



What's Your Story?

Our stories and experiences, both individually and collectively, help to shape who we are. Since we all have our own unique stories and experiences, we all have differing views and understandings of our world and even religion.

Understanding each other is a key to working together in God's church and world. Fortunately, we don't have to think the same or work on behalf of the Gospel the same, but we do have to be able to work, worship, learn and serve together. We have to value each person as a child created in God's image.

Beginning with a luncheon on February 26 and continuing the conversation throughout Lent during our Adult Sunday School, we will focus on our individual and collective stories. We will look at the "church" past and present, and what we hope for in the future.

February 26: Luncheon and Conversation — Noon, Cafe/FLC

My Story, Our Story- an intergenerational gathering of youth and adults to talk about our own stories in the church.

March 5: When "Worlds" Collide — 9:15 a.m., Conference Room

What is my theological world? We will introduce the five theological worlds and how each world can co-exist even when there are differences. Each participant will be able to take home a theological worlds inventory to score and find out what world(s) you are part of and what that means for us individually and communally.

March 12: Called to Difficult Conversations — 9:15 a.m., Conference Room

Scripture has a lot to say about how Christians should talk to one another, especially when talking is not the easiest thing to do. Crucial conversations are not times for persuasive arguments or to browbeat the other into holding our opinions. The goal is to communicate as simply as possible what needs to be said and done for the sake of the church community.

March 19: A Brave Church — 9:15 a.m., Conference Room

As much as we know that our faith story invites us to make space at our tables for one more, to hold fast to what is good and learn to live alongside everyone, in actual practice we often fail. We exclude. We judge. We say we don't have time to understand those with whom we disagree; church is just more peaceful that way.

A way forward, though, into the deeper waters of connection and belonging, almost always begins with a conversation. We will examine what it means to be a "brave" church.

March 26: The "Future" Church — 9:15 a.m., Conference Room

Using the previous discussions, what hopes to we have for our congregation, how can we move forward when there is conflict and what does it mean to live as a community of Christians in the 21st century.

Questions can be directed to Sister Dottie. There is no cost to the luncheon on the 26th but a free will offering will be collected to help offset the costs. Please consider attending one or more of these important discussions.

Did You Know?

Test Your Knowledge of St. Peter's History

(answers found on the back page)

1. St. Peter's longest serving pastor?

Rev. Clay Rice Rev. Richard E. Geib Rev. Craig A. Ross

2. St. Peter's first constitution was adopted in...

1884 1901 1910

3. Lonnie Leaman and Clara Fichtner were the first women elected to serve on church council. Did this happen in...

1969 1971 1975 Civil War World War I World War II

4. Which one of our former pastors served in the U.S. Army and was taken as a prisoner of war?

5. In September 1885 Rev. Amos M. Whetstone accepted a call from St. Peter's. What was his annual salary?

\$250 \$350 \$450

6. Starting in 1919 all of our organists had volunteered their services. In what year did they begin to receive an annual salary?

1944 1950 1961

7. One of our former pastors served in the U.S. Army. He was captured and held in a prison during which war?

Worship for Feb. 19

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

Traditional Worship & Communion

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Hand

New Day Worship

10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Ross



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10 Delp Road
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Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

February 19

8:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Ginny Stickler;
Greeter: Cheryl Laub; **Ushers:** Mark
& Angela Moshos; **Welcome Center:**
Susie Roderick; **A/V:** Tom Chever;
Communion Assistants: Nancy
LeFevre & Ginny Stickler; **Altar Guild
Coordinator:** Debbie Shue & Lori
Weaver; **Flower Deliverer:** Cheryl
Oeschger; **Flower Recipient:** Arlene
Dodd

10:30 a.m. — **Lector:** Gary Troxell;
Greeters: John & June Crisp; **Ushers:**
Cortes Family; **Welcome Center:** Sherry
Weller; **Acolytes:** Cortes Family; **A/V:**
Dave Tilley; **Altar Guild:** Tricia Hough;
Flower Deliverer: John & Kathy Burke;
Flower Recipient: Sally Price

New Day — **Lector:** Jenny Sassaman;
Communion Assistant: TBD

Coffee Bar — Pam Preston

February 22 — Ash Wednesday

Lector: Nancy Beauregard; **A/V:** JBill
Schlener; **Altar Guild Coordinator:**
Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar
Guild:** Lori Weaver

Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries has been dedicated to rebuilding our Sunday School program that was interrupted by the pandemic. Our attendance in our PreK/K and rotation classes, grades 1 through 4, has dramatically increased! And we are thankful for all our volunteers and parents who have made this happen! Our new innovative curriculum which includes Bible stories, crafts, baking, games, and music is interactive and educational! In addition, our Gingerbread Bash, held on December 2, was a huge success! Looking ahead, we are starting to plan for our annual Easter Egg Hunt as well as Vacation Bible School. Dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Please consider joining our team to help create these endless possibilities for our children. Email cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org to join!

Blessings,
Cindy Geesey
Director of Children's Ministries

Preschool Community Service

For the preschool's next community service project we will be helping a local Boy Scout collect items for his Eagle Scout project. The donations we collect will benefit a program called HOME (Help Our Military Endure). This organization sends care packages to our soldiers. Please consider dropping some items off at St. Peter's. There are marked boxes in our Narthex and near our preschool door, with lists of some donation ideas.

Thank you in Advance
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Trivia Answers: 1. Pastor Ross in 1986; 2. 1884; 3. 1975;
4. Isaac Bobst; 5. \$250; 6. 1944; 7. Civil War.

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