



February 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

Message from the Pastor

All You Need Is Love?

It's February! Guys, public service announcement: Valentine's Day is February 14th this year. Don't let it sneak up on you! With this holiday approaching, love may be on your mind. In the famous Beatles song, the chorus claims: "All you need is love, love, love is all you need." Leave it to this geeky pastor to point out that the Beatles aren't entirely right. The big problem with our human hearts is not only a lack of love, but also that we love the wrong things. Love is *not* all we need. We need a love that is rightly focused.

Jesus made this clear when he didn't just tell us to love, but to love what? He said, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."*³⁹ *This is the first and greatest commandment.*³⁹ *And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*⁴⁰ *All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."* (Matthew 22:37-40). But so often we get it wrong. And the Bible clearly warns about misdirected love. *"There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money... without love... not lovers of the good... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."* (2 Timothy 3) Our hearts are built to love. But so often we love the wrong things. Well, at least there's love, so that's good, right? Wrong. A misdirected love is destructive. *"The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."* (1 Timothy 6:10) And perhaps the easiest love that jumps to the front of the line with devastating consequences is love of one's self. To love yourself more than God and others is to be self-centered, egotistical, or at its extreme, narcissistic.

The object of our love is vitally important, and something we need to regularly evaluate. Who do you love? What do you love? How can we even know what real and properly focused love looks like?

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:10) God didn't just love, but his love was focused on *you*. He treasured you so much that he hatched a plan to rescue you from your

messed-up love. He sent Jesus as the perfect substitute and sacrifice for all your sins. God gave the thing of greatest value to him, his Son, so your sins could be washed away. Jesus valued you above his own life, and as a result, you get to enjoy his presence, blessing and goodness forever. That's real love rightly focused!

And your God who is love now moves you to love and to love the right things. *"We love because he first loved us."* (1 John 4:19) And because we know his love, we love him above all things. We love everyone around us as we love ourselves.

So this Valentine's Day, pause and reflect on love. First reflect on God's love for you in Christ and all that this means for you. Reflect on what true love looks like. Evaluate what you love and to what degree. Maybe that doesn't sound overly romantic, but it will change your life and your relationships! God, help us know your true love. God, help us to live out that love in our lives!

-- Pastor Michael Ewart



NextGen: Raising a Generation to Love Jesus
February 3, 10, 17, 24

Why? Jesus loves the next generation. And nothing shapes that generations love for Jesus like the way they are raised. But in a dual income, overly busy, screen-addicted, social media world, most parents are overwhelmed and confused. This series teaches parents/aunts/uncles/mentors/etc., the importance of giving every child a spiritual foundation and gives them a guide to train up their children in the way that leads to Jesus.

Weekly Themes

- Week 1** - Train Up a Child - Overview
- Week 2** - Man Up - The high and holy calling of fathers.
- Week 3** - The Power of Moms - Lois, Eunice, and the impact of women of God.
- Week 4** - It Takes a Village - Leveraging family and the family of faith to shape the next generation.



Lent 2019 for St. Peter & The CORE
Lent this year begins later than it has in several years with Ash Wednesday coming on March 6th. We will have two services for Lent this year, but we are going to try something new with the service times. In order to offer a little later 1st service time (that will hopefully interest more people) and also give everyone a chance to come and eat the meal, we are going to have services at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Because Lent starts later, we believe the 4:00 pm time will be early enough for those who want to drive while it is still light out and also allow for families to come after school is over (especially those whose kids go to bed earlier). As always, we will evaluate this year and see how it goes.



