

"The Herald" Newsletter

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve. February 2018



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"I pray that you may . . . know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge." Ephesians 3:18-19, NRSV

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Deaf community joins us for evening worship.

Shrove Tuesday Palm Burning



Join us on Tuesday, February 13th (Shrove Tuesday) for a brief Palm Burning service in the church narthex at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday service which you may add to the church palms being burned. We will have a basket of palms available for those who did not keep palms from last year. Following the

brief liturgy, fasnachts will be available.

Boy Scout Sunday 50th Anniversary



St. Peter's will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 84 on Sunday, February 11th. The day will observe Boy Scout Sunday and we will honor and bless some of the founding members of the troop. If you have

ever been part of troop 84 or another Boy Scout troop, be sure to join us that day.

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Sunday, February 4: The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- Pastor Sarah preaches

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 and Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

--Vicar Pal preaches

Sunday, February 11: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- Pastor Sarah preaches

Traditional Services of Holy Communion at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

-- Pastor Craig preaches

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes in sanctuary

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Sunday, February 18: The First Sunday in Lent

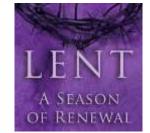
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-- Pastor Sarah preaches



Sunday, February 25: The Second Sunday in Lent

New Day Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

-- Vicar Pal preaches

Traditional Service of the Word at 8:00 and Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- Pastor Craig preaches





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| February 21: Has God Forsaken Me? | (Job 30:16-19) | Sister Dottie preaches |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| February 28: How Shall I Repent? | (Jonah 3:1-10) | Pastor Sarah preaches |
| March 7: Does God Hear My Prayer? | (Psalm 66:16-20) | Vicar Pal preaches |
| March 14: Am I A Worthy Disciple? | (Acts 26:12-18) | Pastor Craig preaches |
| March 21: How Can I Follow Jesus to the Cross? | (Mark 8:31-38) | Pastor Sarah preaches |



Name Tag Sunday

Remember that Sunday, February 4th will be Name Tag Sunday. Bring an unusual nametag that you have collected over the years, or make one. Just make sure your name is on it, so that you and others can greet those people about whom you know much (where they sit in church, how many kids they have, how they sing hymns, etc.), but may not yet know their name.

Adult Christian Education

Weekdays

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — Pastor Ross' Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues its study of the Book of Mark this month, as we continue to observe Jesus teaching, healing and miracle ministry, and his "setting his eyes towards Jerusalem." Please join us as we study the Bible in an engaged setting of discussion and presentation. Remember also, that as we study Mark, we are also reading Sunday Gospel Lessons from Mark, as we are in Year Two of our common lectionary. This month's schedule is as follows:

February 7 – Mark 8:1-38 February 14 – Mark 9:1-29 February 21 - Mark 9:30-49 February 28 – Mark 10:1-31

The class meets Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Café area. Bring a Bible and a friend. Modest snacks, coffee and tea are provided.

Elevate Bible Study — This class will now meet Thursday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. We will discuss Paul's letters and his own personal journey through faith and how he taught in Jesus' name. Everyone is welcome and the class will be discussion based to emphasize our collective journey in community. Contact Jim Moshos by email for more information at jimmymoshos@yahoo.com.



February Pub Theology — Tuesday, February 20th – 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced. PUB THEOLOGY Come for dinner and drinks or just drinks and discussion. RSVP to Sister Dottie if you can attend. (dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).

Sunday Morning Classes – 9:15-10:15 a.m.

St. Peter's offers three distinct classes for our adults during the Sunday School hour

Crosspoints (Conference Room)

The Crosspoints adult Sunday school class will meet each Sunday in February with interactive discussion and dialogue around the topics below, facilitated by those noted. February 4 & 11 use the popular video series by Walter Brueggemann as a discussion prompt and the February 18 & 25 classes comprise the first half of Vicar Pal's Internship Project.



February 4 – The Prophets: Moral Coherence in a World of Power, Money & Violence (led by Neil Snyder)

February 11 – The Prophets: The Shrill Rhetoric that Breaks Denial (led by Pastor Craig)

February 18 – World Beliefs – Judaism (led by Vicar Pal) February 25 – World Beliefs – Islam (led by Vicar Pal)

Faith and Values (Room 100)

Join us this February for a variety of conversation, videos, and guests who share experiences about the ways we follow Jesus and our wonderful, ridiculous journey.



February 4: The Ridiculous Journey

February 11: The Revolutionary

February 18: Guests From Afar: Andrew Steele and Rahel Williams, Global Ministry

Representatives of the ELCA February 25: The Reconciler

Faith and Values meets on Sundays, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Room 100

Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Pretz (Library)

Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Pretz will meet in the Library. Each Sunday this class will explore in depth the Gospel reading for that day.

Social Ministry



Lydia's Closet clothing bank at St. Peter's

Our February Distribution Day is Saturday, February 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please contact Molly Olmsted if you can help (<u>astaloo@me.com</u>).

February Community Meal



Our February meal will take place Wednesday, February 7th at Grace Lutheran Church. If you are interested in being put on the rotation to help, please contact Jan Gigl (<u>ronjangigl@comcast.net</u>).

Calling all Thrivent Members....



