

# ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 2018



*Together, **BOLDLY** living and sharing God's grace with all.*

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### HOLY COMMUNION

8:15 & 10:45am

Sunday School at 9:30am



## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

If you would like to have a loved one remembered at the altar for All Saints' Sunday, please call the church office by noon Thursday, November 1st.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before bed Saturday night, November 3rd.



### Would you like to be an ADVENT Family?

This Advent season we will have families come forward at both services to light the candles on the Advent wreath and lead the prayer. If you are interested in doing so please contact Pam at [pwalton@splcmf.org](mailto:pwalton@splcmf.org)

*Spots are still available!*

## Save the Dates

December 9th—Caroling at the Nursing Home & Assisted Living at 9:30am

December 16th—Family Hayride & Caroling at 6:00pm



**AmazonSmile\*\* Special Promotion\*\* October 29th to November 2nd**  
**(See page 9 for more information)**

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# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

## GRATITUDE IS WORK!

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations (Psalm 100:4-5).*

When I was growing up, Thanksgiving at the Vanicek house was never a leisure activity. My mom was already cooking the day before, and would get up early on Thanksgiving to get other things in the oven to be ready for when extended family arrived. There were last minute cleaning duties for my brother and me. My dad would be cleaning out the garage to make space for extra tables and chairs. Family would come and bring their side dishes. We would pray together and then feast. And later, after everyone had gone home...there was still clean-up.

### **Giving thanks...gratitude...is work!**

The Psalmist acknowledges all the WORK that God has done...loving us in a way that is steadfast and endures forever...remaining faithful to all generations. The psalm is written in such a way that the reader can't help but run into the present reality of what God is up to in our world and life. And, like Newton's Third Law, where for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction, the psalmist's response to the love and faithfulness of God is to "enter his gates with thanksgiving." **The work of God's love invokes the work of gratitude in the psalmist.**

Attending worship sometimes feels like one more thing in our week. It's easy to see our offering and giving like paying a light bill. Who hasn't sighed when asked to be part of a committee, bible study, help one more person muck out their house, or to bring a dish for a pot-luck? **Walking together in gratitude is work.**

Gratitude is work because giving thanks is always about the other. **Giving thanks is always that kinetic response to work of love colliding with our life.** So yes...gathering for worship...giving generously...baking your favorite dish for a potluck or a Thanksgiving meal...is work...it is a commitment...but it is also a way of giving thanks. Someone once told me that gratitude isn't about how I feel on a given morning...it's about responding to Christ, who always feels steadfast love for me...for us all.

So, good folks of St. Peter's, **as you gather with others around your dining table or the table of our Lord in this season of giving thanks...know that you are indeed colliding with the work of God's love for you.**

-Peace, Pastor Vanicek

## STEWARDSHIP

One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time. It was wonderful seeing everyone giving their time to help others during our "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday. What a great outpouring of good will. It was also fun! Some of you may have gotten to know fellow St. Peter's members a little better. What better way is there to be a steward than to help people who need our help? Thanks to all who participated!

-Becky Reed, Stewardship Committee Member



## IN AND ROUND ST. PETER'S



### **Haiti Mission Trip Informational Meeting**

November 14th at 6:45 in room 215

Trip Dates: July 20th-27th 2019. Please join us if you want to know more or are interested in being part of the St. Peter's mission team to Haiti!

# PARISH NEWS



## In Our Prayers

Doris Tate	Jerry Braeutigam	Mary Langehennig	Paul Farrell	Lisa Williams
Joan Cox	Diana Collins	Bobby Norred	Dave Bauer	Cliff Jordan
Bob England	Pat Magerkurth	Matthew Holmes	Walter Molder	Judy Hegg
Joe Burling	Carolyn Selman	Janie Fry	Rachel Hall	Ken Litt
Carol Schroer	Marci Wilde	Ray Ramsey	Ann Huebner	Brad Collins
Jenny Braeutigam	Chris Grazier	Charlie Hayes	Ron Burke	Greg Butler
	Linda Williams	Kim Hansard	Megan McLoughlin	
	Mary Posey	Susan Jackson	Mae Watson	
	Harold Brueckner	Jamey Davis	Greg Chapman	
	Elna Wendler	DeLoris Fregien	Gary Smith	



Neil Wilson and family in the loss of his mother, Kathleen Bush.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the birth of  
Isadora Moquist, granddaughter of Dale & Carol Moquist



Thank you to St. Peter's

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and meal after my surgery. You are truly a blessing.

