

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** As children of the light, may we rejoice in the Light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**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.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. We remind you to be sure to fill out a communion registration card and place it in the offering plate. For your personal preparation before communing, turn to pages 156 and 11 in the front of the hymnal. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord, speak to us that we may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone. Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts overflow in kindling thought and glowing word your love to tell, your praise to show. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

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**SERVICE THEME** As the Light of the Gospel burns ever more brightly in our hearts, it will shine ever more brightly in our lives.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** *The Common Service* on page 15 in the front of the hymnal

**HYMNS OF THE DAY** 533; 394 (Song of Praise); 506; 476; 280; 250

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**LESSON** Joshua 24:14-24  
*Along with Joshua, may we all proclaim, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD!"*

"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the

Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.” Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.” But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.” Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied. “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Alleluia!

**ADULT CHOIR IN 7:45 SERVICE**

“Give To My Eyes, Lord”  
By Ronald Corp

Give to my eyes, Lord, the blessing of seeing your face in all around me, the light of your glorious grace. Help me to see the needs of your people and be ready to go, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Give to my hands, Lord, the blessing of doing your will, bringing your touch where it’s needed to soothe every ill. Help me to heal the pain of your people and be ready to serve, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Give to my feet, Lord, the blessing of walking your way, going wherever you lead me throughout the whole day. Show me the paths that lead where your people need me, mine your own footsteps, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Give to my mouth, Lord, the courage to speak of your cross, boldly proclaiming your death was a gain not a loss. That through your blood, true justice and mercy may be building your Kingdom, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Give to my heart, Lord, the grace to rejoice in your love, showing forgiveness and mercy and grace from above. That by your word I’ll share in the joys you give free, help me to go, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me.

Jesus, Lord, take me, I offer my whole life to you and by my service I’ll show that I’m faithful and true. Help me to live and praise you; please Lord set me free that you may use me, wherever your Spirit needs me.

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**GRADES 1-2 IN 10:30 SERVICE**

“Blessed Are Those”

What does the Lord God ask of me? I should walk in all his ways  
And fear and love him faithfully even now and all my days.  
For blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.  
For blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.

What does the Lord God ask of me? I should serve with all my heart  
And follow each of his commands so our ways will never part.  
For blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.  
For blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.

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**GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:13-20

*We are to let our light shine in the world by teaching God’s Word purely and living godly lives according to it.*

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**SERMON TEXT**

1 Peter 2:9-12

*As God’s chosen people, we want to live our lives in a manner that brings glory to him.*

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

**You are God’s Priests**

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. Who offer up words of praise.
2. Who offer up lives of praise.

**RED BELLS IN 10:30 SERVICE DURING OFFERING**

“Celebration No. 1”

**ORGANIST** Pam Zuberbier

**GREETERS**

7:45 ~ Jane Fell

10:30 ~ DuWayne and Marilyn Zamzow

*This Week at St. Peter’s*

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

TODAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/DoC
	2:30pm	Adult Bells
MONDAY	6:30pm	Evening Circle
TUESDAY	1:00pm	SPLS Sunburst Tubing Trip
	6:00pm	Lutheran Girl Pioneers
	6:30pm	Coordinating Council
	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	NO SCHOOL	
	1:30pm	Gleaners Meeting
	6:30pm	Worship
FRIDAY	NO SCHOOL	
SATURDAY	8:00pm	Alcoholism Awareness Support Group

*Daily Bible Readings*

02/05	Leviticus 13:47-14:32	02/09	Lev. 18
02/06	Lev. 14:33-15:33	02/10	Lev. 19, 20
02/07	Lev. 16	02/11	Lev. 21, 22
02/08	Lev. 17		

*Last Week’s Stewardship*

Worship: 124 + 188 + 242 = 554

Bible Class: 68  
Sunday School: 13

First Fruits to the Lord:	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$19,699.66	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	3,065.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	22,764.66	\$112,616.53
Requirement to support the unified budget	29,278.07	146,390.35
Overage (Shortfall)	(6,513.41)	(33,773.82)
Improvement Fund	50.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	105.00	
Honoring the LORD!	275.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	10.00	
Parking Lot/Athletic Fields	690.00	

*Our Parking Lot/Athletic Fields (soccer and softball) project cost is \$153,565.77. To date, \$148,381.62 has been received, leaving \$5,184.15 to be gathered.*

**NEW MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST** The February issue of *Forward in Christ* and the new issue of *Meditations* (starts February 26) have arrived and are available in the narthex.

