

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**February 19, 2017**

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- TODAY:** 10:15-11:00 Sunday School  
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class  
11:00-11:20 Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Craft & Treat  
7:00 St. Croix Preparatory Academy Chamber Orchestra  
& Upper School Choirs' Concert @ St. Peter
- MONDAY:** 7:00-8:00 Breakfast Bible Conversations @ Machine Shed  
9:00-12:00 Quilters  
6:30 Church Council Meeting
- 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  
6:30-7:00 Devotional Service with Communion
- THURSDAY:** 6:30 Praise Team Practice
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 Contemporary Service & Communion  
10:15-11:00 Sunday School  
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class
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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](mailto: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.

**ATTENTION PRE-K THROUGH 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS!** TODAY 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.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A CONCERT TONIGHT AT 7:00 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!

**BIBLE STUDY: "REVELATION"** following the service today: Revelation 13:11-18. The final battle of end times...the beast from within the earth. Come, join in.

**BASICS OF FAITH" BIBLE STUDY** this Monday and Tuesday: Lesson 20. "Getting to Know a New Friend."

**THE FEBRUARY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held this Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M.:** COFFEE HOST: Linda Craig; USHERS: Doug Stoltzmann, Elder; Jerry Hundertmark; John Schmidt; Steve Wellner; Marv Durow; ACOLYTE: Lucas Oberdeck; READER: Ken Veith; GREETERS: (Open).

**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, TOPIC & TEXT FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S 6:30 P.M. SERVICE AND NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE, 9:00 A.M.:** THEME: The power of Transfiguration; SERMON: "No Prophecy..." (2 Peter 1:16-21)

**ALL CHURCH SKI TRIP TO AFTON ALPS:** All members of St. Peter and their friends are invited to join us on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, so that we can reserve your spot. If you have any questions, talk to DCE Tony Engen.

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

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

**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.

**Ever feel moved to sing praise to God?** Come and give the **PRAISE TEAM** a try! Sing or play an instrument, come and check it out on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. or talk to Janel Busacker, Pete Schneider or Nancy Bernath.

**VALLEY ACCESS CABLE CHANNEL #18** will air our worship service on Fridays, 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, 1:00 a.m. & 6:00 a.m. **WE CAN ALSO PROVIDE DVD's** for shut-ins if requested. They can be picked up by a family member or friend, or mailed. Call the church office

### Stewardship Corner

God rescued the Israelites from their bondage and mistreatment from the Egyptians. He was concerned about their suffering, and He showed His compassion by rescuing them. To help them to remember His goodness to them, God commanded that His people take some of the firstfruits of the produce that God had given them and put them into a basket to give to the priests to place on the Lord's altar (Deuteronomy 26). The firstfruits were brought to the Lord in response to what He had done for them. In the same way that God provided for His people in the Old Testament, He provides for us today. Are you showing your gratitude to God by giving your firstfruits to Him?

**BEING ASSURED OF GOD'S LOVE, WE RESPOND TO HIS GREAT LOVE BY SHARING HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS.**

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future . . . will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:37-39).

