.42
	JCB CD 4.2% matures 07/18/2025	10,362.63		10,362.63
<b>Henry Roettger Scholarship Fund</b>				
	Lutheran Church Extension Fund	3,523.32	18.91	3,542.23
<b>Resource Center</b>				
	Jackson County Bank Checking	1,193.61	451.85	1,645.46
<b>Cemetery Board</b>				
	Peoples Bank Checking	8,068.36	1,147.99	9,216.35
	Lutheran Church Extension Fund CD			
	CD 3.125% matures 3/11/2028	10,000.00		10,000.00
	CD 5.0% matures 3/29/2025	2,660.73	?	?
	Jackson County Co-op Credit Union			
	Regular	5.00		5.00
	CD 0.35% matures 9/30/2026	50,463.60	43.56	50,507.16
	State Bank of Medora			
	CD 1.00% matures 9/15/2025	5,000.00		
	CD 2.00% matures 3/21/2029	16,717.49		16,717.49
	CD 1.75% matures 1/17/2029	20,017.98		20,017.98
<b>Foundation Board</b>				
	Thrivent Fund 17-1700974499	22,837.54	(1,224.67)	21,612.87
	Thrivent Fund 18-0995049277	2,939.58	29.58	2,969.16
	Thrivent Fund 37-1600321179	6,936.68	(435.84)	6,500.84
	Thrivent Fund 76-1600321179	48,819.45	396.03	49,215.48
	Thrivent Fund 9105622	30,489.62		30,489.62
	Thrivent Fund 9124438	11,780.38		11,780.38
<b>Scholarship Board</b>				
	Thrivent Fund 18-0805076027	2,702.89	183.80	2,886.69
	Thrivent Fund 36-1600447702	44,408.58	(2,410.58)	41,998.00





"I remain rather convinced of a few simple biblical principles of stewardship (Luke 14:28; Prov. 22:7). A significant one is that we should not spend more than we take in. In fact, we should make an effort to spend slightly less than we receive. 'We took some in. We spent some. And we had some left over at the end of the year.' That's an ideal financial report in my book!"  
 — Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## St. Peter's Lutheran Church

March 31, 2025

### Offerings

	Jan - Feb Activity	March Activity	Balance Totals
Envelope Contributions	99,332.58	49,694.88	149,027.46
Loose Collection	3,325.50	2,519.50	5,845.00
General (Non Envelope)	1,195.00	872.57	2,067.57
Vacation Bible School		14.00	14.00
Fair Booth	20.00	470.00	490.00
Soup Supper			-
Cookbook Income			-
	103,873.08	53,570.95	157,444.03

Offering percentage change from last year (positive means offerings are higher) -17.32%

### Expenses

	Budget	Budget to Date	Actual to Date	To Date % of Budget
Salaries - Preaching & Teaching				
Pastor Expenses				
Pastor Salary	74,631.00	18,657.75	15,157.78	25.0%
Housing Allowance			3,500.06	
Health Care Assistance (1/2 self, family)	24,405.84	6,101.46	6,101.46	25.0%
Health Savings (HSA)	2,800.00	700.00	699.94	25.0%
Retirement & Disability	8,918.40	2,229.60	2,525.34	28.3%
Health (1/2 self)	5,086.44	1,271.61	1,271.61	25.0%
Reimbursement Expense	3,000.00	750.00	0.00	0.0%
Substitute Pastor	3,000.00	750.00	632.80	21.1%
Organists	12,700.00	3,175.00	2,000.00	15.7%

