

NEW SAINT PETER LUTHERAN PRAYER CHAIN: Do you have a life concern, an injury, or something life-threatening happening to a relative? Saint Peter Lutheran has a group of caring Christians ready to take it to the Lord in prayer. If you would like other people to pray for you, contact our prayer chain organizer, Kay Brandt, at 507.382.2320 or email at brandt.kay@gmail.com. You can also contact either of the pastors with your request.

MVL ASSOCIATION MEETING REMINDER: All delegates are encouraged to attend the next Association meeting, being held on Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 P.M. at MVL. Any delegate changes or updated information should be sent to Kristin Matzke, kmatzke@mvlhs.org.

POSITION AVAILABLE Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for **one regular part-time Accounting Clerk - Accounts Payable**. A comprehensive description of this position can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 pm (noon) on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RETURNS IN MARCH! *Time: It's a Gift* is a four-week women's Bible study providing a rich foundation of Scripture, both law and gospel, to guide us as we look into using God's gift of time. The goal is to equip us in the midst of a "no limits" society to make wise decisions in scheduling each day, and to live biblically in all the seasons of our lives. To accommodate our busy schedules, we'll be offering two opportunities to gather together: Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:30, or Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30. We will begin the weekend of March 7-8. For more info call or text Cari Kelly (224-430-3926) or Lori Gieschen (715-891-0030).



The EVANGEL

February 16, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Feb. 16..... | 11:45 a.m. Voters' Meeting |
| Feb. 17..... | NO SCHOOL for SPLS and Little Lambs |
| Feb. 18..... | 6:30 p.m. Pioneers Chili Cook off and Derby Car Race |
| Feb. 20..... | 6:30 p.m. Bible Information Class |
| Feb. 21..... | 6:30 p.m. Cornerstone |
| Feb. 28-29..... | S'crafters Retreat Fundraiser |

ALTAR GUILD CONTACTS for February are as follows: Cathy Zahn (931-9151) and Phyllis Kuhlman (934-3518). If you are placing flowers on the altar for a special date, please call one of these members.

VOTERS' MEETING: The Voters' Meeting from Sunday January 26th was recessed. It will reconvene on **Sunday, February 16, at 11:45 am**.

CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION: The new Church Council installation has been moved to **Sunday, February 23**, in the late service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR were generously donated by Melanie Covell, in memory of her mother, Bonnie Covell.

YOU ARE INVITED! Come travel the world at St Peter Lutheran School's geography fair. Visit displays from Ireland, Brazil, Iraq, Philippines, Seychelle Islands and many other countries. Children will share interesting information they have discovered about their chosen countries. Small samples of foods from their country will be served as well. This one time world tour will be from **9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. on March 8th** in the fellowship hall. The children and families of our school look forward to seeing you there!

WE HAVE MANY RESOURCES AVAILABLE to our members and guests with children- all are welcome to use them! There are bags with crayons and books in the narthex to use during the service. There is a commons area with chairs and tables, should your child need to walk around during the service. There is also a mother's room with a changing table and chairs for nursing, through the women's restroom. Our

greeters and ushers are happy to show you where these resources are located. We welcome you and your children to our services and hope you are comfortable during your time here!

NEW BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS BEGAN! Are you curious about what the Bible teaches? Are you interested in church membership? Or would you just like a review of the basic teachings the Bible? Our Bible Information Class meets on **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., continuing through April 9**. This semester Pastor Heise is leading the course. Please talk to him today (920.264.7665) to inquire or sign up for the BIC class.

BOOK FAIR: February is I LOVE TO READ MONTH. The Bakkens are cleaning out their library. See hundreds of books in the fellowship hall. There are children's books, classics, fiction and non-fiction, professional texts, art and music books, even cookbooks! Take as many as you like. Everything is free, but there will be a donation can. Proceeds will go to the church and school libraries.

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS: Throughout February, Little Lambs and SPLS have teamed up to collect money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) Pennies for Patients. Their goal is to raise \$1,200! Coffee hours on Feb. 23 will be designated for this cause. Wall of Hope blood drop paper pennants will also be sold for \$1 at the coffee hours. Thank you for your support and donations!

THE 2020 PIONEER DERBY CAR RACE AND CHILI COOK OFF is scheduled for **Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 6-8 p.m.** Sign up on the activities board if you plan on entering your chili into the contest. Chili tasting will start at 6:00 p.m. with the race starting at 6:30 p.m. Derby cars can be purchased in the church office. We need lots of tasters and audience members. All are welcome to join us for food and fun!

LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 26 Before we know it the season of Lent will be here and with it a rich opportunity for spiritual focus on returning to the Lord in repentance and renewal. All our members will benefit from joining us in midweek worship on Wednesdays at 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. We will also have supper in between those services to encourage fellowship. Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on February 26**. This service features a moving confession of sins and a custom known as the *Imposition of Ashes*. As we did last year, worshippers will have an opportunity to place an ash marking on a banner which will hang in the chancel throughout Lent. It is a symbolic way to confess that our sinful guilt is placed on our Savior Jesus Christ. Please join us for these important midweek services.

SUPPLIES NEEDED! The church and school is in need of napkins and paper towels. Please consider donating if you are willing and able. Thank you!

CHURCH AND SCHOOL SECURITY SYSTEM: Back on October 13, 2019, the voters of the congregation approved the bid and installation of a camera security system. The system has since been installed and up and running since the middle of December.

PUSHPAY: As our congregation continues with a sermon and Bible study series on Stewardship, we want to encourage our members to give their offerings through PushPay. Consider some of the benefits of PushPay: *Consistency*—bad weather, weekend trips and other reasons keep us from giving consistently. *Commitment*—with PushPay, believers can really look at their finances and commit to giving on a regular basis, whether you make it to church or not. We currently have 20 consistent givers using PushPay. Imagine what would happen to the budget deficit if we increased PushPay users to our average weekly attendance! Take some time and seriously consider using this great giving tool! You can find PushPay on our Church Website or visit <https://pushpay.com/g/saintpeterlutheran>. Click on the "Give" tab to get signed up!

THE 5TH ANNUAL MEN OF TRUTH CONFERENCE, *Band of Brothers*, will be held March 28 at the Martin Luther College Auditorium, 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Five featured speakers lead by Keynote Speaker Mark Jeske will explore topics of 1) *Get a Brother. You're Not alone.*, 2) *Be a Brother. Don't Go Alone.* And 3) *Know Your Sisters. Listen. Treat Women Well.* Register for the event at menoftruth.org Take advantage of an early registration discount!

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS SICK, please contact Pastor Heise (920-264-7665), Pastor Kelly (224-430-3925), or the church office (931-1866) to let us know so we can schedule a visit.

JUST A REMINDER Our church services are broadcast on TV (channel 7) each week, on Mondays at 8 p.m. and Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

S'RAFTERS RETREAT FUNDRAISER: Registration is open! On **February 28-29**, St. Peter Lutheran School will be hosting the annual S'crafters retreat in our fellowship hall. All proceeds from this event will be directed toward St. Peter Lutheran School for updating school technology and providing financial aid for families. **Registration forms can be found on the church bulletin board outside the main office.**