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD** Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the souls of two of our members in faith. May their family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God’s Word.

Mrs. Wendy Tamm, who departed from this life to life eternal on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the age of 66 years, 6 months and 20 days. The funeral service was held here last Saturday, January 28.

Mr. Thomas Priebe, went home to heaven on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the age of 80 years, 11 months and 28 days. The funeral service was held here Saturday, February 4, and his mortal remains were laid to rest at Forest Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection.

**MEMORIALS** In memory of David Hoops, his family has given \$1,500 to support our General Fund. \$50 has been given to the General Fund in memory of Bonny Zarbock. Jim and Marcia Pflum have given a special gift to the Athletic Field Improvement/Parking Lot Expansion Project in memory of Emery Luger, Crystal Williams, Lorene Oldenburg, and David Hoops.

**ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING** Our annual voters meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, February 12, immediately following the 10:30 service. Copies of the 2016 annual report are available in the narthex.

**DIVINE CALL** After prayerful consideration, Mrs. Mary Naumann has returned the Divine Call to serve as our fourth grade teacher. We thank her for her consideration of this Call and pray the Lord will bless her as he continues guide her in his ways. We will be extending another Divine Call during the Annual Meeting next Sunday.

**EVENING CIRCLE** Evening Circle will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 6, in the multi-purpose room at 6:30pm. There will be a brief business meeting, and light snacks will be served. Come alone or bring a friend - there is always room for more.

**GLEANERS** The Gleaners will hold their meeting this Thursday, Feb. 9 at 1:30pm in the multi-purpose room. There will be a short presentation on a couple of books from our church library. We will also be making decisions on several items. We hope you will be able to attend. The hostesses will be Nancy Kowalkowski, Marci Meyer, and Judine Schicker.

**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.

**NEWSLETTER CORRECTION** The article titled "Floral Donations" that appeared on page 8 of the February Newsletter is no longer applicable. Please disregard it.

**FLYWAY OWLS** The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be on Tuesday, February 14th. The meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lomira beginning at 6:30pm. Our presenter for the evening will be Pastor Don Thompson from The Point of Grace, which is our WELS Campus Ministry in Milwaukee.

**BOWLING** Please join fellow members of the congregation on Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 for an afternoon of bowling at Parkway Lanes in Fond du Lac. For \$5 you can bowl for two hours. Bowlers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. Please sign yourself or your group up in the narthex so we can reserve the appropriate number of lanes.



**ROLLER SKATING PARTY** Our youth group is hosting a skating party on Sunday, February 26 from 4:00-6:00pm. All school and church families are welcome to attend. Only those skating will have to pay the skate rental fee which is \$4.00.



**WINE TASTING NIGHT OUT** Christian Life Resources invites you its third annual Wine Tasting Night Out on Friday, February 10, beginning at 6:00pm at the Chandelier Ballroom, 150 Jefferson Avenue, Hartford. This evening of wine, beer, assortment of delectable appetizers and desserts, as well as a raffle and silent auction, will benefit the CLR ministry. Cost is \$40 per person. Go to [www.clrevents.com](http://www.clrevents.com) to register.

**PINEWOOD DERBY 2017** Let's turn those chunks of wood into racing machines! We will have our annual St. Peter's Congregation Derby Races on Sunday, March 26 at 12:00. You can pick up your car kits from the narthex for \$5 per kit There will be trophies and medals given out for the categories of *Speed* and *Craft*. See the display for more information.



**WLA FINANCIAL AID** WLA's open application to apply for Financial Aid for the 2017-18 school year is February 1<sup>st</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup>. Those who apply within the open application period will receive preference in Financial Aid awards. Financial aid applications will again be processed through TADS. There is a \$34 fee per family to apply. Families need to apply for Financial Aid on an annual basis. For more information please visit our Financial Aid page at <http://www.wlavikings.org/for-prospective-families/financial-aid/>.