



April 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

Message from Pastor

Hang on to Easter Joy!

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials."

(1 Peter 1:3-6)

There's no mistake. It's a special day. The worship space is filled with flowers, brightly colored banners, and people. Musicians support triumphant songs. Happy Christians greet each other with ancient proclamations of good news: "Christ is risen!" And they respond, "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" It's Easter Sunday!

Sadly, Easter excitement is often short-lived. If only Easter joy would linger beyond the benediction at the end of the service. If only Easter would permeate our lives as we head back to our homes, to school, to work, and to the daily routines that occupy so much of our time. How easily we forget the Easter truth we boldly declare: *"He is risen indeed!"*

The devil smiles when we treat Easter as a one-day event and then pack away its message along with the seasonal decorations. Easter's message impacts our daily lives and our eternity. Easter empowers us to live each new day in hope and joy, no matter what sorrows or disappointments we may face.

The apostle Peter wrote to believers who were suffering *"grief in all kinds of trials."* These first-century Christians were under tremendous pressure to renounce their faith in Jesus. When they faced the harsh reality of imprisonment and persecution, many were tempted to conclude that God had abandoned them and that their faith in Jesus was worthless. Peter lifted their eyes beyond present

realities to the blessings they enjoyed through faith, blessings that were tied inseparably to the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Suffering is temporary. Grief comes to an end. God had given them new birth into a living hope. In Jesus, they possessed an inheritance kept in heaven *“that can never perish, spoil or fade.”* Peter pointed to the empty tomb and proclaimed, *“Here’s where you find your hope! Here’s where you discover your reason for joy!”*

How can we hang on to Easter joy beyond the special worship services on April 21? How can we live in hope on May 7, July 19, Oct. 13, and all the other days on the calendar? Spend time in God’s Word! Listen as Jesus says to you, *“Because I live, you also will live”* (John 14:19). Remember your baptism! *“We were therefore buried with Jesus, through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life”* (Romans 6:4). Receive Jesus’ body and blood in the Holy Supper for the forgiveness of your sins and assurance of God’s love for you. Be encouraged by your brothers and sisters in Christ as you celebrate Easter joy every week in public worship.

The Easter flowers wither and the special music dies away, but the message of Easter continues to bring joy to forgiven sinners each new day. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Source: Forward in Christ, April 2015)

Pastor Tim Glende



***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 Remaining: April 7 & 14

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.



***Fake News/Real Jesus: Finding the
Real Jesus in a Fake News World***

In a world of spin, bias, and fake news, who can figure out what is truth and what is a lie? In the weeks leading up to Easter, TV stations air special episodes and new books promise readers the chance to find “the real Jesus.” But Jesus, who is “full of truth,” spoke clearly about who he was. This series examines Jesus’ identity from the words of his closest friend, John, introducing us to a real Savior who makes a real difference in our real lives.

Dates: April 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2

Weekly Summaries:

Week #1: April 21 - The Resurrection & Life: Jesus faced the horror of his friends’ death/grief with a powerful hope with the reminder that he was the resurrection and the life. In a world where we all are dying every day (and trying to ignore it), Jesus’ own resurrection is proof that he is our Savior and our true source of Life! Text: John 11.

Week #2: April 28 - The Word: Was Jesus a good man? A wise teacher? A religious guide? A prophet? A god? Jesus’ best friend answers that question in the opening words of his biography. Jesus was the Word, both with God and himself God. Jesus is the way God communicates with us, showing us the darkness of life without him and the bright light of trusting in him. Text: John 1:1-13.

Other Weekly Themes:

- #3) The Lamb of God - Text: John 1:29-34
- #4) Miracle Man - Text: John 2:1-11
- #5) Church Protector - Text: John 2:12-25
- #6) Eternal Life Giver - Text: John 3:1-21
- #7) The Water of Life - Text: John 4:1-26



Lent 2019
Wednesdays through April 10th at
4:00 & 6:30 pm
Meal 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Our special midweek Lent services continue this month as we have services at 4 pm and 6:30 pm. This Year's Lenten Services 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.

Series: "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.

- 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

This service will be a traditional worship service which focuses the events of Jesus' Passion from his trial before Pilot to his death on the cross. There are responsive readings between the leader and congregation. The service will not focus on the seven words of Christ. However, after each reading a candle will be extinguished to symbolize how Christ's life was ebbing away. At the end of the service one candle is relit to remind us of the hope we have on Easter morning.