You are invited to a luncheon after service on Sunday, February 25th to learn more about your benefits of Choice dollars and action team money for outreach projects. Each benefit member accumulates dollars to direct to a specific cause, church or ministry and is also eligible to receive up to two \$250 action team cards for use in an outreach project. Come and find out how you can help St. Peter's or another ministry or non-profit of your choice. This is not a sales pitch, but a way to learn how to use the money

that is accrued. You know the old saying – Use it or lose it! Don't leave money on the table- use it to help others! Contact Jan Gigl or Sister Dottie for more info. *Sister Dottie Almoney*

Evangelism News

Fall 2017 New Member and Shepherd Reunion

To our New Members Fall 2017 class: You are invited to a New Member Reunion on *February 25* during the Sunday School hour. **We will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Church Café** for light refreshments, time to re-meet some of your classmates and shepherds, and good fellowship. See you there!

New Member Kiosk

Have you been attending St. Peter's for a while and you're not sure who is a new member? In our lobby area there is a kiosk with the pictures of new members and their families. Be sure to check out their picture and when you see them in person offer them a big welcome. It has only been a few months since these wonderful new folks have joined our faith family, and your extra effort can go a long way to help them be part of our community of faith!

Membership News

2018 New Member Classes and New Member Sunday

We will be having classes for visitors who are considering becoming members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Classes will gather at 9:15 a.m. on March 4 and 11. The first session will focus on meeting the pastors and fellow new members. The second session will focus on ministries of the church. New members will be formally welcomed during the worship on March 18, during all three services. Our first class meets in Room 102 near the youth lounge. We hope to see you there!

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sarah Teichmann (<u>steichmann@StPeterslutheran-lanc.org</u>) or Pastor Craig Ross (<u>craig@StPeterslutheran-lanc.org</u>) or call the church at (717) 569-9211.

Communications Committee: The Website Is Your Friend!

February is a rather busy month at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and you don't want to miss out on a program, a worship service, a devotional, or any other faith formational event. Why not make it easy on yourself and go to our website www.stpeterslutheran.org to find out the latest schedules and calendar events. Check out blog posts to help you plan or to engage your faithful preparations this season. Be sure to check out our Facebook page as well (https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster) for posts about upcoming events or to catch the beauty and joy of a past event. If you have questions about events and schedules that you can't find on the website, don't hesitate to call the church office at 717-569-9211. The office staff will love to hear from you.

Finance Committee

December 2017 Financial Report

| | | Year to Date Year to Date | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| General Fund Receipts | Month \$166,694 | Actual \$987,337 | Budget \$1,024,080 100% |
| General Fund Expenses Surplus (Deficit) | \$105,876 \$60,818 | \$969,368 \$17,969 | \$1,024,080 |
| Debt Reduction Receipts Debt Reduction Expenses Surplus (Deficit) | \$52,498 \$13,488 \$39,010 | \$188,493 \$156,571 \$31,922 | \$151,500 \$151,500 |
| Total Surplus (Deficit) | \$99,828 | \$49,891 | |

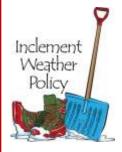
Grocery Card Ministry



\$6,500! That's the amount the grocery card ministry was able to contribute to the St. Peter's debt reduction for 2017! All thanks to our faithful shoppers who purchased cards last year. Every Sunday we offer gift cards from local grocery stores for you to purchase at face value and spend as you wish. The church receives 5% from each card sold. Please consider participating in this ongoing ministry as an easy way to help reduce the church debt. Many thanks to the dedicated "Card Shark" team who volunteer their time each week: Linda Siems, Stephanie Palic, Donna Aho, Randy Shue, and Ginny Gerhart. Please see any one of us at the grocery card table if you have

questions about this great ministry. You may also purchase grocery cards through the week from the church office. Pat Badorf

Inclement Weather Info



In the event of inclement weather where church services or ministry programs may be delayed or cancelled please feel free to call the church office (717) 569-9211, go to our website stpeterslutheran.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster, or check out wgal.com for updated information.

Prayer Chain Ministry

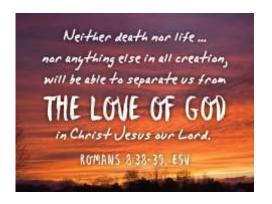
From Your Prayer Chain.....

DID YOU KNOW that each and every family, active or inactive, in our church is lifted in prayer by a member of the prayer chain a few times a year? In January, the family names are divided up and split among the members of the prayer chain. With each list is included a few sample prayers that could be used or the member can just say a simple prayer. Either way, you are being lifted in prayer by your prayer chain a few times per year! "Be Still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10



Poem Prayer for February 2018

By: Janice Riegel, St. Peter's Prayer Chain



God's Magnificent Love

We see God's love in such wondrous ways
As He leads us onward and brightens our days.
Throughout the whole year just like in the past
We'll see visions of Heaven that are certain to last.

God hold us close in a gentle embrace

To make us feel safe and put a smile on our face.

So let Christ in your life and you'll see that it's true

That the love in our hearts will be special for you.

Cemetery Committee



The Cemetery Committee will meet on Thursday, February 8th at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in February: Peanut butter; jellies and jams; canned fruits; canned pasta; canned tomato products; spaghetti sauce; boxed macaroni and cheese; instant stuffing & potatoes; canned yams; complete pancake mix & syrup; canned tuna and chicken; tuna, beef & chicken helper; cereal; instant oatmeal. Food Carts are in the Narthex. Items go to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank. Thanks for your donations!

Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Church Musical Rehearsals

Rehearsals for *It's Cool in the Furnace* are slated for February 3rd from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and February 10th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This is our last chance to put the finishing touches on the musical before we perform Sunday, February 11th at 3:00p.m. in the sanctuary with a party to follow in the Family Life Center/Café.

