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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 message of the Lord's love for you sustain you today and always.

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 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 We thank God for Joseph's humble service in furthering God's plan of salvation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word and Sacrament on page 26 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS OF THE DAY 50; 552 verses 1,8,3 (tune of 214); 47; 38; 56

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, you raised up Joseph from the family of your servant David to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother. Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16
About 1000 years before his birth, the LORD foretold that Jesus would be descended from King David, both the Virgin Mary and Joseph's ancestor. Although not his physical father, Joseph was Jesus' legal father, making Jesus a legal descendant of King David.

That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: "Now then, tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you

have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

SECOND LESSON Romans 4:13-18
Through the Virgin Mary, Jesus was a physical descendant of King David's forefather Abraham. We are members of his family through faith in great King David's greater Son, Jesus Christ.

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. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
The Lord used Joseph to protect the Newborn King.

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And

so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Joseph: The Father of Jesus

Pastor Guse

1. A man led by God
2. A man blessed by God

ORGANIST Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Jerry & Diane Fricken

10:30 ~ Larry Debbert

This Week at St. Peter’s

www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar

TODAY		Blood Pressure Screening after each service
	9:00am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/DoC
	5:00pm	United Volleyball
	7:00pm	Financial Peace
MONDAY	3:15pm	Faculty Meeting
	5:00pm	Board of Outreach
	6:00pm	School Board Meeting
TUESDAY	6:30pm	Board of Elders
	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
THURSDAY	5:00pm	Board of Youth Discipleship
	6:30pm	Worship
	7:30pm	Board of Adult Discipleship
FRIDAY	6:00pm	Pinewood Derby Car Test Night
	7:00pm	The Suessification of Romeo & Juliet at WLA

SATURDAY	12:00pm	LGP Pinewood Derby Races
	2:00pm	The Suessification of Romeo & Juliet at WLA
	8:00pm	Alcoholism Awareness Support Group

Daily Bible Readings

03/19	Num. 16:1-35	03/23	Num. 21
03/20	Num. 16:36-18:7	03/24	Num. 22
03/21	Num. 18:8-19:22	03/25	Num. 23, 24
03/22	Num. 20		

Last Week’s Stewardship

Worship: 122 + 132 + 194 = 448
 Sunday School: 10

Bible Class: 68
 Midweek Lenten Worship: 375 + 102 = 477

First Fruits to the Lord:	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$23,402.51	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	6,995.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	30,397.51	\$269,840.27
Requirement to support the unified budget	29,278.07	322,058.77
Overage (Shortfall)	1,119.44	(52,218.50)
Improvement Fund	95.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	476.00	
Honoring the LORD!	125.00	
Ministerial Education TA	39.00	
Radio Ministry	20.00	
Piano Fund	800.00	
Outdoor Classroom	41.00	
LWMS Door Offering	473.00	
Parking Lot/Athletic Fields	909.07	

Our Parking Lot/Athletic Fields (soccer and softball) project cost is \$153,565.77. To date, \$151,071.62 has been received, leaving \$1,585.08 to be gathered.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

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

BAPTISM Olivea Grayce Immel, infant daughter of Seth and Toriann Immel, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 service this morning. May Olivea always remain faithful to her baptismal covenant.

SPECIAL GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

- † Friends and family have given \$350 to the General Fund in loving memory of Beverly Stellmacher.
- † \$41 has been given to the Outdoor Classroom in memory of Crystal Williams.
- † The Gleaners have given the following gifts: A stockpot to the school kitchen, a classroom table, two stools to the kitchenette, and monetary gifts to the Christmas Decorating Fund and Handbell Fund.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING is offered by our parish nurses in the conference room after each service this morning.

DIVINE CALL At our call meeting on Sunday, March 12, the congregation issued a divine call to Mrs. Roberta Roecker to teach 4th grade next school year. Please keep Roberta and her family in your prayers as she deliberates where she might best serve the Lord in her teaching ministry.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES continue this Wednesday, March 22. 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 Longs to Forgive You* with Pastor Naumann of Good Shepherd as preacher.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEAL This week's meal, served 4:30-5:30, is chili with rye bread, veggies, and dessert served by our Altar Guild 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.

LAST CALL FOR EASTER LILIES Today is the last day to donate Easter lilies. 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.

LWMS SPRING RALLY Today is the last day to sign up for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Winnebago Circuit Spring Rally at St. Luke's Oakfield on April 1.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON HELP Do you have a little extra time during the day? We would appreciate help with funeral luncheons. No commitment is required; we are just looking for a list of volunteers. Please contact Mary Schmal at 921-1425 or Ann Averbek at 922-6054 if you would like to volunteer.

SPECIAL BULLETINS There are still a few special bulletin covers for a Holy Week or Easter Season service, please contact Courtney Turdo at courtneyturdo@stpetersfdl.net or 922-1160 extension 303. Prices depend on the count needed for the service and range from \$40 to \$70.

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.

HOT LUNCH ASSISTANT COOK St. Peter's hot lunch program is looking to hire an assistant cook for the 2017-18 school year. Hours are 7:45-1:45 every school day when hot lunch is served. Requirements are an ability to lift 30-40 lb. cases, chop vegetables, assist in food prep, a cheerful but firm attitude with students, a willingness to become food safety certified, and to take over as head cook if the need arises. If interested please talk to Pam Zuberbier, or email her at pamzuberbier@stpetersfdl.net to set up an interview.

WLA'S CHILDREN'S THEATER is proud to present *The Seussification of Romeo & Juliet*. Association grade schools have been invited to daytime shows on March 23 and 24. The public is invited this Friday, March 24 at 7:00 and Saturday, March 25 at 2:00. Tickets are available at wlavikings.org/seuss or in person at the WLA office during regular office hours.

DIVINE CALL RETURNED After prayerful consideration Mr. Justin Liepert has returned his divine call to Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School and will remain at Winnebago Lutheran Academy. God's richest blessings to the growing Liepert family!

THE EVENT Make plans now to attend the eighth annual *The Event* on Saturday, April 29 at South Hills Golf and Country Club. The evening includes dinner, live and silent auctions, and great fellowship – all in support of our beloved Academy. For more information or to register, visit wlavikings.org or call the WLA office at 921-4930.

