



## Pastor's Message

### February 2018 Newsletter

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#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE TIMES

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

and Thursday @ 6:30 pm

The CORE – Sunday, 5:30 pm

If you are dating, Valentine's Day is very important. (Perhaps you are already thinking about or have plans for this Valentine's Day - but if you don't there's still time so don't worry). It's a day in our country when people who are dating and those who are married stop and acknowledge their feelings for that special person in their life. The words "I love you" will be spoken. Gifts will be given as an expression of love. Flowers and candy will be sent to offices to acknowledge your special someone. Hugs and kisses will be exchanged, smiles will be seen, and people will be happy.

This year is a unique year...Valentine's Day falls on the same day as Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a day that the Christian church historically has acknowledged as the beginning of Lent. Lent is a 40-day period when the church focuses on Jesus suffering and death. It's a time of reflection and repentance for Christians. It is not represented by gifts being given, instead it often is pictured with ashes. At first glance, you might think these days don't have much in common. However, they have more in common than we think - and you guessed it, it's LOVE!

While Ash Wednesday is a season for reflection and repentance, it is also about the story of God's love for you and me. It's a time to remember the love of Jesus that desired to have an eternal relationship with us and so he went to the cross, so that we might receive the spiritual gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. In fact, it's that very love of God that we have experienced, which inspires and enables us to love one another. The Apostle John in his epistle describes this when he says,

*1 John 4:7-11 - "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love, does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.*

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."*

Real love is more than a nice dinner and a gift on February 14th, or stopping to celebrate Ash Wednesday but is something that is to be displayed 365 days a year. Thankfully, God's love is an every day gift that is ours. Thankfully, God has showed us his love. Thankfully, because we know love we can also love one another. So this year when these two days collide on your calendar let us celebrate what they are both about - Love! First and foremost, God's love for us in Jesus! Then in light of it, God's love that inspires us to love others!

*Pastor Tim Glende*



### **Lent 2018 at St. Peter & The CORE**

Beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14, we will have special midweek services to celebrate Lent at the St. Peter campus. As in the past few years, we will have two services each Wednesday at 1 pm & 6:30 pm. There will also be a meal each Wednesday evening in the school commons beginning at 5:15 pm. A freewill offering to help defray the cost, will be available. Come and join us every week as we take a journey through the Gospel of Mark and listen to our Savior's words and also see his love for us in action as he goes to the cross to save us.



In February and March, we are going to unpack the Gospel of Mark to learn from our Savior, to see his suffering and death, and grow closer to him as we plant deep roots that with God's blessings will produce abundant fruits.

*NOTE - The Sunday sermon series and the special Lent sermon series will be different.*

### **"Death to Selfie"-**

*February 11, 18, 25 & March 4, 11, 18, 25*

**Summary:** You have to die. There is no other way to follow Jesus and find the life that is truly life. Take up a cross, die to yourself, and follow him. These are challenging, yet strangely liberating words in our self-esteem, self-centered, selfie-snapping culture. When we follow Jesus to the cross, we watch him dying to human approval, comfort, fame, and control. Yet in dying, he found the greatest life of all, the life he offers to each of us. This series follows Jesus to the cross through Mark's Gospel and calls us to follow in Jesus' footsteps, knowing that the life we find in him is better than anything found in this world.

**Week #1:** Death Wish (Mark 8:31-9:1).

**Week #2:** Death to Wealth (Mark 10:17-31)

**Week #3:** Death to Authority (Mark 11:27-33)

**Week #4:** Death to Image (Mark 12:1-12)

**Week #5:** Death to Fame (Mark 12:41-44)

**Week #6:** Death to Comfort (Mark 13:1-31)

**Week #7:** Death to Approval (Mark 14:1-9)

### **"Say What?!" - Lent 2018 (Midweek/Holy Week)**

*Six Wednesdays beginning February 14th - March 21st & Holy Week: March 29 & 30 and April 1*

**Summary:** On his way to the cross, Jesus made some stunning statements. His "shock and awe" sermons left listeners shocked and, eventually, in awe of his teaching, authority, and promises. This midweek series eavesdrops on Jesus through Mark's gospel, and focusing our hearts on our Savior during the Lenten season.