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
 Breakfast at The CORE 7:00-8:00 & 9:00-10:00 am



**8th 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 8th. We are 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 or rhonda.dietzler@922ministries.com or 739-2009. Please help us make this year's outing another huge success. **Register early and get a discount!!**



**Come join us for our 2019
 confirmation celebrations:**

Wednesday, April 24 from 5:30-
 6:30 pm Celebration of Faith
 (Public School) and 7:00-8:00 pm
 (Christian Day School Students) at
 St. Peter. Our 2019 Confirmation Service is at
 10:00 am at Fox Valley Lutheran High School for all
 8th Grade Confirmands. Note that there will be
 worship services at St. Peter at the regular times.
 Contact Pastor Bill with any questions.



Thank you

The Ron Springstroh family would like to thank everyone for their kindness, cards and prayers given to them in memory of Marge who passed away on February 14th. Memorial money was given to St. Peter School and Church in memory of Marge from family and friends.



SPRING FOOD DRIVE

This Drive will help to stock the shelves through the summer months. The following are some especially needed items: Boxed potatoes, rice, Hamburger Helper, cookies, crackers, cereal, jelly/jam, canned fruit, soups: condensed, chunky, broth, baked beans, tomato sauce/paste, canned meats and stews, laundry & dish soap, hygiene products, paper towels/ facial tissues, toilet paper, diapers and wipes, and baby food.

Please no expired or perishable items.

Collection will be Sunday, April 7th.

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 and are used to purchase gift cards to be given to families to purchase perishable items. Please make your checks payable to: *Apple Valley Food Pantry.*



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.

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.

School Pizza Fundraiser

Reminder to pick up your St. Peter School fundraiser pizzas on Saturday, April 13th between 10 & 11:30 am.

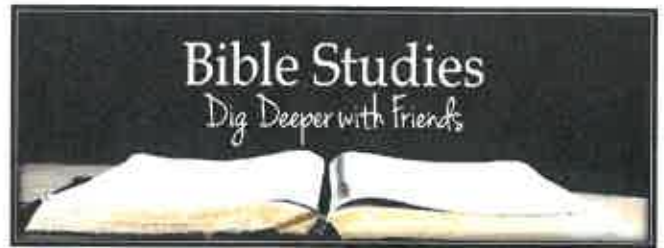


Special birthday wishes to the following members who are 70+ years this month!!

- Paul Zittlow (04/02)
- Linda Peters (04/07)
- Ellyn Forbeck (04/11)
- Mel Selle (04/16)
- Joyce Wichman (04/17)
- Ken Rahmlow (04/17)
- Lane Foote (04/18)
- Bev Kalies (04/21)
- Debra Vermeern (04/26)
- Shirley Foote (4/27)
- David Gruendemann (4/27)
- Judy Hameister (04/28)
- Barb Ulmer (04/30)



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.



Beginning April 14th – May 19th at 9:00 am
 Ministry Center at St. Peter
 “Leaders of the Way”

If we were hiring leaders to head a corporation, we would want experienced, outgoing, and wise individuals. That would seem to make the most sense from a human perspective. Jesus chose men to be leaders in the early church who had little experience, not so outgoing and needing wisdom. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God changed ordinary men into awesome leaders. The encouragement for us is this. God can take ordinary people and turn them into great leaders, and that includes you. Over five weeks we'll spend time looking at the lives of Peter, James, Paul, Barnabas and John.

Beginning April 14th – May 26th at 10:15 am
 Ministry Center at St. Peter

Genesis - These six 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 six of those chapters from the book of Genesis:
 April 14th - Abraham.

April 28th - Sodom and Gomorrah.

May 5th - Abraham Tested.

May 12th - Jacob's Ladder.

May 19th - Gen 37 - Joseph's Coat.

May 26th - Gen 41 - Joseph Rules.

Come join us for a refresher and learning.

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 on April 19th



St. Peter Campus, Sundays 10:15am – 12:15 pm
3 sessions, April 28, May 5, May 12
The CORE, Sundays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
3 sessions, April 28, May 5, May 12

Starting Point *Fast Track* is where you can explore faith and experience community. Learn God's answers to life's deepest questions as we explore the basic teachings of the Bible. We're experimenting with a condensed, 3-week format with 2 hours per session! Who should come? 1) The newcomer who wants to learn more about the Bible. 2) Any Christian who wants to review the foundations of the Christian faith. Best practice: come yourself and bring someone new with you!



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.

