

**SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
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**9:00 A.M. Sundays: Alternating with Traditional &
Contemporary Services (Communion at all Services)
10:15-11:00 A.M. Sunday School; 10:30-11:00 A.M. Adult Bible Class**

6:30 P.M. Wednesdays: Devotional Service with Communion

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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TODAY: 10:15-11:00 Sunday School
**10:30 Special Voters' Meeting to vote
on a call to a new pastor**
11:00 Elders' Meeting

MONDAY: 6:30 Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY: 7:00-8:00 Adult Bible Class @ Machine Shed
10:00-11:00 Adult Bible Class

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 Devotional Service with Communion
7:00-8:00 Weekday/Confirmation Classes

FRIDAY: 6:30-9:00 CATALYST Youth Night (5th-12th Graders)

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 Traditional Service with Communion
10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Bible Class

ACOLYTE: Lillian Pryce **READER:** Mark Suckow

BIRTHDAYS: TODAY: Lois Fritsche TUES: Faye Freitag-Schiell SAT:
Gary Bernath

BAPTISMAL DATES: TODAY: Jill Hannah MON: Rita Shackleton
THURS: Arnold Fritsche SAT: Anna Novalany, Matthew Voss

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 9:00 A.M.: 106.

PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

January 14, 2018 (*Added this week)

Patrick Love, grandson of Kathy Bauer, for strength & spiritual guidance
Derek Nelson, recovering at home after a car accident
Loren Richert, recovering from a stroke
Katy Kwiatkowski, Niece of Derek & Jenny Veith, Granddaughter of Linda Veith, recovering from brain surgery
Deb Zwickey, friend of Gayle Schneider, for relief of pain and healing after surgery for spinal stenosis
Kathy Hatanpaa, cousin of Lois Fritsche, A.L.S.
Cole Wegner, son of Jenny Veith's cousin, Cystic Fibrosis
Jeff Riemenschneider, brother of Autumn Zahn, Parkinson's
Kellen Giddings, friend of Maverick Schiltgen, recovery from a brain tumor
Grace Hedtke, Melissa Oberdeck's Godchild, bone tumor
Dan Richert, continued good health after kidney transplant surgery
Roger Lammers, brother of Phyllis Richert, recovery from hernia surgery
Hubert Schiell, for healing from a severe elbow infection
Breck Fewer, son of Joe & Lindsey Fewer, recovering from heart surgery
Mary Lou Volkert, for patience and healing (stress fracture)
LaDonna Freitag, daughter of Faye Freitag-Schiell, for health & healing
Carol Christianson, for health and healing
Laurel Bonine, for health and healing
Holly Bonine, for health and healing
Melissa Oberdeck, for health & healing
Jessica Polinske, for health and healing
Edward Sampair, grandfather of Emma Calleja, Stage IV Renal Cell Cancer
Alicia Cleveland, daughter of Betty Richert, Muscular Dystrophy & Leukemia
Robert Sproule, brother of Betsy Hundertmark, Esophageal cancer
Greg Rubenstein, husband of Marlys Albrecht, recovery from surgery
Jeff Benning (requested by Alicia Benning), cancer
Nancy Wesley, friend of Gayle Schneider, tests for recurrence of cancer
Kelli Schmidt, daughter of Yvonne Boles, for health & healing (cancer)
Earl Barnum, cousin of Gayle Schneider, esophageal cancer
Mike Morley, friend of Bruce Albrecht, cancer
Anita Bruch, lymphoma cancer
Darlene O'Malley, grandmother of Angie Engen, Cancer
Richard Miller, Viola Miller's grandson, treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
Maureen Busacker, sister-in-law of Dale & Janel Busacker, cancer
Teresa Kopps, spiritual blessings and successful treatment of Stage 4 cancer
Tim Sachi, friend of Steve & Sharon Wellner, cancer
Don Goodwin, son-in-law of Stan Simkins, cancer
Jerry Mueller, son of Evie Mueller, cancer
Jason Bauer, nephew of Kathy Bauer, cancer
Sue Dickey, friend of Kathy Bauer, cancer
Naomi Mahler, daughter-in-law of Rita Lynum, cancer
Marilyn Stalhiem, aunt of Linda Veith, cancer

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.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING IS TODAY AT 10:30 A.M. (Note

time change!) THERE WILL BE TIME FOR DISCUSSION AND THEN WE WILL VOTE ON WHO, WE AS A CONGREGATION, WANT TO EXTEND A CALL TO BE OUR NEXT PASTOR.

NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS THIS MORNING.

THIS MORNING DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE, we are installing our 2018 congregational officers. We thank them for their willingness to serve and seek God's blessings upon them in their effort. We also wish to extend a big THANK YOU to the outgoing officers for a job well done.

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 ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.** You may leave them in the pews after the worship service.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE: 9:00 A.M.:
COFFEE HOSTS: Lorraine & Judy Hansen; USHERS: Doug Stoltzmann, Elder; Grant Fritsche; Laura Fritsche; Paul Fritsche; Steve Oehlke; ACOLYTE: Gabriella Richert; READER: Shelly Love; GREETERS: (Open).

ATTENTION 5TH-12TH GRADERS!!! CATALYST STARTS THIS MONTH! (Monthly Youth Night): On January 19th from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. come join us as we kick off our inaugural monthly youth night called Catalyst. In Matthew 6:33 Jesus tells us to seek God's kingdom above all else. At Catalyst this is exactly what we will be doing! Come for a night of worship, prayer, games, music, and friendship. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. As always, please bring your friends!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR USE IN 2018 are available in the Narthex. Please pick up your box today. Questions can be directed to Karen Stoltzmann, Financial Secretary.

THE LWML ST. CROIX RIVER/ST. PAUL METRO ZONES WINTER WORKSHOP will be held at our church on **Saturday, January 20th**. Registration & light breakfast 9:00 a.m.; workshop at 9:30 a.m. Guest Speaker is Pastor Mark Koschmann, (Fiechthner Chair in Christian Outreach and Instructor in Theology & Ministry at Concordia University, St. Paul).

FOUNDATIONS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY

17TH. Devotional Service with Communion 6:30-7:00 p.m.;
Weekday/Confirmation Classes 7:00-8:00 p.m.

THE MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY IS DIRECT RELIEF INTERNATIONAL, PUERTO RICO. See the mission board in the narthex for more information. You may use the special Mission envelopes that are in your offering envelope box, in the pews, or on the Mission Board.

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.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR READERS, GREETERS, COFFEE HOSTS & FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR 2018 are in the book on the kiosk.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THE SUNDAY BULLETINS, the form is on the Bulletin Board on the wall beyond the church office. **2018 DATES ARE NOW POSTED.** Just fill out the form and place it in the manila envelope on the Bulletin Board. Makes checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church. (Approximate weekly cost is \$15.00.)

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER: On Saturday, **February 17 at 6:00 p.m.** everyone is invited to join us for a Valentine's day celebration! RSVP's are located on the kiosk in the Narthex. Please RSVP by February 11th. The recommended donation for dinner is \$15.00 per person. This is a youth group fundraiser; all proceeds will go towards supporting future youth group activities.

ST. PETER SKI DAY!: On Sunday **February 25th** we will hit the slopes at Afton Alps for a day of fun and fellowship! Afton Alps is giving us a great discount on lift tickets (\$32.00) and rentals (\$21.00). Check in at the Afton Alps main ticket office is at 1:00 p.m. Just let them know you are with the St. Peter Lutheran Church group. Hope to see you all out on the slopes!

St. Peter Lutheran Church
2018 Congregational Officers

President: Gary Anderson

President-Elect: Derek Veith

Secretary: Peggy Oehlke

Elders: Rick Bauer (Co-Head Elder)
Jerry Clare (Co-Head Elder)
Derek Nelson
Doug Stoltzmann
Mark Suckow
Jay Zahn

Board of Education: Nancy Bernath (Chair)
Betsy Hundertmark
Shelly Love
Joan Riemer
Rachel Swanson

Treasurer: Virgil Polinske

Financial Secretary: Karen Stoltzmann

Outreach: Laura Nelson (Chair)
Laura Bauer (Chair-Elect)

Stewardship: Gayle Schneider (Chair)
Bruce Albrecht (Chair-Elect)

Trustees: Jim Jordan (Chair)
Clyde Erickson
Steve Oehlke

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

January 14, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

AS WE GATHER – “Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.” With this invitation, the prophet Samuel opens himself to receive God’s Word for His people. In the Epistle, Paul reminds us that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to the Lord because we have been bought with the price of Jesus’ precious body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This Jesus is God’s first and final Word to all humanity—the Logos incarnate. Born in Bethlehem and heading for Golgotha, Jesus invites people to follow Him. From one disciple to another, the invitation is to come and see the One whom Moses and the prophets foretold—Israel’s Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, our Lord and our God.