Expenses (continued)			To Date	To Date %
	Budget	Budget to Date	Totals	of Budget
Operating Cost				
Parsonage Expenses (repairs & utilities)	8,000.00	2,000.00	2,727.26	34.1%
Business Manager Salary	52,000.00	13,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Secretary Salary	25,965.00	6,491.25	6,491.25	25.0%
Janitor Pay	10,700.00	2,675.00	3,387.45	31.7%
Social Security Taxes	5,964.32	1,491.08	496.56	8.3%
Retirement & Disability Employee	9,316.82	2,329.21	775.71	8.3%
Conference/Education Expenses	1,000.00	250.00	406.00	40.6%
Office Supplies	10,000.00	2,500.00	2,542.79	25.4%
Copier Contract	14,500.00	3,625.00	3,489.05	24.1%
Technology	300.00	75.00	0.00	0.0%
Worship Expenses	7,500.00	1,875.00	713.93	9.5%
Music/Choir Expenses	200.00	50.00	0.00	0.0%
Cleaning Supplies	1,000.00	250.00	63.32	6.3%
Utilities	25,000.00	6,250.00	7,373.62	29.5%
Maintenance and Repairs	20,000.00	5,000.00	4,156.86	20.8%
Church Office Remodel	35,000.00	8,750.00	1,364.59	3.9%
Landscaping, Yard, Snow Removal	6,000.00	1,500.00	1,880.00	31.3%
Insurance (Property, Liability, WC)	12,000.00	3,000.00	3,008.00	25.1%
Education Supplies	300.00	75.00	0.00	0.0%
Christmas Expenses	500.00	125.00	0.00	0.0%
Convention Expense	1,500.00	375.00	0.00	0.0%
125th Anniversary Supplies	5,000.00	1,250.00	842.77	16.9%
Mom's Group Supplies	600.00	150.00	275.00	45.8%
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500.00	375.00	0.00	0.0%
Congregational Outreach				
Child Care Staff Retirement & Disability	20,000.00	-	7,828.35	39.1%
Child Care Ministry Assistance	25,000.00	6,250.00	0.00	0.0%
Vacation Bible School	500.00	125.00	0.00	0.0%
School Operation				
Lutheran Central	365,000.00	91,250.00	60,727.90	16.6%
Trinity Lutheran High School	10,400.00	2,600.00	5,200.00	50.0%
Expenses Not Listed In Budget				
Fair Stand - Operations	0.00		700.00	
Fair Stand - Building			2,676.52	
At Home	809,287.82	197,321.96	149,015.92	18.4%
Missions				
Indiana District LCMS (0.95%)	7,688.23	1,922.06	1,471.29	19.1%
Lutheran Mission Federation (0.4%)	3,237.15	809.29	619.49	19.1%
Haiti Mission (0.2%)	1,618.58	404.65	309.75	19.1%
Totals	821,831.78	200,457.95	151,416.45	18.4%
Expenses percentage change from last year (negative means spent more)			23.28%	
Respectfully submitted,			157,444.03	
Carol Hayden, Treasurer			(151,416.45)	
Robert Pottschmidt, Financial Secretary				

## **Audit Committee Report**

**2025**

The Audit Committee appointed is Matt Spurgeon, Sherry Rorig, and Grant Hackman.

The Committee met February 24, 2025, with Church Treasurer Carol Hayden to review the books for the Church, Daycare, LWML, Henry Roettger Scholarship, and the Scholarship Board.

Church – Accounts Payable was audited by selecting at least one random invoice, check, withdrawal, etc. from each quarter and balancing with the check register and bank statements. Revenue was audited by selecting at least four random weeks (at least one from each quarter) of giving and balancing envelope records, loose collections, and designated funds to match the batch register and bank deposits. All A/P and Revenue items were in balance and matched all records.

Daycare – Daycare funds audited in similar manner to church in which payables and deposits were pulled each quarter and matched on bank statements. All appeared to be in balance and match records.

LWML – Little activity throughout the year besides mites, alter flowers, etc. Good records and register kept. Balance on bank statement matched their report balance.

Henry Roettger Scholarship – Little to no activity besides interest earned. Statements were in file.

Scholarship Board – Little to no activity besides money out to one recipient. Statements were in file.

The 2026 audit will continue to include the Church and Daycare financials along with the Ladies Aid, Cemetery Board, and Sunday School as they are up in the three-year rotation.



## C O N N E C T I N G W I T H O U R S T E W A R D S H I P

### Stewardship in the Body of Christ

Baseball season is upon us. The southern images of spring training give way to the pageantry of Opening Day. On that day, the hopes and dreams of every major league team, player and fan focus on doing whatever it takes to get to the Fall Classic, the World Series. Baseball is a secular way that so many of us confess that hope “springs” eternal.

With all of this in mind, baseball can also teach us a new perspective about stewardship. Think about the game itself. Baseball is a team sport. The home team faces off against the visitors. Yet while it is a team game, there are repetitive, individual confrontations that take place within the game. The baseball game cannot start without the individual pitcher against the hitter. Once the batted ball is in play, the battle is between the ability of the fielder against the speed of the baserunner. Once there is a runner on base, an attempt to steal a base pits the runner against the catcher. A base hit into the outfield pits the outfielder against a runner trying to score.

Baseball is a team game with many smaller units at play. Without all those smaller units working together and achieving their tasks, the team will lose.

Romans 12 puts our stewardship of the Gospel in a similar setting. The church is certainly described as a team, if you will.