*Jenny Braeutigam*



To Ellen Doffing for helping in the Church office during October.

To Craig "Coach" Orton & Steve Reitz for coordinating the flood clean up work day.

To all who helped with time and donations for flood clean up.

## BUILDING TO BLESS

Thanks for the green in the Thermometer!!

The original goal of Building to Bless was **\$750,000 with a stretch goal of \$900,000**. Thanks to the members of St. Peter's at this printing our total pledges are **\$1,041,323 with \$354,303 in pledges received**. This amounts to **34% of the total pledges**. As the amount increases the green in the thermometer goes up. This shows a fantastic response from St. Peter's.

On October 21, the Building Committee presented an update to St. Peter's. They are seriously exploring tearing down the Choice Medical Building and building a new fellowship hall across Elm Street with seating for 225 with a very up-to-date kitchen. They are finding difficulties with remodeling our present fellowship hall and kitchen. They are working with the architect to see if this is feasible.

This means Building to Bless is more important than ever. For some members of St. Peter's you may want to consider paying your pledge ahead to receive an increased income tax deduction for 2018.

As Building to Bless goes forward please continue to pray for the Building Committee and their difficult decisions.

-Dale Moquist, Chair, Building to Bless



# WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDIES

## Their Story Is Our Story (September 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup>)

During the Fall we will hear stories of our Biblical ancestors: God's promise to Noah, God's blessing of all people through Abraham & Sarah, and God's forgiveness of David & Bathsheba. As we hear their ancient stories perhaps we will recognize ourselves in them because their story is indeed our story and their God is indeed our God.

**The Narrative Lectionary is a 4-year cycle of texts for Sunday morning worship.** It was designed by professors at Luther Seminary so that each school year we will **hear the entire biblical story** from Creation in Genesis to the Coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts. We hope that as our preaching sweeps across the whole of the Bible, **our stories** might be better centered in **God's story**.

### **MID-WEEK/Monthly Bible Studies:**

**PARENTS' MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** We will resume in the Spring.

**MEN'S BYOBIBLE STUDY:** All men are invited. We meet the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm at Double Horn Brewing Company. Come to the next meeting on **November 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Meets one Saturday a month at 9:00am in room 215. The next meeting will be **November 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**WOMEN OF ST. PETER'S BIBLE STUDIES:** Meet monthly during the school year. The Bible study is taken from the *Gather* magazine, which can be found on the current publication table in the narthex. Please consider a donation to cover the cost of the magazine.

**Deborah Bible Study:** Meets at **10:00am** on the third Thursday of the month.

Meets next on **November 15<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Carol Jones.

**Agape Bible Study:** Meets at **1:00pm** on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Meets next on **November 27<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Ruth Kjos.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

### Baking for Thanksgiving?

### Make Some Extra Cookies to Share!

As you're doing your holiday baking, consider making an extra dozen cookies to share with Meals on Wheels! See page 5 for more information.

The due date is November 16th



### Gals' Night In Service Event "Women Lifting Up Women"

**Sunday, December 2nd at Noon**

Benefiting the Highland Lakes Crisis Center & Open Door Recovery

*Please bring a potluck item & join us for fellowship as we sort and assemble gift bags for the women to let them know we are praying for them this Christmas season.*

*Possible items that could be included are: \* toiletry items (10oz or smaller of shampoo, conditioner, lotions, body wash, etc.) \* nail polish \* socks \* hairbrushes or combs \* makeup \* nail files \* scarves \* perfume \* or any pampering or spiritual items you may think of*

