



## March 2019 Newsletter

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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE TIMES**

**Thursday @ 6:30 pm and**

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

**The CORE – Sunday, 3:30 & 5:30 pm**



## Jesus is the Lamb of God

*John 1:29*

*"Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."*

In today's urban society, many people don't often come into contact with farm animals. So when the Bible describes Jesus as "the Lamb of God," it's easy to miss the comfort in this unique name for our Savior.

When John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," it would have immediately grabbed the Jews attention. God had commanded the sacrifice of lambs as part of their worship life to teach them that they needed the blood of a substitute to pay for their sins. They couldn't just make that sacrifice once. They had to offer it again and again because it was imperfect blood offered by imperfect people. They sacrificed animals, lambs that could never really take away their sin.

Sometimes we don't understand the full magnitude of our sin. Sin isn't just what we read about in the newspapers. Sin is when parents want the best for their children, but allow other things to become more important. Sin is when spouses want to be loving, but instead put their own needs and desires first. Sin is when teenagers struggle for independence and step over the line of disrespecting their parents and others in authority. Sin is nothing more and nothing less than failing to be the perfect people our perfect God demands of us.

We need the perfect blood of a substitute to take away our sins. Jesus is the only Lamb who could do that because he's the Lamb of God. He's the perfect Lamb who never fell short of God's expectations. He's the Substitute offered on the altar of the cross. His blood fully pays for the sin of the world. And that means he paid for your sin too! He's the Sacrifice that enables you to live life without fear of God's punishment. Jesus is the Lamb who gave you what you could never earn—eternal life and a home with him in heaven.

As we enter Lent this month, our focus is on everything the Lamb has done for us. We invite you to gather with us to thank him who died for us and to sing, *“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise”* (Revelation 5:12).

*Pastor Jim Fleming*



***The Night Before He Bled:  
7 Things Jesus Did & Said  
Before the Cross***

Why? Jesus' best friend John spent 1/3 of his Gospel recounting what happened the night before the cross, information the other Gospel writers did not record. This series allows us to listen in and learn of the love and power of our Triune God

Dates: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14

**Week #1: Love**—Jesus knew the time of his betrayal and death was drawing near. So, what did he do? He showed his friends the full extent of his love. He humbled himself, washed the very feet that would later abandon him, and encouraged his followers to love one another. In an age when many Christians are panicking, hiding, reacting, and living in fear, Jesus' words are urgent for his 21st century friends. Text: John 13:1-17.

**Week #2: Trust**—Fear filled the hearts of Jesus' friends that night, especially after Jesus' chilling words of denial. But that made Jesus' promise all the sweeter. He was going to prepare a place for us. He would be the way to get to the Father. We could trust in him when our hearts are troubled. That's the peace we need when we realize the sinfulness of our hearts. Text: John 14:1-

**Week #3: Spiritual**—The Holy Spirit often sparks questions and confusion among Christians today. But Jesus' words, though deep, are clear. The Spirit is our counselor, our teacher, our "reminder", and our source of peace. This message teaches us to rely on one of Jesus' greatest gifts, the Holy Spirit. Text: John 14:15-31/John 16:5-16.

**Week #4: Fruitful**—God wants us all to be "fruitful," to do good things according to His will. How? By staying connected to Jesus, trusting in God's "pruning" work, and remembering the love we have received from the Father & the Son. Text: John 15:1-17.

**Week #5: Haters**—Jesus never promised a warm and fuzzy Christian life. Rather, he was honest about hatred, persecution, and even death. Yet Christian persecution is proof of our connection to Christ. So, don't go astray! Let the Holy Spirit remind you of Jesus, whose eternal blessings are worth a lifetime of suffering. Text: John 15:18-16:4

**Week #6: Glorified**—Jesus' longest recorded prayer is about the purpose of life—to glorify God and find joy in the process. In a world that is searching for joy, Jesus words are a surprising and powerful path. Text: John 17:1-19

**Week #7: Sent**—Why doesn't God just take his kids out of this broken world? Answer: Because God wants more people to believe and be saved. This is how Jesus closed his epic prayer, a fact that reminds every Christian of the incredible calling we have to share our Savior with the world. Text: John 17:20-26.