Verse 3: *“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”* This is where the Body of Christ is really seen as a team. No one member of the baseball team can win the game by themselves. In the same way, no one part of the Body of Christ can accomplish stewardship of the Gospel alone. The pastor cannot. The congregational chair cannot. The lead soprano in the choir cannot. But each of these individuals have been added to the local congregation to be built into a team that can win the victory with Jesus.

Verses 4–5: *“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”* In baseball, the pitcher pitches. The catcher catches. The hitter hits. When a pitcher attempts to hit, the result is usually not very pretty. Catchers often do not excel at running the bases. The hitter usually does not do well when they are sent to the mound to pitch. Every member of the Body of Christ has a unique set of abilities and functions. Not everyone preaches. Not everyone leads. Not everyone sings well. Yet when the congregation assembles together as a team, it can succeed in ways unattainable by the individual.

Verses 6–8: *“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”* Each member of the team has a role to play. Abilities and opportunities are entrusted to the individual members of the Body of Christ to be used for the ultimate purpose of stewarding the Gospel for the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbor. The one preaching is no more or less important than the others. The one serving or the one teaching, the leader or the merciful one — all are equally important in the faithful stewardship of all that the Lord has entrusted to the Body of Christ. All this stewardship is for the sake of the other!

A baseball team can have five All-Star pitchers but cannot win if the hitters do not hit. The best lineup in the league will struggle if the pitchers cannot get anyone on the other team out. Pitchers need the defense behind them to play well. Coaches need to lead well. When they all work together, you have a winning baseball team. When the Body of Christ has all its members faithfully stewarding the unique individual talents that have been entrusted to them, the victory goes to Jesus! This is the goal of faithful stewardship! It is all about Jesus!

St. Peter's EV Lutheran Church, Inc.  
Church Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 19, 2025

Members present: Randy Turmail, Dave Kovener (by phone), Tony Eppley, Pastor Schneider, Brad Nolan, Christy Nolan, Amanda Guinn, Denise Stevens, Carol Hayden, Sara Stuckwisch  
Members excused: Ed Stuckwisch

**Opening:** Randy Turmail brought the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and Pastor provided a short devotion from Psalm 1 and a short prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the January 15 Council meeting were reviewed.

- Christy Nolan moved and Tony Eppley seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2024 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Reports from Boards and Committees**

**Pastor's Report:** See Pastor's report of official acts for January as presented. Pastor also reported that he recently held a one day catechesis class that will result in a couple of adult baptisms and confirmations.

**Daycare Director Report / Childcare Ministry Board Report** (Amanda Guinn & Denise Stevens):

Amanda provided a report for the past month as well as a financial report. She is meeting with a representative of a playground equipment supplier this coming week. They will be doing a fund raiser in March with money being earmarked for playground equipment.

**Treasurer & Financial Secretary** (Carol Hayden): See attached treasurer's report. She noted that the deficiencies in income that were seen in January are close to being remedied. Recent income has overcome much of the shortfall.

**Chairman's Report** (Randy Turmail): Randy and Carol continue to meet with the boards and committees regarding the new office manager position and how things will change with that addition.

**Elder's Report:** Andy submitted his report and asked that it be conveyed to the Council that they have adopted a policy concerning last-minute church cancellation procedures. Pastor has developed a generic service template that can be used by an Elder to conduct a service. They also discussed the assigned zones and it was noted that zone letters will be sent out soon.

**Trustee's Report** (Brad Nolan): Trustees are working on updating exterior door locks to make sure the building is secure. They are also addressing the parking lot light not working consistently and working with Keith Miller to get security cameras installed. They are still working on office renovations. The basement plumbing is still not working effectively and they are working with a contractor to remedy the situation. Parking lot cracks in assorted areas will soon be fixed.

**Lutheran Education Association Report:** No representative present, but Pastor provided a report. The Dean of Students position has been filled by Andrea McKinley. She will begin that position at the beginning of the next school year. Katie Tormoehlen has been recommended for the third grade position vacated by Lindsey Montgomery. Chelsey Peters has been recommended for the fourth grade position

vacated by Andrea McKinley's move to the Dean of Students position. These names will be presented to the Voter's at a special meeting very soon.

- *Christy Nolan moved and Carol Hayden seconded a motion to recommend to Voter's that the teaching position candidates approved by the LEA be approved by our congregation at a special Voter's meeting on March 9th. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- *Christy Nolan moved and Amanda Guinn seconded a motion to recommend to Voter's that they approve the proposed LCS budget at a special Voter's meeting on March 9th. The motion was unanimously approved.*

Lutheran Central is currently developing criteria for accepting students into the school. They are experiencing great growth, and they need to have a plan in place in case there are more students who want to attend than what the building can currently handle. The future needs committee that was appointed by all three congregations has met once.

