



Message from the Pastor

January 2019 Newsletter

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Thursday @ 6:30 pm and

Sundays 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30 am

The CORE – Sunday, 3:30 & 5:30 pm

REMEMBERING YOUR BAPTISM

When's your birthday? I'm guessing it didn't take too long for you to answer that. I'm guessing that by the time you finished reading the question you already had a day, a month, and even a year in mind. Why? (Yet another easy question!) Because it was the day you were born, right? Not only that, but this is the day that your relatives, loved ones, friends, coworkers... remember too as they annually wish you, "Happy birthday!" And I get it. I get why we celebrate our birthdays. It's the day our Lord brought us into this world and our lives began outside our mothers' wombs.

Can I ask you another question? When's your baptism day? Hmm... I'm guessing that not too many of us can answer that right off the top of our heads. I'm guessing that we might be thinking, "Well, I think it was a month or so – or more – after my birthday." We might add to that thought, "I know I have my baptism certificate somewhere. Probably in the safety box... mom's house... at my old church..." Why? (Not so easy of a question this time, right?) Why don't we remember this date? I suppose we could say that no one really celebrates baptism days. There's no cake baked for such occasions, by and large. There are no friends on Facebook or relatives calling, "Happy baptism day!" We just don't have that as a custom. But, why not? (Wow. These questions aren't getting any easier, are they?) Why would we not remember this day we all experienced in Christ and celebrate it? Why wouldn't we remember it daily, especially with the power it gives for daily living? After all, the Bible says this about our baptisms in contrast to our birthdays: *"Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again ... Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit"* (- Jesus, John 3:3-6).

Interesting, isn't it? We are inclined to celebrate the day we were born of flesh and, as such, ultimately the day we are born to die. (Sounds depressing actually, doesn't it?) On the other hand, we are not inclined to celebrate the day we were born of water and the Spirit, born again, born into the kingdom of God!?! Doesn't this truth point to our sinful condition? We are so corrupt by nature that we are more inclined to celebrate the transitory earthly nature of things, our own frail mortality, while the eternal, spiritual, lasting things of God's grace, our immortality, go almost entirely unrecognized.

In this month of January, a time when many churches remember Jesus' baptism by which he made our baptisms Life-Giving – Jesus' baptism was his anointing and empowerment to carry out his ministry to the very end at a cross and win our salvation (Matthew 3:13-17) – take a moment and celebrate your own baptism. Take a moment and celebrate the fact that at your baptism, your first birth was given significance. Though born to die, in Christ through baptism, you were born again to live and never die. Celebrate your baptism where all your sins were washed away (Acts 2:38) and you were literally saved by the power of Christ's resurrection (1 Peter 3:21). Celebrate your baptism where your life was exchanged with Christ's and now daily you are raised to live a new and holy life to God – what you do matters and has eternal impact (Romans 6:1-3). Celebrate your baptism where you were clothed with Christ Himself and his righteousness and made a dear child of your Heavenly Father above. Wow! That is truly something to celebrate!

***"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."
(Galatians 3:26-27)***

Pastor Bill Monday

SCRIP Hours

7:30-8:15 am & 3:00-3:30 pm

Monday and Fridays in the church/school office.

Sundays in the Gathering Area in church from

8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am.

Reminder: No SCRIP sold 12/31



Fresh Start: The Liberating Power of Life God's Way

Few things get in the way of spiritual, emotional, and physical health like trying to do life our way instead of God's way. Whether it's physical (diet/exercise/sleep), financial (giving, saving, living), emotional (conflict resolution and forgiveness), or spiritual (a faith in God that is full of grace and truth), there are great blessings in walking God's path and great dangers in straying from it. While God never equates obedience with health and wealth, he does promise to bless us as we seek his kingdom first. This series leverages the new year to rethink the way we do life and align it with our Father's will.