PARENT ROOTS
FUEL SESSIONS FEBRUARY 2019

FUEL FOR PARENTS
Tuesdays February 5, 12, 19, 26
6:45 – 8:00 pm in the
Ministry Center

Do you hope to offer the best you can to your children regarding the most important relationship they have, their relationship with Christ? Do you ever wonder if you are approaching parenting all right or all wrong? Are you struggling with your child in any area? Whether you have it all figured out – who of us does? – or are like most parents, looking for help, you won't want to miss our February fuel sessions which are for parents and families. We are going to look at the heart of our children's behavior from God's perspective. We'll then be equipped to understand how best to approach parenting for ages 0-5, 6-12, and 13+. Each week will build off the others, so you'll want to attend them all. That said, be sure to come to as many as possible. Pastor Bill and Pastor Jim will lead the way through some awesome material created by Pastor Paul Tripp - famous author, pastor, and professor on all thing's family related. Babysitting will be provided. Class is free. Sign up at the kiosk in the church or online at 922ministries.com/groups, click on "Life Groups and Bible Studies" and then "Seasonal Classes" and then "Fuel for Parents."



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

- Suzanne Nuernberger (02/01)
- Angie Kroenke (02/03)
- Bev Wichman (02/04)
- Duane Forbeck (02/08)
- Carol Wickesberg (02/08)
- Bill Lemke (02/11)
- John Melger (02/14)
- Carole Peters (02/15)
- Ruth Bathke (02/18)
- Gerry Diersen (02/20)
- 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)



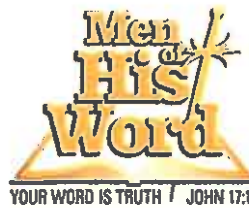
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Vacation Bible School

July 8 – 11, 2019
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

“Swing for Success” Golf Outing

June 8th – Irish Waters Golf Club, Freedom.
All proceeds will benefit tuition assistance. Anyone interested in helping in any way, contact Tom or Rhonda Dietzler at tom.dietzler@922ministries.com or rhonda.dietzler@922ministries.com.



“Built on the Rock”

Saturday, February 9, 2019

It just seems that storms and life go together. There is no place on earth where God’s people can be free—completely free—from the stress, pressure, trouble or pain that sin’s consequences bring. And escaping the torrents of temptation, the gusts of guilt, and the currents which carry even the strongest man off his moral moorings is only a dream. . . a fantasy. Our need, therefore, is not to think of ways to get away from the storms but to learn the secret of going through them. In some of the final words Jesus spoke in His immortal Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used a vivid word picture of two houses, built on opposite foundations. From this familiar illustration, we can learn the secret of an unshakeable life...**BUILT ON THE ROCK.**

<https://www.menofhisword.org/oshkosh.html>



6th Annual Men’s Christian Conference

March 23, 2019 - 9 am – 2 pm

All men are invited to the Ironmen of God Conference to hear God’s word aimed straight at men, enjoy a delicious catered lunch, and worship with your brothers in Christ!

Held at St. Paul Lutheran School,
W1956 Gopher Hill Rd., Ixonia, WI.
Register at: ironmenofgodwi.org.



Signup to Help with Lent Meals

We will be looking for 12-14 people to serve/clean for lent meals starting March 6th. The meals will be 5:00-6:00 pm. Helpers are asked to come to the school commons area by 4:30 pm so you can eat before helping. We will also need members to make cookies/bars. Look to signup online and at the church kiosk soon.



The following are some especially needed items for February: Chunky soups, all canned meats such as tuna, chicken, beef and Spam, all crackers, cookies, frostings, canned and boxed potatoes, rice, canned fruit, shampoos and conditioners, paper toweling and all size diapers and baby items.

Please no expired or perishable items.

Collection will be the 2nd Sunday in February, the 10th. 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.*

Volunteers are needed to help at the Pantry on Feb. 10th. Please sign up at the kiosk in the Gathering Area of church.

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.



The many guests, new members, and long-time members that gather every Sunday at St. Peter are evidence as to how God has richly blessed our ministry efforts. With the large services each Sunday comes a growing responsibility to have our volunteers organized, so we, as a church family, can ensure a welcoming atmosphere and be able to serve anyone attending our services. As such, we are in the process of transitioning to using an online program called Planning Center to schedule our usher teams. Then all of our Sunday morning volunteers will also be added to Planning Center in the near future. Some of our teams are already in Planning Center, such as our Praise Bands and the Communion distribution helpers.

