



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

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HOLY COMMUNION
8:15 & 10:45am



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BUILDING TO BLESS UPDATE

We are well into the New Year of 2019. As you remember we had total pledges of \$1,040,323 for this three year program. This was well beyond our initial hopes of raising \$750,000 with an outside goal of \$900,000. The St. Peter's Lutheran Congregation blew those goals out of the water!

As of February 19, 2019 we have received \$444,638, which is 42.7% of our total pledges. This is not quite eight months into the Building to Bless Program. We want to thank all of our members for the outstanding support.

What can you do? Beside keeping your pledge payments current it is important we pray for the great work and decisions by our building committee to come up with a final building plan.

Dale C. Moquist, Chair, Building to Bless

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday March 10th
Spring Forward

Move your clocks forward one
hour before turning in Saturday
night, March 9th.



Lenten Meals

Please make plans to attend **St. Peter's Lenten meals** and services beginning on **March 6th at 5:30pm**. Each meal will be hosted by a group from our church and all money collected from each meal will go directly to our school. There is **no charge for the meal, but a free-will offering is greatly appreciated.**

Any offering we receive this year will go toward the expansion of our school allowing us to serve more students while keeping our classroom numbers low.



More information along with the menu can be found on page ??

2019 Lenten Theme & Offering

HEARTS ON FIRE



for The Helping Center

The Helping Center is building a new facility co-located with the Community Resource Center. They began a capital campaign in the fall of 2018, with the **goal of raising \$1,000,000 for the building project**. St. Peter's is one of the founding member churches of The Helping Center, and **we would like to make a commitment that says our HEARTS are ON FIRE** for this amazing ministry in our community. **Council has set a pledge of \$15,000.** (\$5,000 from our Endowment, \$5,000 from our 2019 Mission Support Budget, and \$5,000 from lenten offerings).



for Worship and Music

In worship we encounter God's HEART ON FIRE for us. As we give thanks for the ministry of Don Trapp, we look forward to hiring a part-time Music Director to grow our music and arts ministry in both familiar and new ways. **\$5000 of our Lenten offering will go to help our congregation stoke the fires of our music ministry this year.**



for Forming Church Leaders

Last spring, a fund was established in honor of our outgoing synodical bishop, Ray Tiemann. **The Tiemann Endowment for Leadership Development serves leaders in our synod** by equipping our pastors, deacons, and lay leaders who have a fire, passion, and/or calling to strengthen and empower their congregations. Our Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly offering in May is designated to support this fund for leadership development. **\$5000 of our Lenten offering will go to equip leaders across Texas.**

This year, our Lenten Offering focuses on HEARTS ON FIRE – for local, regional, and congregational ministries that reveal the presence of Jesus in our life and world. The Congregation Council has set a HEARTS ON FIRE goal of \$15,000 for our lenten offering. Your gifts will aid in supporting ministry locally through St. Peter's, synodically through the Tiemann Endowment, and across Burnet County through The Helping Center.

2019 Lenten Sermon Series - Open Eyes, Burning Hearts

Life can easily become a daily or weekly rhythm of keeping our eyes down on the tasks before us: from our work, tackling our lists, to our commitments with family and our community. **On the road to Emmaus, followers of Jesus have their eyes down, and their hearts are anything but burning. This is a story of the risen Jesus, of one who meets us on our road of life** to remind us of our purpose and direction, of the God who loves us, of the God who is right beside us with open eyes and a burning heart for us all.



March 6 th	Covered in Dust & Love - Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes	
March 13 th	Eyes Open to those who walk with us	Speaker: Pastor Greg Gaskamp
March 20 th	Eyes Open to our community and world	Speaker: Pastor Ray Tiemann
March 27 th	Eyes and Hearts working together	Speaker: Don Trapp
April 3 rd	Hearts on Fire for others	Speaker: Helping Center Representative
April 10 th	Hearts on Fire to share the Story	Speaker: Pastor Vanicek

Pick up your Lenten devotional
"lasting hope—Devotions for Lent 2019"

located on the current publications table in the Narthex.

Regular and large-print copies are available.

The book of Psalms gives us a realistic look at the journey of faith for individuals and community. From crying for help to signing songs of praise and thanksgiving - and everything in between - the psalms show faith with all its ups and downs, twists and turns.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Psalm 89:11 New International Version (NIV)

¹¹ The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.

Giving freely

Is good for your, heart, your mind, and your

Very soul

Explore it for yourself!



PARISH NEWS



In Our Prayers

Carolyn Selman	Annie Woods	Harold Brueckner	Margo Stahl	Ron Burke
Kay Rodgers	Nik Schappe	Mary Langehennig	Bob Ward	Lisa Williams
Joanie Dryer	Doris Tate	Jerry Braeutigam	Kris Ward	Cliff Jordan
Jolene Williams	Bob England	Brayden Ybarra	Sarah Holmes	Judy Hegg
Judy Haverlah	Jenny Braeutigam	Jane Taylor	Haley Beatly	Greg Butler
Doris Schappe	Pat Magerkurth	Richard Rahr	Matthew Holmes	
	Marci Wilde	Virginia Rahr	Charlie Hayes	
	Chris Grazier	May Watson	Kim Hansard	
	Linda Williams	Camilla Pilgram	Paul Farrell	
	Mary Posey	Larry Stahl	Ann Huebner	



*Dot Norred and family in the loss of, Bobby Norred
Jan Wilde in the loss of her brother, Dale Haukland
Cindy Anderson in the loss of her mother, Mary Holmes*



To Ellen Doffing & Sandi Gorski for their help in the Church office during February.