**Lent 2019**

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.

This Year's Lenten Services will follow the story of Jesus' suffering and death from John's Gospel - chapters 18-19. Here is the summary as well as the weekly themes. We hope you can make it to the special services during Lent and Holy Week.

### Broken

As we walk with Jesus to the cross, we Christians feel broken. It breaks our hearts to see our Lord betrayed, abused, and killed. At the same time, Jesus suffering means that he knows exactly how it feels when we suffer. His compassionate presence strengthens us during our painful days on earth. Even better, because Jesus was broken for us, our hearts are made whole by the love of God.

- 3/6 — Betrayed. John 18:1-11
- 3/13 — Failed. John 18:12-14, 19-24
- 3/20 — Abandoned. John 18:15-18, 25-27
- 3/27 — Misunderstood. John 18:28-40
- 4/3 — Abused. John 19:1-16
- 4/10 — Shamed. John 19:17-24
- 4/18 (Maundy Thursday) — Grieved. John 19:25-27
- 4/19 (Good Friday) — Broken. John 19:28-37

#### Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday (4/18) at St. Peter –  
4:00 & 6:30 pm (with Communion)  
Good Friday (4/19) – 2:00 & 6:30 pm at St. Peter  
and 4:00 & 6:30 pm at The CORE  
Easter Sunday (4/21) at SPL – 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 am  
Easter Breakfast served 7:30-9:30 am at SPL  
Services at 8:00 & 10:00 am at The CORE

### ✓ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Vacation Bible School**  
July 8 – 11, 2019  
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Timber Rattler Game**  
Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>



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

Wesley Young (03/01)  
Sandy Melger (03/03)  
Elaine Plamann (03/07)  
Gordy Bruhn (03/16)  
Jan Borree (03/25)  
Sandy Hoerning (03/26)  
Charlotte Bohl (03/27)  
Bob Winters (03/27)  
Jeff Jensen (03/29)



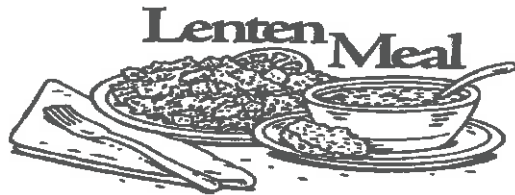
### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Christian Conference

**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](http://ironmenofgodwi.org).



The Hope Center is in need of shift volunteers starting in March. They are adding volunteers to each of their shifts: Tues 9am-12pm, Wed 2pm-5pm, and Thurs 12:30pm - 3:30pm. If interested in learning more, please contact Jen Grady (Volunteer Coordinator) at 920-810-3884 or [wisota@msn.com](mailto:wisota@msn.com).



### Signup to Help with Lent Meals

We are looking for 12-14 people to serve/clean for lent meals starting March 6<sup>th</sup>. 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. Signup online at [922church.com/lent19](http://922church.com/lent19) or at the church kiosk in the Gathering area.



**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Swing for Success  
Golf Outing – June 8, 2019**  
Irish Waters Golf Club - Freedom  
The "Swing for Success" Golf  
Outing has brought in over

\$107,000 in the past six years, thanks to you, our great sponsors and those who donated prizes and silent auction items. Thank you for your past support! The outing this year is scheduled for Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for sponsors, prizes and silent auction donations from our members, but also, from others in the community. Look for a sponsorship and registration form enclosed in this newsletter. More forms are in the information racks in church. All proceeds this year will go towards the Tuition Assistance Fund. We have room for 128 golfers. Get a team together and join the fun!! If you would like to help in anyway please contact Tom or Rhonda Dietzler at [tom.dietzler@922ministries.com](mailto:tom.dietzler@922ministries.com) or [Rhonda.dietzler@922ministries.com](mailto:Rhonda.dietzler@922ministries.com) or 739-2009. Please help us make this year's outing another huge success. **Register early and get a discount!!**