MAY 3-5 2019

LWMS
 VETERAN
 SPIRITUAL
 R & R



May 3-5, 2019
Camp Philip, Wautoma, WI

This retreat is intended for and open to WELS/ELS veterans, men & women who have any degree of post traumatic stress related to their military service. This retreat is only for veterans. No spouses or family for this retreat. There is no cost to the participants. Travel assistance is available. Register by visiting www.lutheranmilitary.org. Registration is limited.

922 Ministries Military Family Support Group

The Military Support Team continues to meet and plan. 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 or (920) 257-8082.



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 for more info. Questions? Contact Amy Gilmet at 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, April 8th 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Timber Rattler Game

Wednesday, May 29th

Vacation Bible School

July 8 – 11, 2019 - 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

WELS Night Brewer Game

Friday, July 12th



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.

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



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 ended 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 – April 2019, St. Peter Lutheran Church

Building Issues:

1. We continue to look at ways to create some office space and other ways to fully utilize any available space in the building. We've had some good conversations, and we continue to explore options. We've had an architect come in and give us advice and we have some ideas that we may want to pursue.
2. We've had a contractor look at our roof and give us some advice and a quote. We'll be checking with others about giving us quotes. This has not been a pleasant winter for a roof that is in need of some attention.
3. We're looking at doing the gym sealing and painting the surface of our stage (where the bleachers sit in the gym) at about the same time this summer. There are varying cure times for these processes, so we want to give both surfaces enough time to dry thoroughly. It appears right now that these will happen in July.
4. We had a serious water leak in the same corner of the storage room (conveniently located right by a collection of circuit breaker boxes) during the warm weather and heavy rain that we saw on Thursday, March 14th. Thanks to quick action by Joel Weeks and assistance from Dean Van Handel and Kyle Krautkramer, no serious damage occurred. We will have to address this more completely, but we had a huge assist from Scott and Donny Hietpas, who brought in some excavating equipment the next day to help get the water away from the building and sandbag the area.

Other issues:

1. We're still working on the ushering project to increase the number of ushers on Sunday mornings, and to revise a few procedures from the way we did things when we first moved into our new facilities. It's going well, with a few tweaks along the way. Ushers will begin to use Planning Center Online to sign-up for various services, and we'll have assistance at the Information Desk (formerly Welcome Center) for anyone needing help.
2. If you'd like to help us out and become a part of the huge team that is needed to make our "Sunday Experience" a smooth running operation, you can talk to me, Mike Wichman or Maria Keuschel at the Information Desk located in the Gathering area just outside the church sanctuary.
3. We'd like to thank some of our Thrivent members for their help in getting Thrivent "Action" cards for some of our Lent meals. It's a real blessing to be able to use \$250 for supplies for the meals, it really goes a long way toward offsetting our costs. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to help us out in paying for certain activities that we do here at St. Peter, please call Rhonda Dietzler in the office at (920) 739-2009.
4. I'm happy to report that we have hired Darlene (Dede) Kranzusch for the part-time custodial position with St. Peter. She fills a great need that we have for a couple of hours of work here right after the end of the school day. Welcome to the team, Dede!
5. We thank those of you with a medical background who sign the binder at the Welcome Center and let the 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. We have started to receive donations and sponsorships and teams signing up for our 8th annual "Swing for Success" Golf Outing, to be held at Irish Waters on Saturday, June 8 at Irish Waters Golf Club in Freedom. You can golf that day and still make it to see Paul McCartney at Lambeau Field that night, I don't want to hear any excuses! 😊 Look for the team sign-up and sponsorship forms online, or call and ask for either Rhonda or me at (920) 739-2009.
7. We've had great responses so far to moving the early service time for the Lenten services from 1 PM to 4 PM, with an increase of more than 100 people going to the 4 PM service than what we averaged for the 1 PM service time.

With all the activities going on, we can lose track of why we're here. God placed us here to serve Him and others, and also to bring others to Him. Let's not forget that. Anything that we achieve here at St. Peter is part of His plan, and we can do nothing without His blessing and support. It's a huge blessing to be a part of something that God is truly blessing in amazing ways, each and every day. Thank you for helping us do what He calls us to do.

God's blessings, Tom Dietzler

St. Peter Staffing News & Update

Over the last few months we have shared with you some of the staffing situations and changes at 922 Ministries. Our ECM director Anna Ungemach is stepping down this June because she is getting married this summer. We have been calling to fill Anna's position for a few months and currently that call is being deliberated by Janine Thies. In addition to that, our Youth and Volunteer coordinator, Zach Flunker, is heading to New Ulm this summer to attend Martin Luther College to study for the pastoral ministry.

