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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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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 Christ's servitude lead us to serve others.

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 Bind us all as one together in your Church's sacred fold, weak and healthy, poor and wealthy, sad and joyful, young and old. Is there want or pain or sorrow? Make us all the burden share. Are there spirits crushed and broken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Greatness in God's kingdom is displayed in humble servitude.

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

HYMNS OF THE DAY 397; 365; 461; 124

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LESSON Genesis 37:1-11
The lack of humility caused strife and discord in Jacob's family.

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. This is the account of Jacob. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

PSALM 42-43

page 82 in the front of the hymnal

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:17-28

Jesus displayed true greatness by humbly becoming our servant and sacrificing himself as the ransom for all.

Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

ADULT CHOIR IN 7:45 SERVICE

"Grace Alone"
By James Koerts

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, Refrain, ...in grace alone.*

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SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 10:30 SERVICE

“I Believe, I Do Believe”

By John Ylvisaker

*Refrain: I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it.
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it.*

I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator.
I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator.

Refrain

I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people.
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people.

Refrain

And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.

Refrain

SERMON TEXT

Romans 8:1-10

The sinful flesh arrogantly refuses to submit to God’s will.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

The Spirit of Life Drives the Christian’s Life

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Those controlled by the sinful nature face death.
2. Those controlled by the Spirit have life and peace.

ORGANIST Ruth Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Vicki Erdman

10:30 ~ Diana Kent & Marilyn Abbey

This Week at St. Peter’s

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TODAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/DoC
	12:00pm	Congregational Pinewood Derby Races
	6:00pm	Adult Bells
	7:00pm	Financial Peace
TUESDAY	7:00pm	Communicating Christ
WEDNESDAY	3:30pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
	4:30pm	Lenten Supper until 5:30
	5:30pm	Adult Choir
	6:30pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
	7:30pm	Voices of Faith
THURSDAY	6:30pm	Worship with the Lord’s Supper
SATURDAY	8:00pm	Alcoholism Awareness Support Group

Daily Bible Readings

03/26	Numbers 25, 26	03/30	Numbers 31
03/27	Numbers 27, 36	03/31	Numbers 32
03/28	Numbers 28, 29	04/01	Numbers 33-35
03/29	Numbers 30		

Last Week’s Stewardship

Worship: 107 + 167 + 285 = 559 Midweek Lenten Service: 177 + 85 = 262
Communed: 92 + 127 + 184 + = 403 Sunday School: 17
Bible Class: 72

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
First Fruits to the Lord:		
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$24,537.63	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,240.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	26,777.63	\$296,617.90
Requirement to support the unified budget	29,278.07	351,336.84
Overage (Shortfall)	(2,500.44)	(54,718.94)

Improvement Fund	651.00
WLA Forward in Trust	69.00
Honoring the LORD!	280.00
Piano Fund	1,000.00
SPLS Tuition Assistance	110.00
Christmas Decorating Fund	100.00
Parking Lot/Athletic Fields	105.00

Our Parking Lot/Athletic Fields (soccer and softball) project cost is \$153,565.77. To date, \$152,110.69 has been received, leaving \$1,455.08 to be gathered.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT: Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

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

BAPTISMS Ada Sue Balfour, infant daughter of Brian and Alysa Balfour, was baptized on Friday, January 6. Her baptism will be publicly affirmed in the 10:30 service this morning.

Izabella Julie-Ann Wellens, daughter of Jacob Kraemer and Amanda Wellens, will be baptized in the 10:30 service this morning.

May Ada and Izabella always remain faithful to their baptismal covenants.

SPECIAL GIFTS AND MEMORIALS Harry Rapp has given a special gift towards the SPLS Tuition Assistance Fund in celebration of his 80th birthday (March 25). A special gift has been given to the Piano Fund by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Becker in memory of their infant son Thomas Andrew Becker.

SPECIAL BULLETINS There are still two special bulletin covers for the Easter Season remaining, please contact Courtney Turdo at courtneyturdo@stpetersfdl.net or 922-1160 ext. 303. Prices depend on the count needed for the service and are \$40 or \$70.

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UP Please join us for a pancake/sausage/egg-bake breakfast. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you plan to attend. Please indicate how many people will be coming, and if you are able to donate food (especially egg-bakes) or supplies. Please sign up at your earliest convenience.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES continue this Wednesday, March 29. Join us for worship at either 3:30 or 6:30 as we focus on this year's Lenten theme: *Repent: Turn to Jesus!* This week our theme will be *Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life* with Pastor Zimpelmann of Good Shepherd as preacher.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEAL This week's meal, served 4:30-5:30, is grilled cheese and tomato soup with chips, pickles, and dessert served by our Coordinating Council members and their wives. You can find each week's main menu item by clicking on the details of the meal as it is posted on our website calendar.

WLA HYMN FESTIVAL Join the WLA Choirs and Band for a Festival of the Psalms praising our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on April 2 at 3:00pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 55 Prairie Road.



WLA PLENARY BOARD MEETING will be March 28 at 7:00pm. This important meeting is to approve the budget for 2017-18 and deliberate other important current and future ministry items in line with God's blessings to WLA.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED Winnebago Lutheran Academy is already receiving many applications from international students hoping to attend the Academy in the fall. If you would be interested in hosting a student, please contact Kristin Mose at kmose@wlvikings.org. Families may choose to host one student or two, one semester or a full year, and are reimbursed to help cover the cost of room and board.

A LOOK IN OUR LIBRARY The Solitary Envoy by T Davis and Isabella Bunn is a historical novel, the first in a series, set in Colonial America and Britain. War is raging between France and Britain and Britain is trying to keep the new America's under their thumb. Erica Langston has a head for business in a society that frowns up women's involvement in anything but running their homes, but is encouraged by her father to learn the family business. After Britain invades Washington, burning as they go, the Langston's business is burned and Erica's father is killed, thrusting her into the business to deal with creditors from Britain.



This book is historical, interesting, and the relationship entanglements will keep you enthralled and looking forward to the next book, The Innocent Libertine. Come check it out in the church library today!