

## MISSION FESTIVAL (September 8)

Our guest speaker for this year's mission festival will be Pastor Michael Dietz, one of our district's coordinators for the Ministry of Christian Giving. During and between services he will share news with us about the progress in several of our mission fields, especially the effort to provide theological training for Hmong Christians in Hanoi, Vietnam. The worship committee's brat fry follows the services. Join us and learn about the gospel's success around the world!



## Sunday Bible Hour

### Adult Bible Hour

Prepared to Answer: Sundays, September 15th – October 13th

Join us in the Commons at 9:15am and learn to use simple Bible stories to defend your faith. This class is back by popular demand from last fall. Last year's participants selected the following topics: "Can a loving God send people to hell?" "There are many paths to God." "With so many interpretations and denominations, who can say who's right?" and "How do I know I'm a Christian?"

### Children's Bible Hour

Our Children's Bible Hour will begin their new year on Sunday September 8th from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. Our first session stories will focus on the Old Testament stories from Genesis. How God created our beautiful world, how sin entered our world, The Great Flood and others.

We welcome all school-aged children from PreK - 8th grade to attend our Bible hour. If you can only make it every other Sunday or once per month, we encourage you to attend. We focus on our stories but also spend time with crafts, games & music. Please stop in any Sunday and see what there is to share!

## Monday Night Bible Study

How to Study the Bible: Monday evenings in November

Every believer knows reading the Bible is important. But where should we start? What's the best way to do home devotions with our families? Participants in this class will learn a simple method for personal Bible study, practice the method in class, and even create their own Bible reading plan. Every member is encouraged to attend this class with their entire families. Join us in the Commons on Mondays at 6:00pm.

## SPL SCHOOL NEWS

**SPL OPENING SERVICE** All members are invited to join our students as they begin the school year with an opening service on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**We're Going Back To School**



### SCHOOL NEWS

For the first time in a couple of years, staffing will remain the same from last year to this school year. The staff had a very busy summer. In addition to the normal duties to complete the school year and the tasks to get ready for a new year, the staff had several in-service opportunities which all participated in during the "care-free" days of summer. They included the following activities. There was a Science Institute at FVL to become familiar with the new science curriculum and how it applies to K-8. There was a training in how to use the new hands-on science curriculum which will be implemented over the next three years.

The entire staff became trained in CPR for emergency situations. All attended training in Ministry Development Planning which the Wisconsin Synod is rolling out soon. It will encourage teachers to use a variety of methods in growing academically and spiritually. The "care-free" days of summer for St. Peter staff was completed in August by hosting several schools for Social Studies trends workshop.



**BACK to SCHOOL**

School Resource Officer Heather DeGrand will be presenting a program on **internet safety**. She will be using NetSmartz which "teaches children how to make better choices online and become responsible digital citizens." She will be sharing with students age-level appropriate facts, ideas, and ways they can be cautious when using online media. There will be a separate presentation for parents on October 16, starting at 6:30 pm at St. Peter School, on the topics of Safety and Security, Inappropriate Content, Online Privacy, Sexting, Sextortion, and Cyberbullying. All congregational members are invited to attend. Please do not bring children to the evening presentation.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### 2019 Vacation Bible School

# Roar!



Vacation bible school this year was such a smash! We had an average of 60 students each day and 70+ attend in total! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who came and helped spread the message to many children in our community! Be on the lookout for information for next year's VBS: Rocky Railway! Remember that when life is good, God is Good!!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Bible Study

The Women's Morning Bible Study will continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 10:00. Come and join in this study of God's Word while enjoying wonderful fellowship.



4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Advent by Candlelight**  
**Save the Date - December 8**

## TECHNOLOGY

### Public Address System

A new public address system was installed prior to the start of school. The new system will provide speakers in each of the classrooms, gym, locker room, east playground, parking lot/west playground, church basement, narthex and the sanctuary. The system is zoned so an announcement can be sent to all the speakers or limited to certain areas. The PA system was funded by a \$12,000 grant from the St. Peter Foundation.

## STEWARDSHIP

The monthly Ministry and Service Opportunity Fairs will begin again September 15 featuring the Christian Education Groups. The Stewardship Committee continues its work with organizing and facilitating a Congregational Counseling Ministry Planning initiative. Watch for updates in the bulletin.