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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 (September-May)**

6:30 P.M. Wednesdays: Devotional Service with Communion

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 26, 2018

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MONDAY: 6:30 Church Council Meeting

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

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 Traditional Service with Communion

READER: Laura Bauer **ACOLYTE:** Lillian Pryce

BIRTHDAYS: WED: Patty Fritsche, Sharon Groth THURS:
Debbie Simkins FRI: Kyle Hunt, Linda Veith SAT: Beth Kroening,
Todd Lind

BAPTISMAL DATES: TODAY: Galen Koeckeritz MON: Delmi
Richert TUES: Carol Nelson, Travis Swanson WED: Holly Bonine
THURS: Devin Durow, Hailey Roettger

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them in the pews after the worship service.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 91.

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

OPENING SONG: “10,000 Reasons” (*See screen.*)

THE INVOCATION (*See screen.*)

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, let us together acknowledge that we have turned away from our faithful God. None of us is good, not even one. We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Therefore, let us come before our Father in heaven in repentance and faith, seeking His pardon and restoration for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. With humble hearts, let us pray.

People: Faithful Father, have mercy upon us. We have failed to obey Your commands. Loving Savior, have mercy upon us. Wash us clean in Your saving blood. Comforting Spirit, have mercy upon us. Restore us to be Your own. Amen.

Pastor: Because of God’s mercy and grace, salvation has come to you! You are forgiven in your Father’s eyes, washed spotless by the washing of water with the Word. You are united to Christ, so rejoice and be glad! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE SALUTATION (*See screen.*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, You cleanse and renew
Your people through the saving work of Your Son, our
Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who have been made
spotless by Him, ever walk in faithfulness and truth; 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.)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 29:11-19 (ESV) (*See screen.*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV) (*See screen.*)

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People: Thanks be to God.

(Stand.)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-13 (ESV) (*See screen.*)

(Before the Reading)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the Reading)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be seated.)

SERMON SONG: “The Heart of Worship” (*See screen.*) **BOB 209**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: “The Irony of Unwashed Hands”

Text: Mark 7:5

(Stand.)

NICENE CREED *(See screen.)*

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated.)

THE OFFERING

(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.)

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FOR ALL WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER

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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.

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

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the Christian Church, both here and throughout the world, that, united in the redeeming blood of Christ, we share the saving Gospel wherever we are and to whomever we meet, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, send us forth to share Your Word.

Pastor: For the living out of our vocations, that all who are blessed with callings in our homes, in our workplaces, in our larger society, and in the Church faithfully represent our Savior by what we say and do, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, help us to serve You by serving others.

Pastor: For husband and wife, child and family, widowed and single, that all who receive God's grace in their various vocations know contentment in their estate and live noble, upright, and holy lives in, but not of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, grant Your blessing.

Pastor: For all public servants who selflessly serve others, including the members of our armed forces, that they would be defended by our mighty God and take refuge in His merciful care, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, be their shield and defense.

Pastor: For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, that they receive healing mercies from above, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, restore and heal those we name before You.

Pastor: For these and all other concerns that are upon our hearts and minds, that our gracious Father answer us for the sake of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, we ask for this grace in Jesus' name. 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. With glad and joyful hearts we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-sufficient sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Give us faith to receive Your Son, our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Like a bride beautifully adorned and made ready for her husband, we receive our Savior with joyful hearts, praising You, O Father, Son, and 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)*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(See screen.)*

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Be seated.)

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Praise the Father, Praise the Son” *(See screen.)*

“Here is Bread, Here is Wine” *(See screen.)*

(Stand.)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *(See screen.)*

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in the sharing of Christ’s body and blood. Having received the assurance of our forgiveness, that we are made spotless in Your eyes, help us to extend this grace wherever we go and to whomever we meet; 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: “Same Power” *(See screen.)*

(Be seated.)

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PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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*(*Added this week)*

Roger Lammers, brother of Phyllis Richert, recovering from surgery*

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

Ken Pechuman, recovery from pneumonia and Congestive Heart Failure

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.)

