

## MINISTRIES OF COMPASSION

### Prayer Ministry – DID YOU KNOW?

St. Peter has a prayer chain ministry – other believers who want to pray for you throughout the week. You are invited to contact them whenever you would like some prayers! For more information or to join this ministry, contact Kathe Jonely (920) 867-3476.

### GriefShare

A GriefShare Seminar will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 129 S. Mason St., Appleton Wednesday evenings from Jun 2– Aug 25 at 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Pre-registration is required; contact Donna Pomeroy at 920-851-3140.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOW

The Trustees have evaluated the need for repair of the stain glass windows in the sanctuary. With outside consultants, it has been determined that restoration soon is critical to maintain the integrity of the 110-year-old windows. A proposed refurbishment and preservation plan was presented and approved by the congregation.



A financial plan was also presented that outlined funds that can be used to fund the project. The plan includes using undesignated cash funds, a proposed request to the St. Peter Foundation and an appeal to the members of the congregation for contributions at a minimum of \$100,000. With the funds identified and having a successful appeal of \$100,000,

the work can be completed without needing to borrow money from any outside source while maintaining sufficient discretionary cash balances in all funds and accounts. The plan for the refurbishing is scheduled to be completed by this fall.

## SAVE THE DATES

### June

- 14-17 Vacation Bible School
- 20 Coffee Hour
- 26 Fish Fry

### July

- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Special Nation Service
- 18 Coffee Hour

### August

- 10 School Registration
- 15 Coffee Hour
- 23-24 Parent/Teacher Consultations
- 29 Opening S Service
- 30 School starts for 3K.
- 31 School starts for 4K.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

The Exploratory Committee concluded its work in February and presented its recommendation to Council that month. The committee made a unanimous recommendation to move into the next step in the planning process. That recommendation was approved by Council, and an Assessment Committee was formed in March.

Since March, the Assessment Committee has been carrying out the work of collecting data and information about our congregation and community. Members have conducted a survey of parents with children ages 0-5, interviewed members of the community, conducted a preliminary feasibility study of our facilities and facilities in town, researched other childcare facilities in the area, and collected demographic information for our area and our congregation.

In May we will be holding several focus groups of congregational members and collecting the last of our information. After this, we will begin the process of analyzing that information to determine whether it is possible for our church to expand our Early Childhood Ministries at this time.

At the conclusion of this analysis, the committee will be presenting a recommendation to the Council of how we should proceed. If Council approves this recommendation, it will be presented to the voters for consideration and approval.

Please pray for the continued work of this committee, that they may thoroughly and diligently carry out their work on behalf of our congregation and God's kingdom. Pray that God may open a door for us to bring the message of his love to more and more people in our community.

Any questions or comments can be directed to Emily Kristopeit ([emkristo23@gmail.com](mailto:emkristo23@gmail.com)).

# SPL Messenger

St. Peter Lutheran Church and School Spring 2021

## SUMMER WORSHIP

### Redefining Christianity: The Book of James (June)

Sometimes, Christians forget what Christianity is. The book of James was written for believers who knew all the facts about salvation by faith in Jesus alone but were struggling to practice their faith. This sermon series will help every one of us redefine Christian life, love, faith, praise, and prayer.

### Mission, Miracles, and Manna: The Ministry of Jesus and his Church (July-August)

For most of the summer, our worship will focus on just two chapters of the Bible: Mark 6 and John 6. These chapters are packed full of teachings, encouragements, and examples from Jesus' life for his Church to put into practice. This series will examine our congregation's purpose and programs.

### New: Monthly Piano Service

It brings glory to God when more of his people's talents are used in public worship. The St. Peter worship committee has decided to include a piano-led service one weekend every month, beginning in June. We will continue to use hymns and liturgies from our current hymnal and its supplement.

### Special Nation Service \* \* \* \* Special Nation Service

The fourth of July falls on a Sunday this year. That weekend, there will be a nation-themed service thanking God for the blessings we enjoy as United States citizens and exploring what Scripture says about our relationship to world governments. Join us as we celebrate with patriotic prayers and praises.



### Summer Bible Study

Currently there are no plans for structured Sunday Bible study during the summer months. However, there are a few informal options available for those who want to continue digging into the Word this year. Speak with Pastor K if you are interested in exploring the possibility of ongoing summer study.