Dates: January 6, 13, 20, & 27 (order TBD)

Physical - "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." Billions of Christians have confessed these famous words, admitting that God is the creator and we are part of his creation. Yet many Christians forget this truth when it comes to their own bodies, ignoring the Creator's guidelines as they overwork, overeat, and underestimate the necessity of rest. This message takes us back to the beginning, to physical life as God intended, and reminds us of the Father who gave us life and wants only what is best for his kids. In addition, it reminds us of the "image of God" that we have through Jesus, a spiritual reality that gives even our bodies peace and rest.

Financial—Money is a good gift and a terrible god. When accumulating more and more becomes the center of our universe, we end up, according to Jesus, with darkness, worry, and eventual loss. But when we seek God first, satisfying our hearts with the presence and promises of God, money finds its rightful place in our lives. Our loving Father can become our true treasure, freeing us from serving money and allowing us to use it wisely.

Emotional—Few things shape us like what we think about our thoughts. Our thoughts might be true or false, healthy or destructive, demonic or Holy Spiritual, which means we need to think carefully about our thoughts! Paul made the same point to

his friends in Corinth, urging them to take their thoughts captive and make them obedient to Christ. By that same practice, we put our frantic minds at ease and fix our thoughts on Jesus.

Spiritual—Most people don't equate repentance with the words "fresh" or "liberating." Crying "God, have mercy on me, a sinner!" seems like a miserable way to start the year. But not according to Jesus. Jesus said that those who humbly confess their need of God's grace (instead of self-righteously comparing themselves to others) would be justified and exalted in the eyes of God. Perhaps, then, repentance is the most liberating way to live!



Meeting Sundays 9:00am, and Tuesdays, 6:30pm starting January 13 / 15th. This 10-week group is a conversational environment where you can explore faith and experience community. Learn God's answers to life's deepest questions as we explore the basic teachings of the Bible. Who should come? 1) The newcomer who wants to learn more about the Bible. 2) Any Christian who wants to review the foundations of the Christian faith. Best practice: come yourself and bring someone new with you!



Check out St. Peter's YouTube channel! The sermon is posted there each week, as are some other videos you may be interested in. To get to the St. Peter channel, go to 922ministries.com, click "St. Peter Church" then "About." Look in the right column for the link to our YouTube channel. While you're there, be sure to subscribe!



One Team

Is there a family member or friend you have not seen in worship for a time? Have you been a way from worship for a while and wonder why no one has called to find out how you are doing? Beginning in January, *One Team* members will be calling disconnected members from St. Peter. Initially members will receive a phone call or email after missing four weeks and eight weeks of worship. After three months, Pastor Jim or Michael will call to follow up on the individual. If you or someone you know receives a phone call, please know there are those on the One Team who care and are concerned. To help us better serve those who have become disconnected, please consider filling out a Communication Card when worshipping. This would make our service to our members much easier. If you wish to serve on the One Team please speak to Pastor Jim for more information. May God bless our efforts.



Special birthday wishes to the following members who are 70+ years young!!

- Bob Clausnitzer (01/12)
- Janet Bousley (01/19)
- Carl Kalies (01/22)
- Jeanette Werschem (01/22)
- Marge Springstroh (01/27)
- Don Diersen (01/27)
- Phil Ziegler (01/30)



Join a Life Group!

Do you want to be a part of something that is life changing? Are you interested in growing in the Word? Are you new to 922 Ministries and interested in making some new friends? If your answer is yes to any of those questions, then I would strongly encourage you to join a Life Group! Here at 922 Ministries we believe in growing Jesus roots that produce the Spirit's fruits. Whether you are looking for an opportunity to talk about last week's sermon in more detail or are interested in talking about a specific topic or book of the Bible, we have a group for you!

As a member, I can speak to the life-changing experience that groups truly offer. My wife (Sarah) and I started going to Life Groups together over a year ago now, and we love it! Don't get me wrong, it is a little scary to meet with a group the first time, especially when you don't know anyone. However, please do not let that fear sway you from the opportunity to enjoy the blessings that groups offer. When Sarah and I went to our first group, we were engaged and seeking to make some new friends as a couple. Both of us have gained more from Life Group than we ever could have imagined. Not only have we grown closer to Jesus as a dating, and now married couple, but we have also built a support system that provides encouragement to stay connected to Jesus! No matter who you are, I truly believe that there is a Life Group for you here at St. Peter and the Core!

