

## ORDER OF SERVICE – MAY 4, 2025 – THIRD OF EASTER

Preaching Pastor Rick & Presiding Pastor Bart

Music Team: Erica's Music Team

Welcome to worship!

If you are a visitor today, please pick up a gift bag and learn more about our programs at the Welcome Table at the back of the narthex. Grab a coffee and mingle following the service. A family friendly area is available in the Gateway to sit with other parents or to allow your children to enjoy some snacks following the worship service and Sunday school. If your children require a quiet place during the service, feel free to take them to the narthex near the fireplace area or into the Gateway Room where we have few quiet toys for them to enjoy.

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to come forward for communion. If your children have gone through communion instruction, they are welcome as well. If they are not taking communion, please bring them forward for a blessing. If you would like personal prayer this morning, you are invited to meet with our prayer team in the narthex either before or after you have taken communion. Individual prayer is also available following the service.

Today's worship service, including our children's time is live streamed and recorded for future viewing on St. Peter's YouTube channel. Sitting further back out of the filming area is an option.

### PRELUDE HYMN: We Were Made to Praise Our Maker

We were made to praise our Maker, worship Him and Him alone  
But exchanged His love for bondage, separated from His throne

We were dead in sin and sickness, bound by idols and by pride  
But the Cross of Christ has freed us, paid the price and death defied

*Praise the Father of Creation! Praise the Song whose scars atone!  
Praise the Spirit ever present! Worthy is God's name alone!*

But we ask: "How long, Our Father, 'til we see your kingdom come?  
All the earth awaits with groaning the return of Christ, your Son."

When at last our eyes behold Him in His glory and His might  
Every knee will bow in worship at the radiance of His Light

*Praise the Father of Creation! Praise the Song whose scars atone!  
Praise the Spirit ever present! Worthy is God's name alone!*

## **OPENING HYMN: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing!**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing  
The cross stands empty to the sky  
Let streets and homes with praises ring  
In death his love shall never die

Not throned afar, remotely high  
Untouched, unmoved by human pains  
But daily in the midst of life  
Our Saviour with the Father reigns

In every insult, rift and war  
Where colour, scorn, or wealth divide  
He suffers still, yet loves the more  
And lives, where even hope has died

Christ is alive! Our risen Lord  
He rules the world His Father made  
When heaven and earth shall be restored  
His love and glory then displayed

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## **WELCOMING AND THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**All: Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we invite your presence into our worship this morning and consecrate this time to you. Be glorified in the preaching, in the singing, our praying and our meditation on your word. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus, to forgive the iniquity of our sin.

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open  
All desires known, from You no secrets are hid  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
By the power of your Spirit  
That we love and magnify your name

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P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*[Silence for reflection]*

P: Most merciful God...

**All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen

## **THE GREETING**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: and also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x)  
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy (2x)  
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy (2x)  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

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## **THIS IS THE FEAST** (sung, LBW p. 60)

### **CHORUS**

*This is the feast of victory for our God  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God

### **CHORUS**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength  
And honour, blessing, and glory are his

### **CHORUS**

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honour, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

### **CHORUS**

For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun his reign. Alleluia!

### **CHORUS**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**All: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Pastor Rick

### CHILDREN'S SONG: My Redeemer Lives

I know He rescued my soul (woo-hoo!)  
His blood has covered my sin  
I believe! (Say what?) I believe!

My shame He's taken away (woo-hoo!)  
My pain is healed in His name  
I believe! (Say what?) I believe!

I'll raise a banner 'cause my Lord has conquered the grave!  
My Redeemer lives (4x)  
(Repeat song)

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## FIRST READING – Acts 9:1-20 NIV

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

<sup>7</sup> The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could see nothing. So, they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was blind and did not eat or drink anything. <sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. <sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." <sup>13</sup> "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." <sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup> At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

## PSALM 30 NIV

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.  
<sup>2</sup> Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.  
<sup>3</sup> You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.  
<sup>4</sup> Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.  
<sup>5</sup> For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.  
<sup>6</sup> When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."  
<sup>7</sup> Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain<sup>Ⓜ</sup> stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.  
<sup>8</sup> To you, Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:  
<sup>9</sup> "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup> Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help."  
<sup>11</sup> You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
<sup>12</sup> that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

## SECOND READING – Revelation 5:1-14 NIV

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" <sup>3</sup> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits<sup>Ⓜ</sup> of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying:

*"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."*

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

## ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go, shall we go? (2x)  
You have the words of eternal life, O Lord (2x)  
Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go  
Shall we go, shall we go?

