

**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: Lenten Midweek Services**

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2018

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TODAY: 10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Bible Class
1:00 St. Peter Ski Day @ Afton Alps

MONDAY: 6:30 Church Council Meeting

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

WEDNESDAY: 5:00-6:15 Lenten Supper
6:30 Lenten Midweek Service

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

ACOLYTE: Malachi Oberdeck **READER:** Sharon Wellner

BIRTHDAYS: TODAY: Trevor Simkins WED: Peggy Oehlke THURS:
Elizabeth Larson, Izaak Schmidt FRI: Chad Fritsche, Emma Schatt,
Michael Schmidt

BAPTISMAL DATES: WED: Angela Peterson FRI: Crystal Smith SAT:
Aaron Richert

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

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

February 25, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

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

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SERMON SONG: “Father, I Adore You” PW 194

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Text: Mark 8:27-38

NICENE CREED (*Stand.*)

THE OFFERING (*Be seated.*)

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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?

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

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (See screen.)

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PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST (See screen.)

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“I Am the Bread of Life” (See screen.)

“Amazing Love” (See screen.)

“Spirit Song”

PW 134

(Stand.)

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THE BENEDICTION (See screen.)

CLOSING SONG: “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart” PW 251

(Be seated.)

(Dismissal of Children for Sunday School)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

February 25, 2018 (*Added this week)

Karen Carter, niece of Cheryl Richert, kidney cancer*

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

Angie Graves, family friend of Jay & Autumn Zahn, recovering from open heart surgery (She needs a heart transplant to survive long term and is on the waiting list. Pray for complete recovery and long life.)

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 knee surgery (Dec. 15) (Feb. 21 surgery postponed)

Breck Fewer, son of Joe & Lindsey Fewer, recovering from heart surgery

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

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

Alicia Cleveland, daughter of Betty Richert, Muscular Dystrophy & Leukemia

John Schmidt, cancer

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.

OUR D.C.E. TONY ENGEN will be on vacation March 2– 9.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be held this Monday, February 26th, 6:30 p.m. (due to the February 19th meeting being canceled).

VOLUNTEERS FOR LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE FEBRUARY 28, 6:30 P.M.: USHERS: Jerry Clare, Elder; Jerry Hundertmark; John Schmidt; Sue Clare; Marv Durow; ACOLYTE: Logan Knight; GREETERS: (Open).

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE: 9:00 A.M.: COFFEE HOSTS: Judy & Jerry Tank; USHERS: Jay Zahn, Elder; George Riemer; Jim Jordan; Clyde Erickson; Bruce Albrecht; ACOLYTE: Lily Nelson; READER: Jerry Tank; GREETER: Donna Kosen.

SOUP SUPPER! Wednesday, February 28, 5:00-6:15 p.m. – Hamburger Soup - Work Group 2 is serving. Joann Decker & Rita Lynum calling. 5 workers and 5 pans of bars are needed. A donation of \$6.00 per person is the suggested price to meet the expenses. Any excess money will be used towards the Kitchen Fund.

JOIN US FOR OUR MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE this Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Theme: Living Lent (the animals tell the story): “The Dove Tells of an Angry Savior”.

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.

Jim and Kathy Varco would like to give a big thank you to St. Peter's Congregation for prayers and concern regarding Jim's recent hospitalization. Thanks to wonderful care, prayers and selfless blood donors, we are home and on the mend.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN? Please contact Pastor Drews, Cheryl Richert, Gayle Schneider or any of the Elders with your request. We will send an e-mail for you so that we can pray for that individual's needs. There is power in prayer! If you would like to be a part of this Prayer Chain, provide Cheryl with your e-mail address.

Plan ahead now for the **POTLUCK SUPPER** on Friday evening, March 23rd. The potluck will begin at 5:30, preceding the **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHRISTUS CHORUS CONCERT** at 7:30. The chorus and its director David Mennicke will join us for supper - which means you get to talk with them personally! Let's all come out to support this group, especially since one of the singers (Christy Peterson) attends church here very regularly!

ATTENTION 5TH-12TH GRADERS! CATALYST (MONTHLY YOUTH NIGHT) meets every third Friday of the month. It will meet on March 16th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 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!

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

COMING IN APRIL! A Spring Neighborhood Fellowship Luncheon. We want to invite our neighbors to join us, get to know us and enjoy lunch together. We will have a Planning Meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m. Please come and share ideas, especially if you remember the "Ladies Aid" luncheon of years gone by. Questions? Call Linda Craig

We are making a difference! The **VALLEY OUTREACH** reported back to us for the 2017 year the following: St. Peter gave 247 pounds of food (equivalent to 190 meals), 180 pairs of socks and undies, and 62.10 hours of volunteer time by 15 volunteers, worth \$1,499.09! Thank you to all who gave, volunteered, and continue to make a difference in our community!! Let's keep it going for 2018! - Laura Nelson, Outreach

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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 (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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 THE DAY (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Let us pray, O God, You made a promise to Abraham that seemed impossible to keep, and yet You did.

People: Give us confidence in Your promises revealed to us in Your Word;

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

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People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our synodical and district presidents, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are ailing and those who grieve, that they may be strengthened in body and spirit, confident of the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

(Continued)

Pastor: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: We pray this 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 LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for the promises You made to Your servant Abraham are also true for us in Christ. In Him we have the promise of forgiveness, a new identity, and the promised land of heaven. 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)*

THE DISTRIBUTION *(Be seated.)*

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

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BOB 100

"Amazing Love" *(See screen.)*

BOB 11

"Spirit Song"

PW 134

(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, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

CLOSING SONG: "Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart" PW 251

(Be seated.)

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