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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

In the hopes that we all enjoyed a joyous Christmas with ample amounts of food and gifts, let us also remember that there are those in our community less fortunate. Those staying at the St. Mary's Shelter are at a place in their lives where life has taken a downturn, causing them to be grateful for the generosity of people who are blessed with good fortune.

It may not seem like we're doing much by simply making a main or side dish, a salad or dessert or by volunteering to delivery the food to the shelter, but it means a great deal to them.

Please consider supporting those in our community by "paying it forward" in this small way. Sign-up sheets are located in Fellowship Hall for volunteers to make and/or deliver meals for approximately 20 people throughout the week of February 17.



ASH WEDNESDAY

We will come together in worship on Wednesday, February 26, which marks the first day of Lent and the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter. The ashes used during the service are from the palms from prior Palm Sunday services. They are placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross, much the same way as the water and oil are used in baptisms. They are to serve as a symbol of our need to repent our sins and to also remind us of our very existence and how we will all eventually face death in anticipation of a new and eternal life. In Genesis 3:19 (NIV) we read that God said to Adam, "dust you are and to dust you shall return". And in Acts 3:19 (NIV) we are told, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord".

This worship service is humble and simplistic in nature on purpose. Whether we choose to receive the ashes on our foreheads or not, we can embrace this worship service as a time to confess our sins and as reminder to prepare our hearts.



Ash Wednesday

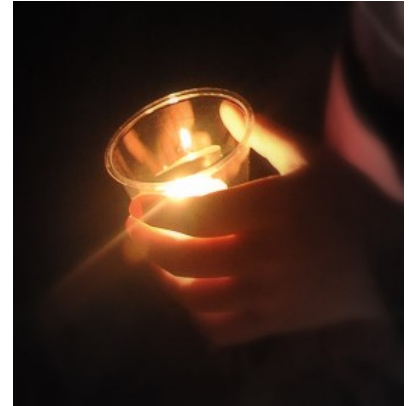
Worship Services

Wednesday, 2/26

Noon at St. Peter's Lutheran

7:30 pm at St. Peter's UCC

As we enter February, the stores and businesses have already been decorated for Valentine's Day. While not a church holiday, we can't help but to want **love** to flourish all around us. As a part of the Lutheran church, we are currently in the season of the Epiphany, a season that reminds us that Jesus is the light that came into the world. By his preaching and teaching and by his healing of the sick and feeding of the hungry, Jesus shined a great light onto the love of God. We today continue to celebrate that light and offer the word and love of Jesus to those we meet. As we begin to have a little more sunlight each day, Epiphany season tries to bring to us the light of Jesus Christ.



The Epiphany season ends as Lent begins on February 26, Ash Wednesday. St. Peter's Lutheran and St. Peter's UCC will offer worship opportunities at noon (here at St. Peter's Lutheran) and 7:30 pm (at St. Peter's UCC) on Ash Wednesday. I want to thank Rev. Doug Hanson for preaching at both services. Lent takes on a very different feeling than Epiphany, as contrasted by light (Epiphany) and ashes to start off the Lenten season. Repentance is the theme of Lent and so our midweek Lenten Services and Soup Suppers will make use of the Corporate Confession and Forgiveness Service. These services will begin in March on Thursday evenings at 6 pm. Lent, as the cold and bleakness of winter wears on, calls us to confess our sins and open ourselves to Jesus' love and forgiveness.

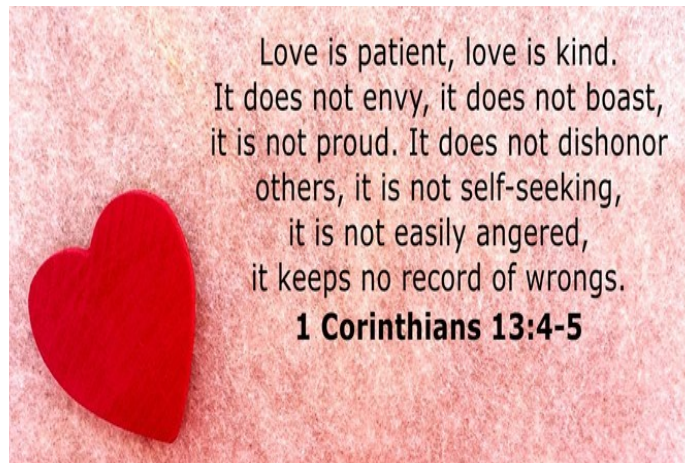
As we enter February, please watch your newsletter calendars and bulletin schedules as we attempt to share Jesus' love through outreach projects like providing meals for those in need at St. Mary's Shelter (February 17-21), Christian Education opportunities, a fundraiser (soup supper and Bingo) for the youth to go to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2021 and other fellowship and worship opportunities. As our church serves us, we serve the church and go out into our communities with the love of Jesus.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings Scheduled:

Alicia McGowan & Paul Wesemann	2-29-20
Alexandra Kathleen Opsal & Luke Magolda	3-29-20

Funerals:

Charlotte Twaddell	1-23-20
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Please pray not only for your loved ones but also for the entire congregation, its leaders and those listed below as they cope with life's challenges.

Loving and caring God,

We know that you are with us in the times when we are struggling, sick on either an emotional or physical level and in our hour of need when we no longer believe in ourselves. Help us to recognize the depth of your love during those times so we do not feel alone. Open our hearts to feel the enormity of your presence, to feel your deep and unconditional love and to recognize your guidance. We ask that you might ease our burdens as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Dorothy Abrahamsen
 Glenn Allen
 Esther Altmann
 Midge Bates
 Stephanie Bilash
 Al & Marilyn Burk
 Peggy Burnley
 Lori Burnley
 Anthony Casperite
 Elizabeth Casperite
 Michael Cesario
 Jill Clark
 Calvin Clifford
 Harry Cornog
 Terri Crimi, Lewis Branin
 and Nicholas & Christopher
 Gary Derr
 Kenneth Dobson
 Sigi Eichinger
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 Wade Frey
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 Marjorie Kropp
 Peter & Jean Marchianco
 Atea McArel

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 Neiman Family
 Debbie O'Hara
 Linda Patton
 Sally Peirson
 Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager
 Dennis Reed
 Schwartz family
 (Ethan, Martrese, Eric &
 Julianna)
 Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers
 Floyd Segner
 Gary Segner
 Dorothy Schmidt
 Amanda Smith
 Sterner Family
 Mary Lou Tate
 Family of Charlotte Twaddell
 Bernd Warner
 Fred Wesemann
 Rita Wesler
 Jo Ann Willenbrock
 Irene Williams

Please keep the church informed about the continued need for prayer of those listed on the prayer list. You can submit names for the prayer list to the office. To initiate the prayer chain for immediate prayer needs, contact:

Pastor Wesemann
 (610) 933-9611

Marilyn Burk
 (610) 517-1147

WE COULD USE SOME HELP

Property Committee Chairperson:

We usually have an heir apparent waiting in the wings when we lose a church leader. Not this time. We are looking for someone to take the leadership position of our Property Committee. Maintaining the property of the church is handled by a number of men and women, but having someone to organize the care of the church and property is very important. Please talk to Chris Reidy or Pastor if this appeals to you.

Proofreader:

Also needed is someone with the skill and interest to proofread our church bulletins and newsletters. Debbie Francis did this for several years and we very much miss her expertise. Denise and I would appreciate help in finding our mistakes before they are put in print. This can be done by email or by coming to the church, but needs to be done Tuesday evening (email) or Wednesday morning (in person). If you are interested in proofreading, please contact Denise Rich.

Audit Committee:

Each year we enlist members with some financial experience to help with the audit of the church finances. If you are at all interested in helping out this year, please talk with Pastor or Al Burk.

MOVIES & FAITH GROUP



MOVIES & FAITH GROUP

invites you to view a movie in Fellowship Hall

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS

Saturday, February 15, 2020, at 5:30 pm

Discussion follows at 7:30 pm

PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE OR YOUR DINNER

YOUTH GROUP SPONSORED SOUP SUPPER & BINGO!

When: February 22, 5:30–8:00 pm
Where: Fellowship Hall
What: Supper (soup, bread, salad, drinks & dessert) followed by Bingo starting at approximately 6:30 pm.
Cost: \$5.00 per person includes dinner and one Bingo card. Each additional Bingo card costs \$1. Prizes will be given to Bingo winners.



All proceeds will go to the Youth Group Minneapolis National Youth Convention trip fundraising.

- Jay Eckerdt

IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING...

I would like to thank all of you who attended our Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 19. Meetings which rehash the events, finances and statistics related to the past year are not always real exciting, but such meetings are important and Dave is always able to give us a laugh (thanks). It is essential that all of our members know what is going on in the church, offer their opinions and show their dedication to St. Peter's. The commitment and interest of all of you makes St. Peter's function.



