

March 30-31, 2019

Lent 4

Liturgy: pg. 45 CW

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 32, pg. 78

First Reading:..... Isaiah 12: 1-6

Second Reading:..... Romans 8: 1-10

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sermon text:..... Isaiah 12: 1-6

Speaker, Rev. Aaron Kristopeit

Hymns: 106, 379, 339, 112, 109

Special music: 8:00 am - Grades 5-6; 10:30 am – Senior Choir

Schedule

30 Sat	9:00 am Women’s Ministry Spring Brunch 12:00 Noon – VBS Volunteer meeting 4:00 pm Worship service
31 Sun	8:00 am Worship service 9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour 10:30 am Worship service
2 Tue	6:00 pm BIC – “Growing in Hope” 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Choir
3 Wed	3:15 & 7:00 pm Lent worship
4 Thu	5:00 pm PSI
5 Fri	9:00 am Mornings with Jesus 5:00 pm Nominating Committee meeting
6 Sat	4:00 pm Worship service
7 Sun	8:00 am Worship service 9:15 am SPL Youth Bible hour/Mission presentation 10:30 am Worship service 2:00 pm WELS Handbell Festival in Medford, WI

Organist: Kerry Koehler **Deacon:** Dennis Yorkson

Head Usher: 3/30: Steve Stuebs; 3/31: Randy Hidde; **Radio:** Wayne Faulks

Greeters: 4:00 – Heath & Barb Hanes **Coffee:** Stuebs/Stuebs

8:00 – Leroy & Barb Niemuth; 10:30 – Randy & Dawn Loughrin

4/3: 3:15 – Art Hallman

Ushers: 8:00 – John, Lily & John Mueller, Cami Gettendorf

10:30 – Colton, Jaelyn & Mikyla Reeck, Brandon Babino

Church cleaners: 4/1 – Anderson/Faulks

Church Attendance: 3/20: 162; 3/23-24: 69 + 147 + 107 = 323

SCHEDULE: 4/6-7: Pianist: Bethany Warnke; **Deacon:** Tim Pailer

Head Ushers: 4/6: Mike Abrahamson; 4/7: Steve Bartel **Radio:** Dan Popple

Greeters: 4:00 – Jim & Janice Prasher/Geoffrey; **Coffee:** Olson/Glick

8:00 – Judith Luedke, Lynn Wozniak; 10:30 – Randy & Deb Hidde

Ushers: 8:00 – Kendra & MaKayla Lenz, Jeremy Rhone

10:30 – Brock & Brian Krenke, Brandon Dittmann, Tyler Togstad

MINISTRY PLANNING SEMINAR "Responding to Today's Reality"

The leadership at St. Peter has been working on a process for developing a Future Ministry Plan. This Ministry Plan will help our congregation identify our strengths, address our concerns, design a compelling vision and develop intentional strategies for enhancing our outreach and nurture ministries. On Saturday morning, May 11th Pastor Elton Stroh, Executive Director of Crossroads Consultants, a WELS endorsed ministry planning consultant, will be conducting a four-hour seminar titled "Responding to Today's Realities". This will lay a biblical and conceptual foundation for planning future ministry. Soon after the seminar, a decision will be made regarding engaging the services of Crossroads to guide development of a Long-Range Ministry Plan for St Peter. **Please put May 11th on your calendar.** All members, men and women, are strongly encouraged to attend this seminar and be part of developing St Peter's future ministry plan. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church to help with preparations for the event.

NEW WORSHIP SERIES: JESUS REACTS

The Sundays in Lent are all about fixing our eyes on Jesus as he comes face-to-face with his greatest enemies (and ours). As we watch our Savior react to these difficult circumstances, we'll become more confident of his love for us and gain insights for facing tough situations in our own lives.

March 31: Jesus Reacts to Guilt

April 7: Jesus Reacts to Self-righteousness

DIVINE CALL EXTENDED

At the Call meeting on March 17th, a Divine Call was extended to Rev. Jon Hadler. He is married to Anna (nee Liebig), and has 2 children ages 20 & 23. He is 55 years of age and presently serves St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Marathon, WI. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates on this Call. If you would like to contact him, his phone # is: 715-443-2028, and email:

stmatthewmarathon@charter.net

LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK

The St. Peter Council members are considering an adjustment to the Sunday worship schedule during the summer months because of lower attendance and hotter temperatures. The idea is to have **only one Sunday service**, beginning around 9 or 9:30 (start time to be determined), **from Memorial Day through Labor Day**. The Saturday service at 4pm would stay the way it is. Again, **no decision has been made yet**. If you have any questions or suggestions about this, please call, email, or speak with a deacon, the pastor, or any member of the Council. Thank you for your consideration and feedback!

EASTER FLOWERS

Order forms are available on the back tables in church for those who wish to purchase flowers to beautify our church for the Easter season. The forms with payment must be turned in to the office by Sunday, March 31st.

