# THE EVANGEL

### Weekly Newsletter

## Announcements

#### 2021 Offering Envelopes Available

The offering envelopes for 2021 are now available. Be sure to pick them up today! Please contact the office if you do not see envelopes with your name on the box.

#### Call Accepted!

On Sunday, December 20th, we were notified that Nicole Tranberg accepted our call to come and teach Kindergarten at Saint Peter Lutheran School beginning in the 2021-2022 school year! We are thrilled that she will be coming our way! This means that we will be able to continue on with our plans to separate our Kindergarten class out into its own level for next year. The current plan calls for our Kindergarten to become a separate class all by itself for next school year. This will then allow us to have only two grades per classroom for all the remaining grades from first to eighth. This summer we will be working to renovate our facility to add an additional classroom space. Our classrooms for next school year will be set up as follows: Preschool, K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.

#### Office Closed During the Holidays

Saint Peter Lutheran's office will not have regular hours during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. If you need assistance, please call Pastor Kelly (224.430.3925) or Pastor Heise (920.264.7665). They will be happy to assist you. Regular office hours will return on January 6

#### Saint Peter Lutheran Prayer Chain Returns

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.

## Other News

### Virtual Caregiver Support Group

Caregiving can be difficult and isolating, especially during COVID. Gain insights and encouragement from others facing similar challenges by joining a virtual caregiver support group that is facilitated by VINE Faith in Action staff. Please call Joyce at (507) 386-5583 or Mary at (507) 386-5577 for more information.

#### 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.

On Monday night, December 21 the MVL Board of Directors extended a call to Mrs. Andrea Hahm of New Hope, MN, to serve as our Learning Coordinator. Please keep Mrs. Hahm and MVL in your prayers.

#### Treasure Haus

Treasure Haus in New Ulm is looking for volunteers. Please consider helping us out by volunteering your time in order to help support our mission in supporting MVL. Hours are Monday-Saturday from 11-3. If interested please call 507-354-6108 and speak with a manager. Treasure Haus is looking to fill a manager position. This position is for 2-3 days per week with an average of 16-20 hours. If interested please call 507-354-6108 and speak with a manager.

## **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 the 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

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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

SUNDAY, Jan. 3 8 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship 9:15 a.m. | NO Adult Bible Study or Sunday School 10:30 a.m. | Livestream Worship on Facebook

MONDAY, Jan. 4 CLASSES RESUME | SPLS and Little Lambs

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6 10 a.m. | Bible Study

FRIDAY, Jan. 8 6:30 a.m. | Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, Jan. 10 8 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship 9:15 a.m. | NO Adult Bible Study or Sunday 10:30 a.m. | Livestream Worship on Facebook

## **STEWARDSHIP**

GENERAL FUND Needed \$11,752.38 Received 12/27 \$13,916.00 Total \$2162.62 Needed YTD \$275,000.00 Received YTD \$246,572.82 (\$28,425.18)Total

BUILDING FUND Received 12/27 \$120.00

## **ATTENDANCE**

December 24

<u>@</u>3 p.m. 80 @5 p.m. 80 @7 p.m. 35

December 25 @ 10 a.m. 80 December 17 @ 8 a.m. 28