**Midweek #1 (2/14) - Mark 10:32-34**

**Midweek #2 (2/21) - Mark 11:35-45**

**Midweek #3 (2/28) - Mark 12:13-17**

**Midweek #4 (3/7) - Mark 12:28-34**

**Midweek #5 (3/14) - Mark 13:32-37**

**Midweek #6 (3/21) - Mark 14:17-31**

**Maundy Thursday (3/29) - Mark 14:32-42**

**Good Friday (3/30) - Mark 15:33-39**

**Easter Sunday (4/1) - Mark 16**



Elsewhere in this newsletter is a lengthy summary of all the blessings that have come about because of the great outpouring of support that was expressed in the form of contributions to "Max the Match," our debt reduction campaign that was held for the third time this past November and December.

If you get tired of people saying how much we have that we need to be thankful for, then don't read what I wrote, because it's a big boatload of thankfulness, and numbers. Lots of numbers that show how God has truly smiled on us here.

Here are some upcoming dates to remember:

- St. Peter will be hosting its third annual Sheepshead Tournament on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>, so Lent has an early start. We will again be hosting meals before each of the six Lenten services from 5:15-6:00 pm.
- We will be hosting the Martin Luther College Choir on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- St. Peter will be hosting its first ever Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- CDS has its Spring Break during the week of March 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Easter is Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> with worship at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am – Breakfast 7:30-9:30 am.
- Confirmation for our 8th Grade Students will be held at FVL on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- LifeLine Screening will be here again on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Last Day of this school year is Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Lots going on, and lots for us to give thanks for.

*Tom Dietzler  
Director of Operations*

**Paper Recycle Fund Drive**

Thank you to all who contributed to the paper recycle fund drive!! We received over \$500.00 for our school!



The following are some especially needed items for February: Cereal, all canned meats, canned fruit, jam, cookies, all crackers, hamburger helpers, rice, canned and boxed potatoes and chunky soup.  
*Please, nothing perishable, frozen or expired.*

Please bring your pantry items to the church kitchen. Donations are picked up the third Sunday of each month. 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.*

*NOTE: The pantry will not be accepting extra paper bags. They have an over-abundance at this time.*

**SCRIP**

SCRIP is sold on Monday & Friday from 7:30-8:15 am and from 3:00-3:30 pm in the school office and Sundays in the Gathering Area in church from 8:30-9:00 am and 10:00-10:30 am



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 [922church.com](http://922church.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!

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

What a big difference there is between giving advice and lending a hand.

*"Dear children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions."*

*1 John 3:18*

## HELP WANTED

We are in need of 1 or 2 more people who would be interested in helping with washing the table linens after

funerals. These linens do not need to be ironed. If interested please contact Rhonda Dietzler in the office at 739-2009 or [rhonda.dietzler@922church.com](mailto:rhonda.dietzler@922church.com).

### Martin Luther College Choir Concert

Join us on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 worship service when the MLC Choir, under the direction of Prof. Adrian Smith, presents a portion of their concert titled "The Way, the Truth, the Life". It features music for choir, congregation and instruments that proclaim Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation. Our Christian Day School's Jr. Choir, under the direction of Mr. Jarrod Pfarr, will be joining the MLC Choir for a music selection during this same service.



St. Peter's Early Childhood Ministry Center is in need of an hourly staff person for morning and/or afternoon hours Monday thru Friday. For more information and for an application, please contact Principal Phil Punzel @ [ppunzel@stpetercares.com](mailto:ppunzel@stpetercares.com) or 920-419-8278.



## BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

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

Angie Kroenke (02/03)  
Bev Wichman (02/04)  
Carol Wickesberg (02/08)  
Bill Lemke (02/11)  
Carole Peters (02/15)  
Ruth Bathke (02/18)  
Bev Geiger (02/23)  
LeRoy Thiel (02/24)  
Marv Hietpas (02/24)  
Don Gehring (02/25)  
Delores Semrow (02/25)  
Lois Springstroh (02/28)  
Sue Schmidt (02/28)



The Paperland Circuit of the LWMS will be hosting the 55<sup>th</sup> annual LWMS Convention on June 21-24, 2018 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. They are anticipating 1500 men and women at the convention so we need help from all our congregations in the Paperland Circuit. As with all LWMS conventions, this is an amazing opportunity to hear first-hand about the mission work done by WELS missionaries and mission projects supported through mission offerings. For more information on ways you can help, call Bev Kalies, St. Peter's LWMS Representative, at (920) 841-7653 or email: [cbkalies@gmail.com](mailto:cbkalies@gmail.com).