Financial Results Through Jan. 2019			Avg. Attendance/Sunday		
Item	Jan	YTD		Jan	YTD
Income (All)	\$ 41,987	\$ 41,987	Attendance - 2019	191	191
Budget Income	\$ 35,644	\$ 35,644	Attendance - 2018	200	200
Diff. \$ Over/Under(-)	\$6,343	\$6,343	Diff.	(9)	(9)
%	118%	118%	<i>We want you in worship!</i>		
Expenses	\$ (38,571)	\$ (38,571)	Why? - Because "from the very beginning of the church... the life of the community of faith has revolved around the regular gathering of believers for worship, common prayer, and eating bread and drinking wine in remembrance of the one in whose name they gathered.		
Budget Expenses	\$ (45,658)	\$ (45,658)			
Diff. \$ Over/Under(-)	(\$7,086)	(\$7,086)			
%	84%	84%			
Net	\$3,415	\$3,415			



Tuesday Pre-Confirmation (Jumpstart) - 5th & 6th grade students 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of prayer that begins the season of Lent. The tradition of Lent dates to the 3rd century AD. On this first day of Lent we confess our sin in a litany of repentance (Psalm 51), and during the season's 40 days we are invited to carry out the Lenten disciplines: fasting, prayer, and works of love and charity (alms). These Lenten disciplines are tools of discipleship that can lead us to renewal as we bury all that is holding us back from being truly alive.

While Ash Wednesday's immediate subjects may be sin and death, the liturgy of the day also relates to baptism, mercy, and the feast of the resurrection. On Ash Wednesday we are honest about the depths of our sin because God's mercy and power are deeper and wider. We call to mind our own inevitable deaths so that we might, even now, share in the life of the resurrection. We fast and give alms even as we share Christ's feast in which, through the overflowing goodness of God, there is enough for all. Ash Wednesday tries to put sin and separation from God into perspective by holding them in the context of the richness and relative shortness of life.

The central ritual action of Ash Wednesday, receiving a cross on our foreheads with ash, echoes our anointing with oil at baptism and reminds us of our mortality. Returning to God's mercy and grace and marked with the cross of Christ, we make our way through Lent marked with a promise for the journey that leads to Easter and resurrection.

Bible/Book Studies:

RED HOT MOM SQUAD: Meets at 10:00am on Monday's in the Narthex. Join us for a discussion on the on Anne Lamott's—Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers.

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 **March 18th**.

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 **March 21st** at the home of Pam Wettstein.

Agape Bible Study: Meets at **1:00pm** on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Meets next on **March 26th** at the home of Ellen Doffing.

CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READ IN ONE YEAR: Are you interested in learning about the Bible? Would you like to be able to sit in a room and share your thoughts on the different books of the Bible from the creation to the Gospels? We meet on the first Tuesday each month, from 6 to 8pm. Next meeting will in **March 5th**. Contact Coach Orton if interested at corton@splcmf.org or 830-637-1388

THE BOOK CLUB: Will meet on Monday, **March 18th**, at **1:30pm** in Room 212 to discuss *The Chisbury Ladies Choir* by Jennifer Ryan, a novel set in England in WWII when all the men are away at war and the Vicar declares that the choir must close since there are no male voices.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

"How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" - Room 215 at 9:45

Come learn how to read the Bible for all its worth

March 3rd, 10th

"Dwelling in the Psalms" - Room 212 at 9:45

Meet Our St. Peter's Guatemalan Mission Team - Trip Dates: July 13th -20th



Tom Pfaff



Kimberly Sandman



Jessica Struchen



Cindy Struchen



Jennifer Gold,
Commission
Expeditions



Grace Spell,
Commission
Expeditions

Mission Outreach Ministry:

Our team will address both spiritual and physical needs of the people of the Peten jungle of northern Guatemala. The Peten region represents 1/3 the total area of Guatemala but only 5% of the population. This sparsely populated area has the lowest economic standing in Guatemala and contains hundreds of rural villages of Mayan people. We will be combining the ministry of God's Word with Community Development projects such as: VBS, Water Catchment Systems, Health Education, Hygiene Training, and Construction.

Together we can all be a part of this Great Commission!

Join us for a lil' Social Hour Fundraiser Events

to support our St. Peter's Guatemalan Ministry Outreach, March 7th, April 11th, May 16th, June 20th



Thursday, March 7th—5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

At Dean & Mayrean McDonough's, 411 12th Street, Marble Falls

*** Please bring your special beverage of choice * Appetizers, Water, & Tea will be provided * Free Will Donation ***

All are welcome!!!