WELCOME (*Worshippers greet one another.*) (*Stand.*)

OPENING SONG: “Bless the Name of Jesus”

PW 100

THE INVOCATION (*See screen.*)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Psalm 145:9*) (*See screen.*)

Pastor: God, whose Word establishes reality,

People: we admit that we have turned from the face-to-face relationship of love with You for which we have been created. Sin infects us through and through. Yet, we trust in Jesus alone whose life, death, and resurrection bring Your healing power to bear on our grave condition. Hear us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus’ sake.

Pastor: “The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.” Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(*Be seated.*)

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (ESV)

SONG: “I Offer My Life” (*See screen.*) **BOB 108**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (ESV)

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:43-51 (ESV) (*Stand.*)

(*Be seated.*)

SERMON SONG: “Come and See” (*See screen.*) **BOB 36**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Text: John 1:43-51

NICENE CREED (*Stand.*)

(*Be seated.*)

INSTALLATION OF 2018 CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

THE OFFERING

(Note to our visitors: You are our guests this morning! Please do not feel the need to make a contribution to our Offering. We would ask all visitors and members to sign the Register Pad as the Offering is being collected. Also, Prayer Cards are available in the pew racks for special intercessions during the time of congregational prayer.)

FOR ALL WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER

*We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood is present in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. In this sacred meal Jesus gives Himself in love to His Church to build us up in faith, hope and love. Since Christ is truly present, the Sacrament is not to be received in a careless or indifferent manner. St. Paul writes: “Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. **Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.**” (1 Corinthians 11.27-28)*

We believe that such self-examination necessarily includes the following points: 1) Do I believe that the only true God is the Triune God, Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, within One Divine Being? 2) Do I humbly acknowledge before God that I am indeed a sinner in need of His grace? 3) Do I believe that Jesus Christ the Son of God is my personal Lord and Savior? 4) Do I believe that in this Sacrament Christ is truly present for me for the forgiveness of my sins? 5) Do I have a sincere desire, with God’s help, to live a life that is pleasing to Him?

For those who can answer these questions in the affirmative, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. For those who have a different religious understanding, or are unclear as to the points listed above, we ask that you talk to the pastor before receiving the Sacrament.

(Stand.)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(See screen.)*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. God, who shatters the silence, open our ears like Samuel's to listen to Your living voice as You speak to us through Your Word and in the Holy Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God, who shatters the silence, You have told us that we are not our own, but we were bought with a price—not with gold or silver, but with the precious blood of Jesus. Help us to live as Your redeemed and beloved people and to share Your love with others in our various callings and vocations, inviting them to come and see Jesus who loves us and gave Himself for us all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God, who shatters the silence, Your Word is like a fire and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces. Open the hearts and the mouths of all Your preachers, to bring forth the fire of Your Word in both Law and Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God, who shatters the silence, we ask You to speak healing over all who are sick and suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Trusting that Your Word accomplishes the purpose for which You send it, whether now or in eternity, we trust You to bring Your healing purposes to completion in all lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Continued)

Pastor: God, who shatters the silence, quiet our restless hearts and our anxious minds as we approach Your Table this day. Fill this time of silence with Your love and the light of Your presence as we receive Jesus' true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(See screen.)*

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *(See screen.)*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *(Revelation 22:20)*

(Be seated.)

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” (*See screen.*) **BOB 206**
“We Are an Offering” (*See screen.*) **BOB 231**
“Feed Us Now” (*See screen.*) **BOB 53**

(Stand.)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING (*See screen.*)

Assistant: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION (*See screen.*)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

(Dismissal of Children for Sunday School)

CLOSING SONG: “Here I Am Lord” (*See screen.*) **BOB 86**

(Be seated.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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