### 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.



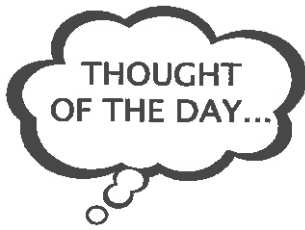
The following are some especially needed items for March: Personal hygiene and household products, baked/pork 'n beans, canned pasta, canned fruit, jam, rice, rice and noodle side dishes, all canned meats, tomato products, and paper toweling. *Please no expired or perishable items.*

**Collection will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in March, the 10<sup>th</sup>.** 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.*

### School Pizza Fundraiser

The Spring St. Peter School pizza fundraiser is going on again! Someone will be available to take your orders after church services on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> or Thursday night service March 7<sup>th</sup>. You may also call the office at 739-2009 or email Michelle Tellock at [michelle.tellock@922ministries.com](mailto:michelle.tellock@922ministries.com). Orders will need to be in by March 13<sup>th</sup> and picked up on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> between 10 & 11:30 am.





Morality may keep you out of jail, but it takes the blood of Jesus Christ to keep you out of hell.

*"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins..."*

Ephesians 1:7



### One Team

Is there a family member or friend you have not seen in worship for a time? Have you been away 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 began 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.



Do you love to spend time in the great outdoors that God Created? Do you love to be with other Christian brothers and sisters? Do you love to cook? Here is an opportunity for you to combine all of these loves. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen at Camp Bird, in Marinette County, WI. No experience is required, just a willingness to serve. Camp begins Sunday, July 7, 2019 and ends on Friday, July 12, 2019. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Paul Phillips at 920-284-2262 or via email: paul9332@gmail.com.



### Women's Wellness Talk

Dr. Wendy Schroeder, Bethany member and doctor of osteopathic medicine with the Ascension Medical Group, will present a Women's Wellness Talk on Monday, March 4, 2019 in the Praise Center at Our Shepherd Childcare (3335 N. Lynndale Dr, Appleton) at 6:30pm. Dr. Schroeder offers a unique perspective of being a Christian woman in the medical community. Pastor Pat Brown will lead the group in a short devotion about our faith and fitness journey. This is also the last evening of the current Faith Fit session, which starts at 5:30pm. Women of all ages are welcome.



### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> - 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](mailto:Jhumann383@aol.com). If you would prefer a hard copy, be sure to include your name and mailing address.



The LWMS Spring Rally will be held April 6, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Early Child Care Center, 800 Augustine St., Kaukauna, WI. The theme this year is "The Great Multitude in White Robes." Pastor Michael Duncan will be sharing information about the South Asian mission work being done to evangelize those of the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist and Muslim religions to Pewaukee, WI. **Home Mission** -- Caribbean Scholarship Fund. With contributions to the scholarship fund, future Caribbean called workers will more easily receive training and return to their homeland to continue teaching and sharing the saving gospel message. **World Mission** -- Proclaimers. These are solar-powered audio Bibles that help our missions reach more people with the saving gospel. The device can also help overcome language/dialect barriers by removing the pastor's native accent and making it easier for the congregation to understand and follow along in Scripture. Your gifts would help buy additional Proclaimers for use in our mission fields around the world.

Additionally, 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 Kalles*

**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 3/18 or 22nd



Dear St. Peter and The Core church family,

Since I began my position back in May I have loved every single minute of it. My experience serving here has solidified my desire to finally pursue a calling that I have considered since I was very young. I have decided that I want to pursue the pastoral ministry full-time. After praying about the decision and talking it over with those closest to me, Miranda and I have decided that starting right away in Fall 2019 is the best option for our family. This will require a move to New Ulm for two years before spending four years at the Seminary in Mequon. I look forward to the coming months here at St. Peter, and I trust that God will bless our decision as well as the ministry here at St. Peter moving forward.

Sincerely,  
Zach Flunker



**Tuesday Morning  
Women's Bible Study**  
with Bev Wichman  
9:00 – 10:30 am  
Starting March 12<sup>th</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup>

Discussing the book *"My Favorite Senior Moments"*  
by Karen O'Connor

... "Remember the good old days, but also look for the good in today.