**Board of Christian Education** (Christy Nolan): The Board of Christian Ed is needing help with the Mom's group on March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, and May 7 & 21. A letter to youth-aged members will be sent soon letting them know about youth and asking what can be done to make attending youth group more attractive. A helper is also still needed for Sunday School.

**Cemetery Board:** No member present

**Foundation:** No member present

**Scholarship Committee:** No member present

**Old Business:**

**Taco & Pizza House Update** (Tony Eppley): Concrete is poured and it is hoped that the remainder of the exterior metal as well as the interior metal will be complete by the end of February. Jerry Brown and Alli Sparks are working on signage and branding.

**LC Playground, Drainage, & Contract Update** (Pastor Schneider): They are hoping to make some sort of progress this spring, but it is dependent on funding. The final revisions on the contract are still being made as well.

**Constitution Update Final Review** (Randy Turmail): The final reading and vote will occur at the April Voter's meeting.

**Office Manager Next Step** (Randy Turmail): The position has been well-received by the boards that Randy and Carol have already met with.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update** (Randy Turmail): The next anniversary service is on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with a meal provided by the Day Care Board.

**Elder Handbook Update:** This was covered during the Elder's report.

**St. Peters Connection:** Get information in to Bob ([bob.pottschmidt@stpetersbtown.com](mailto:bob.pottschmidt@stpetersbtown.com) or [rj\\_pottschmidt@hotmail.com](mailto:rj_pottschmidt@hotmail.com))

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with a prayer provided by Pastor.

## St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Board of Elders Meeting Minutes

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### 1. Call to Order

- Time: 8:02pm
- Chairman: Andy Fountain

#### 2. Opening Devotion & Prayer

- Led by Pastor Schneider

#### 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed by: Emmitt Hanner
- Motion to Approve: Ed Stuckwisch
- Seconded by: Tony Eppley
- Approval Status: Approved

#### 4. Pastor's Report

- Review of Official Acts by Pastor Schneider
  - No additions were made by the Elders
- Pastor reviewed the general status of visits done in February
- Upcoming confirmations and baptisms: Melissa Brock and Dason Eads
- Confirmation questioning and service are April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>
  - One elder will be needed for questioning
    - Tyler Wessel agreed to be present
- Recorded Services
  - After a software update, it was noticed that some settings on our streaming software were changed, including the use of audio. These have been remedied and the services are back online with audio.
- Evangelism Opportunities



- Pastor requested that the elders think of avenues to outreach that benefit people in the community and also show our presence
- It is the Elders' responsibility to be active in outreach

## 5. Business

- The deadline to submit pictures to be used in the church directory is March 30<sup>th</sup>
- Business Manager Overview- Randy Turmail and Carol Hayden
  - This position has been discussed for several years and has now come to fruition in its specifics
  - Needs for our congregation and church have been identified by the future needs committee when forming this position
  - Organization, Regulatory compliance, and pursuing best practices are the main three reasons this position would be beneficial to our church
  - Randy and Carol asked the elders to be aware of potential candidates and to make this position known to them
- The Elder's schedule for April was presented
- Upcoming meetings:
  - Elders' Meeting: Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> , 2025 at 8:00pm
  - Lent Services March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and April 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7:00pm

## 7. Closing

- Closing Prayer Led by: Pastor Schneider



Meeting Minutes  
Board of Christian Education  
March 5, 2025

Attendees: Pastor Schneider, Amanda Hanner, Katie Rautenkranz, Erika Rexroat, Christi Nolan, Megan Pottschmidt, Megan VanLiew

Pastor Opening

February Minutes still need reviewed

Treasurer's Report

- Christi would like to get a debit card with our account. Companies like JayC will not take third party checks anymore. Everyone was ok with a debit card for approved purposes.
- New Sunday school materials are not yet on this statement.

VBS

- Pastor information on VBS materials: CPS has their curriculum or Answers in Genesis (Wonder Junction). Everyone showed interest in the Answers in Genesis curriculum (\$254). Answers in Genesis was approved.
- Christi wanted to know about the foam night. \$325 for first hour and \$150 for each additional hour. Foam party motioned and approved for June 27<sup>th</sup> for two hours.
- VBS last full week of June (23-27).
- April's meeting talk about VBS volunteers and set planning meeting date.