We are nearing the launch of planning center, so keep an eye for more information that will be coming out in the following weeks. We will also have people and computer access available on Sunday mornings to help you get familiar with Planning Center.

Specific to the usher teams, I am happy to announce that Mike Wichman and Tom Dietzler will be partnering together to advance this initiative and enhance our usher teams moving forward. Watch for information from them in the future. Thank you for your willingness to serve our Savior and the people at St. Peter!

Zach Flunker, Youth & Volunteer Coordinator



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!



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.



Sunday – 9:00 am – “Law & Gospel” February 10th to March 17th

Are there days when you wonder if God can forgive you for falling into that sin yet another time? Are there days when your sins don't bother you at all, and there's no remorse how you've hurt another or yourself? This six session Bible study seeks to help us in our walk of a faith applying these two teachings of Scripture to our lives. What exactly is law and gospel? How does God use these in my life? Understanding these two teachings is critical to a healthy Christian life. We invite you for food, fellowship and faith growing.

Sunday – 10:15 am – “Exodus” February 10th to March 3rd

These four lessons come from a 52 lesson Bible Study entitled "52 Very Important Chapters of the Bible." Many of these chapters of the Bible form the foundation of the Christian faith. We'll survey four of those chapters from the book of Exodus.

Feb 10th - Baby Moses

17th - The Burning Bush

24th - The Passover

March 3rd - The Commandments

Come join us for a refresher and learning.



Baby Quilting Open House

Saturday, February 23rd from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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.



The family of Betty Runge would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and support to the family during Betty's battle with cancer. Over \$3,400 was given to the Building Fund in memory of Betty from friends & family.



New Young Professionals Network for WELS

"The Inseparable" Facebook group is intended for young professionals in WI. If you're 20's to early 30's, join the Facebook group to connect and share community events, so that you can gather together and develop strong friendships.

The name is inspired by Romans 8:39, to remind you that nothing can separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.

The first group event will be March 2, 2019, in the afternoon and early evening. It will be at N5830 Rockland Beach Road, Hilbert. Rockland Beach Rd. is on Lake Winnebago, next to the Calumet County Park. The plan is to have a winter fire and play games. Weather permitting, ice fishing and sledding/tubing. Snacks and coffee will be provided.

For more information, join [The Inseparable Facebook group](#) or text Sonya at 666-2863.



BOX TOPS - We have two different locations where you can deposit your Box 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. **Next due date is February 15th.**



***Note - Kwik Trip has decided to end their Milk Moola Fund Raiser.**

This includes: Nature's Touch Milk, Orange Juice, Drinking Water, Kwik Quencher Iced Tea & Lemonade-Gallons and Eggnog. Please have all caps/bag tops turned in by the end of February.



Passion Play Tours

Retired WELS pastor, James Humann, invites you to join him in 2020 as he hosts his sixth tour to the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The Oberammergau Passion Play depicts the life of Christ from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This afternoon and evening long performance is presented only once every ten years, in keeping with a promise the people of Oberammergau made in 1634 AD during the Black Plague.

Two different opportunities to see the Oberammergau Passion Play will be offered. The first tour is an eleven-day tour, June 12 - 22, 2020. It includes the Rhine Valley, Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Oberammergau and Munich in Germany, plus Lucerne in Switzerland and Paris in France.

The second tour is an eleven-day tour, September 23rd - October 3, 2020. It includes Athens and Corinth in Greece, a three-day Greek Isles cruise visiting Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Sontorini, plus Oberammergau and Munich in Germany and Salzburg in Austria.

The Passion Play in Oberammergau is very popular and sells out quickly. For the price and daily itinerary, e-mail Pastor Humann at Jhumann383@aol.com. If you would prefer a hard copy, be sure to include your name and mailing address.