God is with you every step of the way, senior moments and all." ...

We will be meeting in the Heritage Room in church every other Tuesday. Sign-up sheet is on the Kiosk in the Gathering Area.

**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.



FVL's National Honor Society chapter is organizing *Run for Lives*, a community event on April 6 that features a 5K and 2-mile obstacle run. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin-Fox Valley. Visit [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org) for more info. Questions? Contact Amy Gilmet at [agilmet@fvlhs.org](mailto:agilmet@fvlhs.org).



**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, March 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A special thanks** to all who donated thread to the quilting ministry. Also, we'd like to personally thank people for other donations. It would be great if you could let us know who donated items.

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



**Military Family Support Group**

The Military Support Team board members 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](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)*



**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](mailto: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.



**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.



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



- 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.*



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

### **Director of Operations Report – March 2019**

#### **Building Issues:**

1. We're looking at ways to find or create some additional office space within our current facilities: Joel Weeks presented some ideas at this month's church council meeting that could create some office/meeting/classroom space without changing our building footprint too much. I have contacted the architect that we used for the 2013/2014 building project, Jeff Smies of Smies and Associates in Sheboygan to further investigate some of our ideas.
2. We have recurring leaks in our gym roof. We are consulting with various roofing companies and contractors to find out about any and all options available and what the cost would be to best address the aging roof. It is a corrugated metal roof that was installed when that portion of the building was constructed in 1998.
3. We'll probably need to get our gym floor resealed again this summer also.
4. We're checking out having some of the cracks resealed in the parking lot, I'm getting some estimates on that work, too.
5. Buss Electric has graciously allowed us the use of a lift to use in the gym. Joel Weeks is cleaning off all of the light fixtures and changing all of the burned out bulbs in the gym. Joel has also done a great job of clearing out and organizing things up in the mezzanine storage area above the gym.

#### **Other issues:**

1. Usher project: We have rewritten the Ushers Manual, and will be meeting with many of the ushers over the weeks of Feb. 18 and 25. We hope to integrate the signup procedure into Planning Center beginning in April. Once this group of ushers is trained, they will be responsible for training other ushers on their teams.
2. As the "Upon This Rock" capital campaign winds down, we currently have \$104,000 in that fund, from which we draw \$9,000 twice monthly to make our mortgage payments. Our mortgage is currently \$897,000. Contributions that are made to the "Building Fund" will be used for making mortgage payments only.
3. We haven't hired anyone for the custodial position that we'd like to share with FVL.
4. We had 65 people attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Peter Lutheran Sheepshead Tournament on Saturday, February 16. We raised \$349. That is the largest turnout so far. Don Treichel is to be commended for all of his efforts in making the event happen. He was assisted by Bill and Barb Schwab and Bruce Werschem.
5. We ask that any medical personnel continue to sign the binder at the Welcome Center and let ushers or me know where you will be sitting during worship services so that we can find you quickly and offer assistance in certain medical emergencies.
6. Plans have begun for the annual St. Peter Lutheran "Swing for Success" golf outing to be held at Irish Waters in Freedom on Saturday, June 8. **SAVE THE DATE!** All proceeds will go to tuition assistance for St. Peter Lutheran School. We are looking for sponsors, gifts, prizes, volunteers and golfers, men and women of all ages!
7. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. We will be holding worship services **every Wednesday during Lent at 4 PM and 6:30 PM**. We will be serving meals between the services from 5 PM to 6 PM.

#### **Winter in Wisconsin**

8. Thanks to Joel Fenske for his crew from Fox Meadow Lawn Care for the great work in keeping our campus cleared of snow. This has turned out to be a pretty active weather situation this winter. Joel Weeks has been very busy as well in getting crews here to help him with snow removal.
9. We've had six school days canceled due to the weather, and those decisions are made strictly by the Freedom School District. Our "Joels" come out in the nasty weather to clear off the sidewalks and parking areas so that we can get in and out of here when the weather permits. When cancellations occur for school, church services, meetings, Bible studies, sports or any other activities, we try to use email communications, social media and all means possible. When you see "Freedom Public and Private Schools" on TV, that includes us.