Church Musical

Mark your calendars! St. Peter's presents "It's Cool in the Furnace" on February 11th at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come see the families of St. Peter's retell the story of the three men and the fiery furnace in living color. Stay for a Mardi Gras fellowship event in the Family Life Center/Café to celebrate our performers. Bring Your Own Mardi Gras Beads (BYOMGB)!

Special Music Opportunities

Opportunities for special music include February 18th, 8:00 a.m.; and February 25th, 8:00 a.m. Other services are available, but these have an acute need. Contact Adam to determine details. Accompaniment and/or pieces to play can be provided!

<u>Musical Arts Concert – Saturday, March 3, 7:00 p.m.</u>
The next Musical Arts concert will be Saturday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Jonathan Rundman, a contemporary Christian folk/rock artist, shares his gifts in our lovely sanctuary. Come for an evening of beautiful music. Ten percent of the freewill offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief in response to the weather disasters last summer. Come back on Sunday, March 4th for worship at New Day led by Jonathan and our very own, Erik Teichmann.

Adam Lefever Hughes, Director of Music

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By now we've all likely recovered from the holidays, set our new year's resolutions and are maybe doing okay with that promised exercise regime, change in diet, starting to walk more, or less TV, etc. But...February is National Heart Month. We need to stop and think about our Hearts.

Our heart beats 72 times/minute, on average. It's unfortunate that heart disease kills an estimated 630,000 Americans each year. It's the leading cause of death for both men and women. In the United States, the most common type of heart disease is coronary artery disease (CAD), which can lead to a heart attack. You can greatly reduce your risk for CAD through lifestyle changes and, in some cases, medication.

Since 1963, February has been celebrated as American Heart Month to urge Americans to join the battle against heart disease. February has also been the signature month for the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign and the message that heart disease is not only a man's problem.

So, while February is National Heart Month or American Heart Month, every month should be one where we think about our heart. After all, it is the organ that keeps us alive!

For more information on heart disease, go to www.heart.org (the American Heart Association's website), or better yet, make an appointment to talk with your doctor about your risk, things you can do to help prevent heart disease, and for those who have heart disease, how to stay healthy.

Global Mission

Global Missions Committee

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION COMES TO ST. PETER'S! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

<u>WHAT:</u> Andrew Steele, Director of Global Church Sponsorship of the ELCA and Rahel Williams, Manager of Donor Relations, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, are visiting St. Peter's on **Sunday, February 18th.** They will present an Adult Forum during Sunday School hour as Faith and Values featured speakers. We will meet in the Youth Lounge. Their topic will focus on Global Church Sponsorship as part of the ELCA global mission ministry. You can ask them any burning questions you have about what the ELCA is doing globally!! In addition, we will have lunch (Dutch treat) at Scooters Restaurant, Lititz, at 12:30 p.m. You are invited to join us at either the Adult Forum and/or our lunch table!

WHEN: Sunday, February 18th, during Sunday School hour and lunch at 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Cross Points Sunday School in Conference Room at St. Peter's. LUNCH, with reservations, at Scooters Restaurant, Lititz, at 12:30 p.m.

<u>RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCH?</u> Yes! We will need a head count of folks interested in coming to lunch. Please email Chris Mummert at <u>porfect662@gmail.com</u> by <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 13</u>, to reserve your place at the table. Include your name(s) and contact information (in case we need to change lunch place or cancel due to bad weather). There will be limited seating at lunch, so get your reservation in early!

THANK YOU, to all who bought PIGS, CHICKS, GOATS -- or in any other way supported ELCA World Hunger by making a contribution to Good Gifts this past Advent Season. Contributions made through St. Peter's totaled \$1050!!



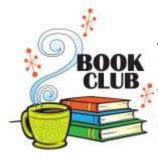
The Tanzania Mission Committee

SUB COUPONS COMING IN MARCH! We are again selling the S. Clyde Weaver sub sandwich coupons to raise money for the Busoka orphans and Busoka Lutheran Church, our companion congregation in Tanzania. Every Sunday morning in March -- the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th -- there will be a table in the narthex and in the café before and after services where you can purchase these coupons at \$6.00 apiece. Then Monday through Saturday through mid-November you can take your coupon(s) to your nearest S. Clyde Weaver Store and order an 8" sub of your choice (can be upgraded to 12" for minimal cost) that will be made to your liking with additional veggie toppings available. The subs are delicious and already paid for!



You may want to buy extra coupons not only for yourself and family but also to use as appreciative gifts for teachers, coaches, neighbors, birthday card inserts, etc. So enjoy having these coupons available throughout 2018. Thank you for your support of the orphans and Busoka Lutheran Church.

Groups and Events



ST. PETER'S BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **February 20th** at 1:30 p.m., to discuss the book <u>The Lilac Girls</u> by Martha Hall Kelly. This is a make-up meeting for the January meeting that was cancelled because of snow. Our March meeting will be Tuesday, March 20th at 1:30 p.m. Please watch for the name of the book to be read at the March meeting. These are open meetings and all are invited to join us! Please see Mary Ann Frontz with any questions.

WELCA will meet on Thursday, February 8th in Room 124. **Please plan to arrive at 9:00 a.m.** A light breakfast will be served at exactly 9:00 a.m. followed by Vicar Pal's presentation, "**Influential Women of the Reformation**". This interesting program requires a start time of 9:15 a.m. in order to end our meeting at the ususal 10:30 a.m. All women are welcome. Our February item for the Personal Care Kits is a light-weight bath towel size 52" x 27", dark color recommended. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 569-9959.

