

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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- TODAY:** 10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Study
- MONDAY:** 7:00-8:00 Breakfast Bible Conversations
@ Machine Shed, Lake Elmo
6:30 Church Council Meeting
- TUESDAY:** 10:00-11:00 "Basics of Faith" Bible Study
6:30-8:00 Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 5:30-6:25 Weekday/Confirmation Classes;
"Basics of Faith" Bible Study
6:30 Devotional Service with Communion
- FRIDAY:** 1:30-3:30 Work @ Second Harvest Heartland
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 Traditional Service with Communion
10:15-11:00 Sunday school
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class

HEARING ASSISTANCE RADIOS are available in the narthex. Please see an usher. Turn to 97.8 or 98.0 for the best reception.

If you would like to include the needs of a sick relative or friend in our weekly Prayer Page, call the church office at (651) 436-3357, or submit the request via E-mail: stpeter@stpeterafton.org by Wednesday afternoon. Prayer requests will be kept on our list for two months unless otherwise requested.

CUSHIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX if you would like to use them. You may leave them in the pews after the worship service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are placed to the glory of God on the occasion of John & Cheryl Schmidt's 29th Wedding Anniversary.

BIBLE CLASS TODAY...“Revelation” – Sunday morning Bible Study today, 10:30-11:00 a.m.: Chapter 2 – Letters to the Churches.

“BASICS OF FAITH” BIBLE STUDY: Bible Breakfast Conversations (Monday 7:00 a.m.) at the Machine Shed, Lake Elmo; Tuesday Bible Class at church (10:00-11:00 a.m.); Wednesday evening class (5:30-6:25 p.m.) at church. This week's topic: Lesson 5 - “The Bible: God's Scrapbook”

SERMON THEME, TOPIC AND TEXT FOR THIS WEDNESDAY AND NEXT SUNDAY: Theme: Justice and mercy; Sermon: “Wrestling with God” (Genesis 32:22-32)

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.: COFFEE HOST:

Julie Erickson; **USHERS:** Jerry Clare, Elder; Don Kosen; Donna Kosen; Dawn Plunkett; Sue Clare; **READER:** Shelly Love; **ACOLYTE:** Gabriella Richert; **GREETERS:** (Open).

FOUNDATIONS will be held this Wednesday, 5:30-6:25 p.m. Grades 5-8 Bible/Catechism, and "Basics of Faith" Bible Study; 6:30 p.m. Devotional Service with the Lord's Supper.

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND - We will be working a shift on Friday, October 14th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the kiosk. Any questions, contact Cheryl Schmidt.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER IS CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF KOREA, who are dedicated to serving Christ by ministering in His name among the 24 million people of North Korea through the delivery and confirmation of humanitarian aid, as well as construction projects and training. See the Mission Board in the narthex for more information. **You will find contribution envelopes on the Mission Board, in the pews, and in your offering envelope boxes.**

Come one, Come all on October 29th, 5:00 p.m., for the **ST. PETER LUTHERAN HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE!** Halloween Mystery Meat for Dinner! (AKA Sloppy Joe's). Bring a dish to share...if you dare! Wear your best costume! Things to bring: lawn chairs for the bonfire; a blanket for the hayride; a dish for the Potluck; and most importantly....FRIENDS!

Are you looking for a way to get involved at St. Peter? We have the perfect opportunity!! **The Board of Education is in need of a great team to reach, nurture, prepare and challenge all youth, with a focus on Jesus and his love and grace!!** Getting involved is easy and fun! The Board of Education meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings usually last about an hour. At the meetings we discuss a variety of topics concerning our youth here at St. Peter, including Sunday school, youth group activities, mission trips, VBS, WHAM, family fun nights, fundraisers, Children's Christmas Program, etc. The Board of Education along with the DCE discuss, plan and execute these programs. It is important that we continue to put a focus on our youth here and to do that, we need your help! Please see Laura Nelson or Tony Engen if you are interested or have any questions!

Members from LCMS Minnesota South District congregations and the surrounding community are invited to help us pack one million meals for **Feed My Starving Children**. We need your help to make this event a success as we serve those in need of food across the world! The dates of this event are November 10th-12th. Our packing site is Woodbury Lutheran Church. We have 25 spots reserved for Saturday, November 12th, from 2:30-4:30. If you would like to serve on a different day, you can go to mnsouthdistrict.org/fmsc and sign up for a different day/time. Each meal packed costs just 22 cents, but that means for one million meals the cost is around \$220,000. Feed My Starving Children completely relies on donations to cover the costs of all the meals they package and send around the world, so any donation you can make is very much appreciated. For more information on volunteering for this event, or to donate towards the cost of the meals, talk to Tony Engen or go to mnsouthdistrict.org/fmsc.

URGENT:

Greenhouse Appeal for **North Korea Flood Relief**

From August 29–31, three days of torrential rains and impact from Typhoon Lionrock caused floodwaters to suddenly rise, inundating houses, causing landslides, and wiping away entire villages in multiple counties in the two most northeastern provinces of the DPRK. One hundred and thirty-eight deaths were reported and another 400 are missing (presumed dead). Nearly 70,000 people have lost their homes and all their belongings due to the flooding. Crops, days away from harvesting, were destroyed or heavily damaged in the fields, and railroads, bridges, and roads have been heavily damaged. Over 600,000 who live in the area are affected. Now relief/rebuilding efforts are in a race against time as October fast approaches, bringing with it snow and temperatures that regularly drop to -25C and below. The United Nations and other international agencies have been able to visit the region and have confirmed the significance of the damage and the urgency of the situation for those living there.

CFK (Christian Friends of Korea) responded quickly during our recent visit by releasing pre-positioned stocks of emergency relief goods including hygiene kits, water filters/buckets, food, blankets, and other materials that were in our warehouse in Pyongyang. These goods were to be delivered by local colleagues during the week of September 21st. We expect to confirm the distribution of these goods during a special flood-relief visit planned for late October.

However, in the meantime, we are **LAUNCHING AN EMERGENCY APPEAL** to send long-term help for recovery to flood affected hepatitis and TB facilities. In the late 1990's, CFK introduced small vinyl greenhouses to the DPRK. They are in use at all of our supported care centers, producing on average 1-3 tons of food every year – including long before and after, when crops can be grown in outdoor fields.

We are urgently seeking funding to send at least two greenhouses to each TB and hepatitis care center in flood-affected areas. These greenhouses can be set up in 1-2 days, and can provide basic shelter immediately, and then transition in late fall/early spring to grow vitamin-rich crops such as spinach, crown daisy, lettuce, and cabbage. For people who have just lost the main summer harvest due to flooding, along with their small animals, household goods, kitchen gardens, winter fuel supply, clothing, and homes, greenhouse production can help to supply sustainable nutrition and bring hope to a very difficult situation.

We have just received an emergency \$20,000 gift towards this effort from a generous donor. We need to raise another \$36,000 to reach our goal to send a total of 14 greenhouses. If more funds are raised, they will be applied towards our existing greenhouse project in other parts of the DPRK.

We fear that TB and hepatitis care centers will soon have many more patients to care for due to the heavy toll that flooding can have on people's lives and health. **Please help us reach our goal quickly so we can order and send these greenhouses before the cold of winter sets in.**

Now more than ever before, the people of the DPRK need to know of God's love and care for them through the loving hands of Christians.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous support!

Our CFK Staff