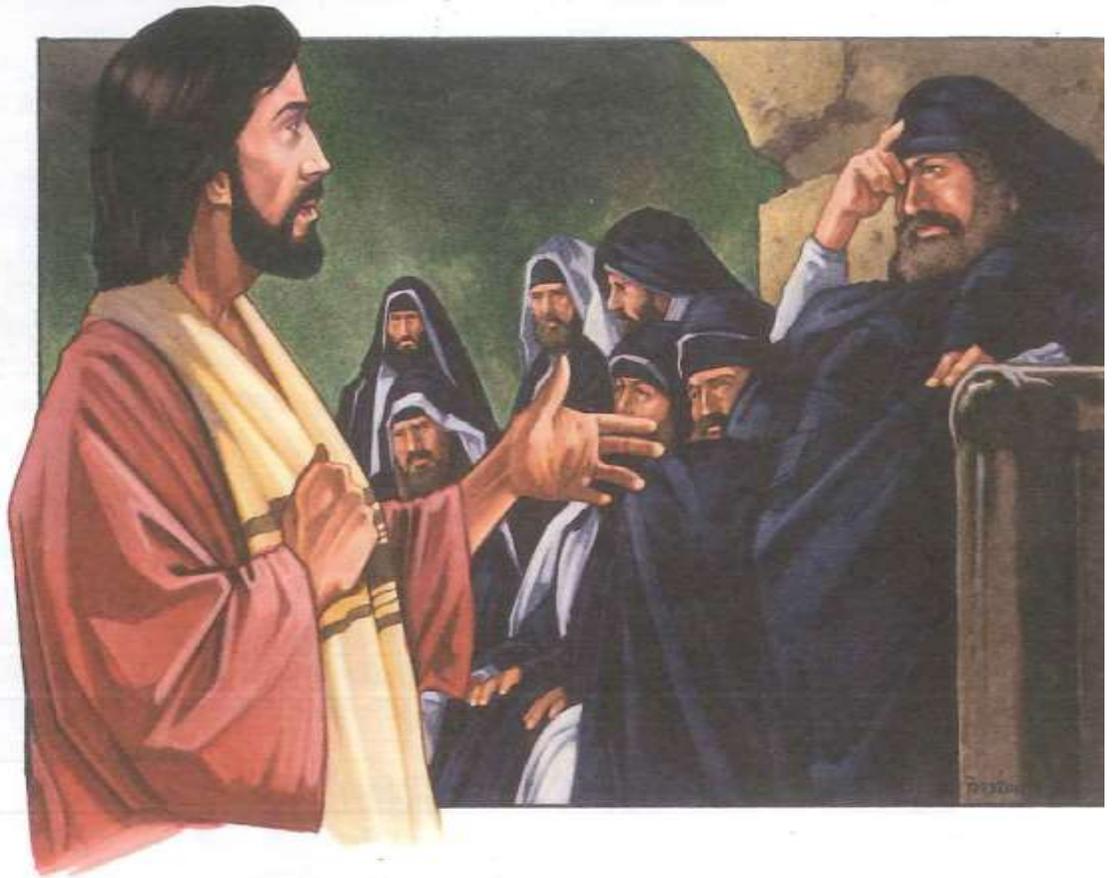


**WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A member congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

*"Connecting Souls to Christ at the Crossroads of Our Community"*



I also will ask you

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
October 1, 2017**

Officiate  
Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister  
8:00 am-Bob Nass  
10:30 am-Larry Beyer

Musician  
Kathy Fortlage

Acolytes  
8:00 am-Geena Kuehl  
10:30 am-Tianda Hildebrandt

**AS WE GATHER**

It may seem as if Jesus is playing some sort of game with the chief priests and the elders of the people when He says in response to their questioning His authority, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things." But it is no game. The chief priests and elders of the people really do want to get rid of Jesus. And Jesus does not have to say anything about His authority, because His authority is clear to anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear. He healed the sick, restored sight to the blind, raised the dead, blessed the poor, and transformed sinners. He did all this not from rivalry or conceit, but in humility, and He counted others more significant than Himself. No one can be argued into recognizing Jesus' authority. Only by experiencing what Jesus has done and continues to do in the world are people persuaded to see what the centurion at the cross saw: "Truly this man was the Son of God!" It is no game to recognize the authority of Jesus. Rather, it becomes a whole new way to understand the world and to live in it as His followers.