Easter breakfast

- Might be without eggs, could get shell eggs. We decided to get shell eggs.
- Set up on good Friday.

Sunday school

- Sunday school attendance has been down. Need to encourage parents and children to attend consistently.
- Maybe bring back euchre night and game night. Need to come up with a date, check the church calendar.

Youth Group

- Call out had one response.
- Might want to call on the younger children (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Need to encourage parents and children not only to attend church but also Sunday school.

Adjournment.



## College Scholarship Fund

The College Scholarship Fund will soon be accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year. Applicants must be attending a Concordia University for Lutheran Education or going into Church Ministry. Applications will be available in the church office and are **due back by June 1, 2025**. Depending on the number of applications received, scholarships awarded will be up to \$3000.



# May 2025



St. Peter's Lutheran Childcare Ministry  
812-358-7034  
saintpeterschildcare@gmail.com



*"Honor her for all that her hands have done and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."*

*Proverbs 31:31*

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

### Bible Stories

*This month we will be learning about and celebrating some amazing mothers of the Bible*

Sarah  
Hannah  
Rebekah  
Jochebed

### In the classrooms

Ones and Twos: We will continue to work on improving our motor skills and expanding our vocabulary

Threes and Fours: Letters X, Y & Z number, shape and color review

Muffins with Mom  
Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> 7-8 AM

We will be closed Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>



Happy birthday  
Luke, Everett, and Landyn W



Daycare Report  
Council Meeting  
April 23, 2025  
Respectfully Submitted by Amanda Guinn

Director's report:

1. Current Enrollment: 48 students
2. Staff: 11
3. Summer Care: 53 students will be enrolled in our care beginning Tuesday May 27. Sara LeMarr will be returning as our school aged summer teacher
4. Playground Update: our first fundraiser was a huge success! We raised around \$5,000 through our pick a date to donate calendars and we were generously awarded \$10,000 on behalf of the Lee Family Trust. I have one current bid from Play Pros and am waiting on a second bid from Snider Recreation. Currently working on a grant through Indiana District LCMS. We have also submitted a grant application to the Jackson County Community Foundation.
5. Fun things to note: The daycare put on an Easter egg hunt for the kids again this year. With the help of BCHS JAG students, daycare families and staff, our children were able to hunt roughly 900 eggs

Daycare Board

1. Amanda reported changes that need to be made in the handbook. Those changes were discussed and approved
2. Summer employment options were discussed
3. Rate increases: we are opting to use the same \$2 increase on weekly rate for this coming enrollment year as we did last year.
4. Next meeting May 12th @ 5:15 PM



**St. Peter's Daycare Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 14, 2025**

**Attendance - Michelle, Amanda, Sharon, Jeanna, Olivia and Kay.**

**Reports From Amanda**

- *Staffing - Interviews have so far not been successful so far. Shannon Guinn has come out of retirement to help. Emma Lucas will be here this summer to help.*
- *Enrollment packages - a few small changes to the handbook, including 100.3 as the highest fever. Adding verbiage that the student can not come back the day following a temperature. We are implementing a new lockdown procedure and adding \$2 to weekly charges across the board.*
- *52 Enrollment*
- *Food Program - Government programs are slowed down, we cannot enroll until October since we are a new enrollment.*
- *Playground updates: The calendar program raised \$15,000. We have several grants that Amanda has applied for, She is working on another grant that would be for up to \$30,000.*
- *Raises have been determined in the 2025 budget, but remember they will be coming in August.*

**Old Business**

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**New Business**

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**Reminders and Updates**

- **Council Meeting- next Wednesday - Sharron will be attending**
- **Next meeting - May 12, 2025**