Again, thanks to all of you who attended this year's meeting.

- Pastor Wesemann

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

In Pastor Ron's sermon on January 5, he spoke about the need for us to share our faith in Jesus Christ our savior. To let others know about the good news of God and Jesus, of the love and forgiveness that is for all people and to let people know of what we have found in our community of faith.

Pastor Ron went on to say, "But all this said, it is not enough to share the word of God's forgiveness alone; we need to share Jesus' love by acts of kindness as well, providing to those to whom we do this sharing an understanding that such acts are done because it is the will of God; because it is what Jesus wants us to do; because Jesus loves them and wants to share with them his salvation."

February 17 is random acts of kindness day. For us as Christians, we can share Jesus' love by our acts of kindness and let people know why we perform acts of kindness. We do not have to limit our acts to just once this year.

- Doris Sterner

FISHING FOR GOLD

Congratulations to the recent winners in our Fishing for Gold fundraiser:

January Winners:

1. Jim Twaddell
2. Haggis Francis
3. Dave Schreier



The last drawing for 2019 membership year will take place on Sunday, 2/23/20. Please make sure you are paid up a week before the drawing so you will be eligible to win each month. Speak with Joanna Sheffer or Bruce Hartman for more information or to make a payment.

Memberships for 2020 will be sold up to the 5th Sunday in March. Don't miss out on your lucky number.



Food to nourish our bodies and words to feed our souls.

Every Thursday, beginning March 5 and ending April 2, we will meet in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm for soup and a casual worship service.

NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER



Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.

Proverbs 4:23


February is American Heart Month. The following is from the American Heart Association:

How can you live a longer, healthier life? These eight key factors can help you lower your risk of heart attack and stroke if you've never had one. They're part of an overall healthy lifestyle for adults. And they can help you build a powerful prevention plan with your health care team (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, registered dietitians and other professionals).

- 1. Know your risk.** If you're between 40 and 75 years old and have never had a heart attack or stroke, use our Check. Change. Control. Calculator™ to estimate your risk of having a cardiovascular event in the next 10 years. Certain factors can increase your risk, such as smoking, kidney disease or a family history of early heart disease. Knowing your risk factors can help you and your health care team decide on the best treatment plan for you. Many risk factors can be improved with lifestyle changes.
- 2. Eat a healthy diet.** Center your eating plan around vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, nuts, plant-based proteins, lean animal proteins and fish. Make smart choices like limiting refined carbohydrates, processed meats and sweetened drinks. Use the nutrition facts label on packaged foods to cut back on sodium, added sugars and saturated fats, and avoid trans fat.
- 3. Be physically active.** Move more—it's one of the best ways to stay healthy, prevent disease and age well. Adults should get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous activity each week. If you're already active, you can increase your intensity for even more benefits. If you're not active now, get started by simply sitting less and moving more.
- 4. Watch your weight.** Stay at a healthy weight for you. Lose weight if you're overweight or obese. Start by eating fewer calories and moving more. You can check your body mass index (BMI). If you need help, talk to your health care team about a weight loss plan.
- 5. Live tobacco-free.** If you don't smoke, vape or use tobacco products, don't ever start. There's no such thing as a safe tobacco product. If quitting smoking or tobacco is a challenge for you, ask your team for help to kick the habit using proven methods. Don't just swap one tobacco source for another. And try to avoid secondhand smoke, too!
- 6. Manage conditions.** If you have high blood pressure (hypertension), high cholesterol, high blood sugar, diabetes or other conditions that put you at greater risk, it's very important to work with your health care team and make lifestyle changes. Many conditions can be prevented or managed by eating better, getting active, losing weight and quitting tobacco.
- 7. Take your medicine.** If you have a health condition, your doctor may prescribe statins or other medications to help control cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure. Take all medications as directed. But don't take aspirin as a preventive measure unless your doctor tells you to. If you've never had a heart attack or stroke, a daily aspirin may not help you at all and could cause problems including risk of bleeding. If you've had a heart attack or stroke, your doctor may want you to take a low dose of aspirin to reduce your risk of having another.
- 8. Be a team player.** Your health care team can help you reduce your risk of heart disease or stroke to live a longer, healthier life. Work together on your prevention plan. Ask questions and be open about challenges you may face in trying to make healthy changes. Stress, sleep, mental health, family situations, tobacco use, food access, social support and other issues all can affect your health and well-being.