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## GOSPEL – John 21:1-19 NIV

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So, they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. <sup>6</sup> He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. <sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

## PRE-SERMON HYMN: Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy, holy, holy (3x)

I want to see You

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## **SERMON: Pastor Rick**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (LBW #158)**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood  
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood!"

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne  
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest  
Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

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## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you.

**All: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your Goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
All: **And also with you.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p.88 Sung)

P: The Lord be with you  
All: **And also with you**  
P: Lift up your hearts  
All: **We lift them to the Lord**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

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## SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of pow'r and might  
Heaven and earth are full of you glory (repeat)

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might  
Heaven and earth are full of you glory

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### WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p.110)

**LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p.113): Our Father, who art in Heaven...**

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world (3x)  
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us and grant us, grant us peace.

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## DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### We Were Made to Praise Our Maker

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But exchanged His love for bondage, separated from His throne

We were dead in sin and sickness, bound by idols and by pride  
But the Cross of Christ has freed us, paid the price and death defied



## **CHORUS**

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## **CHORUS**

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## **I Love to Tell the Story**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do

## **Chorus**

I love to tell the story 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet  
I love to tell the story for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word

## **Chorus**

I love to tell the story for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long

## **Chorus**

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## **Because He Lives**

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

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## **COMMUNION BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)**

## **CLOSING HYMN: Victory in Jesus**

I heard an old, old story how a Savior came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me  
I heard about His groaning of His precious blood's atoning  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory

### **CHORUS**

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood  
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing of His cleansing pow'r revealing  
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit!"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory

### **CHORUS**

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory  
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea  
About the angels singing and the old redemption story  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory

### **CHORUS**

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## **THE SENDING**

P: Go in Peace.  
C: Serve the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Pastor Rick:** Mon 10:30 AM–1:30 PM  
**Tim Bauer:** Mon & Tues 1:00–3:30 PM  
**Pastor Bart:** Wed 1:00–4:00 PM  
**Staff Meeting:** Wed 10:30 AM –11:30 AM

### **WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE:**

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|-----|----|------|------------|--|
| May | 4  | Sun  | 10:00-4:00 | Cochrane Trade Show Booth  |
| May | 4  | Sun  | 10:00 AM   | Sunday, Sunday School and Youth Study  |
| May | 4  | Sun  | 11:15 AM   | Andrew and Jaelynn Stutzman, Mission Aviation Fellowship in Angola, Africa Story |
| May | 6  | Tues | 10:00 AM   | Ladies End of Life Conversations lead by Pastor Rick                             |
| May | 10 | Sat  | All Day    | Youth Alpha Retreat  |
| May | 10 | Sat  | 3:00 PM    | Good Vibes Memory Choir Year End Concert   |
| May | 11 | Sun  | 10:00 AM   | Sunday, Mother's Day, Sunday School and Youth Study                              |

## **Remainder of the of May 2025**

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| May | 11 Sun  | 10:00 AM | Sunday, Mother's Day, Sunday School and Youth Study  |
| May | 13 Tues | 10:00 AM | Ladies End of Life Conversations lead by Pastor Rick |
| May | 18 Sun  | 10:00 AM | Sunday, Sunday School and Youth Study                |
| May | 20 Tues | 10:00 AM | Ladies End of Life Conversations lead by Pastor Rick |
| May | 24 Sat  | 5:00 PM  | Youth Group supper & Study                           |
| May | 25 Sun  | 10:00 AM | Sunday, Sunday School and Youth Study                |
| May | 27 Tues | 10:00 AM | Ladies End of Life Conversations lead by Pastor Rick |

## **Guests Today: Andrew and Jaelynn Stutzman, Mission Aviation Fellowship in Angola, Africa**

They're related to our very own Gawryletzes, and will share a brief 15-minute presentation about their work with MAF after the service on Sunday, May 4.

