

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 7, 2017 **Vol. 57, No. 24**

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

MONDAY: 7:00 Breakfast Bible Conversations @ Machine Shed
9:00-12:00 Quilters
6:30 Board of Education

TUESDAY: 10:00 Bible Class

WEDNESDAY: 6:30-7:00 Devotional Service with Communion

THURSDAY: 6:30 Praise Team Practice

FRIDAY: 1:30-3:30 Work @ Second Harvest Heartland

SATURDAY: (All Day) Union Gospel Mission "Little Church of Hope" here

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 Contemporary Service with Communion
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.

ELDERS' MEETING will be held on Sunday, May 21, at 11:00 a.m.

NO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IN MAY. Next meeting will be on Sunday, June 4th, at 10:15 a.m. (No Adult Bible Class on June 4th.)

BIBLE CLASS TOPIC & TEXT FOR TODAY: "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.

SERMON THEME, TOPIC & TEXT FOR THIS WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M. AND NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE 9:00 A.M.: Theme: Who we are because of Jesus Christ; Sermon: "Living Stones in God's Temple" (1 Peter 2:2-10).

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are placed to the glory of God on the occasion of Emma Lydia Schatt's Confirmation in the service this morning. **A CONFIRMATION RECEPTION** will be held following the service for her. Her parents are Steve & Amy Schatt. She was baptized on August 23, 2003. Her sponsors are Jacob & Julie VanElswyk. Her Confirmation Bible verse is: Romans 15:13 – "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Her favorite hymn is "Here I Am, Lord."

BASICS OF FAITH" BIBLE STUDY this Monday 7:00 A.M. (@ the Machine Shed, Lake Elmo) or Tuesday 10:00 A.M. (@ church): "Celebrating, Proclaiming, Sharing, Spreading"; Lesson 29.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE:, 9:00 A.M.
COFFEE HOSTS: (Open); USHERS: Derek Nelson, Elder; Eldo Thielfoldt; Don Kosen; Donna Kosen; Dawn Plunkett; ACOLYTE: Charlie Veith; READER: Laura Bauer; GREETERS: (Open).

TEACHER APPRECIATION POTLUCK LUNCHEON - Sunday May 21st, after Sunday School, 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.

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 food items or time (set up Friday and help serve lunch 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.

VBS will be held June 19-June 23 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Register online at 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.) TEACHERS ARE NEEDED!!**

THE BLOODMOBILE WENT WELL ON MONDAY, MAY 1ST. Because of the rain and snow, we had lots of walk-ins. Our goal was 43 units of blood and we took in 42 units. Super! 168 lives will be saved with these donations. With all the calling that was done, only 9 appointments were made - with only 5 of those showing up. The big majority of donors applied on-line or received cards with donation sites in the area. I believe next year we will NOT be doing any calling and see how that goes. Thank you to all who helped with this great blood drive. - Coordinator, Peggy Oehlke

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN! All congregations in the Minnesota North & South Districts are invited to collect new socks (especially children's) and undies which will be taken to Texas border missions. Donations of money for shipping costs, socks and undies will be gathered at the MN State Pastoral Conference May 15-17. **(There is a box at church if you would like to donate some of these items.)** (Make checks out to St. Peter Lutheran Church, marked "Orphan Grain Train".) **Must be in by May 14th so Pastor can take them to the conference.**

THE HANDBELL CHOIR "THE ALLELUIA RINGERS" from University of Wisconsin, Mequon will present a concert at our church on Friday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. (**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".)

OVERNIGHT HOUSING WILL BE NEEDED FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 19, for 13-14 students from the University of Wisconsin, after the concert (a minimum of 2 students per location). If you have questions or would like to host some students May 19, please call Linda Craig or Laura Nelson.

WE WILL WORK A SHIFT AT SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND on Friday, May 12th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. See the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR MAY/JUNE is Christian Friends of Korea. See the Mission Board in the narthex for more information.

7TH - 12TH GRADE MISSION TRIP - Sunday, June 11th - 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.