

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!** Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of host families for international students who want to attend our school. Host parents are compensated monthly for taking in and supporting these young people. For further information contact MVL at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or [sgrams@mvlhs.org](mailto:sgrams@mvlhs.org).

**NORSELAND LADIES GUEST NIGHT** will be held on Thursday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. Our ladies are invited for a dinner and program. The program will be a style show "Stepping Out in Style" featuring women's clothing stores in St. Peter. Watch for a signup sheet in a couple of weeks.

**KWIK TRIP** has deposited \$42.18 into the school account from last months sales. This is the extra 5% from using our Kwik Trip cards.

**AS IN THE PAST**, a choir made up of area singers has been asked to sing in the opening service of the district convention at MLC. The service is Tuesday, June 12 at 9:00 AM in Chapel of the Christ. There will be just two rehearsals: Sunday, June 10 at 7 PM and Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30 AM. Music will be distributed at the rehearsals which will be held in Chapel of the Christ. Would you also contact and encourage your choir directors to invite choir members to participate? Please give my contact information if people have questions: Bethel Boeder, [boederbj@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:boederbj@mlc-wels.edu), 507-217-0182.



## The EVANGEL

**May 17 & 20, 2018**

**GREETERS:** 8:00 a.m. is Anna Sumption and 10:30 a.m. is Jean Haas.

**ALTAR GUILD CONTACTS** for May are as follows: Peggy Stenzel (934-8923); Dee Dee Michels (934-4287); & Wanda Jaster (931-5723). If you are placing flowers on the altar for a special May date, please call one of these members.

**AFTER 39 YEARS** in the ministry, Pastor Degner is retiring from St. Peter Lutheran Church. He will preach his last sermon as our Pastor on July 1, 2018. We will have a Retirement Celebration with a meal after the 10:30 service that Sunday and give thanks to God for Pastor Degner's service among us. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special event.

**HOUSING FOR SUMMER WORKERS FROM MLC:** Just like in past summers, we will be having two students from Martin Luther College (MLC) come to Saint Peter to help with our soccer camp and Vacation Bible School. Our summer students this year are Emmalie Olsen and Jacob Bitter. They will be with us in Saint Peter from July 22 - August 5. We are looking for a host family for each student during their time in Saint Peter. We will keep them busy each day, but the host family would be asked to provide their student with a place to sleep and some meals during the week. If you would be able and interested in hosting them, please contact Pastor Nass ([nass.nathan@gmail.com](mailto:nass.nathan@gmail.com)).

### DATES TO REMEMBER

June 1 ..... 11:00 a.m. SPLS Closing Service & Graduation Day  
June 3 ..... 9:15 a.m. Congregation Forum  
July 1..... Pastor Degner Retirement Celebration

**EMAIL NEWSLETTER—DO YOU GET IT?** Each week, Pastor Nass sends out an email newsletter and devotion to hundreds of our members. If you don't receive that email newsletter and devotion, he must not have your email! If you or someone you know would like to be included in the weekly email newsletter, please give your email to the office or send an email to Pastor Nass at [nass.nathan@gmail.com](mailto:nass.nathan@gmail.com).

**WORSHIP SURVEY SUMMARY AND IDEAS:** A group of our church councilmen, along with members of our staff, have studied all 169 responses to our church worship survey. We appreciate all the feedback you gave! We've prepared a report that summarizes the survey responses. Copies of that report are available in the church narthex. We have tried to faithfully share the information from the many survey responses into this one report.

As we studied the survey responses, some themes surfaced again and again. We as a congregation want to be focused on Jesus and constantly growing in our faith through God's Word. We want to be welcoming and connect with our community and guests who visit our services. We are a large congregation with lots of different individual preferences about worship style and music. We want to reach as many people as possible with the message of Jesus. Reflecting on those key themes, we've put together a list of ideas for possible changes as a result of our survey. That list of ideas is also available in the narthex.

These ideas are exactly that - ideas. We would love to hear what you think of them. We would also love to hear your ideas that aren't on this list! We've decided to plan a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, June 3rd at 9:15 a.m.** to talk about our survey, listen to your questions and comments, and discuss how best to move forward. We hope many of you will plan on attending on June 3rd.

**GREETERS WANTED:** Stewardship Team is excited to announce the implementation of a new greeter program! Amber Yushta is the coordinator and she can be contacted in person or email: [amberyushta@gmail.com](mailto:amberyushta@gmail.com). For a full position description, please see the Stewardship bulletin board in the hallway!

**HOME VISITS WITH PASTOR HEISE:** Pastor Heise would love to come and visit you at your home. Please contact him and suggest a time that works for you. His number is (920) 264-7665 or you can email him at [heise.justin@gmail.com](mailto:heise.justin@gmail.com).

**JESUS SAVES! SOCCER CAMP IS FULL—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** There's been so much interest in our camp, that our camp is now FULL. We have now closed registration, with 168 kids registered. We need lots and lots of volunteers to make our soccer camp possible. Anyone from teenagers to senior citizens is able to help. Our camp runs from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day from Monday - Thursday, July 23-26. If you or someone in your family is interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Nass ([nass.nathan@gmail.com](mailto:nass.nathan@gmail.com)). Thanks!

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE—COME AND WALK WITH US!** Our church will once again be walking in Saint Peter's 4th of July Parade on Wednesday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m. The best part of our float are all the members who walk with our float, passing out candy, freezies, and flyers about our church. We would love to have you walk with us in this year's parade. People of all ages are invited to join us. If you're willing to walk with our float, please sign up on the outreach bulletin board in the hallway at church.

**WE NEED CANDY!** We need lots and lots and lots of candy to pass out during the 4th of July parade. Last year we handed out hundreds of pounds of candy and over 1000 freezies. So, we need candy! Candy and freezie donations can be brought to the church office. Please get candy without chocolate (which melts!) or nuts. Thank you!

**BOOK CLUB!** Hello book club friends. The next book we are going to read is called *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London. We will meet to discuss it on May 19 at 8:30 a.m. (This is a different day than originally, because of MLC graduation.) Talk to Pastor Heise for more details.

**MISSIONARY COMMISSIONING SERVICE:** Professor Michael Smith, currently a professor at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, has recently accepted a call to serve in WELS World Missions in East Asia as a professor of New Testament at Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong. This is a world mission field that is growing exponentially as more and more leaders courageously step forward for training so that they in turn are equipped to share Jesus' saving love with others. The commissioning service to send off Mike & Anita Smith with God's blessing is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, at 3:30pm at Trinity Chapel of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN.

**HOT LUNCH COORDINATOR:** Mt. Olive in Mankato is looking for a Hot lunch coordinator. Call 507-345-4966 for more details.