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**9:00 A.M. Sundays: Alternating with Traditional &
Contemporary Services (Communion - 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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April 15, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Vol. 58, No. 20

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

MONDAY: 9:00-12:00 Quilters

TUESDAY: 7:00-8:00 Adult Bible Class @ Machine Shed, Lake Elmo
10:00-11:00 Adult Bible Class
7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

THURSDAY: 6:30 Praise Team Practice

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

SATURDAY: (7:00-1:00 River Valley Riders in Parish Hall)
7:00 "Music of Our Lives" Concert

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 Contemporary Service with Communion
10:00 Reception for College Graduates
10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30 Spring Congregational Voters' Meeting

ORGANIST: Alicia Walton **ACOLYTE:** Lillian Pryce **READER:** Betsy Hundertmark

BIRTHDAYS: MON: Ashley Andreassen, Owen Swanson WED: Sharon Kargel
FRI: Mary Hauch SAT: Abby Larson

BAPTISMAL DATES: TODAY: Nathan Anderson, Dennis Fritsche TUES: Izaak Schmidt WED: Dawn Tobin THURS: Laura Bauer, Richard Biedrzycki, Eloise Lind FRI: Gary Schmidt, Roxanne Steffen SAT: Ronald Larson, Trevor Simkins

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 9:00 A.M.: 104.

HEARING ASSISTANCE RADIOS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. 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.

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.)

OFFERTORY

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer Page following worship service.)*

SERVICE OF SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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LORD'S PRAYER

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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(Be seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Christ Is Arisen"

LSB 459

"Rise, Shine, You People"

LSB 825

(Stand.)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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THE BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN: "Father Welcomes"

LSB 605, Verses 1, 2

(Be seated.)

(Dismissal of children for Sunday School)

PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

April 15, 2018 (*Added this week)

Family of Aric Tobritzhofer, grandson of Ken & Linda Veith who passed away on March 27th
Patrick Love, grandson of Kathy Bauer, for strength & spiritual guidance
Maron Ackerman, mother of Brenda Richert and grandmother of Alicia, Aaron & Tyler,
recovery from back surgery
Janice Goebel, sister of Phyllis Richert, recovery from foot surgery
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.)
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
Jamie Grenier, husband of Cyndi Grenier, health & healing after heart procedure
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
Breck Fewer, son of Joe & Lindsey Fewer, recovering from heart surgery
LaDonna Freitag, daughter of Faye Freitag-Schiell, for health & 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
Leona Volkert, sister of Viola Miller and sister-in-law of Mary Lou Volkert, cancer
Sandy Bushinger, daughter of Hubert Schiell, cancer
Barbie Erickson, friend of the Swanson family, cancer
Loretta Freitag, sister of Faye Freitag-Schiell, cancer
Karen Carter, niece of Cheryl Richert, kidney cancer
John Schmidt, treatment for cancer
Greg Rubenstein, husband of Marlys Albrecht, good health & healing (cancer free)
Carl Benning (requested by Alicia Benning), cancer
Nancy Wesley, friend of Gayle Schneider, treatment for recurrence of cancer
Mike Morley, friend of Bruce Albrecht, good health after cancer treatment
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, health & healing (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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE: COFFEE HOSTS: Joan Riemer & Janel Busacker; USHERS: Rick Bauer, Elder; Travis Swanson; Don Kosen; Donna Kosen; Dawn Plunkett; ACOLYTE: Gabriella Richert; READER: Joan Riemer; GREETERS: Gary & Loiry Anderson.

DCE TONY ENGEN will be on vacation through April 18th.

THE SPRING CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held on Sunday, April 22nd at 10:30 a.m. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. (No Bible Class that day.) **VOTERS' MEETING PACKETS** will be passed out after the worship service today. Please bring them with you to the Voters' Meeting on April 22nd.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. At this meeting, we will be discussing and voting on the candidates which the Call Committee has presented to the congregation.

SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL: Thursday, April 26, at Noon! Bring a friend for lunch and music! We hope to see a lot of friends and neighbors and YOU! Postcard invitations for you to send are available in the narthex today. Please RSVP by April 20 to (651) 436-3357 or stpeter@stpeterafton.org. If you need a ride, let us know. We will need help that day and there will be sign-up sheets for food donations. Questions? Call Linda Craig

RECEPTION FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES! Next Sunday, April 22nd we will honor the young people of St. Peter graduating from college with a special Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Both Christy Peterson and Tess Stage will graduate from Concordia University St. Paul, and Alicia Benning – who will be graduating along with Tess and Christy. Please plan to spend a few minutes with the girls! There will also be a basket for cards or notes. If you are or know of any other college graduates of our St. Peter family, please let the church office know.

For the April 22 service, one of our CSP college graduates wanted to serve by singing! Christy Peterson will be singing "Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord" for special music. (She will accompany herself on guitar.)

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONGREGATION for all your support and prayers during this difficult time of our loss of Aric Tobritzhofer. It was very much appreciated. – The Veith and Tobritzhofer Families

ST. PETER WILL HOST THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE on Monday, April 30th, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Please say “Yes!” when you are called to help with making this day run smoothly. Any questions, call Peggy Oehlke

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF KOREA IS THE MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR MARCH & APRIL. See the mission board in the narthex for more information. We pray for international efforts to reduce tensions and resolve complex issues. Pray for wisdom and new pathways that lead to genuine peace and reconciliation. If you would like to support this Mission-of-the-Month, there are special Mission envelopes in your offering envelope box, in the pews, or on the Mission Board.

ATTENTION 5TH-12TH GRADERS!! CATALYST is held the third Friday of the month! (Monthly Youth Night): On April 20th, from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. come join us for 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!

MUSIC OF OUR LIVES! – Favorites of P & V (Pete & Virgil) - Join us on April 21st, 7:00 p.m., at the Parish Hall for an evening of music. We will be playing many of our favorite songs. There will be music everyone can appreciate. The selections for the night are an eclectic mix of styles. The songs were originally performed by groups ranging from Sons of the Pioneers to Johnny Cash to Gerry and the Pacemakers to Bread among others. No charge for the evening, but a free will offering will be taken to support Breast Cancer Research at the University of Minnesota. Checks should be made out to the **University of Minnesota Foundation**. In the memo section, add **Fund 11449** – Breast Cancer Research Fund.

TODAY there will be a short presentation after the worship service from Vince Setten of **GIDEON’S INTERNATIONAL**. See the insert included with today’s Bulletin. A door offering will be taken following the presentation.