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.	
NOTE: No SCRIP sold at school on 2/15 & 18	



(OWLS) Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors

All seniors are invited to come on February 12th at NOON for lunch at the Golden Corral, 1169 N. Westhill Blvd. in Appleton. Each one will be responsible for the cost of their buffet lunch. Following the lunch, there will be a speaker from the Bargain Garden thrift store. You are encouraged to bring a small item to donate to the store.

The OWLS is a national program for the enrichment of WELS seniors. The meetings provide the opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth through devotions and topics of interest for seniors.



I would 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

Church/School Office Hours
7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Phone: (920) 739-2009



Card Making Ministry

Join the fun in making greeting cards for our homebound members, those in the hospital, new babies, etc. This group meets every second Monday of the month in the 1910 Centre (the old building located across the street from the new church). Everything is supplied! Just bring yourself. The next get-together will be Monday, February 11th at 6:00 pm. Questions? Call Luella Kietz at (920) 731-1650.



Ladies Quilting Ministry

The St. Peter Quilting ministry is one that touches many people. Every new baby that becomes a part of our church family receives a quilt, as do members and friends who are homebound, in the hospital or facing treatments for cancer and other illnesses. You don't have to know how to sew, you can be taught different things that can help. This group meets each Thursday at 9 am in the room upstairs in the 1910 Centre (historic school building across from the church). If you're interested in helping the quilting ministry in any way, please contact Karen Peters at 739-2924.



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, Dusty Wenninger, Kari Dombrowski and Bill and Barb Schwab. If interested in this group or have any questions, please contact Dr. Michael Black at 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)



Who can utilize it: Families with young children who are the ages (6 months - 3 years)

When: Sundays during 9:00 am Church service

Where: Designated Nursery Area in the 3/4K Preschool Room

Please Contact Jessica De Deker if you are interested in signing up to help staff the Nursery or with any questions @ 920-470-1047 or jgant@new.rr.com.



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.



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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 am

American Forces Network (AFN) – Spectrum, Sunday at 7:00 am

On-Demand Digital Television

****NOTE:** Pastor Mike's sermons, which are taped at The CORE, have started airing and will be regular material starting the week after Easter.



“Our mission is to help people plant Jesus roots that produce the Spirit’s fruits.”

Director of Operations Report – February 2019

Park far, sit close

With many of our services being at or near our capacity, we ask for as many people as possible to park farther away from the church entrance and then if you see the service filling up, if you could move into the middle more. This will make things easier for everyone – for guests and less able people and those who are not as familiar with our campus to be able to more easily get into the building. Once we’re in the building, if everyone would move in closer allows as many people as possible to get in.

Reminder for February 17

Stacie Patchett, a financial representative at Thrivent Financial, 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. She is a member at Riverview Lutheran in Appleton and has been designated as the representative for St. Peter Lutheran. 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

- We are investigating some possible places in our building where we could add some offices and possibly some additional classrooms. There are some areas in which we could finish into additional square footage for offices and other spaces without adding to our building footprint. One potential plan would call for adding a portion onto our existing building, but we are very early in this process so no decisions are made. We currently have two people on staff who do not have an area for a desk or any kind of office space.
- The roof on the gym might need replacing. It is corrugated metal roof that is more than 20 years old now, and we have done some patches here and there, so if we undertake a project to add offices or anything of that nature, we may have to work the price of a new metal roof into our future plans. Even if we don’t take on any kind of building process, we should be looking into a roof replacement of some kind.
- At the invitation of Fox Valley Lutheran High School, we have combined our part time custodial position opening with the position that they were seeking for a 25 to 30 hour position that they were seeking into one full time position. The job would start with a few hours of cleaning here and then the person would finish their day at FVL. The position would qualify for full time pay and benefits through FVL and we would contribute funds to FVL monthly along with our regular support.
- Thanks to Bill and Barb Schwab for the work on the stained glass in the ministry center. Joel Weeks and Mel Selle helped Bill to install the two windows over the old altar at the east end of the ministry center, so that the altar is now entirely encircled with glass from the 1907 church building. A project that began not long after we got into our new facilities has been completed and it looks absolutely wonderful. Thanks for all of your great work!

