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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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**May 6, 2018**

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

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**TODAY:** 10:00 Confirmation Reception  
10:15-11:00 Sunday School

**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

**WEDNESDAY:** 6:30-7:00 Devotional Service with Communion

**THURSDAY:** 6:30 Praise Team Practice

**FRIDAY:** 11:00 Memorial Service for Walter Heimerdinger  
(Visitation 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)  
1:30-3:30 Work @ Second Harvest Heartland

**SATURDAY:** 9:00-3:00 Union Gospel Mission "Little Church of Hope"

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

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**ORGANIST:** Alicia Walton **ACOLYTE:** Ryan Bernath **READER:** Joan Riemer

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**BIRTHDAYS:** TODAY: Eunice Kanning MON: Jane Fritsche, Donna Lindeman, Paul Richert THURS: Destiny Boles FRI: Hailey Gobats SAT: Hubert Schiell

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**BAPTISMAL DATES:** MON: Pete Lind TUES: Paula Pryce WED: Alicia Richert

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**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.

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:** 95.

**LSB-I Worship Service**  
**with Confirmation and Communion**  
**May 6, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.**

**SALUTATION AND WELCOME**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.** *(Stand.) (Worshippers greet one another.)*

**OPENING HYMN:** “The Church’s One Foundation”                      LSB 644  
Verses 1, 2, 5

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**    LSB, P. 151

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT    LSB, P. 156  
*(Be seated.)*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-48 (ESV)

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-8 (ESV)

*(Stand.)*

ALLELUIA VERSE (Common)    LSB, P. 156

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17 (ESV)

*(Be seated.)*

**SERMON HYMN:** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”                      LSB 649

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

Text: John 15:9-17

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**    LSB, P. 272

**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)*

(Continued)

*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

LSB, P. 159

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

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB, P. 162

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

LSB, P. 163

*(Be seated.)*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Thine Forever, God of Love"

LSB 687

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

LSB 921

*(Stand.)*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"

LSB, P. 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT *(by Assisting Elder)*

LSB, P. 166

THE BENEDICTION

LSB, P. 166

**CLOSING HYMN:** "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

LSB 632

*(Be seated.)*

***(Dismissal of children for Sunday School)***

## **PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

**May 6, 2018** (\*Added this week)

The family of Walter Heimerdinger, especially Eunice Kanning, who passed away on April 28<sup>th</sup>\*

Rosemarie Kroening, hospice\* (@ Greeley Rest Home, Stillwater)

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.)

Loren Richert, recovering from a stroke

Jamie Grenier, husband of Cyndi Grenier, health & healing after heart procedure

Deb Zwick, 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

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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](mailto: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.

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**THE BANNER DISPLAYED TODAY** contains the following symbolism. Starting at the base, the serpentine vine contains the work of the Holy Spirit. Here at Confirmation, the dove renews the flame of faith that springs from the vessel containing the blue waters of Baptism. In the middle loop, the Christian continues to grow in faith through Communion and extends the love of Christ to others. In the top portion of the vine, the Bible offers the promise of new life with God in heaven after death.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING** are placed to the glory of God on the occasion of the Confirmation today of Ryan Bernath, Lucas Oberdeck, Charlie Veith and Ashley Walton.

**CONFIRMATION RECEPTION** -There will be a Confirmation Reception following the worship service **TODAY**, sponsored by S.P.L.C.W. (No Adult Bible Class today.)

**VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE:** COFFEE HOSTS: Shelly Love & Laura Bauer; USHERS: Derek Nelson, Elder; Kim Fritsche; Paul Fritsche; Steve Wellner; Ken Veith; ACOLYTE: Ashley Walton; READER: Shelly Love; GREETERS: (Open).

**SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND** - We will work a shift on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions, call Cheryl Schmidt at (651) 482-1963.

**UNION GOSPEL MISSION IS THE MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR APRIL.** See the mission board in the narthex for more information. 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.

**A DEVOTIONAL SERVICE WITH COMMUNION** will be held this Wednesday 6:30-7:00 p.m. *(No Weekday/Confirmation Classes. They are finished until fall.)*

**TEACHER APPRECIATION POTLUCK/GAME DAY!** For the last day of Sunday school we will be doing a potluck/family game day. It will be right after Sunday School (11:00 a.m.) on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome and asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share and their favorite board/card game. The Board of Education will supply brats, hot dogs, and beverages.

**WE ARE AGAIN HOSTING THE UNION GOSPEL MISSION'S "LITTLE CHURCH OF HOPE"** this Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see the signup sheets in the narthex for volunteers to donate food items or time (set up this Friday and help serve lunch on Saturday). Your help is very much appreciated

**LUTHERAN WITNESS" SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.** If you would like the "Lutheran Witness" sent to your home, cost is \$19.70/year. Use the envelope included in your offering envelopes and put in the offering plate or turn in to the church office by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church, marked "Lutheran Witness". There's a copy of the "Lutheran Witness" in the church library if you would like to read it and do not want to order a subscription.

**ATTENTION 5<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!! CATALYST is held the third Friday of the month!** (Monthly Youth Night): On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**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.

**THANK YOU** to the following people that helped make the Bloodmobile on April 30<sup>th</sup> a great success: Joan Jordan, Helen Thielfoldt, Elaine Frahm, Rita Lynum, Betsy Hundertmark, bars donated by Joann Decker, Donna Kosen, Laura Bauer, Sue Clare and Laura Nelson. The donors raved about the bars! We collected 41 units of blood, which was super. We saw lots of old friends and made new friends also.

**IF YOU ARE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, we will be having a GRADUATE RECEPTION** for you on Sunday, June 3rd, during Coffee Hour. Call the church office and let us know if you will be graduating this year. (This is also for any college graduates who missed the April 22<sup>nd</sup> graduate reception.)