<u>**50** PLUS</u> — Please join us for exciting entertainment and good fellowship on Thursday, February 1st at 11:45 a.m. in the Café. Pastor Rockwell will present a chilling discussion about winter in North Dakota. Please bring a sandwich, your own place setting and beverage, plus a SNACK TO SHARE! You might want to bring something warm to eat that day. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 569-7740. March 1st we will enjoy a homemade Hungarian meal prepared by Vicar Pal and learn about Hungarian Nationalism.

<u>JUST FOR FUN</u> — We will meet at Arthur's in the Eden Resort on Wednesday, March 7th at 11:30 a.m. Attendees will have a choice of: 1: Soup, salad and dessert 2: Full Buffet or 3: Order from the menu. Individual checks will be given and Eden Platinum Cards will be honored. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Nursery by noon on Monday, March 5th. Please contact Dennis or Louise Sitler with any questions. <u>drsitler@gmail.com</u>, or call 717-568-2848. Hope to see you in March when spring will be just 12 days away.



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Time is running out to sign up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Please consider taking a weekend to learn how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union.

Following are the scheduled Northeast US spring Weekends:

- * March 16-18, 2018 at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. A newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."
- * April 6-8, 2018 at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College PA. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.

Registrations are also being accepted for the fall Weekends: September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA; October 19-21, 2018 at Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA; and November 9-11 at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish to help cover expenses and ensure the continuation of the program.

To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up TODAY. Simply go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, choose the Weekend desired, and pay the \$100 registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, please contact Northeast US Contacts for Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fischamber@comcast.net.

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS



"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit"

Do You Have the GIFT of SKILLED CRAFTS?

When I recently asked our Pastors what Spiritual Gift should be highlighted in this issue of the Herald, they both agreed that the gift of Skilled Crafts should be the topic. With the large size of our congregation, I am sure that St. Peter's has many people who have skills in this area. If you are one of them, are you using your gift? Do you understand your gift to be a Spiritual Gift?

The gift of skilled crafts enables a person to use a trade or craft for the good of the body of Christ. This gift or glorified talent will give the ability to use your hands, thoughts and mind to make things which increase the effectiveness of others' ministries; to enjoy serving with your hands to meet tangible needs; to design and build tangible items and resources for ministry use. You may also serve as a trainer for others to develop their abilities in this area.

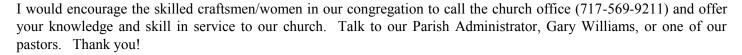
The gift of craftsmanship can be used in a multitude of ways. These can be a real blessing to the body of Christ. St. Peter's can always use people who are gifted in any of these areas.

People with this gift:

- work with wood, paints, metal, glass, electrical, plumbing and other raw materials;
- make things which increase the effectiveness of others' ministries;
- enjoy serving with their hands to meet tangible needs;
- design and build tangible items and resources for ministry use;
- work with different kinds of tools and are skilled with their hands.

Ministry Opportunities:

- AV/Lighting Team
- Carpentry, Painting, Plumbing
- Cemetery Committee
- Grounds Care
- Memorial Garden Maintenance
- Ongoing Maintenance Needs
- Property Committee



Mary Ann Frontz, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator



Library News

The Library Display will be in the Narthex on Sunday, February 18th. Thank you for your interest and participation in this endeavor to make it easier to borrow books! Book Return baskets are in the Library and in the Church office. Books may be borrowed for one month.

If you are <u>donating</u> books, PLEASE leave your name with the books or contact Mary Ann Frontz. We are getting books that are dropped off without the name of the donor. It is important that we know who to contact so that we can ask questions about the book if needed. We cannot read every book that is donated to determine its content! We appreciate donations, but the library shelves are getting full, so we must use discernment when accepting donations. Thank you for your cooperation.



Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends:

It is one of those delicious ironies that the preacher dreams about. The collision of what appear to be disparate realities in a moment of time that forces them together in a beautiful and counter-intuitive way. Think of it as a new fusion restaurant featuring fasnachts and German chocolate. Yes, I am thinking about the wonderful merging of Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday later this month on February 14th. Does God have a great sense of humor or what? What less likely combination could you imagine, other than me wearing a Phillies baseball cap (just for the record this year's February 14th is really a trifecta of lunacy as the 14th is also the day pitchers and catchers report for my beloved Mets).

So, while your initial reaction to this year's February 14th observances might be confusion or frustration over the mixing of celebrations that appear on the surface to be polar opposites ... know that you could not experience a more blessed collusion of themes. For both of these days are all about love. First, the easy one. Valentine's Day is ... well ... Valentine's Day. A day when we over-function with those we love to make it absolutely clear that we cherish them, even when we may not be so good at that cherishment the other 364 days of the year. It is an orgy of gooey and saccharine sentiment celebrating that legitimate love which binds us most deeply to



our relational partners in life. Now, on to Ash Wednesday. Although our speech and behavior often suggest just the opposite, Ash Wednesday is also about deep and abiding love. A love from God that invites us to be better in expressing our love back to God. A love from God that takes the risk of asking us to seek corrections in our lives that we may be afraid to face, with the hope that our love of God will grow even deeper and richer. A love that stares brokenness and loss and even death straight in the eye, and dares us to see even the most severe events of the story of Jesus as "loving deeds" enacted that we might *have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10)*.

Yes, we could not have a better synthesis of secular love and sacred love than what this year's February 14th offers to us. It challenges us to move beyond chocolate and flowers and glittery jewelry, and work at the things that bind us together in covenantal relationships. Those things that are truly binding and bonding, and which hope to touch on the deep well of shared history and covenantal promises and the repentance and forgiveness in relationships which allows these other rich blessings to be seen and experienced.