Stay in your seat for a moment and be inspired by young, real-life missionaries fresh from the field!

## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRADE SHOW – May 3-4**

Why don't you drop by at the show and visit with us today? Let your friends now to visit with us at our booth. Thanks so much to all those who have agreed to participate in the weekend. As part of our outreach plan, we need to be present in the community and be available for people who may be curious to the Christian faith.

## **Youth Group Meetings**

- Sat May 10, 2025 - All Day Youth Alpha Retreat
  - Sat May 24, 2025 - 5:00 PM Youth Group supper and study
  - Sat June 7, 2025 - 5:00 PM Youth Group supper and study
  - Sat June 14, 2025 - 5:00 PM Youth Group supper and study
- You are always welcome to bring a friend or family in grades 5-12  
Any Questions contact Cindy Tester at [cindytester@saintpeters.ca](mailto:cindytester@saintpeters.ca)

## **GOOD VIBES MEMORY CHOIR – UPCOMING CONCERT – SATURDAY, MAY 10 @ 3PM**

SAVE the date! We invite you to join us for *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*, Good Vibes Memory Choir's spring concert. This 40-voice choir will warm your heart and get your toes tapping (and singing along too, no doubt!). "So good! So good! So good!" (guess which song??) Admission is by donation. Please bring a friend.

## **ST. PETERS SPRING CLEAN-UP May 24, 2025 9 AM to NOON**

Its that time, the Annual Spring Clean-up at St. Peter's. Rob has posted a list of jobs you can sign up for on the top of the bookshelf between the two sets of mailboxes in the Narthex. Pick one or several, do then anytime including on May 24. Any quests speak with Rob Thorneycroft or Tim.

## **A SURVEY THAT GIVES DIRECTION – LAST CHANCE THIS SUNDAY**

Thank you for your participation in the outreach/evangelism survey. Your input is invaluable. We need more insights, so please add to the body of knowledge. Pastor Rick will share the results in his upcoming preaching series that will focus on our new outreach initiative. Pick up a copy of the survey at the Welcoming table in the narthex and drop it off at the church office once completed.

## **DO YOU NEED A NAME TAG**

If you do not have a name tag and would like one or you have lost you magnetic nametag, please add your name to the list in the Narthex on the top of the bookshelves between the two groups of mailboxes.

## **END OF LIFE DISCUSSIONS**

Let's face it, we are all getting older and many of our neighbors and friends are aging as well. Although it's difficult at times to have conversations about dying, it's important. Actually significant. Pastor Rick has written two books on end of life and has given many lectures and workshops on the topic and is pleased to share 4 studies on the subject at the Tuesday morning ladies bible study. Hope you can attend beginning on May 6 at 10:00 am.

## **OUTREACH FOUNDATIONS - A Preaching Series**

As Pastor Rick continues to move forward in the outreach initiative at St. Peter's, a clear biblical and theological foundation is helpful. During the months of May and June, he will be sharing these outreach foundations through a four-part preaching series.

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| May 8   | Mission Impossible: From Evangelism to Vocation                      |
| May 18  | Faithful Presence: A non-violent apologetic in your conversations    |
| June 8  | Your Story Matters: The language we speak to a post-Christian world  |
| June 22 | On the Road Again: Engaging strangers in conversation like Jesus did |

## **VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC) 2025 IS COMING UP ON AUG 11-15!**

We are excited to host Hastings Lake leaders again, who will provide the fun and faith-filled Day Camp program for children in Grades 1 – 6 and runs from 8:40 - 3:00 PM each day. There will be no Preschool program this year. There is a maximum number of 45 children.

Registration is via Hastings Lake Bible Camp website [hastingslake.com](http://hastingslake.com), and the registration cost to families is \$65 per child. Registration is open now, so don't delay!

A host of volunteers are needed. Please see detailed update in this weeks Care & Info email.