### Christian Stewardship - Share Your Toys

Have you noticed how many teachings of Christ are paradoxes (that is, they seem to contradict established principles of human life)? When Jesus said that in God's world "the last shall be first and the first shall be last," he really meant it. God's economics sometimes require a leap of faith, but here's the amazing thing - his principles work as promised!

Here's an example: "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." (Proverbs 11:25). You'd think that this is absurd. After all, if I give my stuff to other people, I will automatically have less. But in Godonomics, people who trust his words and dare to live them will find his magic and "refreshing" all over the place.

God loves it when you show hospitality....share food with the hungry....contribute to a homeless shelter....volunteer at a thrift store....mentor a fatherless kid....hire a disabled adult....guard at a school crossing....drive an elderly person to the doctor....

*Reprinted from Time of Grace*



### Church Cleaning Day Scheduled

Please come join us on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am till noon, to clean the Worship/Ministry areas of the church. Please sign up on the kiosk in the gathering area. We will have a lift here that morning so windows can be cleaned. Any help you can give us that morning will be much appreciated!



### Sheepshead Tournament

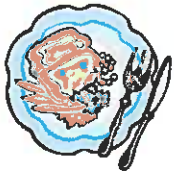
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Peter Sheepshead Tournament will be held in the Commons Area at St. Peter School on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 10:00 am for registration with play from 10:30 to 3:00 pm. Registration, food and refreshments are FREE, and a freewill offering box will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



Please join us for Karaoke Night on February 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 pm. There will be appetizers, raffle baskets, games, prizes and Karaoke. Sign up in the school office or church gathering area. This event will be held at the Bromm residence at W723 River Bend Dr., Kaukauna. Cost is \$25/person. All proceeds will benefit the youth rally trip this summer. We are also looking for raffle baskets or monetary donations. Questions? Contact Robin Bromm at [robinbromm@hotmail.com](mailto:robinbromm@hotmail.com) or (414)699-4187. Bring your singing voice or just sit back and enjoy the music, fun and fellowship!



St. Peter Comets are hosting a Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Junior Tournament (Grades 5-8): 9:00 am-1:00 pm Senior Tournament (High School and up) 2:00 – 6:00 pm. Registration Deadline is March 7<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at [922church.com/st-peter-school](http://922church.com/st-peter-school). There is a \$10/team registration fee that will go towards the St. Peter Comets Athletic Fund.



### Help Needed for Lent Meals

See the signup sheets on the church kiosk. We are looking for 14-16 people to serve/clean for the dates of: February 21<sup>st</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> and

March 21<sup>st</sup>. Helpers are asked to come to the school commons area by 4:45 pm so you can eat before helping. We will also need members to make cookies/bars for these same dates. Signup sheets are on the kiosk for this as well.



### Military Family Support Group

The Military Support Team continues to meet and plan. Those on the board are: Dr. Michael Black, Michael Wichman, Susan Hatcher, Dr. Monroe Trout, Dusty Wenninger, Kari Dombrowski, Bill and Barb Schwab. If interested in this group or have any questions, contact Dr. Michael Black at [mblack0694@yahoo.com](mailto:mblack0694@yahoo.com) or (920) 257-8082.

*"Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you where ever you go." (Joshua 1:9)*



### Baby Quilting Kickoff

With the wonderful growth we have seen at St. Peter, help with baby quilting would be appreciated. St. Peter and The CORE provide a gift basket (including a baby quilt) to members after the birth of each child.

Are you curious about quilting? Are you willing to make 1-2 baby quilts a year at your home? Are you interested in helping make quilts on a Saturday at the quilting center? Don't care to sew but would like to help in other ways or make a donation?

**Drop in anytime between 9 am and 2 pm on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**, to find out more. If you have questions, please contact Rachel Fowler (920) 279-1130.

Our Thrivent sponsored Baby Quilting Kickoff event will be held across from the church in the 1910 Quilting Center. Come and check it out!

**COUPONS** - Please bring all coupons to the church kitchen where you will find a container to put them in. Feel free to use any of the coupons put into the three ring binders as well.

### Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday – 1:00 & 6:30 pm  
(with Communion)

Good Friday – 2:00 pm at St. Peter  
and 6:30 pm at The CORE

Easter Sunday – 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am  
Easter Breakfast served 7:30-9:30 am



### CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL –

If you know of someone who is interested in our school and would like more information about our 3K - 8th grade program, please contact the office @ 739-2009.

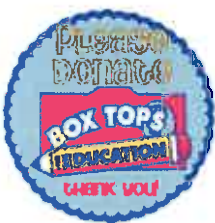
### MEDITATIONS & FORWARD IN CHRIST

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.



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ironmen of God Men's Conference:**  
Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran School, Ixonia. Speakers this year are Pastors Karl Walther, Aaron Strong, Jordan Ertl, and staff minister Dan Schoeffel. Guys, come and be strengthened in your faith and enjoy Christian fellowship! Cost is only \$30 and includes a catered lunch and a take home coffee mug! Register today at [www.ironmenofgodwi.org](http://www.ironmenofgodwi.org)!

**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.

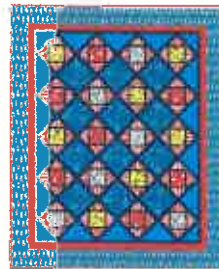


**BOX TOPS, KWIK TRIP MILK JUG TOPS** - We have two different locations where you can deposit your Box Tops, and Milk Jug/Bag Tops. There is a cabinet located under the bulletin board in the Gathering Area of the church that has labeled drawers and there is also a cabinet that is located outside of the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

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



Join the fun in making greeting cards for our homebound members, those in the hospital, new babies etc. This group meets every second Tuesday of the month in the 1910 Centre (the old building located across the street from the new church). All supplies are supplied! Just bring yourself. The next get together will be Tuesday, Feb. 13th at 6 pm. Call Luella Kietz with any questions at (920) 731-1650.



The ladies quilting ministry's home is the room upstairs in the 1910 Centre (historic school building across from the church). This group meets each Tuesday's at 9 am. Quilts are made for those in the hospital with an overnight stay, homebound people and others. If you are interested in helping the quilting ministry in any way, please contact Karen Peters at 739-2924.



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Doug Dahm (Vice President)  
Brian Hoppe (Secretary)  
Craig Schultz (Treasurer)  
Craig Vosters (Maintenance)  
Scott Springstroh (Elders)  
Joel Weeks (Evangelism)  
Mike Wichman (School Board)

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

February 2018

*From Tom Dietzler, Director of Operations, St. Peter Lutheran*

In the spring of 2013, Pastor Phil Koelpin, members of the St. Peter Lutheran Church Council, members of the Building Committee, representatives of Keller, Inc. (the general contractor for our building project), and our architect, Jeff Smies held a meeting in what is now Mr. Jarrod Pfarr's fifth grade classroom to discuss how we were going to make it possible to move ahead with the building project. We needed to make some adjustments to the plan to reduce costs and finalize the plan. Our goal was to leave the meeting with a plan that would not require our congregation to have to borrow any more than \$4 million. The meeting was successful, the groundbreaking took place in June and we had all of our new facilities finished by the fall of 2014. That meeting might have gone a bit differently had we known what God had in store for us. We borrowed \$3.4 million when the project was finished and then watched as God grew our overall church membership, as well grade school and early childhood enrollments in very impressive ways.

Fast forward to almost five years later. I've had discussions with various people about how we could've made the church sanctuary bigger, added more classrooms to the school, or somehow added to the early childhood ministry area to allow more children to partake of the blessings of that ministry. At that 2014 meeting, however, we were pretty sure that we were just about at the maximum allowable space, building capacity and budget limits when we decided to move ahead. Now, we can look back and see that God blessed what we did. Without re-writing the script and wondering if we should have gone bigger or bolder, let's just take some time to be thankful for all that God has done for us, is doing for us now and will continue to do for us until he takes us home. That \$3.4 million mortgage is now \$1.7 million, and we've made those incredible strides in just a little more than three years. We have been blessed to be able to do what we call "Max the Match," and this year was another excellent installment of that campaign. We received more than \$296,000 this year, making it \$1.1 million for the three years that we have been doing this.