So Happy February 14th by whatever name you choose to use. May God be present to you in the midst of this delightful merging of apparent opposites, which in truth are theological partners in the deepest and richest way.

See you in Church ...

Pastor Craig

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Intern Selection Process

Later this month, on February 8-9, Pastor Ross and representatives from St. Peter's Intern Committee will travel to the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, to interview student intern prospects for the 2018-19 year. Although Vicar Pal is only a little more than half-way through his year with us, the process for selecting a new intern begins this month.



Pastor Sarah's Message

Greetings friends!

I wanted to begin my February letter with a story, "please don't take this as theological doctrine!".

One day a man goes to heaven and is greeted by St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter stops him. "Welcome to heaven. I have some questions for you before you enter in." The man starts to get a little nervous... catechism was so long ago! St. Peter asks "Can you tell me – what is Lent?"

Sweating a little, he responds, "Le..Le.. Lent?" he stutters. "Ahh... Lent! Lent is a... happy time of year... When... boys and girls give each other... uh... love letters on lace and heart shaped candy boxes and ask 'Will you be mine?'"

"Uh...no! Okay...can we try again?" says St. Peter a little exasperated. "Any chance that you can tell me what Easter is?"

The man sighs with relief. "Yes! Yes I can! Easter is, at first, a sad time of year. It is when, on Good Friday, we mourn the death of our savior Jesus Christ."

St. Peter perks up.

"He is crucified and dies on the cross for our sins. They take his lifeless, blood covered body and wrap it in cloth and prepare it with oils and perfume. They bury him in a tomb and roll a big rock in front of it".

"Yes, yes! Continue...," St. Peter pleads with excitement.

"Then, three days later, on Easter Sunday, the holiest of days, a miracle happens. Jesus rises from the dead. And the big rock in front of the tomb rolls open. Jesus steps out... And if he sees his shadow we get six more weeks of winter!"

Yes, this month brings us several days of note where we mark the occasions in strange ways. For each of these occasions, there is a ritual involved. Whether that ritual includes a pilgrimage to Punxsutawney, an exchange of cards and kisses, or perhaps the strangest of all—placing the burned remains of last year's Palm Sunday palms on your forehead.

And yet we long for the rituals. Some are a bit superficial...not to mock any Punxsutawney Phil fans out there. But in regards to Groundhog Day, the day comes and goes and whether the ol' groundhog saw his shadow or not, life goes on as usual. It might give us something to chat about in the hallway, but we haven't really been changed. However, the ritual of placing ashes on our forehead is a little different.

Ash Wednesday (which is February 14th) is much weirder than watching a groundhog's shadow. Usually we try to wipe dirt *OFF* our face, not intentionally wipe dirt on it! Usually we try to convince ourselves and others that we're pretty good at what we do and important people, and yet on Ash Wednesday we seek to hear the words, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." And in this ritual of Ash Wednesday we are invited into a deeper journey with God. A journey that reminds us that we're dusty clay, to be sure, but God can work with that and mold us into something worth celebrating.

I look forward to entering this time of ritual with you and into the deep journey of Lent.

Peace,

Pastor Sarah

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Letter From the Vicar

Erős vár a mi Istenünk! [A Mighty Fortress is our God!]

The season of Lent is upon us! Growing up in the Baptist denomination, the church that I went to did not observe Lent. And the 12-year period between being Baptist and Lutheran, when I was part of the Hungarian Reformed (Presbyterian) denomination, my church attendance was sparse due to working odd hours. I really don't recall observing Lent in the Presbyterian church. So, I missed out on having ashes smudged on my forehead and other Lenten church customs and

observations until I became Lutheran in 1990. Once I was Lutheran, I relished the period of Lent and continue to do so! I find this season of the liturgical year—especially in the way Lutherans observe it—as the perfect time to reflect on my faith journey and to solidify my faith. I had never really closely examined my relationship with God and Jesus Christ until I was Lutheran. With the work of the Holy Spirit, my faith grew by leaps and bounds during the 1990s that eventually resulted in a call to ministry. When was the last time that you seriously did a self-examination of your faith? I hope that we all can take a closer look at the way we will observe Lent here at St. Peter's this year to refresh our faith journey beginning with Ash Wednesday. The ashes placed on our foreheads in the form of a cross on Ash Wednesday, remind us of God's condemnation of sin as written in Genesis 3:19: By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Although ashes remind us of our mortality, ashes suggest cleansing and renewal, especially as we anticipate the new life of Easter with the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As for my time here at St. Peter's, I am now in the second half of my internship year. Time certainly flies when you are having fun! Seriously, however, I personally feel that I am making progress in developing my skills to prepare for parish ministry in the future, thanks to everyone here within this wonderful congregation. I am looking at realizing my intern project starting this month so please be on the lookout for announcements.

Last, Souper Bowl 2018 commenced on January 14th! For those who brought in cans of soup for the Council of Churches Food Bank, I greatly appreciate and thank you for your donations! I am planning to have an announcement made on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th, on the total number of cans of soup collected.

Blessings to you all!

Vicar Pal





TWITTER — Welcome to the active (!) Twitter community for Saint Peter's Lutheran Church. Please follow us @ stpeterslanc and use #stpeterslanc to chat about the sermon or events.



From the Director of Music

Mountaintop Experiences and Spiritual Plains

Jesus continues his ministry this month and we get caught up in the spiritual highs and lows. This roller coaster ride is only a smaller version of Holy Week coming at the end of March, but the worship themes this month still offer a wide variety of entry points into the Gospel.