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

Loren Richert, for health & healing

Jamie Grenier, husband of Cyndi Grenier, for health & healing

Melissa Oberdeck, for health & healing

Jean Matschina, mother of Lisa Woodward, battling cancer

Lisa Veith, niece of Ken & Linda Veith, diagnosed with cancer

Jessica Polinske, for health and healing (cancer free at this time)

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

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

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

Richard Miller, Viola Miller's grandson, treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Teresa Kopps, Stage 4 breast cancer (receiving treatment)

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 9:00 A.M. SERVICE: COFFEE

HOSTS: Pete & Gayle Schneider; **USHERS:** Jay Zahn, Elder; Steve Wellner; Sharon Wellner; Roger Groth; Dave Leko; **ACOLYTE:** Gabriella Richert; **READER:** Linda Craig; **GREETERS:** Lorraine Hansen.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are placed to the glory of God on the occasion of Marv Durow's birthday (August 25th) by Rick & Laura Bauer.

BULLETINS THIS MORNING are sponsored in memory of Bill Richert by Phyllis Richert & family.

MISSIONARY JOHN WOLF will be visiting St. Peter on Sunday, September 23rd. Along with doing a short presentation of the work he has been doing in sharing the Gospel during worship, John encourages you to learn more about the struggles and the joys of building up Christ's kingdom during the Sunday School hour at 10:15 a.m. A free-will offering will be collected to support this critical ministry.

"EMMA NORTON" IS THE MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR JULY AND AUGUST. 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.

"FOSTERING LOVE" - Last chance to bring donations in for Fostering Love is Sunday September 2nd!! Thank you to all who have donated so far and if you haven't yet, please consider helping out kids entering the foster care system!! See the display in the narthex. Any questions see Laura Nelson.

PRAYER MENTORS - The Board of Christian Education is looking for 40 church members who would be willing to pray for and with one of our St. Peter Youth on a regular basis throughout the coming year. Prayer mentors could also do things like attend youth extra-curricular activities, take kids on outings, write notes of encouragement, send birthday cards, or any other thing that would make our youth feel valued and loved. It is important for our kids to have at least five adults in their lives, who are not their parents, that have a positive influence on them and acts as a role model. Kids who have that kind of positive influence in their lives have a much greater likelihood of growing in their Christian faith and remaining in the church through adulthood. Are you interested in making a difference for one of our youth? Then please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Talk to Tony or one of the Board of Christian Education members if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' MEETING - There will be a Sunday school teacher meeting held on September 2nd at 10:15 a.m. directly after service for all teachers and substitutes.

RALLY DAY! Sunday school kickoff this year will be on Sunday September 16th. We have a fun-filled day planned with a bounce house, games, and a congregational POTLUCK LUNCH. The festivities will begin after Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 11:15 a.m. The board of education will be providing hamburgers, condiments, and beverages for the potluck. We ask that those attending bring a dish to share.

CATALYST - Friday night Catalyst youth nights will resume every third Friday from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. beginning in September. Our first night will be Friday, September 21st. Catalyst is open to all 5th - 12th grade youth. At Catalyst we sing, we eat, we play, and we learn how to have a closer relationship with our God. Bring your friends!

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES:

Beginning **Monday**, September 10th, the **7:00 a.m. Machine Shed Group** will resume with a study on the book of Galatians.

Beginning **Tuesday**, September 11th, the **10:00 a.m. Bible Study Group** will resume with a preview of the coming Sunday's lessons.

Any members of St Peter are welcome to join the youth Confirmation Classes, beginning September 12th and meeting each **Wednesday** evening from **7:00-8:00 p.m.** We'd love to connect our post-confirmation members with the 7th & 8th graders to foster and strengthen relationships within the church. I can also guarantee you that you will not be bored as we review the *Small Catechism* and some of the finer points of Lutheran theology along the way.

Then, on **Sunday**, September 16th, the **10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study** will resume with a short, two-week study that will review the ways in which Lutheran theology differs from other Christians in how we read the Bible. This may sound boring, but it's not! I hope to see you there!

Marriage Enrichment Class: This class isn't only for possible mentor-couples! If you're looking to make the most out of your marriage, we want you to attend! Please join us for the **8-week class** beginning **Tuesday, September 11th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** I haven't heard of any couple needing childcare from the church so that they could attend, but please let me know if St. Peter can help you make these classes by providing on-site babysitters. See you then! - Pastor David

To all Confirmation students and parents: Wednesday night classes for Confirmation students in 5th - 8th grades begin Wednesday, September 12th, at **7:00 p.m.** DCE Tony Engen will be taking the **5th & 6th graders** through Bible history, and Pastor David will be teaching the **7th & 8th graders** the Lutheran Catechism. You should have received a schedule of classes and of serving as acolytes. If you did not receive this information, please contact the church office at (651) 436-3357 so that we can include you in these important classes!