Live well today for a healthier tomorrow. The bottom line? Healthy living is the best way to delay or avoid many heart and brain diseases.

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 4th Sunday after Epiphany Presentation of Our Lord 8:45 am Music & Worship 10:00 am Worship – Communion 11:30 am Outreach Committee Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 5th Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship – Sunday School 11:30 am Chris. Ed. Committee Evangelism Committee	10	11 6:00 pm Executive Committee	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14  Valentine's Day	15 5:30 pm Movies & Faith "The Pursuit of Happiness"
16 6th Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship – Communion Sunday School 11:30 am Property Committee	17 Office closed Presidents' Day	18 6:30 pm Council	19	20	21	22 5:30 pm Youth Group Soup Supper/ Bingo Washington's Birthday
Meals for St. Mary's Shelter						
23 Transfiguration of our Lord 10:00 am Worship – Sunday School 11:30 am Fellowship Committee	24	25	26 12 noon 7:30 pm Ash Weds. Services	27	28	29 Leap Year

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Hunter Beidler	Christine Linderman
Sara Beidler	Carol Maholland
Hannah Buckwalter	Carrie Sposetti
Rebecca Cannizzaro	Julia Tu
Jay Eckerdt	James Twaddell
Andrew Frey	Kensey Wise
Sarah Groff	Jill Witt
Kathy Hartman	Steven Wright
Debbie Jones	

Anniversaries

Robert & Lynn Hartman 30



COMING UP IN MARCH

01	8:45 am	Music & Worship Committee
	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
05	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper/Devotions
08	11:30 am	Chris. Ed./Youth Committee
		Evangelism Committee
		Daylight Saving Time Begins
10	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
12	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper/Devotions
15	11:30 am	Property Committee
17	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
		St. Patrick's Day
		Spring Begins
19	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper/Devotions
21	5:30 pm	Movies & Faith Group
22	11:30 am	Fellowship Committee
26	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper/Devotions

Adult Choir: 7:15 pm Thursdays & 9:15 am Sundays
 Youth Choir: 11:30 am Sundays
 Bell Choir: 12:00 pm Sundays

Feb. 2020	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>				
	2	9	16	23	26 <i>Ash Weds.</i>
Greeters	Larry Smola	Kristen Wright	John Young	Marilyn Burk	Carm Venezia
Ushers	Karen & Rebecca Cannizzaro	John Young Cole Young	Cam Cloeter Steven Hartman	Anna Eckerdt Kira Young	Karen Cannizzaro
Lector	Bruce Hartman	Kathy Hartman	Erin Johnson	Carol Maholland	Bob Patton
Cantor	Hannah Weicheld	Sue & Ted Weicheld	Kristy Young	Al Burk	Erin Johnson
Communion Assistants	Dave Sterner John Young	--	Karen & Rebecca Cannizzaro	--	
Acolytes	Bruce Hartman	Doug Beck	Bob Patton	Rodger Grant	Bob Patton
Altar Flowers	Chris Reidy	Wesemann	Tom & Ginny Grant	Cannizzaro	--
Bulletins	Cloeter	Un-sponsored	Walter Supplee	Hartman	Un-sponsored
Fellowship	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
Altar Team	Dave Sterner		Carm Venezia		
Counters	Chris Reidy & Jay Eckerdt				
Bread/Wine	Bread: Luanne Skurka & Mike Derr			Wine: Un-sponsored	
Paper Goods	Dave & Sarah Schreier				

FINANCIAL UPDATE:
 THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF FINANCES
 JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2019:

Total Income: \$142,305
 Total Expenses: \$164,876
 Total Surplus (Deficit): **(\$22,571)**

“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.”

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

ST. PETER'S MISSION is to fulfill our calling as the Body of Christ. We will be a worship center in the community. We will learn and teach the meaning of God's Word. We will share our Christian Faith with others. And we will support individuals in their time of personal need. As we accomplish these things, we will be faithful Stewards of God's Gifts.

OUR VISION is to be a center of activity and a welcoming congregation of worshipers growing in faith, while encouraging community outreach through various ministries.