---

For Our Guests:  
*Hymnal Key-LSB is the Maroon Hymnal, WOV is the smaller Blue Hymnal*

**+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING HYMN**    LSB 525 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" vss. 1-3

*Please Stand*

**INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:**    In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**    **Amen.**

**Pastor:**    Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**People:**    **But made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**

**Pastor:**    And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**People:**    **Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,**

Pastor: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**People: Therefore, let us do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than ourselves.**

Pastor: Let each of us look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Mighty Lord of all, You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We come to You to confess our sins and to receive Your forgiveness through Christ Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord,

**People: We confess to You that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves.**

Pastor: We have questioned the goodness, justice, and authority of God.

**People: We have at times acted out of rivalry or conceit.**

Pastor: We have looked only to our own interests instead of the interests of others.

**People: We have grumbled and questioned.**

Pastor: We have not been of the same mind.

**People: Our love for You and for one another has faltered. Lead us to true repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, both what we have done and left undone. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.**

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

**+ LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT +  
*We celebrate the Lord's Supper***

**OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE**

**Pastor:** *Celebrating the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in the true Christian faith. In the Sacrament we are joined in a very close, personal and intimate way with Christ and with one another. We believe that when a person partakes of the Sacrament they are also confessing their unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice that is proclaimed from the altar and pulpit of which the Sacrament is administered. In his small Catechism, Martin Luther gives us guidelines for self-examination of our faith and our worthiness to receive Christ's atoning lifeblood. Therefore, we welcome all to the Lord's Table who first have been baptized in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are in agreement with this statement, and then with heartfelt conviction can boldly proclaim...*

**People:** **I believe that...**

- + Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from sin, death and the devil;**
- + I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness;**
- + Jesus Christ is present in the Sacrament, and the bread and wine I receive are the true body and blood of Christ;**
- + God assures me that my sins have been forgiven and that I have life and salvation through faith in Him;**
- + And then as He enables me, I pledge to amend my sinful life, to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

*We ask that all visitors and guests who may wish to receive the Sacrament kindly speak to an Elder or the Pastor before or after the service.*

## **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who has called us all to seek and serve Him, and by His death and resurrection brings us into eternal joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## **SANCTUS**

LSB 549 "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" vs. 1

<sup>1</sup> All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*(For those with dietary restrictions, we offer non-alcoholic wine in the cups in the center of the individual trays.)*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

LSB 721 "Lead Me, Guide Me"  
LSB 543 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

## **COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Creator and Author of all that exists, we thank You that You come near to us in the body and blood of Jesus. Through this Holy Communion, fill us with mercy, move us to forgive others, and help us to trust Your wisdom for our lives, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## + WORD +

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32** The Lord desires all people to turn to Him and live.

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> “What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“The parents eat sour grapes,  
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?”

<sup>3</sup> “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup> For everyone belongs to Me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to Me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

<sup>25</sup> “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is My way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? <sup>26</sup> If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. <sup>27</sup> But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. <sup>28</sup> Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. <sup>29</sup> Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?”

<sup>30</sup> “Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. <sup>31</sup> Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

**Philippians 2:1–18** Every knee should bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make My joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, He made Himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
He humbled Himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place  
and gave Him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my  
presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your  
salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God Who works in you to will  
and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become  
blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked  
generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup> as you  
hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of  
Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out  
like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I  
am glad and rejoice with all of you. <sup>18</sup> So you too should be glad and rejoice  
with me.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## **LWML PLEDGE**

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

***Matthew 21:23–27*** The chief priests and elders question the authority of Jesus.

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while He was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

<sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer Me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>25</sup> John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ <sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

<sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then He said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please Be Seated*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SONG OF PRAISE** LSB 848 “Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service”

## **SERMON**

## **GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS & GREET THOSE AROUND YOU**

*As the gifts are gathered, we ask that all worshipers sign the Record of Fellowship, indicating Communion attendance if offered and then pass the booklet to the person next to you in the pew. When all have signed the book, pass it back to the end of the pew.*

*To our visitors: This is a time in our service when congregation members give of the gifts God has given them to support the work of their congregation. You are welcome but not obligated to participate in supporting our ministries. We are blessed to have you worship with us. Please come again.*

**OFFERING HYMN** LSB 782 “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” vs. 1

<sup>1</sup>Gracious God, You send great blessings  
New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending,  
For your love we offer praise.

