

Announcements at SPLCS

Baptism Today

Today we join in celebrating the holy baptism of Matthias Rodney Gurgel, born Jan. 14, 2021, to Brad and Bethany Gurgel. Rev. Richard Gurgel, MLC president and Matthias' grandfather, will conduct his baptism. Sponsors are Pastor Nathan and Emily Nass and Dan and Alysha Coffman. Please bless Matthias on his baptism today and welcome him into the St. Peter Lutheran family!

Annual Voter's Meeting

The Church Council has scheduled the Annual Voter's Meeting for Sunday January 31st @ 12 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Church and school staff and leadership look forward to, and appreciate, a high turnout and participation in such meetings. *"The meetings shall give the voter's of this congregation the opportunity to hear, discuss, and take necessary action in matters pertaining to the welfare of this congregation and of the church at large. All voting members shall earnestly consider it their Christian duty to attend these meetings."* (Article X, Church Constitution). Two major agenda items will be the current financial update from our Treasurer and a few council positions are up for election.

Mailboxes are open

Feel free to begin using your member mailboxes!

Applications for Little Lambs Preschool

Little Lambs Preschool is now accepting applications! Please contact Melissa Voigt for more information or to apply: mvoigt@saintpeterlutheran.org or 507-931-1866.

Other News

WELS & ELS Singles Facebook Group

If you're single (unmarried, divorced, widowed) and looking to socialize, make friends, or enjoy fellowship with other singles who share your faith, we encourage you to join our Facebook group! Our group consists of over 290 members with ages ranging from 18-65+. We're an active group who loves sharing Biblical encouragement, prayers, Lutheran memes, personal victories, and food. Our page is full of discussion posts and we typically have a weekly video hangout on Sunday evenings. We'd love to have you join us. Visit the Facebook Group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wels.els.singles>

Minnesota Valley Lutheran

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School seeks a WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

Martin Luther College Announcements

Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for one part-time Administrative Receptionist. A comprehensive description for 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, January 26, 2021. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

JLMLC Job Posting

Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato is looking for classroom assistant teachers and aides who have enthusiasm and passion for children, patience and a sense of humor, good communication skills, and are flexible. Please pick up an application from the church office or the Jesus Loves Me office. You may also email me for an application at directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or call me at 507-345-7707 or 507-508-2041.

Sunday School back in session!

Sunday school resumed at St. Peter Lutheran on Sunday, January 17th, at 9:10 a.m. We will again be meeting in the church sanctuary. Please wear a mask! We will be continuing our look at Old Testament Bible stories. For this week: "Faith in the Face of Fear." What do I do when I'm afraid? Panic? Or trust in God? Hope to see you Sunday!

Spring 2021 S'crafting "to-go"

All crafters welcome: quilting, cards, scrapbooking, knitting, sewing, painting, weaving, etc. We will once again meet virtually. Set aside time for yourself or make plans to gather with a group of friends. In addition to a crafting kit, there will be a meal option with pickup, games, challenges, vendors, auction items, and prizes. New to the Spring 2021 S'crafting "to go," two Zoom sessions for socializing and sharing. Registration is now open for the April 10, 2021 S'crafters event. Mail in your registration by March 16 for a goodie bag. See the school bulletin board for a registration form.

S'crafter Volunteers Needed!

The S'crafters events are a successful fundraiser biannually for St Peter Lutheran School. We are looking for 2 volunteers to transition into the organizational roles of this event. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Jacki Madden, jackimadden07@gmail.com or Heidi Winkelmann, khwinks@hotmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Minor Prophets – Major Messages

An Introduction to and Application of the Old Testament Minor Prophets

They are simply referred to as “the Twelve” by Hebrew scholars. The twelve small books that sit at the end of our Old Testament are largely unfamiliar to most Christians. So why study them? Not only are they as divinely-inspired as major books like Genesis and Isaiah, they have bold law and gospel content in condensed form. They also answer fundamental questions like: “What is God’s love really like?” “When is God satisfied with an offering?” and “Is there any earthly benefit to faith?”

On Sunday mornings through January and February we will introduce and apply the minor prophets. We hope to enjoy some rich background and thought-provoking discussions as part of our work at Sunday morning Bible studies 9:15-10:10 a.m. Our first study is scheduled for January 10.

January 10 – Introduction and background

January 17 – Hosea & Joel

January 24 – Amos & Obadiah

February 7 – Jonah & Micah

February 14 – Nahum & Habakkuk

February 21 – Zephaniah & Haggai

February 28 – Zechariah & Malachi

Wednesday Bible Studies Resume January 13

Christianity & the Competition

Wednesday Bible studies resume on January 13 with a continuation of our video series by Dr. Paul Maier. Christianity and the Competition is a series that looks at the historic credibility of world religions in comparison to Christianity. Starting on January 13 we will begin to examine world religions that have sprung up in Europe and America over the past number of centuries. We will give special attention to Jehovah’s Witness and Church of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormonism).

Wednesday Bible studies start at 10:00 a.m.

New Women's Bible Studies Begin on Sunday

This week we will begin two new opportunities to dig deeper into God's Word with our sisters in Christ. At 6:00 p.m. we will be examining the book of Daniel. This study will take place in our fellowship hall. Materials will be provided; please bring your Bible and a mask! At 8:00 p.m. we'll gather using Zoom to study the book of Ephesians. If you would like to join us in this online study, please email Cari at we5kellys@gmail.com for links to download materials and to join us on Zoom.

We hope you can join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, Jan. 24

8 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship

9:15 a.m. | Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. | Livestream Worship on Facebook

6 & 8 p.m. | Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27

6:30 p.m. | Confirmation Class

THURSDAY, Jan. 28

6:30 p.m. | Education Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, Jan. 29

6 a.m. | Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, Jan. 31

8 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship

9:15 a.m. | Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. | Livestream Worship on Facebook

12 p.m. | Annual Voter's Meeting

6 & 8 p.m. | Women's Bible Study

STEWARDSHIP

GENERAL FUND

Needed \$11,981.42

Received 1/10*. 1/17 \$11,338.25

Total (\$643.17)

Needed YTD \$306,730.77

Received YTD \$273,784.07

Total (\$32,946.70)

BUILDING FUND

Received 1/10*, 1/17 \$570.00

**only weekly church offerings, not PushPay offerings*

ATTENDANCE

January 17

@8 a.m. 59

@10:30 a.m. 70