OPEN HOUSE – St. Peter Lutheran School

On Thursday, April 11th, starting at 5:30 pm, we will be having our annual Open House at St. Peter Lutheran School. Attendees will be able to check out what students have created for the Candy Science & Art Fair. Student artists have been asked to create masterpieces using anything candy, while those aspiring scientists will have created experiments. Those in attendance will also get to visit with teachers and staff. The F.A.C.E. (Friends Assisting Christian Education) group will provide a light meal at 5:30 pm in the Commons. The night will end with grades 5-8 putting on their musical, “Kids Praise – Singsational Servants”. The show will begin at 7:00 pm. Parents, grandparents, friends, and congregational members are all welcome. If you know of anyone interested in Christian education, bring them along and introduce them to Mr. Miller or one of the teachers.

MISSION NEWS

Carol Koelpin will be speaking at Paperland LWMS Rally on April 6. She is happy to be able to share her message **here** with St. Peter on **April 7**, between services. The main topic will be **outreach to the millions of legal immigrants in the U.S.** Carol, her husband Dan and son Nathan are very involved with the WELS Outreach to immigrants from various Asian nations. Christ Lutheran Pewaukee hosts the International Outreach Center headed by our friends Dr. Jordan Patrick and his wife Aneela. Take advantage of this opportunity to spend 25 minutes learning how God is blessing their efforts of love.

MORE MISSION NEWS

Once again, God has turned *evil into good*. In the aftermath of the Vietnam War, the Hmong people in Asia who had aided the American military, sought refuge in the United States. Many of them learned of their saviour in various churches, including WELS. Some who became pastors eagerly crossed the ocean to share the Gospel with their families and relatives, and people in refugee camps. The new Christians deemed it urgent to get the Word to Vietnam. Now there are 350 HFC Christian men ready for Seminary training. An additional 2,500 HFC church leaders are waiting to be trained in basic Bible and Catechism, so that they may teach the *good news* in their rural congregations. The Vietnamese Government has invited WELS to build a training facility. **HOW CAN WE HELP?** WELS is collecting a special offering to **gather \$2 million by June 2019**. Pick up a Grace Vietnam booklet from the back table in church. Use the envelope for your offering and drop it in the offering plate any service from now until June. (or list on a plain envelope, your envelope #, “Grace Vietnam,” and amount.) Watch for more information on this amazing mission opportunity. **GOD is GOOD!**

The April issue of the Forward in Christ magazine is available in the back of church.

The new issue of the Meditations devotional dated Mar. 3 – June 1, 2019, is available in the back of church. The cost is \$4.00.

**** SEE PINK INSERT FOR ADDITIONAL BULLETIN ITEMS ****

EASTER BREAKFAST

All members and guests are invited to share in a wonderful breakfast and fellowship at the Easter Breakfast on April 21st from 7:15 - 10:00 am. A sign-up sheet in the back of church gives members an opportunity to help with providing some of the food items that are needed and indicate if they are able to help prepare or serve for the event. Thanks to everyone for helping in any way!

WELS HANDBELL FESTIVAL

St. Peter Handbell Choir will be participating in the 40th Annual WELS Handbell Festival to be held on April 7, 2019, at 2:00 pm at Medford Area Elementary School, 1065 W. Broadway, Medford, WI. All are welcome to attend!

INTERNAL LOAN BALANCE

St. Peter has been blessed to close out the \$19,000 balance in the Internal Loan. Contributions to the General Fund have been under budget for the entire year. However, the continuing vacancy in the Pastor position has generated enough savings to take \$19,000 out of the General Fund balance and use those dollars to pay off the Internal Loan. From an unfortunate situation comes the blessing to eliminate a debt obligation. Consequently, the only debt remaining for St. Peter is a \$358,000 balance in the BOTR project loan. The mortgage payments for the life of that loan are fully covered by contributions from the Kobiske Estate Trust.

WEYMONT FOOD PANTRY

During the month of April, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Weymont Food Pantry. At this time the pantry needs jello, spaghetti, raviolis, diced tomatoes, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, cream soups, meal soups, baked beans and personal care products. The pantry **does NOT** need cereal or macaroni and cheese at this time.

LWMS WOLF RIVER CIRCUIT SPRING RALLY

The LWMS Wolf River Circuit Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 27th at Emanuel Lutheran Church, New London. The **Deadline for sign-up is April 12**, with sign-up sheets in back of church. However, you're always welcome if you don't get signed up in time, just let Marietta Paap or Cheryl Peters know if you plan to go. The guest speaker will be Ben Berger, “Vicars in the Mission Field”. Schedule: 8:15 am registration, 8:50am opening devotion, 11:00 am Bible study, 12:15pm closing devotion followed by lunch. Please join us for this year's rally, get energized and excited in hearing about the work that WELS missionaries are involved in at home and abroad. Theme: “One Generation tells of your works to another”.