**We will be assembling (30) bags.** *If you are not able to attend, but would still like to contribute, please leave your items at the church office workroom by 10:30am on Sunday, December 2nd.*

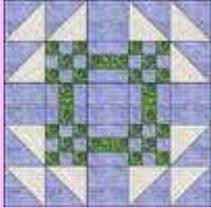
# SERVICE GROUPS

## Snip-its

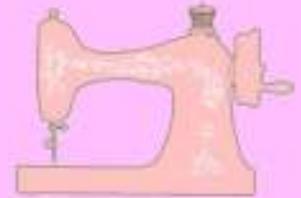
Please join us on **November 20th at 9am**. Do you have a sewing machine at home collecting dust? Or, maybe you just need a change of pace with a quick, easy project. We're in need of "at home sewing." You can choose to sew squares together, bind quilts to produce a finished project, or both. Anything you can do would be a great help.

**Needed ---- Needed ---- Needed!**

"SNIP-ITS" Quilters are in great NEED of construction materials for making LWR Mission Quilts. Please think about donating any of the following: Used Sheets: for making quilt backs, Used Blankets and Mattress Pads: for use as quilt liners (centers), & Cotton, Cotton/Blend Yardage goods: used to cut 11" squares.



Donations can be delivered to the quilting "frame" room off the kitchen. Questions: Call Judy Martin: (830)598-4249



## Can you crochet or knit? Would you like to learn?

If so, then, **we need you** for **St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry**. Come meet with us on **Saturday, November 17th at 9am**, in Room 212. Bring your yarn along with knitting needles, crochet hooks, or loom. For more information call the Church Office. **\*\*Everyone is invited\*\***



## Meals on Wheels Cookie Project

*Each month we will need . . .*

***17 dozen*** cookies by ***Friday before the 3rd Saturday*** of this month (November 16th)  
You can bring the cookies throughout the month, and put them in the kitchen **freezer** marked **"Meals on Wheels."**

## The Helping Center needs your help! Let's fill the basket!!

Please bring non-perishable and canned foods to the church throughout the month and leave in the grocery basket located in the Narthex. The last Sunday of each month (11/25) they will be collected and delivered to the Helping Center for distribution.



**St. Peter's has been asked to provide the following items in November:**  
**Toilet Paper & Hand Soap**

## Arbor House Worship—November 11th

St. Peter's leads the worship at Arbor House Assisted Living on the second Sunday of each month at 11am. All are welcome to join in this special time of sharing our faith in worship.

# FELLOWSHIP



**Book Club** is taking a break for the holiday months. Watch for the announcement of our meeting date and book selection for January 2019.

## Retiree Round Up



**Retiree Roundup** will not meet during the holiday months of November and December.

Be sure to reserve the **last Thursday of each month** (January through October) on your new 2019 calendars!

Contact Betty Matejowsky or Pam Wettstein for more information about Retiree Roundup.

# GREEN TEAM



## Living Green

Take these small steps to make your Thanksgiving celebration more environmentally friendly:

- 1. Use the good dishes and cloth napkins.** Disposable dishes and plastic utensils create a ton of waste. If reusable won't work, choose disposable plates, cups, napkins and utensils made from 100 percent post-consumer waste recycled paper, sugarcane and corn—they are compostable, too.
- 2. Decorate with nature.** Forget the petroleum-based plastic and synthetic decorations and adorn your table with natural and homemade festive decor. Fill clear vases with pinecones, acorns and colorful leaves. Popped open your organic wine bottles already? Carve a small slit in the corks, and slide in a piece of paper with a guest's name to create unique, upcycled place settings.
- 3. Use reusable or borrow rather than buy.** Choose reusable leftover containers and cookware or borrow extra dishes, platters and special bakeware. If you're going to someone else's house, bring your own reusable container for leftovers.
- 4. Take a look at your energy use.** If you have several dishes that need to be in the oven at the same temperature, put them in at the same time to reduce energy use and prep time. Start some of your ingredients, like butter, at room temperature to reduce stove-top melting time.
- 5. Stay close to home or carpool.** There's no way around it: traveling miles and miles to share a single meal with family and friends is not the greenest of ways to spend a Thanksgiving. Sticking closer to home means a smaller carbon footprint. If you are attending a large family gathering for Thanksgiving, carpool with other family members. Make sure your tires are inflated properly.
- 6. Prepare less food.** Everybody feels compelled to put a huge turkey in the oven and prepare numerous courses. Choose a smaller bird and skip some of the less-popular dishes to reduce food waste.
- 7. Use smaller plates for less food waste.** Kids tend to eat small amounts and then leave to play while adults tend to fill their plate with everything that looks appealing. A smaller plate means your guests will choose less in the first place.
- 8. Shop local and organic.** Why not pay your local farmer a visit? Buying local and sustainable food can help create jobs and grow our rural and urban economies, preserve farmland and improve the environment and provide fresh and healthy food to our family and friends. Use the Natural Resources Defense Council's buy local app to find a farmers market near you and check out what is in season ahead of time.
- 9. Compost your kitchen scraps.** Composting kitchen scraps can have a big impact. Twenty-four percent of the waste Americans send to landfills is organic waste, meaning kitchen scraps. Keeping that waste out of landfills doesn't just save space, it also reduces greenhouse gas emissions, as decomposition in landfills creates methane, a greenhouse gas 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide.
- 10. Serve tap water.** Bottled water creates plastic waste, isn't safer than tap water, is expensive to buy and is often just tap water in a bottle.
- 11. Use candles made from soy or vegetable wax.** Soy wax is clean-burning, without soot or harmful emissions, and has a low melting point so it burns at a cooler temperature.
- 12. Bring a local or organic bottle of wine for your hosts.** Many wineries, such as Fetzer, are making efforts to be a sustainable business. You can also look for the Eco Glass label on many different bottles of wine. Eco Glass uses 25 percent less glass than traditional wine bottles, saving materials and shipping weight, which saves delivery truck fuel use.

[www.EcoWatch.com](http://www.EcoWatch.com)

# HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP

<b>Oct 29th</b>	Gal's Night In
<b>Oct 30th</b>	Snip-its Fifth Tuesday Workday
<b>Oct 31st</b>	St. Peter's Lutheran School Fall Party
<b>Nov 1st</b>	Worship Committee Meeting
<b>Nov 4th</b>	All Saints' Sunday
<b>Nov 5th</b>	Fellowship Committee Meeting & Usborne Bookfair Starts
<b>Nov 6th</b>	Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Nov 11th</b>	Arbor House Worship, Congregational Care Committee, & School Board
<b>Nov 12th</b>	Faith Formation & Property Committee Meetings
<b>Nov 13th</b>	Pastor's Deanery (Fredericksburg), Stewardship & Church Council Meetings
<b>Nov 14th</b>	Mission Trip Information Meeting
<b>Nov 15th</b>	Women of St. Peter's Deborah Bible Study at the home of Carol Jones & St. Peter's School Thanksgiving Feast
<b>Nov 16th</b>	Meals on Wheels Cookies Due
<b>Nov 17th</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Nov 19th</b>	School is out of the Thanksgiving Holiday Through Friday November 23rd
<b>Nov 19th</b>	BYOBible Men's Bible Study
<b>Nov 20th</b>	Snip-its Workday
<b>Nov 23rd</b>	Thanksgiving Holiday—Church Office closed through November 23rd
<b>Nov 25th</b>	Helping Center Sunday
<b>Nov 27th</b>	Agape Bible Study
<b>Nov 28th</b>	Chick-Fil-a Spirit Night for St. Peter's Lutheran School
<b>Nov 28th</b>	St. Peter's Lutheran School Donuts with Daddy
<b>Dec 2nd</b>	First Sunday of Advent & Gals' Night In Christmas Service Event
<b>Dec 3rd</b>	Fellowship Committee Meeting
<b>Dec 4th</b>	Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Dec 6th</b>	Worship Committee Meeting
<b>Dec 8th</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Dec 9th</b>	Superkids, Nursing Home Caroling, Arbor House Worship, & Congregational Care Committee Meeting
<b>Dec 10th</b>	Property Committee Meeting
<b>Dec 11th</b>	Pastor's Deanery in Harper & Stewardship Committee Meeting
<b>Dec 12th</b>	St. Peter's Bike Ride Day
<b>Dec 14th</b>	Highland Lakes Christmas Is For Kids Toy Drive at Marble Falls Middle School
<b>Dec 15th</b>	Highland Lakes Christmas Is For Kids Toy Drive at Marble Falls Middle School
<b>Dec 16th</b>	Lessons and Carols & Hayride Caroling
<b>Dec 17th</b>	BYOBible Men's Bible Study
<b>Dec 18th</b>	Snip-its' Workday & Church Council Meeting
<b>Dec 20th</b>	St. Peter's School Christmas Play
<b>Dec 24th</b>	Candlelight Services