Brandon Wichman – St. Peter Member

If you are interested in joining a Life Group, check out the dates below:

- January 6-21: Life Group signups open
- January 27: First Group meetings
- First week of May: Life Groups wind down for the summer
- More info and signups at:
www.922church.com/life-groups



Sunday Mornings

Starting January 6th @ 9:00 am

Paul's letter to the Philippians

Do you know someone who is dealing with crisis or difficulty in their life? What steps have you taken to help them? In Paul's letter to the Philippian Christians, we see him in difficulty, prison. We also see a congregation take extreme measures to help Paul. Paul writes a response letter where he uses the word "joy" more than any other letter. Come see how Christ and the Philippian congregation gave Paul joy in the midst of his difficulty. We can use the same steps to help those in crisis in our life. Please join us on Sunday mornings for great food, fellowship and faith growing.

Starting January 6th @ 10:15 am

Brief study in the book of Ecclesiastes

What gives you joy in life? Often times we try and find joy in the material and accomplishments of this life. Solomon reflects upon the uselessness of trying to find joy in the things of this world. Solomon realized the only joy in this world is God and the blessings he gives. "A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too I see is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment." We'll survey selected chapters of Ecclesiastes in 30 minutes sessions.



He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever.

"What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"
Matthew 16:26



The following are some especially needed items for January: Baked and pork n beans, chunky soups, all crackers and snacks, cookies, canned fruit, canned meats such as tuna, Spam and beef, rice and side dishes, paper towel, dish and laundry soap.

Please no expired or perishable items.

NOTE: Collection will be the 2nd Sunday in January, the 13th. Please bring your pantry items to the church kitchen. Monetary donations can be placed in the donation box on the counter in the church kitchen the first Sunday of each month.

Please make your checks out to:
Apple Valley Food Pantry.



NEW 922 MINISTRIES LOGO!

In 1 Corinthians **9:22** the Apostle Paul says, *"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some."* This verse is our passion. St. Peter, The CORE and our school are united in this approach to ministry, therefore we have decided to make that unity more evident as we work together as **"922 Ministries."** Each campus will continue to have its own identity. But we want it to be obvious to all that we are united in this common mission to save more and more people. Working together, we can accomplish greater things for God and his Kingdom!

LOST & FOUND - If any of your belongings turn up missing, please check the Lost & Found which is in the labeled cupboard of the cabinet under the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. There is also a designated area in the church coat room for left behind coats & jackets.



2019 Contribution Envelopes

Please pick-up your envelopes as soon as possible. They will be located in the Gathering Area. Note that even if you have electronic fund withdrawal for your contributions, you still get a box of envelopes because everyone **MUST** be assigned a number. You may elect to use these for the special worship services, such as Lent, Easter and Christmas.

All envelopes are in numerical order and if you can't remember your number, there is a report laying by the boxes that names are listed in alphabetical order. **Please DO NOT use your 2018 envelopes in 2019.** Any questions, please call Rhonda Dietzler in the office at 739-2009.

MEDITATIONS & FORWARD IN CHRIST

The latest editions of "Meditations" & "Forward in Christ" are available for you at the Welcome Center. These are great personal resources for spiritual growth, containing devotional content and practical advice for Christian living.



Sheepshead Tournament

The 4th Annual St. Peter Sheepshead Tournament will be held in the Commons Area at St. Peter School on Saturday, February 16th. Registration will begin at 10:00 am and play will be from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Registration, food and refreshments are FREE, a freewill offering box will be available. Many prizes will be given and trophies for the top three scores! If you have questions, please call Don Treichel @ 920-246-0292. Join us for some fellowship and fun!

*Thank
you*

Thank you to the 50+ volunteers that made the 2018 Community Cookie Decorating Event successful another year. There were over 360 people that attended the event and decorated approximately 5,475

cookies. A good 2/3 of the registered decorators indicated that they were 1st time or returning visitors (vs 922 church members – according to what people selected during the registration process). A donation of \$1086 will be made to *WisconSibs* (which connects siblings of special needs children with one another, to provide a support group) from the funds that were donated through businesses, cash, checks and PayPal.