*Refrain*

Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
May bring glory to Your name.

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **Nation – Leaders -Military**

The military personnel included on our prayer board in the narthex and for those military personnel who have been wounded, and the families of those killed in action.

#### **Military List:**

Emaleigh Berg, Jacob Christian, Kyle Duke, Kearen Feller, Joshua Knoll, Tanya Lange, Kyle Margelofsky, Derek Meyer, Adam Saeger, Matt Schloesser, David Schloesser, Raymond Stopinski, Aaron Tessmann, Kelley Tessmann, Tom Walsh, Josiah White

### **Recovering, Sick & Suffering**

#### Requested prayers for family and friends

Barbara Arnoux & Jeff Zagrodnik(friends of Carol Riddell);Robert Butler (father of Cindy Pillsbury); Marvin Feller (father to George Feller); Gary Geer (friend of Behl families); Kari Hanssen (former LLS teacher); Judy Kehl; Pat Lambrecht (neighbor of Donald & Lilues Maas); Judy Graff (sister to Katy Maas);Diane Kleinsteiber (friend of Larry & Kathy Beyer); Ronald Maas; Jean Meyer (aunt to Kathy Beyer); Beau Pfingsten; Jeff Raether (brother of Judy Pieper); Sonny Riddell (step-mother of Kelly Groeler); Irma Schoenike (aunt of Jon & Tom Schoenike); Heidi Strauss; Hank Suttle (father of Kim Zindl); Arnold Weisensel (husband & father to Yvonne Weisensel, Kim Budewitz & Pennie May); Rose Werth (sister-in-law of Doris Nass); Nicole Zwieg (niece of Bob & Darlene Klecker)

*We also include in our prayers:*

#### **Homebound Members and Members of St. Peter's who are unable to be with us:**

Larry Kehl, Leona Kurtz, Arletta Lauersdorf, Melvin Lauersdorf, Elizabeth Maas, Marvin Muche, Trisha Pieper, William & Diane Pophal, Nadine Raether, Erika Staerk, Shirley & Armin Tessmann, Nancy Turnipseed, Delores Uttech

#### **Births:**

#### **Baptisms:**

**Birthdays:** Chelsea Wegner, Katie Willman, Millie Hildebrandt

#### **Wedding:**

**Anniversaries:** Arnie & Yvonne Weisensel-55 Years  
Darrin & Debra Maas-25 Years

**Hospitalized & Recovering:** Wanda Altreuter, Wilfred Nehls, Caroline Maas

#### **Deaths:**

**Travelers:** All travelers & families waiting for their safe return

**Special Requests:** LWML-Lutheran Women Missionary League

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We join together in the prayer that He has taught us to pray...

**All: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING PRAISE

“Serve the Lord With Gladness”

<sup>1</sup>“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

It is He alone  
Who redeemed us sinners,  
Guides us as His own  
To enjoy the blessings  
Of His love and grace,  
Will at last in glory  
Meet us face to face.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name.

<sup>3</sup>“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

There's no greater joy  
Than to serve the Master,  
Work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom  
Angels, too, rejoice  
Over every sinner  
Brought to hear His voice.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:  
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”  
Glorify His name!

<sup>2</sup>“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

He gave us command  
To proclaim His Gospel  
Now in every land  
So that fellow sinners  
May, like us, be blest.  
Leading them to Jesus,  
We can serve Him best.  
Onward, then, for Jesus!  
Let this be our aim:

*Tune: 518 LW, 662 LSB  
Prof. Ernest Lewerenz*

## POSTLUDE

---



*I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live. Ezekiel 18:32*

**About the Cover:** God the Father has done everything needed for our salvation. He sent His only Son into the world to suffer and die for our sins. Our heavenly Father loves us so much that He has put everything in place for the building of His kingdom. He provided the cornerstone, Jesus, which the builders rejected, to rest His kingdom upon. Thanks be to God for His love for us!