# YOUTHERAN NEWS

children's  
program



**\*\* Superkids present\*\***

**“Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings!”**

**Sunday, December 9th at Late Service (10:45am)**

**Practice Dates & Times:**

Sunday, October 21st - 9:30am

Sunday November 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th & Sunday, December 2nd- 9:30am

Saturday, December 8th - Dress Rehearsal - Time TBD

## SPLAT LIFE

### St. Peter's Lutheran Active Teens Gathering Schedule

Check your weekly SPLAT+family email for any special details for the month. Let Coach Orton know if you are not receiving this weekly email.

**Sunday Mornings Sunday School-** High school aged kids will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday Morning Coffee House at 9:30 am. We will head to Sunday School from there. Coach Orton or Aaron Pyle will lead the discussion, activity, or game for the day.

**Monday Morning Ministries-** High school aged kids will meet at Numinous Coffee at 7:15 am to start their week off with a Bible study lesson. Please bring a friend.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study-** High school aged kids will meet 6:00 – 8:00 pm. We have some time for games, snacks, and Bible study. Please bring a friend.



### **SPLAT** Thanksgiving Bake Sale Is Back

**November 4th & 11th**

Pie sales will help raise funds for the Junior High and Senior High Youth activities, gatherings, camps, and other programs. Order your Thanksgiving pies and bread before and after both services on November 4th and 11th. Or you can pick up an order form from the church office or on the sales table in the narthex.

## CONFIRMATION



Confirmation is what we call an intentional two year process of faith formation guided by the pastors, adults mentors, and special speakers. We dig into the small catechism (The Lord's Prayer, 10 Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Baptism, Communion). We will also learn some faith practices, field trips, and service projects.

~ Mark Your Calendars ~

October 31st	No Class: All Hallowed Eve (Halloween)
November 7th	Class: 10 Commandments - Safeguarding Life (CPR class for students)
November 14th	Class: 10 Commandments - Remain Faithful/Protect Property
November 21st	No Class: Thanksgiving Break
November 28th	Class: 10 Commandments - Defend Truth
December 5th	Class: 10 Commandments - Do not Covet/Commandments Conclusion
December 12th	Christmas - The Birth of Jesus
December 19th	Service Project/Party - Elves for the Elderly

# SCHOOL NEWS



## St. Peter's Lutheran School

October has been a busy and fun month at school. We have learned about all of God's creation, Noah's Ark as well as rainbows, Abraham and Baby Moses! We also celebrated the letter M with a special "Muffins with Mommy" event. We concluded the month with a trip to the Pumpkin Patch and a celebration for Fall! The first day of November will be a walking trip to HEB for letter H! All this, plus learning, playing, experimenting, singing, moving ... our school is alive with growing children! Thanks be to God!

Our school is blessed by so many volunteers - the most recent have been trained to do Vision and Hearing Screening for us as well as other local preschools. Thank you so much to Carol Leighton, Diana Collins, Ann Burns, Julie Boyd, Mayrean McDonough, and Carol Jones! You are truly a blessing!