Jesus continues his ministry of healing which we began to see last month. On February 4th Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law then goes on to heal many and preach his message in the neighboring towns. The glorious vision of Jesus in dazzling white follows on February 11th, Transfiguration Sunday, but ends with Jesus' confusing warning not to tell anyone what they had seen. On February 14th, we repel down the mountainside on Ash Wednesday, landing in the spiritual plain of Lent. Jesus is tempted in the wilderness this first Sunday of Lent, February 18th reminding us of our own temptations. Peter tries to rebuke Jesus for speaking of his own suffering, but in turn Peter is rebuked on February 25th bringing us to the close of a wide-ranging month.

Similar to last month, the appointed psalms for these Sundays also follow the themes closely. We sing of God's healing the brokenhearted and binding up their wounds in Psalm 147 on the 4th and the Lord shines forth in glory in Psalm 50 on Transfiguration. We pray that God would give us clean hearts in Psalm 51 on Ash Wednesday and show us the way through the wilderness in Psalm 25 on the first Sunday of Lent. Finally, we pray Psalm 22 as Jesus speaks of his death. This psalm is often prayed on Maundy Thursday during the stripping of the altar and its use early in Lent reminds us that Holy Week is not far off.

The first part of this month we will lift our spirits by singing "On Eagle's Wings" and on Transfiguration we break out "Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair." Singing this ancient tune from the 15th century always makes me feel as if I've tapped into something much larger than myself and the text is hard to beat:

With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest today what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

Having reached the plain, we turn to songs of comfort with *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service; Thy Holy Wings*; and *All My Hope on God Is Founded*. Each of these reflects well the themes for their respective days and bear with them messages of hope and trust in the Lord's ability to supply sufficient grace for all who would rely upon it.

This year, February is a month of ups and downs, but we know that God always comes to us in our times of need. Although we would like to spend our lives on the spiritual mountaintop of Transfiguration, Jesus bids us go down the mountain. Rather than keep Jesus' great love to ourselves, though, we are called to spread the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Consider the themes for this month as an invitation to let go of those things which keep you from Christ and to trust in the Lord's work of salvation.

Adam Hughes



CHECK OUT ST. PETER'S FACEBOOK PAGE! LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

ST. PETER'S KIDS!



On Sunday, **February 18th** we will be holding a **First Communion Instruction** class from 12:00-2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served for students and their parents immediately following the late service in the cafe and then we will begin the program. Following a short introduction, the children will go with Miss Samantha to their class, while the parents will meet with a member of the clergy for a question and answer session. Afterwards, all will meet back in the sanctuary for a short service. The class is designed for children in grades 1-3, but all are

welcome. The First Communion Recognition services will be held on Sunday, February 25th and March 4th. If you are interested in your child participating, please email Samantha at scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org

CANDY, CANDY! The Children's Ministries' committee is asking for donations of candy and small prizes for our Easter Egg Hunt. The candy must be individually wrapped and be able to fit in a small plastic Easter egg. Small novelty toys are also welcome! Please place all donations in Samantha's office in room 127. <u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> In order to provide time to fill the eggs, please bring in items by March 18th.





Mark your calendar for our annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** which will be held on Saturday, March 24th. More details to follow!

In a year's time, over 40 adult volunteers help to make our Sunday school program (ages 2 through 4th grade) and Children's Ministries' activities happen! And that doesn't count the many youth that help as well. We are very blessed here at St. Peter's to have so many wonderful people sharing their talents with the children at our church. Thank you to everyone who offers their time and talent to this important ministry!



Sunday School Format Reminder:



Our Junior Explorer (preschool and kindergarten) **Sunday school classes** follow a traditional format. You may take your child to his/her classroom at 9:15 a.m., and then at 10:15 a.m., pick up your child in the same classroom.

Age 2/3 - Nursery Age 4 - Bunny Room Kindergarten - Frog Room

Bible Explorers (Rotation Sunday school) is for children in grades 1 through grade 4. All Bible Explorers meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday for an opening. From there, guides (adult volunteers) will lead them to their rotation activity. Because your child will be doing a different activity each week, their pick up room changes each Sunday. Check the Children's Ministries' bulletin board to see where you should pick up your child each week.



If you have any questions, contact Samantha Cuascut, Director of Children's Ministries at scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org or 717-586-0330.

Youth & Family Ministry News...

Calendar:

Due to the Retreats—there will be no regular February Youth Group Meeting!



2018 Youth Winter Retreat Dates:

February 2-4 Grades 9-12 at Camp Nawakwa – Cost: \$80.00 per person

February 16-18 Grades 5-8 at Camp Kirchenwald- Cost \$80.00 per person

Registration has been mailed. More forms are located on the Youth Board or you may contact Sister Dottie.



Winter Confirmation Retreat



A reminder that 9th-12th graders should return their registration forms for the Sr. High Retreat that will be held at Camp Kirkenwald on February 2nd - 4th. Please note that our ninth graders will join the rest of the Senior Highs on their retreat again this year. It is not too late to register. The topic will be "Studying the Trinity through the lens of The Shack." We will watch the movie, and discuss the way we experience God as Father,

Son, and Spirit. Advisors will be Betsy & Mark Linn and Jimmy Moshos, Sister Dottie and Pastor Ross.