Our leaders have been discussing Zach's position, as well as the other staffing needs that we have at 922 Ministries - at both of our church campuses, in our school and ECM - and we are doing this in coordination with our 2019-2020 budget planning. Over the last month our leaders have considered those needs and the budget as well as how we might best fill Zach's position, and here is what was proposed and approved by our Church Council at their March meeting as well as the reasons behind them.

- 1) That we increase the 1/2-day lead teacher in our ECM to a full-time lead teacher. This will give us two full time lead teachers in our ECM in addition to our ECM director. This will allow for our ECM director to be the lead teacher in the 1/2-day program and get more release time to oversee our ECM staff, student schedule, and curriculum.
- 2) That we separate the Youth and Volunteer Coordinator position and hire a part-time volunteer coordinator for 2019-2020. We have approached Maria Keuschel who has been doing this on a volunteer basis for the last few months (and had interviewed for the position back in 2018) about her interest in doing this. It would be about 20-25 hours per week initially and we believe it could become more. We realized early on with Zach that one person doing both positions wasn't going to work which is why we have approved and recommend this position for the 2019-2020 budget.

Which leaves us with the Youth Coordinator position and how we as a church plan to fill it. We met with Zach and asked him his thoughts on how year #1 went and what he saw as the most important qualities and strengths needed in this position. As we considered the possibilities, we came up with two options. One was to simply call a staff minister to focus on youth ministry and programming while the other was what we are calling a Hybrid position and involves using a current staff member in a new way for both Youth and other ministries. This position was considered because our leaders identified Jarrod Pfarr (our current Activities Coordinator, 5th Grade teacher, and Asst. Principal) as someone who had experience with Youth Ministry at his previous call, has built relationships already with kids and parents at SPL, and has other gifts and talents that we could maximize and put to work to be a blessing to both our church and school. If we did this option, Jarrod's call would obviously change and we would need to replace him with a new 5th grade homeroom teacher. With all of that background, here is what the council approved.

- 3) That we extend a call to Jarrod Pfarr to serve 922 Ministries and St. Peter school in the following areas: a) continue to serve as Assistant principal at SPL (this would allow him to actually have time to do many of the things we have asked him to do, but currently doesn't...ex: curriculum oversight), b) teach one religion class (as Zach was doing), and one other class TBD (this would allow the person replacing him some release time to serve as possible Asst. Athletic Director), c) oversee the Youth Ministry that Zach has started in partnership with Pastor Bill, d) Start up and direct a festival choir at St. Peter campus (we currently don't have this and know it is something we want to offer), e) continue with some of his other duties at school - direct Jr. Choir, coach Girls A-team Volleyball, etc.

Obviously, the job description isn't fully flushed out, but I think it covers the main points. Our leaders believe this is both a great use of Jarrod's gifts and strengths as well as it will be a blessing to ministries at both our church and school. This was discussed with the Board of Education prior to the church council making this recommendation and they have expressed their support of it.

Pastor Tim has discussed with Jarrod and discussed both what it might look like and if he would be interested in considering it. He expressed interest in it and he has been told of the council's decision and he is now deliberating this new call we have extended to him.

If Jarrod is led to accept this new position, the BoE will extend a call on behalf of the church for a 5th Grade homeroom teacher and Asst. Athletic Director.

From a budget standpoint, if this is the direction we end up going, we would simply be replacing Zach's position in the budget with the 5th grade teacher. So, we wouldn't be adding staff and the cost implications would be minimal based on the experience of the new teacher and their insurance needs.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Pastor Tim or speak to any of the church council members. Above all, continue to pray for all of the people involved in this as they deliberate calls, changing of duties, and for our church as we go forward to carry out our mission and vision.

Pastor Tim Glende



Youth and Family Ministry

APRIL 2019



Talk 5: “How Children Catch the Faith at Home – Formal Devotions”

Last issue we discussed how to make home a “faith catching” home for your children. We especially focused on doing informal devotions. For this talk, we’ll focus on doing formal devotions.

As an aside, if informal devotions focus on showing how the Word relates to every aspect of life and if they train us to apply the Word in every situation, then, formal devotions will instruct us in the Word in a repetitious systematic fashion making our informal devotions much more insightful and beneficial. Put another way, informal devotions are the car. Formal devotions provide the fuel.