Budget

- After the first six months of fiscal year 2018-2019, our budget is in pretty good shape. We are on track with expenses, and even if you take out the \$600,000 for the 150th Anniversary mortgage reduction effort, our income is at 54% for the year, slightly above the 50% of our projected amount for being half way through the year. Our overall expenses are below where we projected us to be at this time, at a little above 42%.
- Work has begun on putting together our budget for the 2019-2020 school year. The church council, board of education, and other leaders will be meeting early in February to talk about priorities and try to set some direction for the coming year.

Upon This Rock

We’re about to close the books on “Upon This Rock,” the capital campaign that we began in 2016 to help with taking care of some building costs, pay down our mortgage and fund some parts of our ministry. With your help and the blessings God gave us, with “Max the Match” and general offerings, March 1st marks the end of this campaign. We had set a goal of \$600,000 over three years, and with pledged and unpledged contributions we will have exceeded that. If you add in the great gift from God that “Max the Match” was, we far exceeded what we set out to accomplish. We thank God for the way in which he opened your hearts for the support of our mission and ministry. To see our mortgage at \$936,000 at the end of 2018 is something that no one would have been brave enough to suggest back in 2013-2014 when we were building. We serve a God who has a different concept of possible and believable than what we mortals can grasp. Thank you, thank you, thank you! And to God be the Glory!

God’s blessings, Tom Dietzler



Youth and Family Ministry

FEBRUARY 2019



Talk 3: “Parents, as Primary, Need to Teach and Model the Faith”

As a father, I can tell my children I love fishing and that fishing is everything. However, if I only go out on the lake once a week for an hour and hurry to get there so I can get back and carry on with life, what is a child to think? Will they love fishing? Then, if I never really talk about the fish we caught on the drive home or if I only criticize that the fish were too small or weren't biting at all, again, what will my children think? Will they love fishing? Probably not. At best, they will adopt my approach to fishing, but more likely, they won't fish. (Of course, there are always exceptions to the rule.)

Yet, if I buy all the fishing magazines, I can get my hands on, and if I buy the best equipment for fishing, and if I learn how to catch all kinds of fish, and if I share my enthusiasm, my knowledge, my best practices with my children over fishing – informing and training my children every step of the way – what will my children think? Because of the influence I have over them, by God's design, they will not only love fishing, they will master it. (Again, there are always exceptions to the rule, but they are exceptions.)

Isn't this the case with just about everything? Where there's a good relationship with a father and mother, a child will want to grow up living out whatever it is he or she has been raised in: sports, careers, other interests, and – dare I say – Jesus?

Now, I know, some will object: “But God clearly says the gospel in and of itself is powerful. It's the very power of God for the salvation of all who believe. And if we say, ‘A person has an impact too,’ then, aren't we making that person a means of grace and taking away from the power of the gospel?”

Sure, if we are not careful, we could fall into that false idea. Make no mistake, the gospel alone is the power of our salvation (Romans 1:16). The person who is the communicator of that gospel cannot add to that power in any way. But, that person can “*hinder the little children.*” That person can become an obstacle, if not careful.

And that's the thing with parents: If fathers and mothers are not careful – if they entrust others to share the faith instead of themselves as primary, if they think the faith is only head knowledge up to a certain age, if they are not living and breathing out the faith 24/7, 365 – their children will need to make a choice. A child will consciously or subconsciously ask, “Do I believe in what my parents say is important or shall I look at their life?” If there's a difference between the two – what's said and what's lived – children will overwhelmingly choose the latter. Faith is caught better than taught.

Parents, cultivate the soil of your child's heart by living out your faith in prayer, word, and action so that nothing gets in the way of their growing faith. Don't be the hard path, the rocky soil, or the thorns for your children spiritually which can lead them to sabotage what God is growing. Model and point out what good soil looks like in your very own lives (See Matthew 13).

