



# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

343 E. Center Street

Petersburg, MI 49270

Church: 734-279-1949

Parsonage: 279-1108

**NOVEMBER 2017**

**Our Mission Statement:**

To Reach OUT with the WORD and  
LOVE of JESUS CHRIST to ALL People.

This Year is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.  
A good quote from Martin Luther is:

"Our works do not generate righteousness, rather  
our righteousness in Christ generates works."

**NOVEMBER 5      Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. . Communion**

**NOVEMBER 12      Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.**

**NOVEMBER 19      Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. . Communion**

**NOVEMBER 26      Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. .**

## FELLOWSHIP HALL AVAILABLE

Fellowship Hall is available to rent, for graduation parties, family Reunions, showers etc. contact Jim Waterstradt at 279-2065 or Eudora Judit at 279-2229.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Brian Saylor Family; Shirley Gorr; Pearl Wiech; Norm Sieler; Donna Hagen; Allen and Joyce Siefert; Delores Schultz; Donna Bognar and Betty Ott.

Our Service Men - John Petcoff; Nicholas Hoover; Aaron Miller and Blake Mason.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joshua, Connie and Adam Jensen - Del Bame - Betsy Winter - Joe Dluzen - Steve Waterstradt - Ted Reyome - Jodie Petcoff - Mandy Ausmus - Wayne Harris - Jan Bayes and Bella Chmura

## ALTAR GUILD FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

NOVEMBER - Carol Cilley and Cheryl Harnica

DECEMBER - No one is appointed if you would be willing to do so please let Anita Leiter know, someone will walk you through how to set up the altar and filling the candles.

## REFRESHMENTS LIST AND DATES FOR 2017

Each family is asked to please furnish 3 dozen cookies or some type of refreshment. Pastor will have coffee pots ready to be plugged in. You will need to put cups and napkins out ahead of time and you are responsible for cleaning up!



**Nov. 12 - Fred Krey- Doug MacDonald- Renee Larzelere- Cheryl Harnica.**

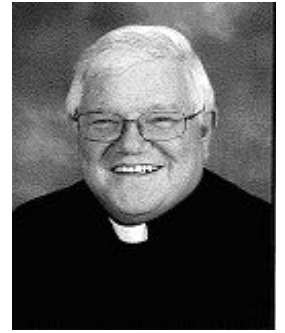
**Nov. 26 - Mable Skillman- Wayne Harris- Roxanne Myers- David Chmura- Art Libstorff- Harold Gorr.**

**Dec. 10 - Andy Stahl - Nancy Hunter - Jeanne Petcoff - Linda Gilson - John Beland.**

**Dec. 24- No refreshments, Christmas Eve.**

**Dec. 31 - No refreshments, New Years Eve.**

**FROM PASTOR FLORY** As essential as Martin Luther is, the Reformation actually begins with another man, Albert of Brandenburg. Albert wanted the prestige and power that went along with being a bishop - but he was too young. Being a man of wealth Being a man of wealth, he met with Pope Leo X, and the two struck a deal. If he paid the pope 10,000 ducats. Albert could not have one, but three bishoprics. Albert has the money, but not in cash. So, he hired John Tezel, a Roman Catholic friar and preacher, to raise the funds by selling indulgences. An indulgence was a promise that the pope could declare you forgiven of your sins so your time in purgatory was either cut short or eliminated (if you paid enough). Luther saw grave problems with this practice. The first of the 95 Theses stated, "The life of the Christian is one of repentance." The key here is that Luther did not base his argument on the Vulgate, which was the Latin version of the Bible that the Catholics use. Instead, he worked from a version of the New Testament written in Greek, the original language. This was important. Luther was saying that the Roman Catholic Church has gotten it wrong all those centuries. The Vulgate translated the phrase "do penance" thus laying upon man the burden of saving his soul from hell. This unnecessarily tormented man, Luther, through the 95 Theses and then subsequent books, pamphlets, and sermons, pointed out the Bible actually taught that no one could ever earn God's forgiveness - whether through good works or purchase of an indulgence. Forgiveness was found in Christ's finished work on the cross alone, a gift we received through faith alone by God's grace alone as taught in the Scripture alone. In truth, the real hero of the Reformation was not Luther, but the Word of God. While the matter of our justification was the ultimate question, how one defended their answer was based on who or what they viewed as an authority. Was it the popes of Rome? The early church fathers? Tradition? The Bible? Or a combination of all the above?



Luther and the Reformers argued it was the Bible alone - sola scriptura. Why? Because the popes, the early church fathers and tradition were all inconsistent and prone to error. "The Church", Luther said, "Does not make the Word, but it is made by the Word."

If it was true that the Bible was the final judge of faith and doctrine, then Luther reasoned that everyone - not just the clergy - has the right to read and study it. This meant the Bible, all sermons and all hymns should be clear, straightforward and understandable. Luther went on to translate the Bible into the plain language of his people which was German.

Eventually, the beliefs responsible for the uniquely Lutheran faith, firmly rooted in Scripture, were collected and organized in a series of easy - to - read confessions. The most important confession was the Augsburg Confession (written by Phillip Melancthon). In fact, 1530 the year the Augsburg Confession was presented to the Holy Roman Emperor, should be just as important to Lutherans as Reformation Day. It was the day, in plain language the Lutherans declared what they believe and teach and confess. And to this day, it is still what we believe, teach, and confess. ("Taken from Interest Time" A Lutheran Church Extension Publication )

**Blessings and I pray this was helpful,**

**Pastor Mark Flory**

p.s. October is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Please remember in your prayers all the celebrations throughout the world of important event. Please come and worship with us on Sunday, October 29th, as we celebrate it here at St. Peter's.

# NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 M/M Sewing Elders Meet+	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Council Meets	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 M/M Sewing	29	30		
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u> Carol Cilley and Cheryl Harnica		<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>ELDERS ON DUTY</u> Ken Mason and Jim Waterstradt	<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	
5th. 9:00 Sunday School Adult Class		Jim Waterstradt	Tom Preston			
12th. 9:00 Sunday School Adult Class		Tom Preston				
19th. 9:00 Sunday School Adult Class		Ken Mason	Jim Waterstradt		Ken and Judy Mason.	
26th. 9:00 Sunday School Adult Class		Tom Stahl				

**THOSE SERVING THE LORD**

**Pastor: Mark Flory: 734-279-1949**

**Organist:**

**Anita Leiter & Mary Tomell**

**Fellowship Hall Rental:**

**Jim Waterstradt: 734-279-2065**

**Eudora Judit: 734-279-2229**

**Secretary: Eudora Judit**

**Church Council:**

**President: Bill Saylor – Home: 734- 279-1117**

**Cell: 1-567-322-5696**

**Vice President: Tom Stahl: 517- 447-3246**

**Secretary: Michelle Krueger: 279-5049**

**Treasure: Glenn Diesing: 734- 279-1498**

**Fin Secretary: Andy Stahl: 517- 447-3852**

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**Jeff Winter: 734- 777-1627**

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