**Baby Quilting Open House –
Saturday, February 23rd from 9am-1pm**

Baby quilts are given to members of St. Peter and The Core to welcome their new baby into our church family. Stop in to help for an hour or come for the whole time. Help is needed with layout, cutting, ironing, and machine sewing.

Can't make it but want to help? We have quilt kits ready to assemble at home.

Cleaning out your sewing room? We are always accepting donations of fabric and thread.

Questions? Call or text Rachel Fowler at (920) 279-1130.



BOX TOPS, KWIK TRIP MILK JUG TOPS - We have two different locations where you can deposit your Box Tops, and Milk Jug/Bag Tops. There is a cabinet located under the bulletin board in the Gathering Area of the church that has labeled drawers and there is also a cabinet that is located outside of the school kitchen.

***Note - Other Kwik Trip Nature's Touch items eligible: Orange Juice, Drinking Water, Kwik Quencher Iced Tea & Lemonade-Gallons, Egg Nog.**



Good news for anyone saving postage stamps for the India orphanage. Another lady has stepped up to spearhead this project. Therefore, the stamp box will again be on the counter by the pictures of new members. (Forever stamps, foreign stamps, duck stamps, and any stamp that is unique is preferred).

Additionally, I would also like to step down from being the Lutheran Women's Mission Society Reporter for St. Peter. I have thoroughly enjoyed holding this position for many years and feel that it is time for another to take over. Therefore, we are looking for one or two mission minded ladies to please consider this position. Co-reporters for a congregation are also possible. The Reporter is responsible for informing the ladies of the goings on of the LWMS. Here at St. Peter we usually do this through the Church Newsletter. Some of the activities of the reporter are to attend the pre-rally meetings, one in early spring and one in fall and then to attend the two separate Rally's. There is also the follow up on the collections and dues and prayers for our dedicated missionary family's.

Any interested ladies are welcome to talk with myself, Audrey Zuberbier, or Rhonda Dietzler.

Bev Kalies



There will be no Card Making Ministry or Quilting Ministry in January.
Look for them to start up again in February.



NOTE: The Quilting Ministry is still in need of donations of black or white thread (regular sewing thread). Please drop donations off in the office.

Church/School Office Hours
7:30 am – 4:00 pm



- Gregg Mattek (President)
- Doug Dahm (Vice President)
- Brian Hoppe (Secretary)
- Craig Schultz (Treasurer)
- Craig Vosters (Maintenance)
- Joel Weeks (Evangelism)
- Gaetan Philippon (School Board)
- Dave Flunker (Elders)

Please note that we invite people to speak with any of these men listed above if you have any questions at any time.



Join us for *Time of Grace*, a 30-minute Bible study program. The program airs globally via various outlets. For a complete broadcast schedule, visit timeofgrace.org/waystowatch or call the Time of Grace office at 800.661.3311.

Find the website or network TV time that works best for you.

Over the Air—Local Channels

WGBA—Sunday, 6:30 am

National Cable and Satellite Channels

Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN)—Thursdays at 3:30 pm

Freeform - Thursdays at 5:30 am

The Cowboy Channel (Family Net) Sunday 8:00 a.m.
American Forces Network (AFN) – Spectrum, Sunday at 7:00 am

On-Demand Digital Television



*"Our mission is to help people plant Jesus roots
that produce the Spirit's fruits."*

Director of Operations Report – January 2019

To God be the Glory!

We have paid off \$601,270 on our mortgage as a result of this year's Max the Match mortgage reduction effort. The congregation gave \$140,508 with 335 separate gifts; another \$100,000 from restricted funds that the Church Council directed be added to this effort; gave us a total of \$240,508. This resulted in a \$360,762 match. That is too cool to completely wrap my head around. Rachel Paluch (our Financial Secretary) has reported that our new mortgage balance will be somewhere in the \$955,000 range. Thank you sincerely to everyone who participated in this awesome blessing! To God be the glory.