For I am not *ashamed*
of the *gospel*,
because it is the
power of God
that brings *salvation*
to *everyone*
who *believes*.
Romans 1:16

Pastor Bill Monday
Pastor of Family and Outreach



ST. PETER LUTHERAN SCHOOL
SCHOOL NEWS
FEBRUARY 2019



School Choice FAQ For St. Peter Lutheran
What is this all about?

Why does St. Peter Lutheran participate in the School Choice Program?

We participate in the Choice program because it is a program that is available to us and it is an opportunity to help our current students and ministry at St. Peter. The Choice program also fits into our current outreach emphasis at St. Peter.

Isn't Choice for low income families? Who's eligible?

The Wisconsin Parental Choice program is not only for low income families. Please see the table below that shows income eligibility limits for the 2019-2020 school year.

Family Size	Max Yearly Income (Single)	Max. Yearly Income (Married)
2	\$36,212	N/A
3	\$45,716	\$52,716 *
4	\$55,220	\$62,220 *
5	\$64,724	\$71,724 *
6	\$74,228	\$81,228 *
7+	For each additional family member add \$9,504	

When do families need to apply for the choice program?

Families need to apply between February 1, 2019 through and April 20, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. Application is simple. Check out our school's website at 922church.com for the application link.

Who is eligible to apply for the choice program?

Students need to be incoming 5K or 1st grade students, in 5K-8th grade transferring from public school, or homeschoolers registered with their local public school.

What do families need to complete the choice application?

Applying families need completed 2017 or 2018 tax forms and proof of residency to complete application process.

How does the voucher work?

Students who receive a voucher have 100% of their tuition covered. Students who are chosen retain their voucher all their years attending St. Peter provided they follow the annual re-application process.

Questions: Contact Principal Phil Punzel at phil.punzel@922ministries.com or 920-739-2009.

FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE FEDERATION

January 2019

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

- The second semester began with 648 students. (Last year was 615 students.)
- Currently, 150 eighth graders have indicated that they will attend FVL next year. Another 50 are still undecided. The Class of 2023 will replace our graduating senior class of 148.
- The application window for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) opens on February 1 and closes April 20. WPCP offers families the chance to have their student's FVL tuition fully funded for all four years! Go to fvlhs.org to find easy-to-read eligibility charts. Also this year FVL's Tuition Assistance program application window will be the same (from February 1 – April 20). Those who don't qualify for WPCP can apply to this program if there is a financial need.
- Parents interested in enrolling 8th graders for 2019-20 should complete the online registration form at fvlhs.org. They will receive a link to sign up for sessions on 2/27 or to choose a different date.
- Host families are needed for FVL's international program for next school year. Interested parents should contact Monica Uhlenbrauck at muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org.

STAFFING NEWS

- **Mrs. Katelynn Dorn** (Science) and **Mr. Seth Jaeger** (Phy Ed, Coaching) have accepted our calls to join our ministry team for 2019-20. Mrs. Dorn will be one of our STEM Biomedical Science teachers. Mr. Jaeger will coach varsity football and teach Phy Ed classes. Additional calls will be placed yet this spring as FVL seeks to replace retiring teachers **Mr. Dave Voss**, **Mrs. Donna King**, and **Miss Jane Polley**.
- FVL is again looking to hire a 2nd shift custodian. Details available at fvlhs.org.
- Nominations are still open for the Trout Family Educator Award until the end of January. This award recognizes teacher excellence and dedication by providing a financial award for professional growth opportunities. Details on how to nominate a teacher are found at fvlhs.org.