We have some fun events coming up in November including a visit from some "Community Helpers," a Gathering of Thanks canned food drive, and a Thanksgiving Play & Feast for our families. The Community Helpers visiting this year are Kevyn Packer (science teacher), Dr. Curtis Copeland (doctor), Dwight Batch and his trash truck crew, Rebecca Nunnally (beekeeper), and Ken Stannard (game warden). We can't wait to learn how all of these people serve our community. Picture Day and Vision/Hearing Screening will all take place in November as well.

Please remember that our school collects Box Tops for Education and that using smile.amazon.com and choosing our school as your chosen charity will earn funds for our budget.

Please continue to pray for our students, teachers, and families as our school year continues!

- Tracy, Anna, Jeannie, Lindsay, and Audrey



### Amazon Smile

We are excited to announce that Amazon.com is running a promotion with their smile.amazon.com purchases. All purchases made from October 29 – November 2 will have an increase in their donation rate to our school. The exact amount has not been published, but it says it will be their largest bonus donation promotion to date. If you shop on Amazon at all, please consider using smile.amazon.com and choosing St. Peter's Lutheran School (Marble Falls) as your charity of choice, and especially consider it during these special bonus dates. You do not have to re-select our charity each time you shop, but you do have to go to smile.amazon.com each time (try bookmarking the site). We would appreciate it if you could also share this valuable fundraising opportunity with neighbors, family, and friends (far and wide). It really does add up and so many people use amazon, so why not make it count for our school?



### Usborne Book Fair—November 5th through the 11th

We are once again hosting an Usborne Book Fair for the school and church. The books will be on display in the school hallway the week of November 5-9 and in the Narthex on Sunday, the 11. Order forms will be available and online ordering links will be sent out via email. Usborne will give St. Peter's Lutheran School 50% of all sales to be used to purchase new books. We will purchase needed books for our library and donate the rest of the books to area doctor and dentist waiting rooms to provide quality literature in places where young children frequent. A label will be placed in each book stating that the books were donated from St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School. Usborne books make GREAT Christmas gifts!

## PRE-CONFIRMATION JUMPSTART



Tuesday Pre-Confirmation (Jumpstart) - 5th & 6th grade students will meet after school for a class to get a "jumpstart" on Confirmation by learning more about the stories of the people of the Bible and getting to visit some of our local ELCA congregations.

# HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



## *Meet Ethan Veres*

If you had to find a Bible verse to describe Ethan you would have to find a verse that describes a person who sits back, listens to others, and silently takes it all in. Proverbs 17:28 reads **Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.** This by most accounts can be looked at in a few ways. But, if you know Ethan, you know he is not definitely not a fool. He is a person of great respect and honor who simply enjoys sitting in the background watching others make conversation. He's a very smart kid and his wisdom of sitting back and observing others shows a maturity that many will never know.

While asking Ethan some questions his answers were short and to the point. The first question was, "What are some things you do well?" His answer was so unique to who he is as a person. Most kids will give typical responses such as sports, a musical instrument, school work, etc. Ethan responded like an adult applying for a job. He said, "Time management, staying calm, and being clearheaded under stressful situations." That answer reflects so much of Ethan and who he is as a person. It shows a level of maturity usually reserved for adults trying to impress someone for a job interview. Another question with a typical "Ethan Answer" was when I asked him to tell me about someone you look up to and respect. He said, "I don't have anyone specifically. In general, I look up to those who are hardworking, follow their goals and dreams, and never give up even after failing." Again, this was not your "typical" response a high school student would give, but it was so impressive and encouraging to hear a young person in today's world focusing on positive, career-oriented goals and objectives.

Now, there is a side of Ethan that has some "youth" to him. Ethan is a member of the National Honor Society and is quite the golfer. His golf team (Sterling Classical Golf Team) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in state last year and he is very proud of this accomplishment. When he is not golfing on the team he enjoys just going to the golf course with his friends and golfing for fun. Some other favorite past times of Ethan are hiking with his family, taking the dog for a walk, and playing chess or pool with his dad. Ethan also shares that his favorite teacher is his English teacher, Mr. Thomas. Even though Ethan is quiet, he enjoys Mr. Thomas because he tries to relate with the students while incorporating humor on a daily basis.