Coming in February

Stacie Patchett is a financial representative at Thrivent Financial. She is a member at Riverview Lutheran in Appleton and has been designated as the representative for St. Peter Lutheran. She will be coming here to give short presentations after the services on Sunday, February 17 to explain Thrivent Choice and Thrivent Action cards to our members. We'll be having Stacie come talk to us a couple times a year so that we can stay up to date with Thrivent programs.

Building and Grounds Update

- The bookshelves have installed in the library. Thanks to Merlin Stuebs and Bob Clausnitzer for the great work with building and installing them, and for Dean Van Handel for staining, varnishing and delivering them!
- Part of the scheduled maintenance on our sprinkler system (only the 2014 construction has a sprinkler system) was performed recently, and we had some gauges that needed to be repaired as the schedule calls for this to be performed every five years. Tests were performed on our system and a leak was detected and our system did not pass a test because of that leak. Since then, the leak has been isolated and we are waiting to hear back from Johnson Controls, who is responsible for certifying all of our systems, to find out what the next steps are.
- In 2019, we'll have a group in place to evaluate our campus to identify areas that will need attention or investment in the coming years and prioritize and schedule them, as well as allocate budget dollars for these projects.
- As of January 1, nearly all of our facilities will be scheduled using Planning Center. This is a really helpful tool to keep everyone informed about what rooms and areas are being used, by whom and for how long. It has really been a blessing and we thank Jonathan Favorite for helping us become comfortable with how to use it.
- Tony Tasiar, a member at the CORE, has been helping our custodians by doing some cleaning of our classrooms. He's going to be looking for new opportunities in 2019, so we'll be doing some reevaluating of responsibilities in that area and looking to possibly fill in some hours there to fill the gap. Thanks to Tony for his great work and servant attitude. If interested in cleaning a few hours a week in the early evening, please contact me at (920) 491-1010.

Thank you!

On behalf of the pastors, the faculty and the staff, thank you so much to everyone who brought in treats, goodies, snacks, presents or remembered us somehow during the holiday season. We are blessed to serve you and we deeply appreciate your support of our efforts!

And thank you again!

Members of 922 Ministries helped support the less fortunate in our community as well through many generous donations to Pillars, Inc., LEAVEN and Apple Valley Food Pantry during the months of November and December. Thank you to all who model their Savior to the community by giving from what the Lord gives us.

Miscellaneous

I have been asked to provide some insight on my position to leaders from Immanuel Lutheran in Greenville. They are embarking on a building project and are looking at providing some assistance to their pastoral staff in administrative ways. I'll be meeting with them beginning in January.



Youth and Family Ministry

JANUARY 2019



Talk 2: "Hear, O Parents, and Obey Deuteronomy Six"

In the next number of talks, I'm going to focus on the number one indicator of why children remain active in the church, active in their relationship with Jesus, as young adults: 1) When young people have fathers and mothers who are spiritually active at home and in church before, during, and after confirmation, very simply, young people remain. Kind of funny, but this number one indicator is nothing new to God and his Holy Word. You can find over a hundred passages about fathers and mothers being the primary spiritual influence over their children.

Furthermore, fathers are especially charged with the duty of raising their children in the Lord, even over mothers. (This is not to say that mothers and others don't have any spiritual responsibilities to raise up children in the Lord. Most certainly, they do, and there are plenty of passages that speak to that. Truly, it takes a village to raise a child.)

But as to fathers, both Moses and Paul specifically speak to them as primary in the raising of their own children spiritually. In Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Ephesians 6:4 we find Moses' and Paul's words respectively. (Makes you wonder if this isn't the very reason that Jesus tells us to call God – above all other names and titles – "Father," in the model of all prayers, the Lord's Prayer.)

What follows in Deuteronomy 6 (vs. 4-9), Moses' last words to the people of Israel, is a message especially to the male heads of Israel's families. This section will help us begin to picture even more the task set before parents today, especially fathers, in raising their children spiritually.

"⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates..."