#### **Children's Bulletin & Basket**

*There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional stimulation to keep them interested. These items are there for your children to enjoy. Please return items to the basket at the end of the service.*

#### **Members**

*In the event that you or your family may need Pastoral care or comfort, please don't assume that the Pastor or church office has been contacted by the facility you have been admitted to. Due to certain policies, some places cannot share that you or a loved one has been admitted and are in need of comfort or counseling and many times the church is notified days after an admittance to a facility has happened. In your time of need, please don't hesitate to contact the Pastor by calling his cell number or the church office, which are listed on the back of the bulletin or Grapevine.*

#### **Visitors**

*Visitors are asked to stop at the welcome center in the narthex where you will find information about our church, newsletters, devotional materials and other items we hope you will find helpful. Please be sure to sign the attendance book that you find in the pew and is passed around during the offering.*

### **SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES**

#### **Serving October 8**

##### Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

##### Lay Minister

8:00 am-Joel Zastrow

10:30 am-Ed Purtell

##### Acolytes

8:00 am-Nathan Kehl

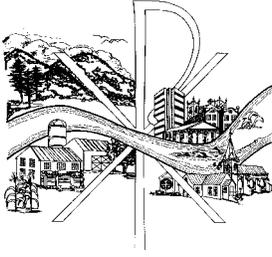
10:30 am-Adam Theder

##### Bible Study Snack

C. Holz

##### Altar Guild for October

Chris Kuehl & Lori Zastrow



# ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
W4661 CTH MM P.O. Box 115  
Lebanon, Wisconsin 53047



*Reaching out . . .  
to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ  
through teaching, preaching,  
and promoting spiritual growth.*

**Pastor: Reverend Douglas Bergelin**  
Cell: 920-988-7924 Church 920-925-3547 ext. 101  
Pastor Email: [pastorbergelin@stpetersoflebanonwi.org](mailto:pastorbergelin@stpetersoflebanonwi.org)  
Church Email: [congregation@stpetersoflebanonwi.org](mailto:congregation@stpetersoflebanonwi.org)  
Web Site: [www.stpetersoflebanonwi.org](http://www.stpetersoflebanonwi.org)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/st.peterslebanon](http://www.facebook.com/st.peterslebanon)

## **Board of Directors**

Larry Beyer	Executive Director	920-285-6060
Debbi Groeler	Secretary	920-925-3342
Bob Nass	Lay Ministry	414-630-2265
Connie Holz	Stewardship	414-416-2976
Pat Cunderman	Evangelism	920-925-3710
Jody Nass	Youth Ministry	920-349-3108
Bonnie Lauersdorf	Christian Ed – JSB	920-988-5834
Vacancy	Christian Ed – Parish	
John Christian	Church Properties	920-925-3482

Church Office	920-925-3547
School Office	920-925-3791 (Immanuel Campus)
School Building	920-925-3525 (St. Peter's Campus)
Early Childhood Center	920-925-3040

## **LLS Program Staff**

Julia Wack–Principal  
 Kiki Damrow—Kindergarten, K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Art  
 Kathy Fortlage –1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Music  
 Jennie Berken – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Pam Bartee – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Julia Wack– 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Jenny Meyers— 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Dennis Messman – K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Phy. Ed.  
 Tori Long--K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Aide & Art  
 Anna Witan—K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish, 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Art  
 Administrative Assistant-Lynn Block  
 Jackie Unke – Early Childhood Center Director  
 Jessica Peters & Kayla Zimmerman– Grade PreK-3  
 Heidi Field – Grade PreK-4

**St. Peter's** – A congregation of over 400 souls – is a member congregation in the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We have been a vital part of the Lebanon community for over 135 years.

## **Worship Services-Labor Day-Memorial Day**

Communion at both services every Sunday and all Festival Days  
8:00 & 10:30 am

- Sunday School and Bible Study for all ages 9:15 am
- *Summer Worship Times Memorial Day-Labor Day*  
-Thursday 7:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am

## **We Celebrate Two Sacraments**

In **Baptism**, God freely offers His grace and lovingly establishes a new community. In **Holy Communion** those who come to the table receive in bread and wine the body and blood of their Lord. This gift is itself the real presence of God's forgiveness and mercy, nourishing believers in union with their Lord and with each other.

## **Lebanon Lutheran School (LLS) & LLS - Early Childhood Center (State Licensed Facility)**

Lebanon Lutheran School is an association serving children with Childcare, Preschool, and Kindergarten through Grade 8. It is a joint ministry of St. Peter's and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon (NALC).

## **Support Staff**

Pennie May	Church Secretary
Email: ( <a href="mailto:secretary@stpetersoflebanonwi.org">secretary@stpetersoflebanonwi.org</a> )	
Yvonne Weisensel	Church Custodian
Barb Boyd	LLS Custodian
Cindy Pillsbury	LLS-ECC Custodian