Sister Dottie Almoney, Parish Deaconess dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org

Camp Corner



Winter is a slower time at camp, but retreats are taking place at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa throughout the winter. Please prayerfully consider being part of the Lutheran camping community this spring and summer as more events take place. Thank you! Please contact Joy & Lyle Hosler with any questions at joy@hoslerfamily.net or 717-560-4753.

St. Peter's Preschool

Our Preschool is presently enrolling for the 2018/19 school year. **Yes!** The time to think about registering in our great program is now! Make sure to reserve a spot in one of our classrooms as soon as possible to ensure your choice of schedule. Tours of the preschool are conducted every day by appointment only. Please contact Lorraine DiBernardo at the church office (569-9211) or Lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org. for additional information regarding visits and enrollment.



St. Peter's PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIR February 18th thru 23rd, Church Library Hours will be posted around the building



Join us in the Library for our annual Scholastic Book Fair taking place from February 18th through February 23rd. Many beautiful paperback and hard cover books will be available to purchase or order. Proceeds will be used for preschool books and classroom materials.

Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for February

| | ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER *both Acolyte & Crossbearer | LECTORS | COMMUNION ASSISTANT | USHERS | BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| February 4 8:00 am | Cole Troop* | April Bupp | Clint Frontz, Susan Ketchum | David Mullican, Gene Olson, Bob Courtois, Liz, Sean & Iain O'Brien | Bill & Mary Ellen Kopetz |
| 10:45 am | Emily Beauregard* | Janet Roberts | | Glen Hauck, Julie Tritch, Bud Benton, Steph Palic, Brian Tolbert, Chris Shimer | |
| February 11 8:00 am | Sean O'Brien | Mark Burkholder | Karen Peiffer, Mary Jane Wilcox | Ena Marie Banks, George Swan, Steve & Diane Gegg, Terry & Marianne Beasley | Greg & Sherry Moul |
| 10:45 am | Nick Edelman* | Russell Vollmer | Shirley Gorner, Jennifer Schlener- Thomas | nnifer Schlener- Scott & Sharon Breeden, | |
| February 14 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm | | Craig Boyhont | Margaret Strausser Cynthia Stauffer | TBA | ТВА |
| February 18 8:00 am | Mitchell Burkholder | Stephanie Gerber | Eric May, Joseph Weaver | Mark Brandenburger, Tom & Jean Haus, Greg & Sherry Moul, Tom Rothfus | Larry & Mary Jane Wilcox |
| 10:45 am | David Wolf* | Nancy Beauregard | Paul Berkebile, Greta Ruth | Jim & Jane Savidge, Robert & Shirley Gorner, Joann & Jillian Gorner | Chris & Kerry Hess |
| February 25 8:00 a.m. | Morgan Stuhltrager | Pam Hoffmaster | | Jason, Carin, Julia & Nathan Leisure, Ted Andrews, Brent Bearinger | |
| 10:45 a.m. | Jade Miller* | Paul Berkebile | Geoffrey Groff, Thompson McConnell | Russell Vollmer, Dan Beck, Bob & Sue Starr, Scott & Kyle Trayer | Todd & Greta Ruth |

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Worship Leader Coordinators

Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer: Sylvia Lashley 872-4309

Altar Guild: Betsy Linn 618-9615 AV Room: Paul Berkebile 569-7209

Bread & Wine Presenter: Jennifer Lehman 519-8851 CD & Flower Delivery: Christine Smith 299-0949 Communion Assistants: Karen Peiffer 569-3643

Greeters: Leigh Trayer 271-9268 Lectors: Thom McConnell 581-0068 Nursery: Patti Courtois 898-1898 Ushers: Nancy Beauregard 295-9814

& Beth Bigler 569-7843

Welcome Center: Mary Ann Oberholtzer 898-7823

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for February (continued)

| | GREETERS | WELCOME CENTER | AV/LIGHTING | NURSERY | ALTAR GUILD COORD. | ALTAR GUILD |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| February 4 8:00 am | Luther & Catharine Kimmich | Pam Hoffmaster, Christine Ponti | Angela Moshos | Erich & Allison Deutsch, Alyssa Kerper | Nancy LeFevre | Cindy Blaney, Anna Mae Kenyon |
| 10:45 am | Mark & Darla Cardin | Rich & Ann Larrick | Joe Almoney | Lyle & Joy Hosler, Alyssa Kerper | | |
| February 11 8:00 am | Larry & Sylvia Miller | Ron & Joan Beck | Mark Burkholder | Julie Gotwald, Kyra Rishell, Alyssa Kerper | Susan Chever | Bob & Phyllis Hollinger |
| 10:45 am | Jocelyn Kline, Vicki Legath | Craig & Lisa Rodenberger | David Wolf | Karen Shreiner, Alyssa Kerper | Susan Chever | Nancy Shimer, Peggy Popp |
| February 14 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm | Nancy LeFevre, Susan Ketchum | Leigh Trayer, Sherry Weller | Paul Berkebile | Alyssa Kerper | | ТВА |
| February 18 8:00 am | Ron & Joan Beck | Larry & Sylvia Miller | Terry McGuigan | Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Alyssa Kerper | Susan Chever | Loretta Stutzman, Judy Wenrich |
| 10:45 am | Sara Gable, Kim MacIver | Peggy Popp, Lori Rowley | Dave Tilley | Sara Deno, Alyssa Kerper | Susan Chever | Suk Shuglie, Kathy Groff |
| February 25 8:00 a.m. | Travis Chaby, Mary Ann Oberholtzer | Shirley Dombach, Susie Roderick | Tom Badorf | Mary Ann Oberholtzer, Alyssa Kerper | | |
| 10:45 a.m. | Bud Benton, Debra Musso | Ron & Treva Shaffer | Bob Preston | Chloe Otto, Alyssa Kerper | Nancy LeFevre | Jeff & Anneliese Owen |

NURSERY AT 9:15 A.M.