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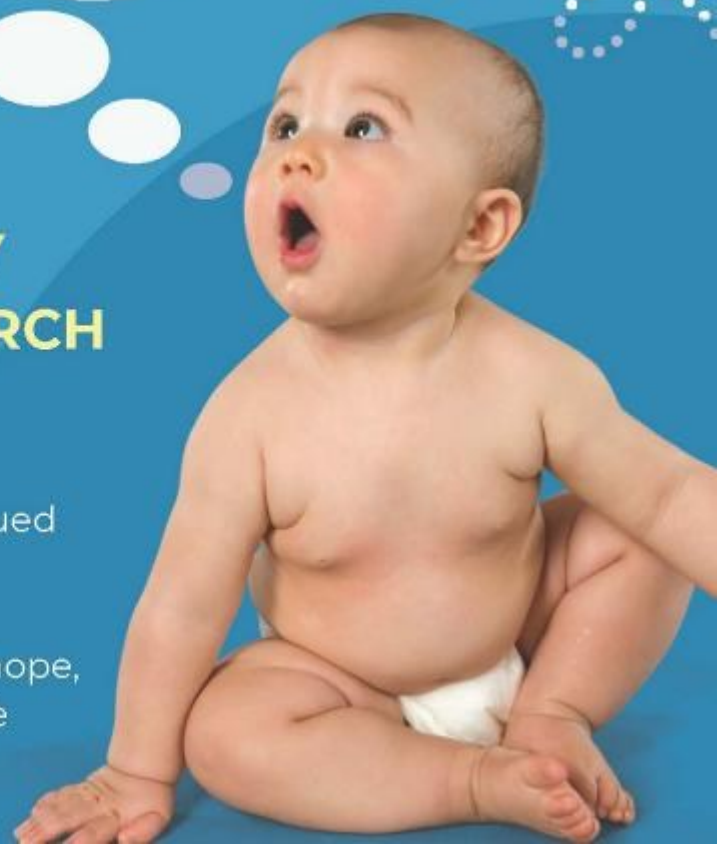
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# SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

## FACING DISASTER LIKE A MAN



Life's catastrophes come in many shapes and sizes, and their unwelcome intrusion leaves us reeling. Grief and profound uncertainty rise from its wake. In this devastation, the heart is drawn to look for answers human reason cannot provide.

Sundays:  
9:20-10:15 AM



May 11  
May 18  
May 25



**Pastor Schneider**

**3 Videos!**



# THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

## Parables

Things are not always as they seem, and this is definitely the case with our Lord's parables. The characters and items in the parables stand for something else (allegory) and teach us about the reign of God in Christ Jesus.

Thursdays



6:00 PM

May 15 - Laborers in the Vineyard

May 22 - Wicked Tenants

May 29 - Wedding Banquet

~~June 5~~ - *Pastor on Vacation*

June 12 - Wise & Foolish Virgins

Pastor Schneider  
More Studies Coming



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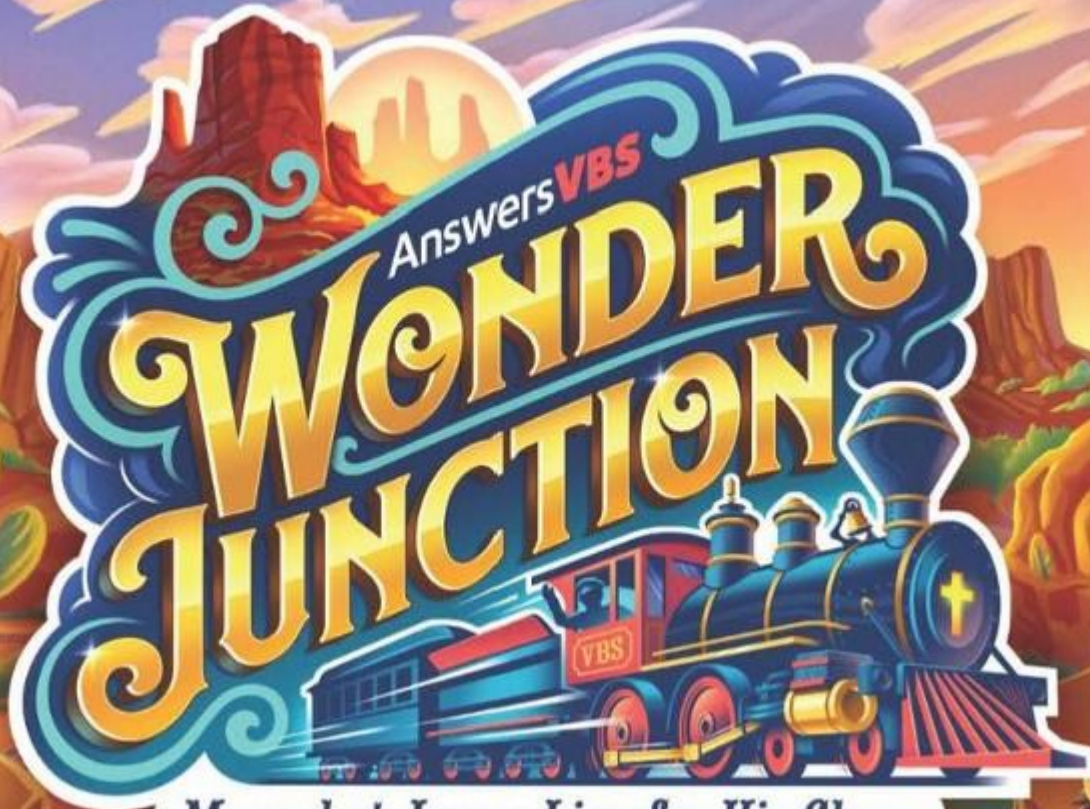
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## MAY 4 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs*

Acts 9:1-22

Revelation 5:1-14

John 21:1-19

*“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain”* (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has *“ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation”* (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He *“was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead”* (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name *“before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel”* (Acts 9:15).

