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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 p.m. ~ Sunday, 7:45 & 10:30 a.m.

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the Light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ burn ever more brightly in your heart through the Father's Holy Spirit.

**VISITORS** We are pleased that you have joined us this morning to lift your voice with ours in praising the only true God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are from this area and are looking for a church home, please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**RADIO MINISTRY** Our congregation has a radio ministry to serve our sick and homebound and to reach the souls of our community. Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE** and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.

**TO ASSIST YOU** Just ask an usher! We have six **large print hymnals** available. **Personal public address systems** are available for the hearing impaired. **Children's bulletins** suitable for preschool-age through grade 4 are available. A **cry room with audio feed** and a **window into the sanctuary** is available for parents who find it necessary to carry their children out of the sanctuary during the service. It is located to the left as you enter the narthex. **Family restrooms** are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Renew me, O eternal Light, and let my heart and soul be bright, illumined with the light of grace that issues from your holy face. Destroy in me the lust of sin; from all impureness make me clean. Oh, grant me power and strength, my God, to strive against my flesh and blood. Create in me a new heart, Lord, that gladly I obey your Word. Oh, let your will be my desire and with new life my soul inspire. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

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**SERVICE THEME** Jesus, the Light of the World, chases away the darkness of ignorance, sin, and death.

## BELLS

**HYMN** LAPPY page 20-21

**GREETING** Pastor/Congregation  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**SONG OF PRAISE** LAPPY page 67

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 8:19-9:2  
*Rather than remaining in the darkness of false and damning religion, Jesus shines on us with truth and life.*

When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished,

they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness. Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

## GRADES 5-8 IN THURSDAY SERVICE

“Grace Alone”  
by Scott Brown and Jeff Nelson

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by His grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

REFRAIN: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. REFRAIN

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**SECOND LESSON** 1 John 2:3-11  
*As children of the light we walk as Jesus did—in love for God and our neighbor.*

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** LAPPY page 298-299

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 4:12-23

*In fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, Jesus moved to Capernaum, the city from which the Light of the Gospel would shine throughout the world.*

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

**Follow Jesus...**

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. Out of the darkness into the light.
2. Into the dark world to be lights.

**SERMON RESPONSE**

LAPPY pages 316-317

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**GRADES 5-8 IN THURSDAY SERVICE**

**SERMON HYMN**

LAPPY page 141-142

**CLOSING COLLECT**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN**

LAPPY pages 164-165

**ORGANIST** David Koepsell

**GREETERS**

7:45 ~ Loren and Joan Voss

10:30 ~ Diana Kent and Judine Schicker

*This Week at St. Peter’s*

[www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar](http://www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar)

TODAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/DoC
	6:30pm	Adult Bells
TUESDAY	7:00pm	Communicating Christ
WEDNESDAY	10:00am	Midweek Bible Class
	6:00pm	Adult Choir
	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Class
	7:10pm	Voices of Faith
THURSDAY	6:30pm	Worship
SATURDAY	8:00pm	Alcoholism Awareness Support Group
NEXT SUNDAY	11:30am	WLA’s Let’s Celebrate until 4:00pm

*Daily Bible Readings*

01/22	Titus 2	01/26	2 Timothy 3
01/23	Titus 3	01/27	2 Timothy 4
01/24	2 Timothy 1	01/28	Leviticus 1
01/25	2 Timothy 2		

*Last Week’s Stewardship*

Worship: 113 + 150 + 271 = 534                      Communed: 101 + 125 + 190 = 416  
 Midweek Bible Class: 01/11: 10+8=18              Bible Class: 68                      Sunday School: 14

First Fruits to the Lord:	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$24,911.35	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	3,660.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	28,571.35	\$66,970.94
Requirement to support the unified budget	29,278.07	1,522,460.00
Overage (Shortfall)	(842.52)	(20,863.27)
Improvement Fund	769.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	83.00	
Honoring the LORD!	110.00	

*Our Parking Lot/Athletic Fields (soccer and softball) project cost is \$153,565.77. To date, \$147,501.12 has been received, leaving \$6,064.65 to be gathered.*

**MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST** The current issue of *Meditations* and the January issue of *Forward in Christ* are both available in the narthex.