In this section of Scripture, there are three key details we need to note for our purposes: 1) Fathers, as heads of their homes, are given this task to raise their children in the Lord. 2) This is a 24/7 365 day a year job: "When you sit... walk... lie down... get up. [Wear them... Put them everywhere you own...] 3) Note the command: "Impress these words on your children." Literally, the Hebrew word means to carve into/rub into them the very Word of God. This is the passage I had in mind last month when I said, "The faith is better caught than taught." It is not God's design to pass your children off to others for them to teach, "Jesus loves you!" No. Fathers are to speak God's Word and live it first and foremost for their children along with moms, while all others rally around our parents and help lead our children to the Lord. Please pray for fathers! Please pray for our mothers! And, as a church, let's do all we can to not only directly share God's Word with our children, but to, even more, equip parents to be primary in discipling their children in the Lord. Next month, we'll speak to what parents can do to both speak and model the faith for their kids.

Pastor Bill Monday
Pastor of Family and Outreach



As the calendar turns to 2019, there is an opportunity to reflect but also to look forward. I would like to reflect on the first part of our Bible Discovery year. Each Sunday, young ones from 3K-4th grade gather down in our school to learn true stories about God and his people. What an incredible opportunity to begin teaching these young ones about our amazing God! This would not be possible without our many volunteers who teach and assist in the classrooms. The first part of the year, we also spend many Sundays preparing for our Christmas service. I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all involved with making the Bible Discovery Christmas service a success. As we look forward to the second part of our year, I would ask that you would keep our Bible Discovery volunteers in your prayers, so that each week our young ones may learn more and more about our Savior.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School this summer July 8th-11th. VBS will take place in the afternoons once again as in past years. More information will come in the following months, including what this year's theme will be. Stay tuned!

Youth Group:

Back in October, a new opportunity for our high school students began. Each Wednesday from 7:00-8:00pm any high school student is welcome to join for games, fun, and fellowship in the school commons and gym. Through the fall we averaged about 15 students to attend on any given Wednesday. The atmosphere is laid back and includes the option to play cards, board games, or enjoy open gym time. We also enjoyed some fun themed nights like Trivia night and an ice cream sundae bar. Consider joining in on the fun! (One scheduling note: there will be no youth group on January 16th.)

Zach Flunker

Youth and Volunteer Coordinator



To learn more about our Sunday morning Bible Discovery program for ages 3K – 4th grade, please contact Zach Flunker at zach.flunker@922ministries.com or (920) 716-0407.

The CORE Newsletter - January 2019

CORE Update

Lots of exciting things are happening at our downtown campus! Here are some highlights.

- **Two Christmas Eve services:** For the first time ever, we had two Christmas Eve services (4pm and 6pm.) *(This is going to press before Christmas, so I can't report on attendance!)*
- **Two Sunday services starting in January:** Attendance has been at comfortable capacity for months. So starting Sunday, January 6th, the CORE will have two worship services - one at 3:30pm and the other, as before, at 5:30pm. Communion will be celebrated at 5:00pm. Will you help us make the Sunday experience awesome for everyone? We need your help! Sign up here: 922ministries.churchcenter.com/people/forms/19306
- **Time of Grace Partnership:** Our staff and Time of Grace staff have worked together well. The Sunday afternoon routine is mostly set, and there have been few issues. It's exciting to know that The CORE's Sunday message is hitting an audience of over 400,000! Check out more messages at timeofgrace.org.
- **Facebook Live:** Can't make it to church? Watch our live-stream! Just go to our Facebook page at the regular service time and worship with us through the internet! (www.facebook.com/922churchthecore) We recently found out that a family in Japan watches every Sunday. How cool is that? Soon, Time of Grace also plans to host the live feed which will greatly increase the number of live viewers.
- **922 Ministries:** Cooperation between our two campuses continues to grow. CORE staff member, Alicia Mose, is now "922" staff as she coordinates social media for both of our campuses. Congratulations, Alicia! She joins Jonathan Favorite and Pastor Michael as truly cross-campus staff. This is exactly the kind of cooperation, efficiency and excellence we hoped to achieve by becoming more united under the umbrella of 922 Ministries.
- **Life Groups** wrapped up the Fall semester with about 280 people involved from both of our campuses. This is the most participation ever! I am very excited for our Winter semester to begin the end of January. Signups run from January 6-21. You will be richly blessed to be in a Life Group. (922church.com/life-groups)
- **Starting Point** starts January 13th about 7:15pm (after the 2nd service). Who do you know that doesn't go to church, or who is new? Starting Point is their next step! More info at: www.922church.com/startthecore. Or maybe the times at the St. Peter campus work better for some! Sundays, 9am or Tuesdays, 6:30pm.
- **Church management software change:** We have nearly completed a switch to Planning Center Online at both campuses. This platform leverages modern technology and connectivity to help us better serve our members, coordinate volunteers, manage worship teams, manage facilities and resources, and more. Many thanks to Jonathan Favorite who has spent countless hours leading us through this transition!
- **Doctor Mike Novotny** graduated from Trinity Ev. Divinity School with a Doctorate of Ministry (emphasis on preaching.) What an amazing accomplishment and such faithful use of his considerable gifts. Congratulations, Pastor Mike! (I think he would strongly prefer that you continue to use the title "pastor." I just put doctor up there as an attention grabber.)