God's blessings, Tom Dietzler



# Youth and Family Ministry

## MARCH 2019



### Talk 4: “How Children Catch the Faith at Home – Informal Devotions”



## Family devotions

As fathers and mothers, how do we create a home where the faith is “caught as well as taught?” In other words, how do fathers and mothers show that faith in Jesus isn’t just a part of our life to be pigeonholed – a monthly Sunday morning venture, go-to-church-and-come-back-right-away-kind-of-thing – but that it encompasses the entirety of our family life, that it IS our family’s life?

In this talk, I’m going to introduce to you two ways of creating a “faith catching” home, and we’ll especially focus on the second way: 1) Have formal devotions; 2) Have informal devotions.

*Formal devotions* – I’d define formal devotions as the practice of setting aside time, as a family, to read Scripture, discuss Scripture in relevant practical ways, and close in prayer and perhaps a hymn. We’ll discuss this more in our next talk next month. *Informal devotions* – I’d define informal devotions as the practice that Moses describes in Deuteronomy 6:7b-9: “Talk about [God’s Word / Presence, Promises, and Commands] when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates...” Out of the two, I believe having “informal devotions” – a constant conversation and living out a life in Christ – is by far the more important. (That said, formal devotions are still critical.)

What does an informal devotional life look like as a family? Perhaps the best way to illustrate the practice is by giving several examples – not exhaustive – and creating an acronym to live by.

Let’s say you’re all driving home from church. An informal devotion would be just talking about all the good things you got out of worship: sermon, hymns, liturgy, prayers... If you speak personally and positively about what it meant to you and ask what others liked the best, you are living out Deuteronomy 6. Don’t criticize anything about church to your family, especially to your children. (Bring issues to your pastor privately or other leaders.) Informal devotions would include reflecting on good things and bad things that happen and giving God thanks or remembering his promises, this would include commenting on our culture. Informal devotions would also look at life through the lens of the Apostles’ Creed threefold truth on the Triune God: Father as Creator/Blessor; Son as Savior/Reconciler; Spirit as Ally/Purpose Bringer. Informal devotions can take place whenever there’s a conflict between people. Through a practice of confession and forgiveness, the cross of Jesus can heal all relationships. Or, listening to Christian music through the day or enjoying any other types of Christian art or expressions in media are all part of having informal devotions. Okay, now for the acronym: W.E.C.C.M: Worship, Events, Creed, Confession, Music.

So, how are your informal devotions going? Are you, fathers and mothers, both actively engaged and leading the way, especially fathers? If this is new, don’t worry. It takes practice and won’t happen overnight. Don’t give up. God bless your efforts!

*Pastor Bill Monday*  
*Pastor of Family and Outreach*

## The CORE Newsletter - March 2019

### Connections

What kind of connections do you have? When you are well connected, life is so much easier and better. Connections can help you get the career you always wanted, the classic car you've been looking for, the excellent service you hope for, and more. God also tells us about the importance of having the right connections spiritually. Are you well connected?

#### **Connected for forgiveness, life and salvation**

God is awesome, glorious and true. He loves only what is good and pure. If you had to stand alone before God fully accountable for every moment of your life, you would be disconnected.

Thank God for Jesus, who connects us to the Father. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6). Jesus' life was exactly as good and pure as God was looking for. Yet he sacrificed himself on the cross as the payment and punishment for the entire debt-load of your sin. His resurrection proves that he completed God's incredible salvation project. Connected to Christ, his perfect life and his payment for sin are credited to you! You are loved by God and he delights in you. And he promises you will live connected with him in Paradise forever.

#### **Connected through the Gospel**

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). The gospel is what the Holy Spirit uses to establish and maintain that connection to Christ. This is why at our church, we give all attention to the good news of Jesus, and the gifts God pours out on us through baptism and the Lord's Supper.

