

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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- TODAY:** 10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30 Congregational Spring Voters' Meeting
- MONDAY:** 7:00 Breakfast Bible Conversations @ Machine Shed
1:00-7:00 Red Cross Bloodmobile here
- TUESDAY:** 10:00 Bible Class
6:30-8:00 Adult Choir
7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:00 Confirmands' Oral Exam
6:30-7:00 Devotional Service with Communion
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 Traditional Service with Confirmation & Communion
10:00 Confirmation Reception
10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Adult Bible Class

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 CLASS TOPIC & TEXT FOR NEXT SUNDAY: "Revelation 20:1-6 – A 1000 years...and the first resurrection.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE WITH COMMUNION will be held this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (ORAL EXAM OF CONFIRMANDS AT 6:00 P.M.)

NO WEEKDAY CLASSES this Wednesday. They resume in September.

SERMON THEME, TOPIC & TEXT FOR THIS WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M. AND NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE 9:00 A.M.: Theme: Our Lord – our Shepherd; "Abundance" (John 10:10)

A CONFIRMATION RECEPTION will be held next Sunday, May 7th, at 10:00 a.m. for Emma Schatt, who will be confirmed at the 9:00 a.m. service that day. Her parents are Steve & Amy Schatt.

BASICS OF FAITH" BIBLE STUDY this Monday 7:00 A.M. (@ the Machine Shed, Lake Elmo) or Tuesday 10:00 A.M. (@ church): "Finding Comfort in the Dark" (Lesson 28).

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE:, 9:00 A.M. USHERS: Derek Nelson, Elder; Eldo Thielfoldt; Don Kosen; Donna Kosen; Dawn Plunkett; ACOLYTE: Ashley Walton; READER: Joan Riemer; GREETERS: Eldo & Helen Thielfoldt.

VINCE SETTEN FROM GIDEON'S INTERNATIONAL is with us TODAY to give a short presentation after the worship service. They serve 200 countries in the world, providing God's Word for the lost. A freewill offering will be taken after the service.

CONGREGATIONAL SPRING VOTERS' MEETING will be held TODAY at 10:30 a.m. (No Adult Bible Class today).

ST. PETER WILL BE HOSTING THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE Monday, May 1st, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Questions, call Peggy Oehlke. Walk-ins are welcome!

TEACHER APPRECIATION POTLUCK LUNCHEON - On Sunday May 21st, after Sunday School, we will be holding a celebration Potluck Luncheon to honor and thank our teachers for all of their hard work teaching and shepherding our youth this year! The Board of Education will be supplying hot dogs, brats, buns, and beverages. Attending families are asked to bring a dish to share among the congregation.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION "LITTLE CHURCH OF HOPE" - We will again be hosting the Union Gospel Mission's "Little Church of Hope" on May 13th. **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to donate time or food items.** We need helpers to help with set up on Friday and help serve the lunch on Saturday. We look forward to another inspirational day with men working to find their way with Christ. Any questions, call Linda Craig or Laura Nelson.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR "THE ALLELUIA RINGERS" from University of Wisconsin, Mequon will be presenting a concert at our church on Friday, May 19th, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a **POTLUCK SUPPER** at 5:30 p.m. before the concert. A freewill offering will be taken. (Make checks out to St. Peter Lutheran Church, marked "University of Wisconsin Handbell Concert".)

PLEASE NOTE: OVERNIGHT HOUSING WILL BE NEEDED FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 19TH, FOR 13-14 STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MEQUON, AFTER THE CONCERT, (a minimum of 2 students per location). If you have any questions or would like to host some students that night, please call Linda Craig or Laura Nelson.

GET READY FOR VBS starting June 19 - June 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration is now up online. **The web site is 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!

VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! VBS is right around the corner and we need lots of volunteers to make this another great experience for the youth of our church and surrounding community! VBS will be from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. June 19th - 23rd. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving in any capacity, please talk to DCE Tony Engen. **(See the sign-up poster in the narthex.)**

WHAM WEEK 2017 - WHAM week will take place from Monday August 7th through Friday the 11th this year. More information will be provided soon about the awesome opportunities our youth will have to serve God and our neighbors! All 5th through 12th grade students are invited to join us. See Tony Engen if you have any questions.

We will work a shift at **SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND** on Friday, May 12th, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Schmidt.

7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE MISSION TRIP - **Sunday, June 11th, through Wednesday, June 14th, all 7th through 12th 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. To get forms or for more information, go to **rochesterservantevent.wordpress.com** or speak with Tony Engen.