Lots to be thankful for! But never forget the "why." We are here to help people plant Jesus roots that produce the Spirit's fruits. Connecting people to Jesus now changes them for eternity, and this is what we are about at 922 Ministries. God bless us with a spirit of love, understanding, and cooperation so we continue to work together for His truth. To God be the glory!

~ Pastor Michael Ewart



ST. PETER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS
JANUARY 2019



St. Peter Lutheran Students and Teacher Recognized by Local VFW

St. Peter Lutheran students Liam Heiges, 7th grade, Sami Vosters, 6th grade, and Logan Doran, 6th grade, were recently recognized by our local VFW for essays that they wrote. This year's theme was Why I Honor the American Flag. Below are portions of the essays written by these three students.

Logan in his essay wrote, *"The stripes represent the original thirteen colonies our country was founded on. The stars represent the fifty states of the union. The colors of the flag are also symbolic. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor. White means purity and innocence and blue represents perseverance and justice for all. No one would have ever thought America would come this far from where we started, but it is really amazing to look back in history and learn about our country's past."*



Liam in wrote, *"I honor the flag to show gratitude for the men and women who serve in our military. They leave their loved ones like their brothers, sisters, and parents to give us freedom."*

Sami wrote, *"I honor the flag because it represents freedom of religion, speech, and election."*

Left to right

VFW Commander Rob Bonack, Liam Heiges 7th Grade District Winner
Sami Vosters 6th Grade District Winner, Logan Doran 6th Grade 1st place District Winner
VFW member Henry McKenna, Senator Robert Cowles, VFW Member Dennis Peters

Also, Janelle Punzel, our school's 7th and 8th grade history teacher was recognized by our local VFW as the district middle school history teacher of the year. Mrs. Punzel was recognized for connecting her students with veterans. On an annual basis Staff Sergeant Michael Wichman gives a presentation to our 8th grade students on his service in the Gulf War. Also, last year Mrs. Punzel arranged the opportunity for her students to interview George Reber, a WWII veteran and purple heart recipient for his heroism during D-Day. Her class was able to thank him for his service and learn what it means to be a servant leader.

Phil Punzel, Principal



FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE FEDERATION

December 2018

FVL MISSION: partners with families and Federation churches, providing students with a Christ-centered education preparing teens for lives of service and for eternity.

Christmas blessings in the name of our Savior Jesus to all our friends and partners in ministry! May the Lord bless you with a wonderful Christmas celebration and the promise of His continued grace, love, and peace as we enter a New Year!