#### **Connected for community**

Connected to Christ, you have even more connections. "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27). God made you and me family members. That connection we have with each other is how God puts "flesh and bones" on his love. We help each other to grow in our walk with God in our daily living. We love each other with the kind of love God has for us. God intends for us to work together as a family. We each have different resources in terms of abilities, time, relationships and earthly possessions. But as we use them together for the benefit of God's Kingdom and to his glory, what we do together far exceeds the sum of the parts! We belong to a worldwide movement that is much bigger than any one of us. Connected to Christ, we are connected to each other for encouragement, cooperation and for growing the Kingdom of God.

#### **Connected for service**

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). And Paul wrote: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10). Connected to Christ, we bear much fruit. We are empowered to live generous lives that give glory to God and benefit others as we overflow with the love of Christ.

#### **Stronger connections**

What is your plan for strengthening your spiritual connections? Would you take this opportunity to review your myROOTS plan? Ask at church for a copy, or download it here: [922church.com/myroots](http://922church.com/myroots).

Pastor Michael Ewart



# ST. PETER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## SCHOOL NEWS MARCH 2019



St. Peter Lutheran School is registering students for the 2019-2020 school year in 5K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please visit our website at <http://922church.com/st-peter-school>. Click on the admission tab and complete the online form. Families that are interested in a school tour should contact our principal, Phil Punzel at 920-739-2009.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR**—Our congregation has called Miss Kaylen Orr to serve as our next Early Childhood Director. Kaylen is a 2009 graduate of Martin Luther College with degrees in elementary and early childhood education. In 2009, she began her teaching ministry at Ascension Lutheran School in Escondido, CA. In 2013 she moved to Los Angeles to serve as the director at Building Blocks Christian Academy. Building Blocks Christian Academy serves 40 children. Please keep Kaylen in your prayers.

**CALL RECEIVED**—Mr. Jarrod Pfarr, our assistant principal and 5<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher has received a call to serve at Trinity Lutheran School in Belle Plaine, Minnesota. He is being asked to serve as their 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and to oversee their school music program. Please keep Mr. Pfarr in your prayers. The Lord has blessed him with many talents for ministry.

**SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM AT ST. PETER**—St. Peter Lutheran School participates in the in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Below is some helpful information.

- Families need to apply between February 1 and April 20 for the 2019-2020 school year. Application is simple.
- Students need to be incoming 5K or 1<sup>st</sup> grade students, in 5K-8<sup>th</sup> grade transferring from public school, or homeschoolers registered with their local public school.
- Applying families need completed 2017 or 2018 tax forms and proof of residency to complete application process.
- 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.

These are the 2019-2020 income eligibility rates.

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	

\*NOTE - Figures listed in the right column will not be listed on the DPI site but reflect the \$7,000 adjustment for married couples with children.

# FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE FEDERATION

February 2019

**Fox Valley Lutheran High School in partnership with families and Federation churches, provides students with a Christ-centered education preparing teens for lives of service and for eternity.**

## SCHOOL NEWS

- Enrollment is currently 648 – it was 614 at this time last year. Currently 154 eighth graders have indicated they plan on attending FVL next year.
- Applications for the 2019-20 *Wisconsin Parental Choice Program* are open until April 20. Families should check FVL's website to see if they would qualify for this state program that helps families to fully-fund tuition for their teens. For those who might not qualify, but still need financial assistance, FVL's Tuition Assistance application process is also open the same dates this year.
- New FVL students are eligible to receive the annual Ladies Guild Memorial scholarships. To apply, find more information at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org).
- In early February, Leadership Week was organized by our *Peer Leadership Group* to strengthen student leadership skills and to create stronger bonds among our student body. FVL juniors volunteered an afternoon at their home churches or schools.
- FVL's *Family Open House* is Tues., March 5, from 12 noon-7 pm. Families can register online at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org); walk-ins are welcome. A drawing for tuition discount coupons is offered.
- On March 14, FVL will welcome over 200 seventh graders to *Discover FVL Day*.
- Information on the FoxFest Dinner Auction is now online. This year's theme is *Kentucky Derby*. The date is April 5 at Liberty Hall. Find out more at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org).