For the future, paying down our mortgage as fast as we are will reap huge benefits. If we don't pay an extra nickel from here until we pay up the remaining \$1.7 million, we will have saved \$900,000 in interest. Already we have saved more than \$290,000 in interest, and that alone would be a huge blessing. If we had just made our standard \$9,000 payments twice a month for the entire 25-year term of the loan, we would have ended up paying \$2.5 million in interest. However we choose to look at it, God blessed our efforts, has blessed us by nearly every measure that you can look at. The bottom line is that instead of paying interest to a financial institution, we'll have the ability to conduct much more ministry instead. And that is a tribute to God's people who continue to support the mission and ministry of St. Peter Lutheran, and the generosity and serving hearts of his people is certainly one of the best blessings he has given.

Thankful  
&  
Blessed





# Family and Evangelism

*with Pastor Bill*  
February 2018



**Calling all 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands through high school  
graduating seniors as of the spring of 2018!**

Come join us this summer for an opportunity that comes only once every couple years. It's time for our church body's International Youth Rally June 26 - 29 in Bowling Green, OH. Anywhere from 2,000 - 3,000 teens will gather from around the country and world to worship together, grow in the Scriptures, and have a great time through some pretty awesome fellowship. Of course, with such a great opportunity, a little prep is needed. There will be registration forms, fundraising needs, and carving out the last full week of June for your schedules. Questions?

Talk to Pastor Bill if interested: [pastorbill@922church.com](mailto:pastorbill@922church.com).

Here are some possibilities we're looking at to help us enjoy the rally!

#### RALLY DATES & ITINERARY: June 26 - 29, 2018

- Tuesday 6/26/18  
6:00 am Leave St. Peter, Appleton, WI  
3:00 - 5:00 pm - Arrive at Bowling Green University, OH (7 hr. 15 min.)
- Friday 6/29/18  
1:00 pm Leave Bowling Green University, OH  
9:00 - 10:00 pm Arrive at St. Peter, Appleton, WI (7 hr. 15 min.)

#### COST:

- Rally Registration - \$345 **by 4/30 (Early Bird)**; \$370 **May 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>**
- Meals & Travel \$209.75
- TOTAL = \$554.75 **(with Early Bird Price)**
- Possible Chicago Extension (See below): Add another estimated \$65.

#### POSSIBLE CHICAGO EXTENSION ITINERARY:

- Monday 6/25 - 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Leave St. Peter, Appleton, WI
- Monday 6/25 - 5:00 - 6:30 pm - Arrive at WELS Church in Kenosha, WI
- Monday 6/25 - 6:30 - 11:00 pm - Supper, Fellowship, Overnight at Church  
(Cost is \$7.00 per meal)
- Tuesday 6/26 - 6:30 - 7:30 am - Breakfast / Get Ready & Pack up (No Showers)  
(Cost is \$7.00 per meal)
- Tuesday 6/26 - 8:00 - 9:00 am - Leave Church in Kenosha for Chicago (for Site Seeing)
  - 9:00 - 11:00 am - Willis Tour - Sky Deck cost \$24.00
  - 9:00 - 11:00 am - Navy Pier - Cost depends on attraction if chosen
- Tuesday 6/26 - 11:00 am - 5:00 pm - Travel to Rally (Time Change).  
Lunch on bus (Cost is \$7.00 per meal). Chicago to Bowling Green, OH, arrive for estimated 5:00 pm Registration

In His Service,

*Pastor Bill Monday*



St. Peter Lutheran School



SCHOOL NEWS  
February 2018



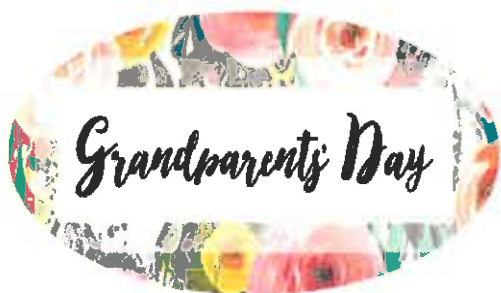
**SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM AT ST. PETER**

St. Peter is looking forward to its 4<sup>th</sup> year in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). New for the 2018-2019 school year, the number of students eligible to receive a voucher from each school district will increase. Also, the income eligibility for families will increase.

WPCP application will open on February 1, 2018. All qualifying families are encouraged to apply by the April 20, 2018 deadline. Students entering 5K, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> grade or transferring from public school or home school are eligible. This state funded program gives parents the opportunity to have their child's tuition fully funded.