Ethan is very excited about being accepted into "Red Raider" country. The first university he applied to was Texas Tech University and he was accepted. He is excited about attending there and plans to pursue a business degree. He is wanting to follow in his dad's footsteps and in 10 – 15 years hopes to work for an international company where he can travel the world while having a successful career in the business world.

Ethan has been a member at St. Peters since he was seven years old. Ethan feels St. Peters is a great church because the size is smaller. He likes the idea that the sermons and classes are focused on the Bible while building a relationship with God. Ethan believes when he attends Texas Tech he will work hard on keeping God first. He feels this will help him make better decisions in life and keep him on a good path while going through college and into adulthood. He plans to find a student group focused on God while at college to help him succeed in building his relationship with God.

Please join us at 9:30 am on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Ethan Veres.

## IN AND ROUND ST. PETER'S

### Offering Envelopes



### 2019 Offering Envelopes

The 2019 Offering Envelopes will be out by Mid-November. If you had envelopes in 2018 you will be issued envelopes for 2019, unless you never picked up your 2018 envelopes. If you don't have envelopes and you don't make your offering online, we highly encourage you to ask for 2019 envelopes. There is much less room for error when envelopes are used. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for 2019 offering envelopes.

# CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 16, 2018

- 1) The October 16th Church Council Meeting was postponed because of flooding. Please watch for highlights in the December Newsletter.

## FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

### Financial Results 2018

Item	Sept	YTD
Income (All)	\$ 39,284	\$ 364,938
Budget Income	\$ 44,605	\$ 406,166
Diff. \$ Over/Under(-)	<b>(\$5,321)</b>	<b>(\$41,228)</b>
%	<b>88%</b>	<b>90%</b>
Expenses	\$ (40,773)	\$ (397,652)
Budget Expenses	\$ (42,414)	\$ (408,074)
Diff. \$ Over/Under(-)	<b>(\$1,641)</b>	<b>(\$10,422)</b>
%	<b>96%</b>	<b>97%</b>
Net	<b>(\$1,489)</b>	<b>(\$32,714)</b>

### Avg. Attendance/Sunday

	Sept	YTD
Attendance - 2018	177	198
Attendance - 2017	188	206
Diff.	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(8)</b>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018

After completing three quarters of the year, we are **significantly under budget on income** and **slightly under budget on expenses**. That leaves us with a **very large negative Net of \$32,715-**, and a **weak, low General Fund balance of \$4,537; we are well behind budget**. 2018 has been a difficult year with only three months of positive Nets, which has brought us to our current, diminished General Fund Balance and large negative Net. Second quarter, in particular May and June, had very weak incomes, which hastened us to our present situation. **We need your help in order to have a good fourth quarter and avoid a seriously negative yearend!**

In conjunction with a poor level of giving our average attendance/Sunday has declined by 8 worshippers per Sunday for three quarters of 2018 compared to three quarters of 2017.

On a positive note, our Building To Bless capital campaign has been **very successful**. We now have \$1,041,323 in pledges, which is almost \$300K over our initial goal. And we have already received \$354,303, or 34%, of those pledges in the just the first four months of BTB giving with monthly gifts arriving steadily. **Thank you!** Your gifts will enable a much needed, and obviously desired, upgrade to our facilities.

**We have had a mixed year with current giving starting modestly then faltering dramatically once past Easter. I ask you to remember your faithful giving to support our operating budget even as you are also generously supporting our Building To Bless capital/building campaign.** We need to pay our current operating expenses even while preparing for our building/property renovation – this is the sacrificial giving we talked about this Spring. While any General Fund gift would be welcome, what we need is improved regular giving to prevent further declines – a shared response from all. This is certainly a time for prayer and stretching for the kingdom.

*“Together, BOLDLY living and sharing God's grace with all”.*

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