## STAFFING NEWS

- Calls have been extended to Ms. Sara Emmrich (Guided Studies/Special Education) and Mr. Matthew Foxen (English). Please remember these teachers in your prayers as they deliberate these calls.
- FVL still is in need of a second-shift custodian. If interested, contact [ttechlin@fvlhs.org](mailto:ttechlin@fvlhs.org)

## COCURRICULARS

- The Forensics team is enjoying early season success. Next up are Sub-district and District competitions.
- Our chapter of *Future Business Leaders of America* qualified 16 students for State competition. The team finished fourth in regional competition against 28 other high schools with 650 students competing.
- FVL Theatre will offer public performances of its spring musical *Crazy for You* on March 8-10. Tickets are available online or at the door.
- NHS is sponsoring a 5K fun run in April to support Children's Hospital. Register at [runforlives2019.com](http://runforlives2019.com)

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Congregation support for operations is 3.8% (or, about \$20K) ahead of what had been collected at this time last year. We are about \$59K short of budget at this time.
- *Let the Children Come* gifts totaled \$6,600 in January, bringing the total given toward the first principal and interest payments to \$97K. A total of \$475K needs to be raised by November 1 annually to meet the loan payments.
- Gifts to the FVL Foundation are always appreciated. The Foundation supports FVL through tuition assistance and professional development. An annual goal of \$300K has been set to grow the Foundation and stabilize the operations and outreach of the high school.
- With support from our *Partnering with Business* sponsors, Musicfest in late January raised over \$9K for the FVL Fine Arts program and the *Let the Children Come* effort.

*With you, serving Jesus – Principal Steve Granberg*

# St. Peter Lutheran Church - March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BC = Bible Class					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Open Gym - 7:15 am
<b>3</b> Worship-7:30:9:00 & 10:30 am Bible Discovery - 9 am Bible Classes - 9 & 10:15am Starting Point BC - 9 am CORE - 3:30 & 5:30 pm	<b>4</b> Board of Ed Mtg.-6 pm	<b>5</b> Starting Point Bible Class - 6:30 pm  FUEL - 6:45 pm	<b>6</b> Bible Class - 6:30 am Ash Wednesday Worship w/Lord's Supper-4&6:30pm Meal - 5 pm Conf. Class Gr7&8-5 pm Christian Recovery-6:30 pm @ The CORE	<b>7</b> Children's Chapel - 8:30 am Quilting - 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper - 6:30 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Open Gym - 7:15 am
<b>10</b> Worship w/Lord's Supper- 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30am Bible Discovery - 9 am Bible Classes - 9 & 10:15 am Starting Point BC - 9 am CORE - 3:30 & 5:30 pm	<b>11</b> Card Making - 6 pm (1910 Centre)	<b>12</b> Starting Point Bible Class - 6:30 pm  FUEL - 6:45 pm	<b>13</b> Bible Class - 6:30 am Worship - 4 & 6:30 pm Meal - 5 pm Conf. Class Gr7&8-5 pm Christian Recovery-6:30 pm @ The CORE	<b>14</b> Children's Chapel - 8:30 am Quilting - 9 am Worship - 6:30 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Open Gym - 7:15 am Men's Bible Study @ Machine Shed-7:30 am
<b>17</b> Worship-7:30:9:00 & 10:30 am Bible Discovery - 9 am Bible Classes - 9 & 10:15am Starting Point BC - 9 am CORE - 3:30 & 5:30 pm	<b>18</b> Church Council - 6:30 pm  NO School - Spring Break thru Friday	<b>19</b> Starting Point Bible Class - 6:30 pm	<b>20</b> Bible Class - 6:30 am Country Villa - 10:30am Worship - 4 & 6:30 pm Meal - 5 pm Conf. Class Gr7&8-5 pm Christian Recovery-6:30 pm @ The CORE	<b>21</b> Quilting - 9 am  Worship w/Lord's Supper - 6:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Open Gym - 7:15 am
<b>24</b> Worship w/Lord's Supper- 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30am Bible Discovery - 9 am Bible Classes - 9 & 10:15 am Starting Point BC - 9 am CORE - 3:30 & 5:30 pm	<b>25</b> Brewster Village - 9:45 am	<b>26</b> Starting Point Bible Class - 6:30 pm  Pastor's Circuit Mtg. @ FVL	<b>27</b> Bible Class - 6:30 am Worship - 4 & 6:30 pm Meal - 5 pm Conf. Class Gr7&8-5 pm Christian Recovery-6:30 pm @ The CORE	<b>28</b> Children's Chapel - 8:30 am Quilting - 9 am Worship - 6:30 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Open Gym - 7:15 am
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**8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Swing for Success" Golf Outing**  
**Saturday, June 8, 2019**  
**Irish Waters Golf Club – Freedom**

