

**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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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 28, 2018

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TODAY: IMPACT & GROWTH SUNDAY!

10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Bible Class

TUESDAY: 7:00-8:00 Adult Bible Class @ Machine Shed
10:00-11:00 Adult Bible Class
6:30-8:00 Adult Choir

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

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

ACOLYTE: Izaak Schmidt **READER:** Ken Veith

BIRTHDAYS: WED: Tyler Richert, Lori Swanson THURS: James Freitag, Joan Jordan SAT: John Biedrzycki, Donna Kosen

BAPTISMS: MON: Joel Albrecht

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 9:00 A.M.: 100.

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.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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

OPENING SONG: “Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty” PW 7

THE INVOCATION (*See screen.*)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Psalm 111:1, 4–10*) (*See screen.*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*See screen.*)

(*Be seated.*)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (ESV)

SONG: “Jesus, Draw Me Close” (*See screen.*)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (ESV)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28 (ESV) (*Stand.*)

(*Be seated.*)

SERMON SONG: “You Are My All in All” PW 220

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Text: Mark 1:21-28

NICENE CREED (*Stand.*)

THE OFFERING (*Be seated.*)

(*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.)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(See screen.)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *(See screen.)*

THE DISTRIBUTION *(Be seated.)*

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Here Is Bread" (See screen.)

"I Am the Bread of Life" (See screen.)

"Only By Grace" (See screen.)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *(See screen.) (Stand.)*

THE BENEDICTION *(See screen.)*

(Dismissal of Children for Sunday School)

CLOSING SONG: *"Peace Be Yours" (See screen.)*

(Be seated.) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

January 28, 2018 (*Added this week)

Steve Oehlke, hospitalized*

Family of Earl Branum, cousin of Gayle Schneider, who went to his heavenly home on January 12th

Family of Edward Sampair, grandfather of Emma Calleja, who went to his heavenly home on January 16th

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 Zwickay, friend of Gayle Schneider, for relief of pain & healing after surgery

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

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)

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 free at this time

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.

JOIN US AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY TO DISCOVER & EXPLORE how we can “Impact” our community and “Grow” God’s Kingdom.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY’S SERVICE: 9:00 A.M.:
COFFEE HOSTS: Muriel & David Leko; **USHERS:** Jerry Clare, Elder; Jerry Hundertmark; John Schmidt; Sue Clare; Marv Durow; **ACOLYTE:** Ryan Bernath; **READER:** (Open); **GREETERS:** (Open).

FOUNDATIONS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST. Devotional Service with Communion 6:30-7:00 p.m.; Weekday/Confirmation Classes 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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 board by the counter 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! Sign up on the sheet on the kiosk.

FAMILY FUN DAY! Potluck and games for all ages on Sunday, February 11th, at 11:00 a.m. Play cards, board games and fellowship!

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.

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.

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND - We will work a shift on Friday, February 9th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions, call Cheryl Schmidt

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

THE MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR JANUARY AND 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.

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.)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! On Friday evening, March 23, Concordia University's Christus Choir will be here at St. Peter, Afton for the only Minnesota concert on its 2018 Spring Tour.

The choir is known world-wide for outstanding performances and is led by Dr. David Mennicke, whose directing is also famous throughout the world. Dr. Mennicke is often called upon as keynote speaker and has on more than one occasion been named Director of the Year.

The 30-voice choir will present a variety of music ranging from classical to Gospel and will be selling CDs and tapes following the concert.

An important extra note, especially for our congregation: A **POTLUCK SUPPER** for St. Peter members and friends - and the chorus - will start at (or about) 5:30 or 6:00 the evening of the concert. Plan to bring a neighbor, a dish for the table, and the entire family. **Let's fill the church for this special night!**

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Psalm 111:1, 4–10*) (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, today’s Psalm teaches: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.”

People: We have not practiced it perfectly.

Pastor: Therefore, we cannot come into His presence as we are. “He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!”

People: Because the Lord is gracious and merciful, let us go to Him, confessing our sins.

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: “He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.”

People: We confess that we have not always shared our daily bread with others, O Lord, and we have failed to keep all our promises. Forgive us.

(Continued)

Pastor: “He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.”

People: We confess that we have not always recognized the good gifts God has given us. Forgive us.

Pastor: “The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy.”

People: We confess that the works of our hands, the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our minds have been neither faithful nor just. We have not loved you, O Lord, with all that we are; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.

Pastor: “They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.”

People: We confess that we have wavered in honesty. Forgive us.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, “the Lord is gracious and merciful.” Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, “He sent redemption to His people.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: “Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. His praise endures forever!”

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(See screen.)*

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright.

People: Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations;

Pastor: 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.)

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SONG: “Jesus, Draw Me Close” *(See screen.)* **BOB 131**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (ESV)

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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. He was victorious over every evil foe in His earthly ministry and triumphant over sin, death, and the devil in His suffering, death, and resurrection. Gathered to receive His body and His blood in this Sacrament, together with the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation they bring, we pray that You grant us to receive our Lord in true faith until that day we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. 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)*

THE DISTRIBUTION *(Be seated.)*

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Here Is Bread" *(See screen.)*

BOB 88

"I Am the Bread of Life" *(See screen.)*

BOB 100

"Only By Grace" *(See screen.)*

BOB 178

(Stand.)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *(See screen.)*

Assistant: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have strengthened our faith through this salutary gift,

People: and we implore You to give us courage to share that faith in loving concern for our brothers and sisters in Christ;

Assistant: 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: “Peace Be Yours” (*See screen.*) **BOB 183**

(Be seated.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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