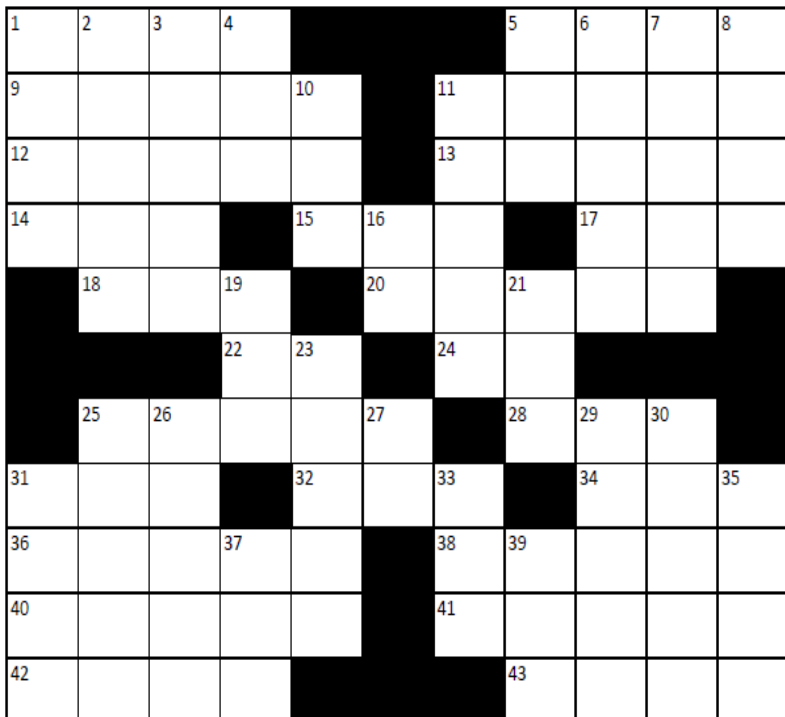
CROSSWORD PUZZLE - BY BOB PATTON

Across

1. First man
5. Graf ____
9. Formidable animal
11. Lawyers handle these
12. Our planet
13. Receives sounds
14. NASA's moon orbiting satellite
15. ____ or me?
17. Untruth
18. ____-Cone
20. It surrounds a picture
22. You and I
24. Yes or ____
25. Coin with smallest value
28. Nephew of Abraham
31. Pie ____-Mode
32. Number of commandments
34. Author who wrote *The Raven*
36. A type of beer
38. Engine
40. Adversary in battle
41. Scotch-____ Pads
42. Written approval
43. Reverberation

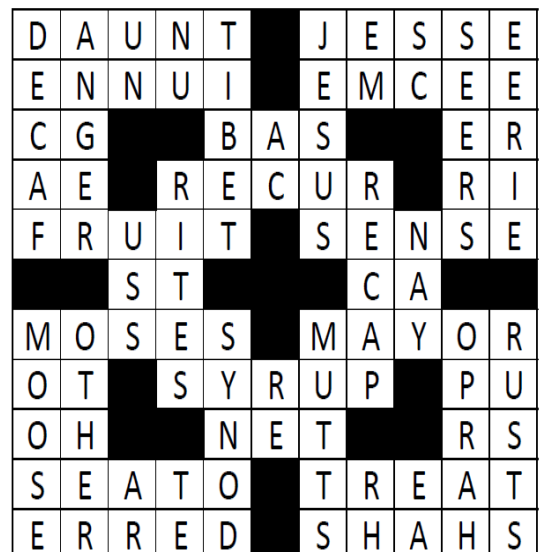
Down

1. Son of 1-Across
2. Loved ones
3. Moses' brother
4. Winter setting in Denver
5. Letters on an oil can
6. One of 150 in the Bible
7. Freaky
8. "Is" in Latin
10. Your, in the Bible
11. Make butter
16. A preposition
19. Possess
21. An early ISP
23. Way in
25. Cessna or 747
26. Enthusiastic
27. "O ____ of little faith"
29. Relating to sight
30. Incisor or canine
31. Smart ____
33. Portable gaming device (abbr.)
35. Organic Fruit and Birch Water brand
37. Person in an ambulance
39. "We ____ Penn State"



Solution to this puzzle can be found in the next issue of The Herald.

Solution to the January puzzle below.





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Flowers are \$9.00 each

(Choices are Florist Mums, Hyacinths, Lilies or Tulips)

Please use the order form on the reverse side and denote your tribute or memorial.

Orders (including mailed orders) must be received no later than **March 22, 2020**.

Payment must accompany order

(Please make checks payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church)

For questions, please contact Carmella Venezia at 610-323-0897.

Please note: All plants must remain in the Sanctuary until the last service ends. Plants may be picked up at this time.

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