For formal devotions, you can start off with the baptismal formula: “We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.” Beginning this way reminds us of the first time God called us to be his children through the waters of baptism. When you start a devotion with these words, we remember that we are saved by God’s grace through Christ’s life, death, and resurrection alone. Baptism is where God gifts us his Holy Spirit to trust in Christ’s saving work, making us his dear children. This formula will also remind us of baptism’s lasting effect: baptism means the old self which looks to lead us from God is drowned and a new self daily arises to live a holy life before God.

Next, pick a section from the Scripture, children’s Bible, or devotional. If your children are older, you can simply read a section from a book of the Bible. Start with the Gospels, especially Mark’s Gospel, if you’re just beginning. The Gospels are the four gems of the Bible around which all the other books revolve. If you have a child in 2nd grade or younger, pick a faithful children’s Bible. Shoot for something middle of the road to cover all age groups of your children. If there is quite an age gap, have one of your older children read and lead the younger sibling(s) through the following four questions, known as Luther’s Four Strands.

About the reading, ask: 1) What did you hear? 2) Where’s the sin – someone doubting or outright offending God? 3) Where’s God’s grace in Christ? (This might be easy to find, or you might have to think big picture.) 4) What did you learn which we can pray for? (The lesson learned is simply turned into a personal prayer accompanied by any other prayer requests.) In general, you may want to ask from youngest to oldest, since the questions move from factual to applicative. If possible, close with a hymn. This doesn’t have to take very long: 3-5 minutes.

This may seem awkward at first, but, honestly, everything is, at first. You may also feel inadequate for the task. That’s normal. You teach best what you need to learn most. Be open with your children about any shortcomings. This will endear you to them. Push through the awkwardness. In time, this will become an indispensable habit.

Once you have established this routine, do a personal devotion the same way. If married, plant the idea and work toward a couple’s devotion too. 3-5 minutes for family and couple devotions. If possible, in due time, extend your time for personal devotions where possible.

Pastor Bill Monday
Pastor of Family and Outreach





ST. PETER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWS
APRIL 2019



EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR—Our congregation has called Mrs. Janine Thies to serve as our next Early Childhood Director. Janine is a 2007 graduate of Martin Luther College with degrees in elementary and early childhood education. She has served as an early childhood director in Georgia and Washington. Currently, she serves as the early childhood director and 4K teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran in Hortonville. Her husband Tim teaches at St. Peter Lutheran in Weyauwega. Please keep Janine in your prayers.

CALL RETURNED—Mr. Jarrod Pfarr, our assistant principal and 5th grade homeroom teacher, returned his call to Trinity Lutheran in Belle Plaine, Minnesota. We are thankful that Mr. Pfarr will remain at St. Peter.

NOW ENROLLING FOR 5K-8th GRADE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR—Families that are interested in enrolling their child at St. Peter Lutheran School for the 2019-2020 school year are encouraged to contact Principal Phil Punzel to schedule a school tour.

SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM AT ST. PETER—St. Peter Lutheran School participates 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. The online application is simple.
- 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.
- Applying families need completed 2017 or 2018 tax forms and proof of residency turned into the school office by April 20th to complete the 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.

MRS. MYERS' EDUCATIONAL SERVICES-- St. Peter Lutheran School continues to look at ways to improve the Christ-centered education that takes place in our classrooms. For the 2019-2020 school year, St. Peter Lutheran will be working with Mrs. Myers' Educational Services. Mrs. Myers' therapy program, *The Playroom*, is a Christian based educational company that works with schools in providing speech and occupational therapy to students. Families that are interested in learning more about this program are encouraged to attend an OPEN HOUSE at St. Peter Lutheran on Monday, April 1 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Principal Phil Punzel and representatives from Mrs. Myers' Educational Services will share information and answer parents' questions.

Assisting Parents in Providing an Exceptional Christ-centered Education!

The CORE Newsletter - April 2019

Marketing Campaign Highlighting Time of Grace & The CORE

On April 28th, Pastor Mike Novotny officially takes over the lead speaker role on *Time of Grace*. The transition has been intentionally gradual so the television audience could adjust to the idea of having a new speaker. But it will soon be complete! To raise awareness, *Time of Grace* and 922 Ministries are partnering in a marketing campaign designed to increase both *Time of Grace* television viewership and attendance at the CORE. That campaign is already beginning to roll out! It includes the following:

Television

Press releases and media packets are being sent to area TV stations. We are inviting them to interview Pastor Mike on the morning shows. In addition, a special ending to *Time of Grace* shows scheduled to air in our area will include an invitation and encouragement for viewers to attend the CORE.

Print

News releases are being sent to newsrooms, including an in-person delivery of a media packet to the Post Crescent.

