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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 God's promises comfort and sustain you on your journey through life.

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 Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, by your Spirit and your word. When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way; grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Those who believe are children of Abraham and heirs of eternal life.

ORDER OF WORSHIP *Service of the Word* on page 38 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS OF THE DAY 749 (back of bulletin); 383; 372; 402

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 12:1-8
The LORD created and sustained Abraham's faith through his many and often repeated promises.

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

PSALM 121 page 112 in the front of the hymnal

SECOND LESSON Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
As Abraham's children, we are justified, declared "not guilty" of our sins, by faith, apart from works of the law.

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

GOSPEL John 4:4-26
The true children of Abraham are those who have Abraham's faith in the Messiah and his true Word.

Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw

water.” He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.”

Jesus Gives Us Living Water

Pastor Zuberbier

1. He makes us thirsty.
2. He quenches our thirst.

ORGANIST Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Warren & Mary Demmon 10:30 ~ Jane Fell & Marilyn Abbey

This Week at St. Peter's

www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar

TODAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/DoC
	5:00pm	United Volleyball
	7:00pm	Financial Peace
TUESDAY	12:30pm	OWLS Meeting
	6:30pm	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
	7:00pm	Communicating Christ
	7:30pm	Board of Church Properties
WEDNESDAY	3:30pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
	4:30pm	Lenten Supper until 5:30
	6:30pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
THURSDAY	6:30pm	Worship with the Lord's Supper
SATURDAY	8:00pm	Alcoholism Awareness Support Group

Daily Bible Readings

03/12 Numbers 6:22-7:89	03/16 Num. 13:1-14:10a
03/13 Num. 8:1-9:14	03/17 Num. 14:10b-45
03/14 Num. 9:15-10:36	03/18 Num. 15
03/15 Num. 11, 12	

Last Week's Stewardship

Worshiped: 106+158+259=523	Ash Wednesday Worshiped: 225+83=338
Sunday Communed: 75+127+182=384	Ash Wednesday Communed: 140+70=210
Sunday Bible Class: 64	Sunday School: 16

First Fruits to the Lord:	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$27,195.25	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	4,365.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	31,560.25	\$239,442.76
Requirement to support the unified budget	29,278.07	292,780.70
Overage (Shortfall)	2,282.18	(53,337.94)

Improvement Fund	55.00
WLA Forward in Trust	40.00
Honoring the LORD!	1,916.50
SPLS Tuition Assistance	10.00
Radio Ministry	200.00
Piano Fund	2,000.00
Parking Lot/Athletic Fields	240.00

Our Parking Lot/Athletic Fields (soccer and softball) project cost is \$153,565.77. To date, \$151,071.62 has been received, leaving \$2,494.15 to be gathered.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

AT HOME WITH THE LORD Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our sister in faith, Beverly Stellmacher, who departed from this life to life eternal on Monday, March 6, 2017 at the age of 91 years, 11 months and 22 days. The Funeral service was held at Butzin-Marchant Funeral Home on Thursday, March 9. Her mortal remains were laid to rest at Liberty Prairie Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection. May her family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

VOTERS MEETING There will be a Voters Meeting today after second service in the Commons to extend a Divine Call for a 4th grade teacher.

LWMS DOOR OFFERING AND SPRING RALLY This weekend, before and after each service, we have our door offering for LWMS Home Mission project *Children's Ministry Assistance* and World Mission project *Pakistan Projects-Television Broadcast for World and Theological Seminars*. Please consider a generous offering, as these projects are funded solely by special gifts.

Saturday morning, April 1 is the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Winnebago Circuit Spring Rally at St. Luke's Oakfield. The featured speaker will be Pastor Larry Schlomer. Please sign up for the rally in the narthex by Sunday, March 19.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES continue this Wednesday, March 15. 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 Holds the Key to Heaven* with Pastor Oberg of Trinity, Dundee as preacher.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEAL This week's meal, served 4:30-5:30, is a baked potato bar and desserts served by our Gleaners members. 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.

EASTER LILIES If you would like to donate an Easter lily to beautify the sanctuary for Easter, please fill out an envelope with your name and the name(s) of the person(s) in whose memory or honor you are donating the lily. The price is \$15.00. Please place your check or cash into the provided envelope and into the floral box on the cart in the narthex. The last day to order is next Sunday, March 19.

CLEAN GOD'S HOUSE Would you appreciate some quiet solitude in God's house? Perhaps you like to clean. You may do it alone or with a partner or small team. If you'd like to do it, quite a few weeks are open on our volunteer sanctuary cleaning schedule. Please contact Gregg Leisten at gregg.leisten@att.net or 923-1583 to volunteer.

WLA AUXILIARY The Winnebago Lutheran Academy Ladies Auxiliary will meet in the WLA commons Friday March 17 at 2:00.

FLYWAY OWLS The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be this Tuesday, March 14. The meeting will be held here from 1:30 to 3:00. The presenter is Brianne Hansen, with New Beginnings Ministry.

749 The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me

1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is
 2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The

more than mind can know, His
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The
 heav - ens held their breath, To

mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A

meet the debt I owe. He
 bare be - fore his gaze, For
 love that con - quers death, Pos -

came my sin - ful cause to plead; He
 me the price of sin he paid; My
 sess my heart that it may be Your

laid his glo - ries by, For
 sins be - yond re - call Are
 king - dom with - out end, O

me a home - less life to lead, A
 all a - like on Je - sus laid, He
 Christ who died for love of me And

shame - ful death to die.
 died to bear them all.
 lives to be my friend.