*All proceeds benefit the St. Peter Lutheran School Tuition Assistance Fund*

The following SPONSORSHIPS are available, please check the one/ones you wish to support:

**EAGLE SPONSOR - \$2,000**  
 Includes: Team of four golfers, your business name on the front of the outing flyer and on a banner at the registration table, a sign with your business name on the putting green, and you will be acknowledged at various times during the outing.

**LUNCH SPONSOR - \$1,500**  
 Includes: Two golfers, your business name on the outing flyer, signage in the lunch area, and your business name will be acknowledged at various times during the outing.

**CART SPONSOR - \$1,000**  
 Includes: Two golfers and a sign on every golfer's cart bearing the name of your business.

**HOLE SPONSOR - \$250**  
 Includes a sign on one of the golf course holes bearing the name of your business.

**BEVERAGE SPONSOR - \$750**  
 Includes: One golfer, your business name will appear on the drink ticket that each golfer receives, and a sign on each of the beverage carts on the golf course.

**PAR SPONSOR - \$500**  
 Includes: One golfer and two signs, each sign on a different golf course hole bearing the name of your business.

**PRIZES & AUCTION ITEMS**  
 Any item/gift certificate you donate will be used in our raffle or silent auction.

**ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIPS**  
 Golf Balls, Tees, Ball Markers, Towels, Shirts, etc. with your Company logo for each participating golfer (128 golfers).

ALL of our sponsors and those donating prizes or silent auction items will be listed in the outing program.  
 Also, your support will be published in our July church newsletter.  
 You may also put your business card in the golfer gift bags.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ANY SUPPORT YOU ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE!**

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make all checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran and mail to:**  
**St. Peter Lutheran; Attn: Golf Outing Committee**  
**N2740 French Rd., Appleton, WI 54913**

**If a donation needs to be picked up from your business or if you have any questions, please contact Tom Dietzler at (920)739-2009 OR tom.dietzler@922ministries.com**

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual**



**Golf Outing**



**ST. PETER**  
Lutheran Church & School



**REGISTRATION FORM**

**\$80 per golfer before 5/5/19**  
**\$85 per golfer after 5/5/19**

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School Tuition Assistance Fund*

**Saturday, June 8, 2019**

**Irish Waters Golf Club - Freedom**

***Playing Format/Time***

- 8:00 am – Registration – Coffee and Donuts
- 9:00 am – Shotgun Start, 4 Ball Scramble Format
- 2:00 pm – Lunch, Awards/Prize Presentation

***Cost***

**\$80 per golfer if paid by May 5, 2019**  
**\$85 per golfer after May 5, 2019**  
*(includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and range balls)*

**Raffles – Hole Prizes – Silent Auction**

**Questions? Contact Tom Dietzler at (920)739-2009**

Captain/Golfer 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 4: \_\_\_\_\_

*if you do not have 4 golfers, we will put you with another group.*

**Make Checks Payable to:  
St. Peter Lutheran**

**Send registration and payment to:**

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**PLEASE send  
payment for all  
golfers with your  
registration form.  
Space is limited  
to the first  
128 paid golfers!**