

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 5, 2017

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- TODAY:** 10:00 Coffee Hour to celebrate Pastors' birthday
10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class
11:00 Elders' Meeting
- MONDAY:** 7:00-8:00 Breakfast Bible Conversations @ Machine Shed
9:00 Quilters
- TUESDAY:** 10:00-11:00 Bible Class
6:30-8:00 Adult Choir
7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- WEDNESDAY:** 5:30-6:25 Weekday/Confirmation Classes
6:00 8th Grade Oral Exam (Lord's Prayer/Confession/
Office of the Keys)
6:30 Devotional Service with Communion
- THURSDAY:** 6:30 Praise Team Practice
- FRIDAY:** 1:30-3:30 Work @ Second Harvest Heartland
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 Contemporary Service with Installation of our
DCE Tony Engen & Communion
10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class
11:00 Brunch in Parish Hall to celebrate with
Tony Engen & his family
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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 (Part 1); Ultimate battle between good/evil; God/Satan. Come, join in. Let's grow together.

BASICS OF FAITH" BIBLE STUDY this Monday and Tuesday: Lesson 18 – Becoming More like Jesus.

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. (6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Oral Exam – Lord's Prayer/Confession/Office of the Keys).

THEME, TOPIC & TEXT FOR WEDNESDAY'S 6:30 P.M. SERVICE AND NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE, 9:00 A.M.: Theme: The choices we make, blessings/consequences; Sermon: "Choices" (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.: COFFEE HOSTS: Don & Donna Kosen; USHERS: Doug Stoltzmann, Elder; Jerry Hundertmark; John Schmidt; Steve Wellner; Marv Durow; ACOLYTE: Ryan Bernath; READER: Ken Veith; GREETER: Lorraine Hansen.

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 next 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.

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND - We will work a shift at Second Harvest Heartland this Friday, 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, contact Cheryl Schmidt.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A CONCERT ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, AT 7:00 P.M., AT ST. PETER! The St. Croix Preparatory Academy Chamber Orchestra directed by Karen Biedrzycki and Upper School Choirs directed by Elizabeth Gust will be presenting an evening of sacred music, culminating in a community sing of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus". Freewill donation; no tickets needed!

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 meet at Afton Alps at 2:00 p.m. 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.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GROUP meets every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting is this Tuesday, February 7th. Join us if you like to knit or crochet or would like to learn. If you have questions, call Gayle Schneider or Linda Craig.

WE WILL BE VOLUNTEERING AT “FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN” in Eagan on Monday, February 27th, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. See the signup sheet posted on the kiosk.

ATTENTION PRE-K THROUGH 4TH GRADE PARENTS! On Sunday February 19th we will have a special Valentine's Day craft and treat for your kids immediately after Sunday School! It should only take around 15 or 20 minutes, so please come down and join us for a little fun after church.

OUR MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR 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.

COINS FOR SEMINARIANS – Just a reminder that all coins in the offering plate go towards the support of the Adopt-a-Seminarian Program at our seminary in St. Louis. (There is also a jar in the narthex for coins.) Our adopted seminary student is Sam Handschke. See his letter to our congregation on the bulletin board display down the hall before Pastor's office. (There are also other letters from John Wolf, Carol Halter and Christian Friends of Korea.)

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