SCHOOL NEWS

- FVL's annual choral Christmas Concert shared the sacred songs of our Savior on December 16.
- FVL Musicfest is coming on Sunday, January 27. Plan to attend this celebration of musical talent from the high school and the Federation. Doors open at 11:30 AM. The event ends at 4 PM. Details at fvlhs.org.
- Senior **Colin Krueger** was recently named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist. Best wishes to Colin as he continues in this prestigious competition!
- **Weigeyuan Margaret Chen** was again recognized by the Scholastic Art Competition with a Gold Key Award. Her work was displayed in Washington, D.C. FVL art teacher **Mrs. Denise Schlawin** accompanied her on her visit to our nation's capital.
- **Nicholas Kempf** and **Linnea Waurio** were named 1st and 2nd place winners in the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest sponsored by the VFW.
- **Wesley Jochman** and **George Mc Cray** were notified recently by Rep. Mike Gallagher that they were winners of the Congressional App Challenge for the WI08 Congressional District.
- Student Council recently completed their annual Pizza Sale to raise money for Tuition Assistance.
- Nearly 100 5th-6th graders attended a pair of Fox Trek events this month.

STAFFING NEWS

- **Mr. Ben Priebe** recently returned a pair of calls. **Mr. Adam Frey** has accepted a call to teach and coach at St. Croix Lutheran High School. The Regents will be calling to replace Mr. Frey's position in December. We thank Mr. Frey for his years of service at FVL and pray God's blessings for him as he serves the Lord in a new setting next school year.
- The Board of Regents has called **Mrs. Katelynn Dorn** to serve as a biology and Biomedical Sciences teacher. Please keep her in your prayers.

COCURRICULARS

- Winter sports teams—basketball, wrestling, cheer, dance and hockey—are all in action. Special fall sports honors went to seniors Dylan Blum (1st Team All-Conference & Offensive Player of the Year) and Liz Santos (1st Team All-Conference & Conference Golfer of the Year).
- FVL's Fox Folk Marionette Troupe again had the privilege of sharing the Christmas message in a variety of settings with their unique ministry.
- Math Club and our VEX Robotics teams have been active in competition.
- The cast of FVL Theatre's spring musical *Crazy for You* has been chosen; shows are set for March 8-10. Tickets go on sale in February.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Congregational support is 3.9% ahead of last November.
- By God's grace, the outpouring of \$1M in gifts has enabled FVL to secure low-interest tax-exempt bond funding to repay the *Let the Children Come* building debt. This means a payment of \$475K is due each October 1 for the next 20 years. The final payment is set for 2038. Donations to meet our October 2019 goal have already reached over \$25K! Please consider a gift to this effort.
- Need-based tuition assistance of \$299K was granted for this school year; gifts of \$100K are still needed to meet this amount.

With you, serving Jesus – Principal Steve Granberg

Kick-off your new year with a focus on God in your life.

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a women's event



Keynote Speaker
GRETCHEN ADRIAN

My Big God and my
journey with cancer.

An opportunity for worship, studying
God's Word (Bring your Bibles!) and
enjoying fellowship with other women.

Planned with ages 15+ in mind

JANUARY 19 • 9-11AM
St. Peter Lutheran Church

N2740 French Rd, Appleton, WI 54913

Check-in begins at 8:40am.

Register for free

Call 920.739.2009

Invite your friends/neighbors!

St. Peter Lutheran Church January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BC = Bible Class		1 Happy New Year!	2 Bible Class – 6:30 am Bible Foundations – 5pm Conf. Class Gr. 7 – 6pm Conf. Class Gr. 8 -7pm Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ CORE H.S. Youth Group – 7 pm	3 School Resumes Chapel 8:30 am Worship – 6:30 pm	4	5 Men's Open Gym – 7:15 am
6 Worship – 7:30; 9 & 10:30 am Bible Class – 9 & 10:15 am Bible Discovery – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30 pm	7 Board of Ed Mtg. – 6 pm	8 Life of Christ Bible Class – 6:30 pm Circuit Mtg. – 9 am	9 Bible Class – 6:30 am Bible Foundations – 5pm Conf. Class Gr. 7 – 6pm Conf. Class Gr. 8 -7pm Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ CORE H.S. Youth Group – 7 pm	10 Chapel 8:30 am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30 pm	11	12 Men's Open Gym – 7:15 am
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