EVENTS & COCURRICULARS

- *FVL Musicfest* is set for Sunday, January 27, from noon until 4 PM. Doors open at 11:30 AM.
- *Fox Trek* events for 5-6th graders take place on January 29-30.
- The school hosted its 4th annual FVL VEX Experience on January 19. This competition has grown to be the state of Wisconsin's largest VEX Robotics Tournament.
- Senior Jakob Ulman (St. Peter-Appleton) received this year's *Red Smith Student-Athlete Award*; long-time FVL coach Rev. Erich Schaser was recognized with the *Fans of the Foxes Award*.
- The annual FVL ski trip took place on the weekend of January 12-13.
- FVL Theatre is in need of a Costume Designer for the March musical. Sewing and people skills are a must. Contact **Sharon Mundt** at smundt@fvlhs.org if interested.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Federation offerings for the FVL Operating Fund are ahead of last year for December and year-to-date, with the total collected standing at \$449K.
- Currently \$100K has been collected or pledged toward the *Let the Children Come* debt retirement goal payment of \$475K that will be due every November 1 until 2038. Gifts to meet this goal are always needed and appreciated.
- Donors participating in the *\$66 for 66 Years Legacy Project* continue to support the growth of the FVL Foundation and its focus of tuition assistance.
- Watch for the *2019 FVL Sponsor Directory* coming to your Federation church soon.

With you, serving Jesus – Principal Steve Granberg

St. Peter Lutheran Church February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BC = Bible Class					1	2 Open Gym – 7:15 – 9:30 am BOE & Council Mtg. – 8 am
3 Worship – 7:30; 9&10:30am Bible Class – 9 & 10:15am Bible Discovery – 9am Starting Point BC – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30pm	4	5 Circuit Mtg. – 9 am School Choice Info Mtg. – 6 pm Starting Pt. Bible Class - 6:30 pm FUEL for Parents – 6:45 pm	6 Bible Class – 6:30am Bible Foundations –5pm Conf. Class Gr. 7-6pm Conf. Class Gr. 8-7pm Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ CORE H.S. Youth Group-7pm	7 Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Quilting – 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30 pm	8	9
10 Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30; 9&10:30am Bible Class – 9 & 10:15am Bible Discovery – 9am Starting Point BC – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30pm	11 Card Making – 6 pm – 1910 Centre	12 Starting Pt. Bible Class - 6:30 pm FUEL for Parents – 6:45 pm	13 Bible Class- 6:30am Bible Foundations -5pm Conf. Class Gr. 7-6pm Conf. Class Gr. 8-7pm Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ CORE H.S. Youth Group-7pm	14 Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Quilting – 9 am Worship – 6:30 pm	15 NO School for 5K-8 3/4 K OPEN	16 Open Gym – 7:15 – 9:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Machine Shed – 7:30am Sheepshead Tourm. – Reg. @ 10 am
17 Worship – 7:30; 9&10:30am Bible Class – 9 & 10:15am Bible Discovery – 9am Starting Point BC – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30pm	18 NO School for 5K-8 3/4 K OPEN Council Mtg. – 6:30 pm	19 Starting Pt. Bible Class - 6:30 pm FUEL for Parents – 6:45 pm	20 Bible Class- 6:30am Country Villa – 10:30 am Bible Foundations -5pm Conf. Class Gr. 7-6pm Conf. Class Gr. 8-7pm Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ CORE H.S. Youth Group-7pm	21 Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Quilting – 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30 pm	22 3/4K Family STEM Nite – 6 pm	23 Open Gym – 7:15 – 9:30 am Baby Quilting – 9 am – 1 pm in 1910 Centre
24 Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30; 9&10:30am Bible Class – 9 & 10:15am Bible Discovery – 9am Starting Point BC – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30pm	25 Brewster Village – 9:45 am Board of Ed./Parent Open Forum Mtg. – 6 pm	26 Starting Pt. Bible Class - 6:30 pm FUEL for Parents – 6:45 pm	27 Bible Class- 6:30am Bible Foundations -5pm Conf. Class Gr. 7-6pm Conf. Class Gr. 8-7pm Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ CORE H.S. Youth Group-7pm	28 Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Quilting – 9 am Worship – 6:30 pm		