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What's your story?

Each Sunday we come and hear the Biblical story in our worship and Christian education classes. These stories give us insight into how God worked in the lives of our ancestors in the faith. Those stories continue today with us.

During the Lenten season, we will intentionally look at the stories past and present that helped to shape our congregation and to imagine the stories that we may experience in the future. Our individual stories and experiences shape how we live out our faith, how we experience community, and how we come to worship.

We live in a polarized society. We take sides and often disregard the stories of those with whom we disagree. We all have a story to share, experiences that help to shape our individual and communal faith lives. Scripture gives us insight on how we are to be in community with others:

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. — Hebrews 10:24-25

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. — Romans 12:4-5

We are all endowed by the Holy Spirit with gifts – and each of us is to use our gifts to build up the kingdom of God. We can probably all agree on that theological premise, but what happens when another's call to discipleship is different than ours? How can we come together in love to work together for God's kingdom, even when we disagree?

I encourage our members to join us at our Lenten Luncheon on Sunday, February 26 to have a conversation and share our own personal stories— stories past and present about our experience not only as members of St. Peter's but our faith stories in general. This event is for all ages – an intergenerational gathering to listen to each other and to hopefully understand how we can all live in community even when we disagree. This is also a chance for us to discuss together where we see St. Peter's in the next few years and beyond.

I hope you consider joining us for this event and for our Sunday morning class that will follow during the Lenten Season.

In Christ's Service, *Sr. Dottie*



It's Souper Bowl Month

We will be collecting cans of soup for the food bank – you can drop off your donation in the church narthex during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Your donations are greatly needed at this time!

Youth Winter Retreat

Youth grades 5-12 are invited to join us at Camp Kirchenwald's Schreiber Haus, February 10-12, for our combined Youth Winter Retreat. We will break off into middle and high school groups for teaching sessions and be together for games, meals, etc. Reach out to Sister Dottie for more information.

Congregational Events

Saturday, February 4 — Lydia's Closet: If you are able to help, please contact Molly Olmsted at *lydiascloset@stpeterslutheran.org*

Wednesday, February 15 — Valentine Trivia: Join us at Iron Hill Brewery on Harrisburg Pike at 6:30 p.m. in honor of St. Valentine and Valentine's Day. Please RSVP to Sister Dottie at *dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org*

Sunday, February 26 — Lenten Luncheon and Discussion after Church: Youth and adults are invited to come for lunch and stay for a discussion. Our topic for this event is "What are the stories of St. Peter's – past, present and future?" We will eat lunch together and will discuss together in small groups. As we look past, what do we want to keep; as we move forward what do we want to include? Our personal and collective stories help shape our ministry and during Lent we will continue the discussion during our Sunday School time beginning March 5– Place to be announced. Lunch will be provided. This is an open invitation and all perspectives and views are encouraged to join us.

Questions can be directed to Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org Worship for Feb. 5 Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Traditional Worship & Communion 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Preaching: Sister Dottie

New Day Worship 10:30 a.m. Preaching: Pastor Ross



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Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule for February

February 5

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Diane Gegg; Greeter: Carolyn Rush; Ushers: Jo Boltz & Bob Courtois; Welcome Center: Bob & Edee Bedford; A/V: Jordan Lambert; Communion Assistants: Bob Courtois & Diane Gegg; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Cindy Blaney; Flower Deliverer: Christine Smith; Flower Recipient: Phyllis Seitz

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Anneliese Owen; Greeters: Dan & Karen Beck; Ushers: Scott Glassford; Welcome Center: Dave & Lis Wolf; A/V: Bob Preston; Flower Deliverer: Ken Shirk; Flower Recipient: Larry & Sylvia Miller

New Day — Lector: Cheryl Laub; Communion Assistant: Sharon Schaefer

Coffee Bar — Mark & Angela Moshos

February 12

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Steph Gerber; Greeter: Janis Sharkey; Usher: Don Wenrich; Welcome Center: Ronald & Joan Beck; A/V: Angela Moshos; Flower Deliverer: Liz O'Brien; Flower Recipient: Anna Dowie

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Greg Stausser; Greeters: Scott & Sharon Breeden; Ushers: Geoff & Anneliese Owen; Welcome Center: Dick & Ann Larrick; A/V: Bill Schlener; Communion Assistants: Paul Berkebile & Shirley Gorner; **Altar Guild Coordinator:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Jeff & Anneliese Owen; **Flower Deliverer:** Debbie Shue; **Flower Recipient:** Lura Zeswitz

New Day — Lector: James Moshos

Coffee Bar — Cindy Miley

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; Altar Guild: Tricia Hughes; 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; 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

February 26

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Eric May; Greeter: Christine Ponti; Usher: Cindy Miley; Welcome Center: Shirley Dombach. A/V: Mark Burkholder

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Paul Berkebile; Greeters: Rick & Ann Larrick; Ushers: Bob & Shirley Gorner; Welcome Center: Clarence Simon; A/V: Bob Preston; Communion Assistants: Clint Frontz & Judith Logan; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Beverly Swanson

New Day — Lector: Lisa Teichmann

Coffee Bar — Mark & Donna Aho

Looking Ahead

February 12

Traditional Preacher — Pastor Hand New Day Preacher — Sister Dottie

February 19

Traditional Preacher — Pastor Hand New Day Preacher — Pastor Ross

February 22 (Ash Wednesday) Traditional Preacher — Pastor Ross