Note: Families that already have a voucher need to reapply and provide proof of residency. Parents can visit our website [www.922church.com](http://www.922church.com) and click on the St. Peter School tab to find the link for the online application.

**FVL SCHOOLS DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE** - The annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Girls ages 3 -13 and their fathers (or other male guardian) are invited to dress up and join us for an afternoon of dancing, photos, crafts, games, snacks, and more! Tickets are \$8 per person and are available online through [fvlschools.org](http://fvlschools.org) and the event Facebook page. Tickets will also be available in our school office.



**GRANDPARENTS DAY AT ST. PETER LUTHERAN**

On Thursday, February 22 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Grandparents or "Grandfriends" of our students in grades 5K - 8<sup>th</sup> are invited to St. Peter School. Grandparents and "Grandfriends" will have the opportunity to worship with their student in chapel, tour the school, and be entertained by the students of St. Peter Lutheran School.

# FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE FEDERATION

January 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.**

## SCHOOL NEWS

- *Let the Children Come* has been adopted as the school's 2018-19 school year theme.
- Donations for the *Let the Children Come* project are being accepted. Detailed info on this effort will be shared with our Federation pastors and church councils during February.
- The second semester began with 615 students.
- Currently, 150 eighth graders have indicated that they will attend FVL next year. The Class of 2022 will replace our graduating senior class of 139—our smallest class.
- Weigeyuan (Margaret) Chen has earned her third consecutive Gold Award in the annual Wisconsin Scholastic Art Competition. Her work will continue to national competition in Washington, D.C.
- The school's annual ski trip took place on the weekend of January 13-14.
- *FVL Musicfest* is set for Sunday, January 28, from noon until 4pm. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.
- *Fox Treks* events for 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders take place on January 30-31.

## STAFFING NEWS

- All calls extended for the 2018-19 school have been accepted. **Mr. Ryan Lemke** (Science), **Mr. Phil Stern** (Social Studies/Religion), **Mrs. Kathy Stern** (Math) and **Mr. Jeffrey Uhlenbrauck** (Assistant Principal) will be joining us on July 1.
- **Mr. Jeff Loberger** has accepted his call to become our new Director of Mission Advancement; he will begin working with our current Director **Robert Fischer** in July and will work with him until Bob's retirement in June 2019.
- **Miss Deanna Kolell** has been hired as a second Communications Office Assistant. She will be focusing on internal communication projects while **Mrs. Sharon Ragner** serves in the Let the Children Come building expansion campaign.
- **Mrs. Monica Uhlenbrauck** has accepted our call to serve as the International Student Program Coordinator; she will be taking over for long-time coordinator **Mrs. Laura Gucinski** who is stepping into new position in the Guidance Office.
- **Mrs. Jenny Retzlaff** has received a call to serve at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. Please remember her in your prayers as she deliberates.
- FVL is still looking to hire a 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian. Details available at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org).

## COCURRICULARS

- FVL is hosting one of the state's largest VEX Robotics Tournaments on January 20.
- Senior **Erika Priebe** (Mount Olive-Appleton) received this year's *Red Smith Student-Athlete Award*; long-time supporters **Mike** and **Ryan Pfeiffer** were recognized with the *Fans of the Foxes Award*.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Federation offerings for the FVL Operating Fund are behind last year for December and year-to-date, with the total collected standing at \$398K.
- Only \$290K remains to retire the *Growing in Grace* debt. The goal is to have it retired by June 10.
- Donors participating in the *\$65 for 65 Legacy Project* have given a total of nearly \$765K to the FVL Foundation for tuition assistance.
- Thanks to many donations to completely pay off the remaining cost of outfitting the Metals Shop.
- The SCRIP program had December sales of \$247K, bringing total sales for the year to just over 1.3M.
- Watch for the 2018 FVL *Sponsor Directory* coming to your Federation church soon.

