

St. Peter Lutheran

September 2025 Newsletter

Sept. 3rd - Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 6th - Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. Study leader is Pastor Czymbor. Breakfast server is needed.

Sept. 7th - Communion Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

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

Sept. 8th - Join the Trail Open House, 6:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran in Mitchell – TrailLifeUSA.com Troop #1611

Sept. 10th - WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 14th - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

~ Muffin Sunday, Ladies A – J are asked to bring the Muffins.

Sept. 20th – WMF District Fall Rally in Canton, SD

Sept. 21st – **Mission Festival Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.** The speaker this year is Pastor Dan Ebbens of Living Stone Church, Springfield Prison. A meal will follow the service.

Please invite friends and neighbors to attend.

Sept. 28th – Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Usher's List: Sept. 7 – Logan Sorenson & Nick Hoffman

Communion Lay Assistant – Travis Fink

14 – Rance Rankin & Richard Luebke

21 – Rob Hotchkiss & Robert Thies

28 – Scott Olson & Tim Engelland

Cleaning List: Sept. 1 – 7 Pat Klumb & Pat Kreth

8 – 14 Amy Cleveland & Audrey Fink

15 – 21 Andrea Wright & Carey Brenner

22 – 28 Bonnie Villmow & Chris Lau

Sept. 29 – Oct. 5 Beverly Jahn & Danielle Revoir

Note: No Quilting Workday in September



Power and Love and Self-Control

2 Timothy 1:3-14 “³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that ... dwells in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷**for God gave us a Spirit not of fear but of Power and Love and Self-Control.** ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹Who saved us and called us to a Holy Calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”

This month our hymn is “**Now Thank We All Our God**” #145 and Bible verse is 1 Timothy 1:7 “**for God gave us a Spirit not of fear but of Power and Love and Self-Control.**” May God encourage us and remind us this month that His Spirit within our lives is a source of Power and Love and Self-Control. Regardless of what the world throws at us to weaken us, hate us, and control us, may we never lose sight of Jesus Christ, the One who has overcome the world and declared us His children.

As you read and reflect upon Paul’s words above, taken from his second letter to Timothy, take to heart the way that the suffering he references is diminished and overcome by the power of God’s love for us through Jesus Christ. Our hymn is a great reminder of this as well when we reflect upon the circumstances of the writer of the words, Martin Rinkart. This great hymn of thanksgiving to God was penned by a man who endured the following:

The greater part of Rinkart's professional life was passed amid the horrors of the Thirty Years War. Eilenburg being a walled town became a refuge for fugitives from all around, and being so overcrowded, not unnaturally suffered from pestilence and famine. During the great pestilence of 1637 the Superintendent went away for change of air, and could not be persuaded to return; and on Aug. 7 Rinkart had to officiate at the funerals of two of the town clergy and two who had had to leave their livings in the country. Rinkart thus for some time was the only clergyman in the place, and often read the service over some 40 to 50 persons a day, and in all over about 4,480. At last the refugees had to be buried in trenches without service, and during the whole epidemic some 8,000 persons died, including Rinkart's first wife, who died May 8, 1637. The next year he had an epidemic of marriages to encounter, and himself fell a victim on June 24. Immediately thereafter came a most severe famine, during which Rinkart's resources were strained to the uttermost to help his people. Twice also he saved Eilenburg from the Swedes, once in the beginning of 1637, and again in 1639 (see p. 319, i.). Unfortunately the services he rendered to the place seemed to have made those in authority the more ungrateful, and in his latter years he was much harassed by them in financial and other matters, and by the time that the long-looked-for peace came (Oct. 24, 1648) he was a worn-out and prematurely aged man.

In our present times of affluence, good sanitation, and abundant leisure options we can easily forget and neglect knowledge of the past, when life was more precious and miraculous and death was widespread, frequent, and unable to be ignored. Yet in this man’s calling by God, he served God and his neighbors well. I thank God for guiding Martin to write this hymn. I thank God also for preserving it through history to us today. As we sing it this month may we remember why we can ever sing songs of thanksgiving and praise, regardless of good times and bad. Because of: our Creator, Savior, and Friend; The Lord God Almighty; Father, Son & Holy

Spirit. Without Him, there is nothing to be thankful for. And through Him, we have much to be grateful for. And in that thankfulness He desires for us to stand in His Power and declare His Truths and what He has done for us. He instructs us in what it means to Love and be loved. And He expects us to be Self-Controlled in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Amen!