**Acolytes: 8:00: Tyler Tormoehlen**

**10:30: Avery Robertson & Avery Cassidy**

*Holy Communion @ 10:30*



## MAY 11 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep*

Acts 20:17-35

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, *“they will never perish”* (John 10:28), for *“no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand”* (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) *“care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood”* (Acts 20:28), *“testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: *“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”* (Rev. 7:10).

**Acolytes: 8:00: Owen Kellermeier**

**10:30: Hank Stuckwisch & Ryder Garrison**

*Holy Communion @ 8:00*



## MAY 18 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy*

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-7

John 16:12-22

On earth *“you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy”* (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, *“God has granted repentance that leads to life”* (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is *“a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household”* (Acts 11:14). He gives freely *“from the spring of the water of life”* (Rev. 21:6), *“and death shall be no more”* (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, *“making all things new”* (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, *“and God is glorified in him”* (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our *“love for one another”* (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

**Acolytes: 8:00: Ava Brock**

**10:30: Morgan Wessel & Lily Wessel**

*Holy Communion @ 8:00*



## May 25 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name*

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:9-14; 21-27

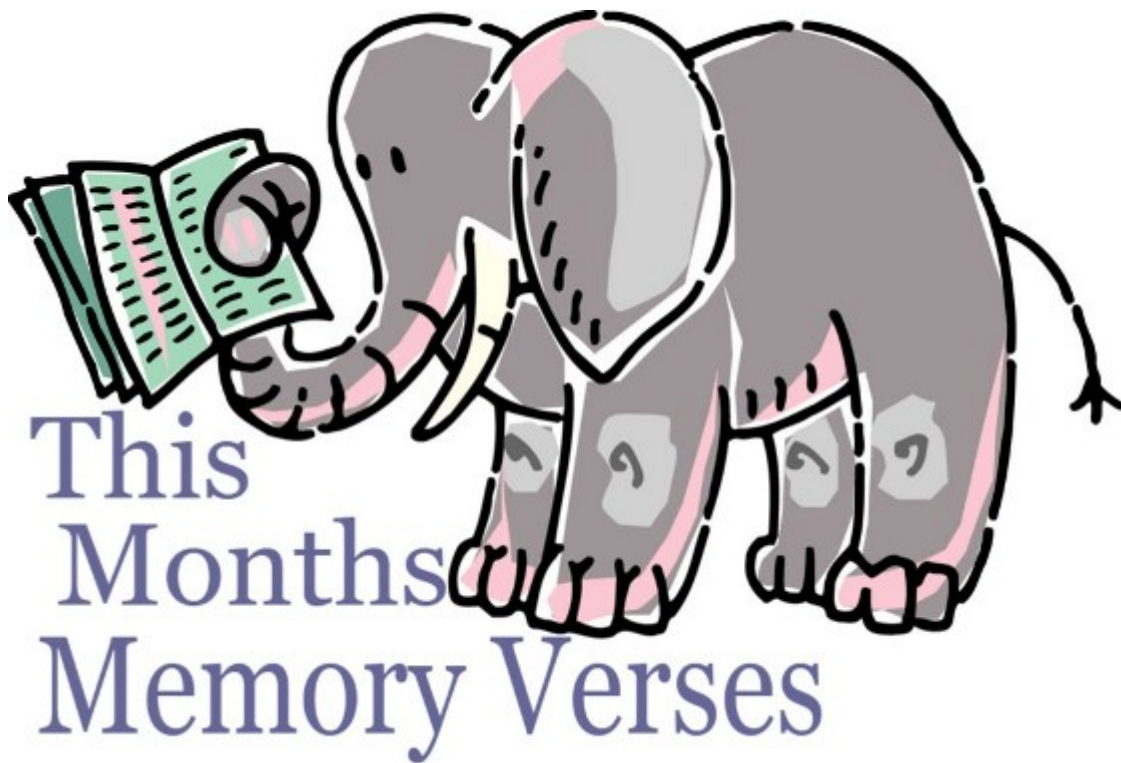
John 16:23-33

*“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that *“whatever you ask of the Father”* in Jesus' name, *“he will give it to you”* (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our *“joy may be full”* (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation *“of the twelve apostles of the Lamb”* (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is *“the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb”* (Rev. 21:22).