*With you, serving Jesus – Principal Steve Granberg*

# Fox Valley Lutheran High School

## 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT

### What's New in 2017-18?

- This 64<sup>th</sup> year in FVL's history opened under the theme: *Stand Firm in Jesus*.
- Opening enrollment was 620 students, up from 584 at the beginning of last year.
- The school-wide 1-to-1 technology initiative entered its second year of providing laptops to each student as part of their tuition.
- In September, the FVL General Board approved a building expansion project not to exceed \$5.6 million dollars. The addition will include a new science lab, a biomedical STEM lab, additional classrooms and offices plus a second art room and multi-purpose classroom in the fine arts wing.
- The Groundbreaking Ceremony for FVL's *Let the Children Come* building expansion was held on November 5 with representatives from every Federation congregation invited to participate.
- The English curriculum began offering its Honors prep class for the sophomore level; new offerings have also been added in the Metals Shop.
- FVL offered CNA training on campus for the first time in its history in a partnership with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) to help prepare students for studies in the health and medical fields.
- The *Growing in Grace* Mortgage Burning Ceremony is planned for the afternoon of Sunday, June 10 as the Federation celebrates retiring the debt on the new campus that opened in 2000.

### Staffing News

- **Rev. Aaron Dolan, Mr. Greg Martin, Mr. Tim Fischer, and Miss Lauren Ewings** were installed as full-time faculty members at the start of the school year.
- **Mr. Tyler Techlin** was hired to become our new Facilities Manager in July.
- **Mrs. Allie Elmer** has been hired part-time to work in the FVL Scrip Office; **Miss Deanna Kolell** began her work in January as a Communications Office Assistant to provide additional support during the *Let the Children Come* building campaign.
- Calls for the 2018-19 school year have been accepted by **Mr. Jeff Uhlenbrauck** (Assistant Principal), **Mr. Phil Stern** (Social Studies/Religion), **Mrs. Kathy Stern** (Math), **Ryan Lemke** (Science), **Mrs. Monica Uhlenbrauck** (International Program Coordinator), and **Mr. Jeff Loberger** (Director of Mission Advancement).

### School Year Highlights

- FVL's composite ACT score continues to be among the highest in the Fox Valley area.
- This year 124 students were selected to receive vouchers in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. We are excited to see that number grow as the cap expands from 2% to 3% next year. Currently, next year's freshman class is at 150 students and we look to see that number grow yet this spring.
- The fall sports season was exciting. Girls' golf took the conference championship and competed at the WIAA state tourney for the sixth straight year. **Erika Priebe** golfed her way to the D2 State Championship. **Olivia Verbeke** qualified to run in the state cross country tournament; Football qualified for the playoffs for the third consecutive year; volleyball took the regional championship defeating cross-town rival Xavier for the title. Boys' soccer made a run in the play-offs.
- *Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play* came to the FVL stage in fall and had a very successful run.

### Upcoming Events

- **FVL Schools Daddy-Daughter Dance** – March 4 – 2-5 pm
- **Family Open House** – March 6 - 4:30-6:30 (for all potential future students)
- ***Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs of the Black Forest*** will be coming to the FVL stage March 9 & 10. Two elementary school shows are slated for March 8. Tickets will be available in mid-February.
- **Discover FVL!** -- March 15 - 1-4 pm (for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in attending FVL)

*More information can always be found at [www.fvlhs.org](http://www.fvlhs.org)*



## The CORE Newsletter - February 2018

Happy middle of winter, CORE family!

By the time you read this article, my wife and I will be packing our luggage for a ministry/vacation trip to Thailand. But before you get too jealous, think of the blessings that you'll get to experience right here at The CORE while we are gone. Here goes:

### Wednesday, January 31—Exploring Your God-Given Strengths with Dr. Scott Gotschock

Dr. Scott Gotschock, who has helped our pastors, teachers, and leadership teams at The CORE/St. Peter, will be joining us for a special session to help you understand how God made you unique for a special purpose. Join us at The CORE, 6:30-8:00pm, and, if possible, make sure to take the StrengthsFinder 2.0 test before you come. (Books are available for purchase at both of our campuses.) This event is free and open to members and non-members alike.

### Monday, February 5—Life Groups Launch

There are few things as powerful and spiritually fruitful as doing life together. While I love Sundays, there are unique blessings that happen at Group when we teach one another, encourage one another, spur one another on, confess our sins to one another, and forgive one another in Jesus' name. I pray you are part of the growing community of CORE members and friends who are joining one of our Life Groups in record numbers. Check out the 922Church App for topics, days, and times, and strengthen your "Group Root" this spring.