February 4: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

February 11: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

February 18: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

February 25: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

February Flower Delivery Schedule

| Date | Deliverer | Recipient | Date | Deliverer | Recipient |
|------|---------------------|----------------|------|-------------------|-----------|
| 2/04 | Margie Stigelman | Mary Kammerer | 2/18 | NO FLOWERS - LENT | XXX |
| | Tim & Sharon Fickes | Velma Newcomer | | | |
| 2/11 | Betz Lind | Anna Dowie | 2/25 | NO FLOWERS - LENT | XXX |
| | Marsha Chamberlain | Joan Groff | | | |





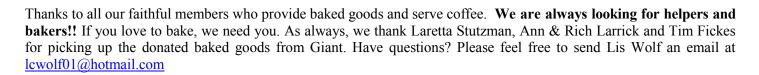
NARTHEX COFFEE BAR

February 4 - Helpers & Bakers - TBD

February 11 - Helpers, TBD - Bakers, Liz O'Brien

February 18 - Helpers, Lis & Anne Wolf - Bakers, Anne Wolf & Lois Vollmer

February 25 - Helpers, Pat & Tom Badorf - Baker, Pat Badorf





| NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — FEBRUARY 2018 | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| | February 4 | February 11 | February 18 | February 25 | | | |
| Lector | Patricia Weaver | Kris Armitage | Joel Olmsted | Jennifer Sassaman | | | |
| Communion Assistant | Bill Sassaman | Jennifer Podgurski | Peter Murdock | Molly Olmsted | | | |
| Ushers | Peter Murdock Dave Tilley | Mark & Sharon Schaefer | Heath & Anna Edelman | John & Janet Hess | | | |
| Altar Guild | Morgan Stuhltrager | Ann Fink | Robin Schmincke | Emily & Sarah Bromirski | | | |
| A/V Sound | Scott Fyfe | Scott Fyfe | Bob Preston | Scott Fyfe | | | |
| Coffee Bar | Catherine Stover | Beth Soslow | Amanda Sprague | Beth Soslow | | | |



LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Thursday, February 1

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Café) 6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)

6:00 p.m. - Musical Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)

7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, February 2

7:00 p.m. - Senior High Retreat (Camp Kirchenwald)

Saturday, February 3

10:00 a.m. - Clothing Bank (Youth Lounge)

10:00 a.m. - Musical Rehearsal

Sunday, February 4

Name Tag Sunday/Souper Bowl Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)

11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

Monday, February 5

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)

1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley, Room 123)

6:30 P.M. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Club 56)

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

Tuesday, February 6

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

1:30 p.m. - Rostered Text Study (Conference Room)

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Conference Room)

7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee (Cry Room)

Wednesday, February 7

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Cafe)

1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)

2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)

4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran Church)

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

7:30 p.m. - Word of Life Bible Study (Room 100)

Thursday, February 8

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Augsburg Alley/Room 123)

3:30 p.m. - Cemetery Meeting (Conference Room)

6:00 p.m. - Musical Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Saturday, February 10

10:00 a.m. - Musical Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, February 11

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (FLC)

10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

3:00 p.m. - Church Musical (Sanctuary)

4:30 p.m. - Fellowship Event (FLC)

Monday, February 12

HERALD ARTICLES DUE

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)

1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room123)

6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)

7:00 P.M. - Church Council (Conference Room)

7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

Tuesday, February 13

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. - Palm Burning Liturgy (Narthex)

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Conference Room)

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

9:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Café)

7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

Thursday, February 15

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)

6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)

6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)

7:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)

7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, February 16

7:00 p.m. - Youth Retreat (Camp Kirchenwald)

Sunday, February 18

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)

10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

12:00 p.m. - Communion Instruction (Sanctuary/Cafe)

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LOOKING AHEAD (continued)

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Monday, February 19

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office) 1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room123) 6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Club 56)

6:30 p.m. - Human Resources (Conference Room) 7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Cry Room) 7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

Tuesday, February 20

9:30 a.m. - Program Staff Meeting (Conference Room) 1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Conference Room)

1:30 p.m. - Book Club (Cry Room)

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. - Intern Committee (Cry Room)

6:30 p.m. - Strawberry Festival Committee (Conference Room)

7:30 p.m. - Long Range Planning (Cry Room)

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 a.m. - Lenten Service (Chapel) 9:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Café)

6:15 p.m. - Lenten Meal (Café) 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. - Praise Bank Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

Thursday, February 22

6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room) 6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)

7:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)

7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Sunday, February 25

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

9:15 a.m. - New Member Reunion (Café)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center)

12:00 p.m. - Thrivent Luncheon (Café)

Monday, February 26

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)

1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room123)

6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)

6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Room)

7:00 p.m. - New Day Committee (Room 100)

7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

Tuesday, February 27

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. - Clothing Bank Preparation

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 a.m. - Lenten Service (Chapel)

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)

6:15 p.m. - Lenten Meal (Café)

7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)



Love the Lord your God
with all your heart
And with all your soul
And with all your mind
And with all your strength.

Mark 12:30

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE FEBRUARY 10TH



Articles for the March 2018 "Herald" are due in the church office no later than <u>February 10th</u>. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email to <u>sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org</u>. Thank you for your cooperation.



PLEASE HELP SAVE MAILING COSTS!!!!

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