

St. Peter Lutheran

June 2024 Newsletter

June 2nd – Communion Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

~ Free Will offering during fellowship for Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs' "Reaching the Unreached"

June 5th – WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Leader and Hostess is Audrey Fink.

- Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

June 7th – Game Day at the Church, 6:30 p.m.

June 9th - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

June 11th - Quilting Workday, 1:00 p.m.

June 12th – 15th - AFLC Annual Conference at Free Lutheran Bible College in Plymouth, MN.

June 16th - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

- Muffin Sunday, Ladies A - J

June 17th – 21st - Vacation Bible School 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. each evening

June 23rd – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. VBS Program after church service with potluck to follow

June 24th – 27th – FLY attending "Onward" at the ARC

June 30th – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

Usher's List: June 2 – Victor Wiczorek & Walter Villmow

Communion Lay Assistant – Bill Picek

9 – Aaron Lau & Ben Lau

16 – Bill Picek & Brian Villmow

23 - Calvin Luebke & Chad Lau

30 – Chris Punt & Corey Whitney

Cleaning List: May 27 – June 2 Nicole Whitney & Renee Engelland

June 3 – 9 Nicole Grosz & Sandy Lau

10 – 16 Renee Olson & Pat Kreth

17 – 23 Pat Klumb & Tammy Bamberg

24 – 30 Sara Wright & Shelby Punt



Praise the Lord!

Psalm 126 ¹“When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.” ³**The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.** ⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb! ⁵Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! ⁶He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.”

Our memory verse for June 2024 is **Psalm 126:3, The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad!** Though the World complains and destroys and news is often negative and depressing, God’s people rejoice and give praise to Him. Though dollars diminish in value and entertainments are found full of worms and rot, we delight in the provisions of our Lord. Though many are full of deceit, envy, and ignorance (d.e.i.) we trust in the Lord with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding but go into the future with His Wisdom and Truth as our guide and companion (Isaiah 50:10). We have so much to be thankful for. May our hearts and minds never lose sight of the things He has done and is doing for us. Though the wind and waves threaten to sink us, He is Lord over such circumstances (Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:24, Psalm 107:25, Ephesians 4:11-16).

Psalm 150:6 “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!” This month we praise the Lord continually signing our hymn of the month, **“To God be the Glory” #509**. This hymn is from the best of the best, Fanny Crosby. She is credited with having written more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs during her lifetime. Though she was blind, she was blessed by God to provide many of the best songs that stir our hearts and minds for the Lord.

The following quotes are attributed to Fanny, “It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me.” and “when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior.” My only hope is that you and I would have such an attitude about our own physical shortcomings and trust in our Creator that matches that of Fanny. Her faith in God has produced works that have borne fruit across decades and even centuries. May we be found as fruitful as her. Well done, Fanny, Good and Faithful servant. We thank God for the blessings we have through your work.

The following is about this hymn and taken from Hymnary.org, “This text is unique from Crosby’s other hymns because, rather than focus on our experience of God, the words are wholly about God and His perfect glory. In a sense, the hymn perfectly displaces us, removing us from the pedestal on which we so often place ourselves. This displacement is one of the great paradoxes of the Christian faith. It feels very natural for us to seek attention, approval, and our own glory. We like to be in control and present our own image to the world, an image we seek to improve through any means possible. On the other hand, there is great comfort in knowing that the image we try to make for ourselves doesn’t matter. We are made in the image of God, which means that whatever we do has to bring Him and Him alone glory. Our lives are wrapped up in God, and so too are the mistakes we make, the wounds we inflict, and all of our shortcomings. These are the things we try to avoid while we maintain control of our lives. But what a joy and a comfort to know that though these things may happen, because God is ultimately in control, and because our own image does not matter, God is still glorified. While we should still try to live a holy and upright life, we should do so to bring God glory, not ourselves. What a beautiful freedom that is.” and “Be sure to note the last line of the third stanza, in which Crosby, blind from birth, writes, ‘But purer, and higher, and greater will be my wonder, my transport, when Jesus we see.’”

As the spring rains bring summer growth and abundance, may we look around and give glory to God. Hebrews 13:15 “Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name.” Amen!