

***From the***

***Pastor’s Desk***

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

Over the course of the last several years, we Christians have been taught by society that it’s best to remain silent when it comes to expressing our opinions on sin and morality; otherwise we might offend those who don’t share our same values or ideals. So, for too many years now, we’ve submissively kept our mouths shut as our nation’s Christian values have eroded away and have been openly vilified (and even outlawed) by the *godless progressives* who now control the media and the nation.

These so-called *enlightened ones* have even dared to hold Jesus up as an example of their kind of “loving tolerance” claiming that true followers of Christ would love and accept everyone just as they are (just as they choose to be) because “that’s what Jesus did.” However, if these *intellectuals* had ever actually read the Bible (the real one, not the one they wish God had written), they would have seen that while Jesus truly LOVED EVERY SINNER, He also truly HATED EVERY SIN!

The major downfall of this take on Christians and Christianity is the binding together of Love and Acceptance. Jesus *does* love every sinner (you and me included), but He *does not* accept our sins. In our efforts to avoid bad-mouthing other sinners, we (the Church) have failed to speak out against sin itself. After years of noticeable silence on some of the now “socially acceptable” sins, we Christians have lost our willingness to publically take a stand against sin for fear of offending the sinners. Jesus often offended sinners, and we shouldn’t be afraid to either.

With accusations of being hateful, intolerant and close-minded being shoved down our throats daily - we have got to begin pushing back in defense of our stand on the Truth of God’s Word. We have got to explain that we, like Jesus, hate sin (even our own) but we love sinners, and that we’ll tolerate sinners but we’ll not accept their sin. We can get our voice back, and we can make a difference in the world – we’ve only got to stand up and speak out. Always Love Sinners, but Never Accept Sins.

May God Bless Your Work and Your Words!

Pastor John

**The Musical Minute**

**St. Peter’s has been so blessed to have**

**Velna Wichmann**

**as our organist for over 60 years!**

**Thanks Velna, for your Music Ministry!**

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***Calendar***

**Women’s Chairpersons**

**September:** *Diane Falck & Tammie Porch*

**October:** *Melody Brucker, Lois Brucker & Rita Johnson*

**November:** *Gloria Brinkman & Cheryl Kurtenbach*

**December:** *Karen Nuss & Betty Knapp*

**January:** *Donna Courtright & Diane Doyle*

**Greeters / Ushers**

**September:**

(5) Betty & Courtney Goembel

(12) Jay Beck Family

(19) Robert Zebarth Family

(26) Rhonda Hornstein & Jane Froidcouer

**October:**

(3) Kenneth Sprau Family

(10) Delmar Ehmen Family

(17) John Knilands Family

(24) Virgil Rueck Family

(31) Lloyd Falck Family

**November:**

(7) Kenneth Sinn Family

(14) Raymond Brinkman Family

(21) Eldon Christensen Family

(28) Ronald Knapp Family

**December:**

(5) George Milligan Family

(12) Gayle Glascock Family

(19) Ron Courtright Family

(26) Ron Conover Family

**January:**

(2) Hank Hummel Family

(9) Kevin Brucker Family

(16) Pat Fairley & Tammy Porch

(23) Tim Nuss Family

(30) Marilyn Gudenrath & Delores Clauss

**Readers**

**September:**

(5) Michelle Brennan

(12) Nancy Knilands

(19) Ron Courtright

(26) Ron Knapp

**October:**

(3) Kevin Brucker

(10) Diane Falck

(17) Colie Beck

(24) Zach Grady

(31)Bryce Brennan

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