

**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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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 11, 2018

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TODAY: 10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Bible Class
11:00 Family Fun Day! (POTLUCK & GAMES)

MONDAY: 6:30 Board of Education

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

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service with Communion

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

SATURDAY: 6:00 Valentine's Dinner

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

ACOLYTE: Alicia Walton **READER:** Susan Clare

BIRTHDAYS: TODAY: Melony Chirhart MON: Nancy Bernath,
Cynthia Fritsche, Larry Meissner WED: Cyndi Grenier FRI: John
Hundertmark SAT: Hailey Roettger

BAPTISMAL DATES: TODAY: Benjamin Schatt THURS: Emma
Calleja, Brenda Richert

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 9:00 A.M.: 92.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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OPENING SONG: "Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome"

PW 133

THE INVOCATION (*See screen.*)

OPENING SENTENCES (*See screen.*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*See screen.*)

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (ESV) (*Be seated.*)

SONG: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

PW 218

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6 (ESV)

(*Stand.*)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9 (ESV)

(*Be seated.*)

SERMON SONG: "Shine, Jesus Shine"

PW 142

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Text: Mark 9:2-9

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

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (See screen.) (Stand.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (1 John 1:8-9)(See screen.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (See screen.)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST (See screen.)

THE DISTRIBUTION (Be seated.)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Do This in Remembrance of Me" (See screen.)

"In the Secret" (See screen.)

"Alleluia"

PW 108

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

THE BENEDICTION (See screen.)

(Dismissal of Children for Sunday School)

CLOSING SONG: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

LSB 417

(Be seated.)ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

February 11, 2018 (*Added this week)

Beth Larson, daughter-in-law of Ron and Joanne Larson, health and healing (brain tumor)*

John Schmidt, cancer*

Patrick Love, grandson of Kathy Bauer, for strength & spiritual guidance

Steve Oehlke, recovering at home after surgery

Derek Nelson, recovering at home after being struck by a car

Madeline Nelson, prayers for emotional and spiritual strength for her

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 & 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

Carl 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

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. Prayer requests will be kept on our list for two months unless otherwise directed. To request a prayer for our "Prayer Chain" that you would like us to send out via E-mail, call the church office. If anyone would like to be added to this list, call the church office with your E-mail.

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: 7:00 P.M.: USHERS: Jerry Clare, Elder; Jerry Hundertmark; John Schmidt; Sue Clare; Marv Durow; ACOLYTE: Lucas Oberdeck; GREETER: Betsy Hundertmark.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE: 9:00 A.M.: COFFEE HOSTS: Joann Decker & Rita Lynum; USHERS: Jerry Clare, Elder; Jerry Hundertmark; John Schmidt; Sue Clare; Marv Durow; ACOLYTE: Charlie Veith; READER: Laura Bauer; GREETER: Lorraine Hansen.

FAMILY FUN DAY TODAY @ 11:00 A.M.! Potluck and games for all ages! Play cards, board games and fellowship!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION – Join us as we begin our Lenten season this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. with our Ash Wednesday Traditional Service with Communion.

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 TODAY!** 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.

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.

ATTENTION 5TH-12TH GRADERS!!! CATALYST WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY! (Monthly Youth Night): On February 16th from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. come join us for our 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!

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.)

THANK YOU to all for your time volunteering at Valley Outreach Food Shelf in 2017. Thank you also for the food & monetary donations received last year. St. Peter will again work in 2018. Our dates this year will be the weeks of March 12, May 28, August 13 & October 29. Joann Decker has graciously taken over the call list. Thank you everyone for helping. – Dawn Plunkett

NO WEEKDAY/CONFIRMATION CLASSES during Lent. They will resume after Easter on Wednesday, April 4th.

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PW 133

THE INVOCATION (*See screen.*)

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES (*Mark 9:5a; 2 Corinthians 3:13, 18*)

(*See screen.*)

Pastor: When Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John, Peter said,

People: “Rabbi, it is good that we are here.”

Pastor: But we were not present at that time. Moses “put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze” at the glory fading from his face.

People: But now, “We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed.”

Pastor: In the present time, we see our Lord Jesus Christ coming to us in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper. Let us hear God’s Word, respond in words of faith, and join saints and angels in singing the praises of our glorious Savior.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(See screen.)*

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah.

People: **Mercifully enable us to see by faith His presence with us now in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, as we join the hosts of heaven in praising Your holy name;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated.)

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (ESV)

SONG: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

PW 218

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6 (ESV)

(Stand.)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9 (ESV)

(Be seated.)

SERMON SONG: "Shine, Jesus Shine"

PW 142

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SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (See screen.) (Stand.)

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people in their various needs. We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You sent Your Son to be our Savior. Bless all who proclaim His true glory in going to the cross as the atonement for our sins. Grant that His light may shine through us here in our congregation, wherever people of faith gather around Word and Sacrament, and through Your servants everywhere in their public and private lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord over all, who has placed the world's leaders in power, give them opportunity and guidance that they may strive for peace among the nations and rededicate themselves to human liberty and justice for their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, bless artists and tradespeople, farmers and ranchers, scientists and technicians; use the gifts You have given them to open our eyes to understand Your good creation and share its blessings. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Continued)

Pastor: Lord Jesus, guide and protect armed forces deployed and police, fire, and first responders at home. Give them courage and compassion so that we all may live in peace and dignity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving Lord, hear the spoken and silent prayers of those unknown to us—the lonely and forgotten in society, those in broken homes, and all who need nurture, justice, and dignity. Answer them according to Your gracious will. Likewise, we pray for those near and dear to us. Use us to surround them with Your love, that they may know Your presence to heal and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, use the Word we have heard and the Sacrament we shall receive to strengthen the faith the Spirit has graciously placed within us. Grant us to celebrate the feast, even as we place all these petitions before You, knowing that Your answers are better than our prayers. Receive them all for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*1 John 1:8–9*)(*See screen.*)

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we often forget Your gracious presence and guiding. We are by nature sinful and unclean and, relying on ourselves, have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By action and inaction, thoughtless words, and failure to profess the faith within us, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, open our eyes to Your presence with us each day and especially as we gather to receive His body and blood, and lead us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, who revealed the true nature of His glory by dying for us and rising to give us new life. 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.

People: Amen.

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. Through Your gracious gift of faith, we see His true glory here revealed as He gives His body and blood to us in this Sacrament. Grant that we receive Him now in repentant joy, acknowledging His gracious, sacrificial love. Then keep us strong in faith each day until we 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)*

THE DISTRIBUTION *(Be seated.)*

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Do This in Remembrance of Me" *(See screen.)*

"In the Secret" *(See screen.)*

"Alleluia"

BOB 46

BOB 125

PW 108

(Stand.)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *(See screen.)*

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

People: and we implore You that, as we have seen Your true glory in Your sacrificial love, You would help us show Your abiding presence in our words and actions;

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: “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

LSB 417

(Be seated.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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