

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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- TODAY:** 10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class
2:00-5:00 Get-together for 5th-12th Graders
@ Wellners'
- MONDAY:** 7:00-8:00 Breakfast Bible Conversations @
Machine Shed, Lake Elmo
- TUESDAY:** 10:00-11:00 Bible Class
6:30-8:00 Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 5:30-6:25 Weekday/Confirmation Classes
6:30 Devotional Service with Communion
- THURSDAY:** 9:00 Circuit Pastors' Conference
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 Traditional Service with Communion
10:00 Coffee Hour celebrating Pastor Asmus'
Birthday
10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class
11:00 Elders' Meeting

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.

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

CUSHIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. You may leave them in the pews after the worship service.

BIBLE STUDY: "REVELATION" following the service today: Revelation 12 - The ultimate battle between good and evil. Gird your loins for this one! Come, join in. Let's grow together.

BASICS OF FAITH" BIBLE STUDY this Monday and Tuesday: Lesson 17 - "Being Right with God" (We learn about the theological terms of "justification" and "righteousness.")

FOUNDATIONS will be held on Wednesday, with Weekday/Confirmation Classes 5:30-6:25 p.m.; Devotional Service with Communion 6:30-7:00 p.m.

THEME FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S 6:30 P.M. SERVICE AND NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE, 9:00 A.M.: Theme: Shining God's light; Sermon: "Blessed with Purpose" (Matthew 5:13-16)

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.: COFFEE HOSTS: Gary & Loiry Anderson (celebrating Pastor Asmus' birthday); USHERS: Doug Stoltzmann, Elder; Jerry Hundertmark; John Schmidt; Steve Wellner; Marv Durow; ACOLYTE: Izaak Schmidt; READER: Jerry Tank; GREETERS: Eldo & Helen Thielfoldt.

INSTALLATION AND RECEPTION FOR TONY ENGEN AS DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Glory be to God! Tony Engen, who has served our congregation as Interim Director of Christian Education the past six months, has accepted the Call to join our staff as part-time D.C.E. His installation will take place during our 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 12, 2017. We ask that all join in a **celebratory brunch** being provided immediately following the Education Hour. We rejoice that Tony is following the Call of God, showing a dedication and commitment to be in teamwork with the congregation of St. Peter in service to Christ.

TODAY from 2:00-5:00 p.m. the Wellners have once again graciously offered to host us for an evening of **BOOT HOCKEY**, hot cocoa, and general good times! **THIS IS FOR 5TH-12TH GRADERS & THEIR FAMILIES.** Chili, hot dogs, buns & beverages will be provided. BRING APPITIZERS, CHIPS OR DESSERT TO SHARE! You need to bring a helmet if you are going to play hockey. Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk. Hope to see you there!

ELDERS' MEETING will be held on Sunday, February 5th, at 11:00 a.m.

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND - We will work a shift at Second Harvest Heartland on February 10th, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Cheryl Schmidt.

OUR MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY is Szeged Lutheran Church in Hungary. See the Mission Board in the narthex for more information. Mission envelopes are in your offering envelope boxes, in the pews, and on the Mission Board.

OUR VALENTINE'S DINNER will be held on Saturday, February 18th, at 6:00 p.m. Cost \$15.00/person. This is a fundraiser for the youth of St. Peter. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex on the Valentine Poster. Please return the form to the church office no later than Sunday, February 12th.

ALL CHURCH SKI TRIP TO AFTON ALPS: All members of St. Peter and their friends are invited to join us on Sunday, March 5th, at Afton Alps for a great day of skiing and fellowship! We will be meeting at Afton at 1:00 pm. Afton Alps is giving us a great discounted rate on both lift tickets (\$32.00) and ski/snowboard rental (\$21.00). Lift tickets are normally \$58.00 and rentals are \$28.00, so we are getting a great deal! Please sign up on the kiosk in the narthex by Sunday, February 26th, so that we can reserve your spot. If you have any questions, talk to DCE Tony Engen.

From our District President: In this 500th Reformation Anniversary year, I invite your congregation to participate in Koinonia 2.0. The initial round of Koinonia involved pastors in conversations on what unites and divides us in our doctrine and practice. This second round has pastors, commissioned workers, and lay people gathering to develop a statement of agreement on significant articles of doctrine and practice. **When: Saturday February 18; Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Where: South Shore Trinity, White Bear Lake.** Congregations represented include those from NE Suburban, St. Paul Metro, St. Croix River, and NW Suburban. Each congregation may send 3 representatives for this event. Our topic of discussion: "The Apostles' Creed". Let your pastor know if you'd like to represent your congregation by January 29. – Dean Nadasdy, President, MN South District - LCMS

Dear Friends at St. Peter,

Thank you so much for all of the care and kindness that you have shown our family over the past few months. We are grateful for the cards, for the offers to help with cleaning and transportation, for the meals, and especially for the prayers. It was comforting to know that we were remembered and that the Lord was hearing so many petitions for healing. We loved the meals provided for us on chemo days. The boys always waited with excited anticipation to see what they would be having for dinner. (It was almost like Christmas.) Sometimes it was something new; sometimes it was something familiar. It was always delicious. Your support and care has made the past few months much easier for our family. - With love and gratitude, The Oberdecks