

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT****March 26, 2017****Vol. 57, No. 18**

**TODAY:** 10:15-11:00 Sunday School  
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class

**MONDAY:** 7:00-8:00 Breakfast Bible Conversations @ Machine Shed

**TUESDAY:** 10:00-11:00 Bible Class  
6:30-8:00 Adult Choir

**WEDNESDAY:** 5:00-6:15 Lenten Supper  
6:30-7:00 Lenten Midweek Service

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 Traditional Service with Communion  
10:15-11:00 Sunday School  
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class  
11:00 Elders' Meeting

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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.

**BIBLE STUDY: "REVELATION"** following the service today: Revelation 17-18 "The Battle between the World and God."

**BASICS OF FAITH" BIBLE STUDY** this Monday and Tuesday: Lesson 24 – "Good Stewards".

**SERMON TOPIC & TEXT FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE, 6:30 P.M.:** "Lethargy: a Slow Death, Wake UP!" (Letter to Sardis - Revelation 3:1-6)

**SERMON TOPIC & TEXT FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE 9:00 A.M.:** "The Eloquence of Tears" (John 11:1-45)

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE, 6:30 P.M.:** USHERS: Gary Swanson, Elder; George Riemer; Jim Jordan; Paul Fritsche; Kim Fritsche; ACOLYTE: Lucas Oberdeck; READER: (Open); GREETERS: (Open).

**VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE, 9:00 A.M.:** COFFEE HOSTS: Evie Mueller & Laura Fritsche; USHERS: Jerry Clare, Elder; Steve Polinske; Virgil Polinske; Sue Clare; Ken Veith; ACOLYTE: Ashley Walton; READER: Laura Bauer; GREETER: Donna Kosen.

**LENTEN SUPPER BEFORE THE LENTEN SERVICE:** *(Not soup this year due to kitchen remodeling)* will be served in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.—6:15 p.m. Beverages will be provided. Group 1 is serving with callers Barb Fritsche & Joan Jordan. They are asked to have 5 workers and 5 pans of bars. A donation of \$5.00 per person is the suggested price to meet expenses. Any excess money will be used towards the Kitchen Fund. Questions, call Sharon Wellner, Lenten Supper Coordinator.

**OUR MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR MARCH & APRIL** is Trinity First Lutheran School, Minneapolis, MN. 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.

**FOR OUR MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR MARCH & APRIL - TRINITY FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL, MINNEAPOLIS, MN** - we will also be collecting School Supplies; for example, Clorox wipes, colored pencils, construction paper, etc. There is a basket by the poster in the narthex.

**Craft & Treat for Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade** - On Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, (Palm Sunday) right after Sunday School, there will be a craft and a special treat in the fellowship hall for all Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade youth.

**DID YOU NOTICE – A CUP HAS BEEN ADDED!** Yes, thanks to your donations, we have added another \$20,000 to the funds raised for the kitchen project. With donations and pledges, we are over \$28,000 – more than half way to meeting our challenge match of \$50,000 by April 30<sup>th</sup>! Thank you!!

**EASTER GARDEN** - Spring is on its way, so it is time to think about our Easter garden display for the sanctuary. Flowers can be given in honor or in memory of someone. Envelopes for a freewill donation are provided on the counter in the narthex for this purpose. Please fill one out and return to the church office or offering plate by **next Sunday, April 2, 2017**. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church. It is the intent to use some of this money to provide flowers to our shut-ins before Easter. The display at church will be up through the April 30<sup>th</sup> service. Flowers can be taken home after the service that day. Any questions can be directed to Judy Hansen.

**VBS 2017: June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>** - The dates are set! Get ready for VBS starting June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration is now up online. **The web site is [VBSMATE.COM/STPETERAFTON](http://VBSMATE.COM/STPETERAFTON)**. Our theme this year is “Mighty Fortress”! We will be discovering how our mighty God is our fortress and strength at all times! If you or someone you know is interested in helping out as a teacher or as a snack/craft helper, talk with Tony Engen.

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who have been designated Choice Dollars: Don't miss this opportunity to help support St. Peter Lutheran Church. **PLEASE NOTE THAT 2016 CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE ON MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 1-800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice®."

**7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade Mission Trip - Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, through Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth** are invited to join us for the Rochester Servant Event! For four days we will be serving, worshipping, and having a spectacularly, awesome time alongside tons of other churches and kids from the LCMS Minnesota South District in Rochester, MN. **THIS TRIP IS TOTALLY FREE FOR ALL ST. PETER YOUTH; THIS INCLUDES ROOM AND BOARD!!!**

We do need 2 or 3 adult volunteers who would be willing to drive a car full of kids and stay in Rochester for the duration of the event to be chaperones. Room and board will also be covered for chaperones along with mileage reimbursement. Students and chaperones will need to sign up on the sheet in the narthex and also fill out registration forms and medical release/detail forms. Forms can be obtained at [rochesterservantevent.wordpress.com/registration](http://rochesterservantevent.wordpress.com/registration). **The sign-up deadline is Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, go to [rochesterservantevent.wordpress.com](http://rochesterservantevent.wordpress.com) or speak with Tony Engen.

Thank you to my St. Peter family for your prayers, cards and well wishes during my recent recovery. They are all very much appreciated. - Mary Lou Volkert

**TUBMAN CENTER "DIAPER DRIVE"!!** Join the Tubman Center throughout the month of April for their annual "Diaper Drive"! Help with a gift of diapers, bottles, wipes and other infant, baby or toddler items. Place them in the basket in the hallway by the office by May 1st. Any questions, call Joan Jordan.