Radio

Local stations will receive news releases, a media kit, and audio clips for use on the air.

Social Media

A video ad from Pastor Mike will be published on Facebook and Instagram and boosted in the greater Appleton area.

We need your help to make the most out of this marketing investment!

- Anticipate additional guests at the CORE. It's time to amp up our friendliness, hospitality and Christian love! Park far from the entrance to leave the best parking spots for guests. Sit close to the stage and in the center of the rows for worship. Be ready to give up your seat for guests. Volunteer to serve on one of our Sunday crews.
- Follow, subscribe, and like all things *Time of Grace*, and frequently share their posts on your feed!
 - Facebook: @timeofgrace
 - Twitter: @timeofgracemin
 - YouTube: Time of Grace Ministry
 - Instagram: @timeofgraceministry *and* @pastormikenovotny
- Give a special offering to support the marketing campaign.
- Most important: PRAY. Pray that God would use this campaign to connect tons of people to Jesus through *Time of Grace*'s programming and through our 922 local ministries!

St. Peter Lutheran Church

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Board of Ed Mtg – 6 pm	2	3 Bible Class – 6:30 am Lent Worship – 4 & 6:30 pm Meal – 5-6 pm Conf. Gr.7 & 8 – 5 pm Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ The CORE	4 Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Quilting – 9 am Worship – 6:30 pm	5	6 Open Gym – 7:15 am
7 Worship-7:30-9 & 10:30am Bible Class – 9 & 10:15 am Bible Discovery – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30 pm	8 Card Making – 6 pm (1910 Centre)	9 Bible Class w/Bev-9am	10 Bible Class – 6:30 am Lent Worship – 4 & 6:30 pm Meal – 5-6 pm Conf. Gr.7&8 – 5 pm Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ The CORE	11 Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Quilting – 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30 pm	12	13 Pick up Pizza's – 10-11:30 am (Commons)
14 Worship w/Lord's Supper-7:30-9 & 10:30am Bible Class – 9 & 10:15 am Bible Discovery – 9 am CORE – 3:30 & 5:30 pm (CDS Jr. Choir sings Nat. Anthem @ 11:45pm)	15 Council Mtg. – 6:30 pm	16	17 Bible Class – 6:30 am Country Villa – 10:30am Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @ The CORE	18 Maundy Thursday Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Quilting – 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 4 & 6:30 pm	19 Good Friday NO School Worship – 2 & 6:30 pm CORE – 4 & 6:30 pm Supper – 4 & 6:30 pm	20 Men's Bible Class @ Machine Shed – 7:30 pm
21 Easter Worship – 6:30; 8:30 & 10:30 am Easter Breakfast – 7:30 – 9:30 am CORE – 8 & 10 am	22 Brewster Village – 9:45 am	23 Bible Class w/Bev-9am	24 Bible Class – 6:30 am Celebration of Faith – Public School -5:30 pm CDS – 7 pm Christian Recovery – 6:30 pm @The CORE	25 Children's Chapel – 8:30 am Quilting – 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 4 & 6:30 pm	26	27
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BIBLE DISCOVERY



SERVICE PROJECT

Care Packages for College & Military

ITEMS WE ARE SEEKING

Variety of Candy
Packs of Gum
Granola Bars
Snack size Chips
Rice Crispy Treats
Beef Jerky sticks
Fruit leather strips
Ramen Noodles
Travel size baby wipes
Easy-Mac
Microwave Popcorn

Snack size Pretzels
Soup-Campbells To-Go Cups
Single pkg Licorice sticks
Bottled Water Flavoring
Oreo Cookie Packs
Breakfast/Protein Bars
Snack Mix- Raisins & Nuts
Small Kleenex packs
Small Toiletries-Military Only
Single Flavored Tuna packs
Playing Cards- Travel Games

The Caring & Sharing Ministry is sponsoring CARE PACKAGES for all of our college and military members. BIBLE DISCOVERY will be collecting snacks and monetary gifts over the next two weeks (March 24th- April 7th) to help with this project so students in particular receive their package as they prepare for finals. It is our joy to remember these individuals who are away from home, yet are a part of our church family.

Please bring your items to church or to your Bible Discovery classroom. If you have any questions or would like to assist with the project, please contact Jessica DeDeker (jgant@new.rr.com)



**Thank you for helping us with
this Caring and Sharing Project!**





8th 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

8th Annual



Golf Outing



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:

**St. Peter Lutheran
Attn: Golf Outing Committee
N2740 French Road
Appleton, WI 54913**

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