**Acolytes: 8:00: Elders**

**10:30: Elders**

*Holy Communion @ 10:30*



### **Revelation 5:12b-13**

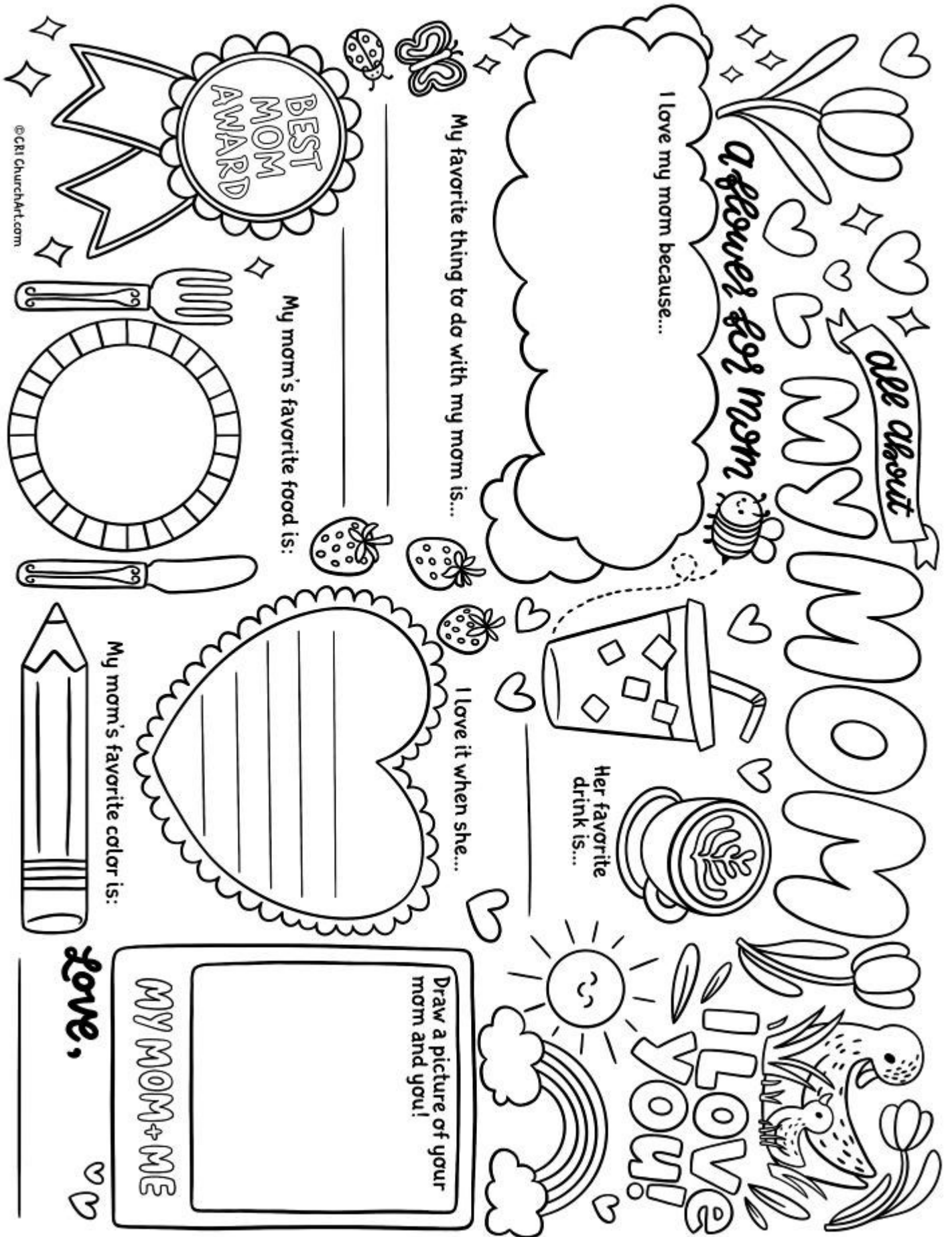
...“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”  
<sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,  
“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

### **John 16:33**

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”









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