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD** Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our brother in faith, David C. Hoops, who departed from this life to life eternal on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at the age of 83 years, 2 months and 6 days. The Funeral service was held here last Saturday, January 14, and his mortal remains were laid to rest at Estabrooks Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection. May his family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

#### **MEMORIALS**

- † Family and friends have given \$1,220 to the General Fund, \$45 to Honoring the Lord, and \$95 to the Parking Lot in memory of Crystal Williams.
- † Family and friends have given the following in memory of Bonny Zarbock: \$235 to the Church Music Fund, \$900 to reduce our building debt, and \$295 to the Athletic Field Improvement/Parking Lot Expansion Project.
- † Don Habeck has given a special gift to the general fund in memory of David Habeck.

**KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS** Our school lunch program could use some volunteer help during the school year. If you would be willing to volunteer for a few days during the school year please contact Pam Zuberbier at [pamzuberbier@stpetersfdl.net](mailto:pamzuberbier@stpetersfdl.net) or stop by the kitchen in the morning for more information.

**ALTAR GUILD** The Altar Guild is looking for new members to help prepare for communion services. You can even do this without making a special trip to church. If you regularly attend the first service, you could refill the wine and wafers after that service before going home. This would help someone who attends Bible Class between the services or attends late service. If you regularly attend late service you could help with the clean-up after church. This would benefit the ladies who prefer attending early service since they wouldn't have to come back to clean up after the late service. Of course you can also be put on our regular schedule to serve two or three times per year on a rotational basis. In each case you would work with a partner. It is a labor of love to serve our Lord in this way. If interested, or for more information, please talk to Else Cuppan, our Altar Guild coordinator.

**ELECTION RESULTS AND INSTALLATION** The election of congregation officers and board members took place at the voters meeting last Sunday, January 15. Listed below are the results of the election. The gentlemen will each be installed during one of the services this weekend. We thank all the candidates who agreed to place their name in nomination. May the Lord guide and bless the work of those elected.

- Treasurer: Josh Guell
- Board of Outreach: Chad Birkholz
- Board of Adult Discipleship: Jacob Freiberg
- Board of Youth Discipleship: Ed Spanbauer III
- School Board: Chris Jerabek
- Board of Elders: Eric Freiberg and Kevin Westphal
- Board of Church Properties: Kurt Turdo Jr.
- WLA Plenary Board: Jon Freiberg

We gratefully acknowledge and thank those gentlemen, who either served the maximum number of terms allowed or decided not to run for another term, for their years of dedicated service to the Lord: Paul Galleske (School Board), Gregg Leisten (Board of Church Properties), Lee Fink (Board of Adult Discipleship), Chris Jerabek (Board of Youth Discipleship), and Brian Schwark (WLA Plenary Board).

We would also like to thank the following gentlemen for serving on this year's Nominating Committee: Bryon Trewin, Dave Oelke, Phil Otto, Ron Horn, Randy Westphal, and Pastor Zuberbier.

**BUDGET APPROVED** Last Sunday, January 15, the voters approved the 2017 budget as presented at the voters meeting. We would like to thank the following members of the Budget Committee for their time and effort in preparing this budget: Josh Guell, Jim Pflum, Ed Spanbauer III, Don Knuth, John Schafer, Andrew Mildebrandt, Norbert Kolell, John Willis, and Pastor Zuberbier.

**ST. PETER'S BOY'S CLUB** "Sons are a heritage from the Lord." Psalm 127:3  
Josh Guell is organizing an event to bring all of our St Peter's boys, Kindergarten through 5th grade, together for a time of faith and friendship. The open event will take place on February 14 from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the commons and gym. At this initial gathering, we will glean interest and direction of a possible new Boy's Club. All fathers and sons are encouraged to attend, as we would like to know your input and level of involvement. Please email Josh Guell with questions at [guell42@yahoo.com](mailto:guell42@yahoo.com).