### Sunday, February 11 (and beyond)—Death to Selfie

Pastor Michael will kick off a brand new sermon series called Death to Selfie. This series is based off the Gospel of Mark, particularly Jesus' words, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it." Only by dying to ourselves can we follow Jesus and find salvation, freedom, and an end to the anxiety-inflicting self-obsession of our culture. (To be honest, I am super jealous of Pastor Michael that I don't get to preach this Sunday, since this section of Scripture was what God used to push me to become a pastor! You won't want to miss these life-changing words from Jesus.)

### Wednesday, February 14 (and beyond)—Say What?!?

In conjunction with Death to Selfie, our midweek pre-Easter series is called "Say What?!?" Throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus said some alarming things that left the crowds gasping, "Say what?!? Sell everything I have and give to the poor? Choose to serve instead of being served? Love which kinds of people?" Jesus' words shock us out of our spiritual slumber and call us to genuine, radical, and beautiful discipleship. These midweek services will be held at our St. Peter campus each Wednesday at 1:00pm and 6:30pm.

With so many awesome opportunities to strengthen your "roots," Kim and I are kind of jealous of you all too...but I guess we will cope with Thai food, sunsets on the beach, and a few podcasts of Pastor Michael!

One last request? Would you pray that God blesses me and Kim as we break bread and share the gospel with 50+ missionaries who are radically giving themselves to reach the people of China for Jesus? Thank you!

Putting down Roots with you,  
Pastor Mike

# St. Peter Lutheran Church February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Worship – 6:30 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Worship – 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30 am Bible Discovery – 9 am Bible Classes – 9 & 10:15 am Starting Point BC – 10:15 am CORE – 5:30 pm	<b>5</b> Tami's Bible Class-8am Board of Ed/Parent's Mtg – 6 pm	<b>6</b> Quilting – 9am – 3 pm	<b>7</b> Bible Class – 6:30 am Bible Foundations – 5:30 pm Confirmation Class – 6:45 pm	<b>8</b> Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Men's Open Gym – 7:15 – 9:30 am Sheepshead Tournament – 10 am – 3 pm Karaoke @ The Broom's – 7 pm
<b>11</b> Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30; 9 & 10:30am Bible Discovery – 9 am Bible Classes – 9 & 10:15am Starting Point BC – 10:15am CORE – 5:30 pm	<b>12</b> Tami's Bible Class-8am Teen Youth Group – 7-8:30 pm @ CopperRock (downtown)	<b>13</b> Quilting – 9 am – 3 pm Card Making – 6 pm	<b>14</b> Bible Class – 6:30 am NO Confirmation Classes <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Worship – 1 & 6:30 pm Lent Meal Served from 5:15 – 6:00 pm	<b>15</b> Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Worship – 6:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Cleaning Day in Worship/Ministry Center – 8 am – Noon Men's Open Gym – 7:15 – 9:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Machine Shed – 7:30 am
<b>18</b> Worship – 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30 am Bible Discovery – 9 am Bible Classes – 9 & 10:15 am Starting Point BC – 10:15 am CORE – 5:30 pm (MLC Choir @ 10:30 am)	<b>19</b> Tami's Bible Class-8 am Council Mtg. – 6:30 pm	<b>20</b> Quilting – 9 am – 3 pm	<b>21</b> Bible Class-6:30am Country Villa Chapel – 10:30 am Confirmation Class – 5:00 – 5:45 pm Lent Meal – 5:15 – 6 pm Worship 1 & 6:30 pm	<b>22</b> Grades 5K-8 Grandparents Day 12:10 pm Dismissal 3K/4K OPEN Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30 pm	<b>23</b> No School for 5K – 8 3K/4K OPEN	<b>24</b> Men's Open Gym – 7:15 – 9:30 am Baby Quilting Kick-off – 9 am – 2 pm in 1910 Centre
<b>25</b> Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30; 9 & 10:30am Bible Discovery – 9 am Bible Classes – 9 & 10:15am Starting Point BC – 10:15am CORE – 5:30 pm	<b>26</b> Tami's Bible Class-8 am Brewster Village – 9:45 am	<b>27</b> Quilting – 9 am – 3 pm	<b>28</b> Bible Class – 6:30 am Confirmation Class – 5:00 – 5:45 pm Lent Meal – 5:15 – 6 pm Worship – 1 & 6:30 pm			