Snip-its

Please join us on **19th 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, March 16th 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 (March 15)

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 (3/31) they will be collected and delivered to the Helping Center for distribution.

Arbor House Worship—March 10th

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.

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.



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 ~

March 6th	Ash Wednesday - 8th grade Pick up Blank "faith folder" with your name
March 13th	Worship Notes (8th grade - Due: Email Pastor V your theme idea.)
March 20th	Spring Break
March 27th	Worship Notes (8th grade - Due: Email Pastor V final theme for faith fold.)
April 3rd	Worship Notes (8th grade - Due: Draft of 3 of your 5 subject areas.)
April 10th	Worship Notes (8th grade - Due: Near-final draft of all your subject areas.)
April 24th	Confirmation Celebration Dinner for 8th grade students/parents/p-partners
April 28th	Confirmation Sunday

FELLOWSHIP

Retiree Round Up



Retiree Roundup will meet on **Thursday, March 28, at 11:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be St. Peter's member and **Mayor of Marble Falls, John Packer**. He will share updates on what's happening in Marble Falls. Bring your questions! Lunch will follow with our **Salad Bar Buffet**. Please bring an ingredient to share or a dessert, if you can. Freewill donations accepted, as well. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 24. Sign the attendance sheet in the narthex, or contact Betty Matejowsky or Pam Wettstein.

Winter Texans, if you are still here, please join us!

Gals' Night In

March 25th at 6:00pm

At the home of Susan Bailey

314 Stewart St., Meadowlakes, TX

830-637-7129

Celebrating Our Family Heritage

You are encouraged to bring a small labeled family heirloom, a sampling of a family recipe, & a drink of choice.

Guest are always Welcome!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Meet Sarah Dugain



Sarah Dugain is involved. Though, to the average person watching, you would not always recognize her as the person involved. Her gifts are not always at the forefront, but she does have many gifts. One of the areas in which Sarah excels is her gift in the theater department. You will not see her singing, acting, or dancing; but the beautiful stage presented at every performance is because of Sarah's ability to be creative and then to help construct each setting. Every time a play or musical happens so many of the performers are rightfully recognized, but Sarah and her peers are barely recognized. She is ok with this because she gets to do what she loves. She says she is fine with not being the "star," but she will respectfully let you know that without the stage crew, the shows would not be possible.

Another gift of Sarah's is drawing. She started out drawing because it was fun, but she quickly learned that she has a gift in this area. She would love to be able to make a living in this field but understands how difficult that would be. So, she knows her drawings are simply for the joy it brings her and others. She loves to start with a blank piece of paper and turn it into something magical. She especially enjoys watching the faces of people that look at her drawings. It brings a sense of great accomplishment and happiness to her when she sees joy in others enjoying and recognizing the beauty in her drawings.

One of Sarah's favorite accomplishments was when she was chosen to help oversee the technical production team for the theater program. She plans to attend college with a degree in this field and to be chosen as one of the people "in charge" was a great honor. She especially was excited about this because of who chose her. Mr. Jon Clark, the Marble Falls High School theater teacher is the one-person Sarah respects and admires more than any other teacher. Mr. Clark is a person who has always encouraged Sarah. He constantly tells Sarah what great potential she has! He motivates her to work hard, never give up, and to believe in herself. Sarah acknowledges that Mr. Clark does these things on a regular basis. She truly admires Mr. Clark because he understands that building relationships and lifting youth up is more important than any educational method or concept he could teach.

Down the road Sarah sees herself living in a larger city. Her goal and love would be to work on Broadway. To start off as an assistant and one day be the person in charge. She understands it will take many years and lots of hard work to reach this goal. Though, she admits it will be difficult, she feels with her work ethic, determination, and love for building sets this goal can and will one day be fulfilled.

Sarah has attended St. Peter's Lutheran Church ever since she can remember. What she likes the most about St. Peter's is the way everyone is so accepting of all people. She truly feels our members are not judgmental and are accepting of all. She also loves how our church is so community oriented. From the St. Peter's back packs, shoe drive, Christmas toy drive, back to school supply drive and so much more. She says we "walk the walk." During college Sarah plans to find a church and get involved with some Christian organizations. She believes continuing her faith journey is important and she looks forward to being involved during her college days and beyond.

Please join us in celebrating Sarah Dugain on Sunday, March 10th in the fellowship hall at 9:20.

St. Peter's Lutheran School

March will be a BUSY time for St. Peter's Lutheran School with so many wonderful events!

March 1st begins **pre-registration** for the fall semester. We have a waiting list for all classes and will open registration first to church members, current students, and siblings. Pre-registration for the public will begin on April 1. We are also accepting applications for scholarships until April 15. Please share with your neighbors, friends, and family if they have young children. We love touching lives of children and want our school to continue to grow and flourish! We are also excited to have such wonderful and dedicated teachers, Tracy Knight, Anna Womack, Lindsay Pyle, and Jeannie Hanshaw will all return next year! We will also be adding an additional 3 year old classroom!

March 4-8 will be a celebration of **Lutheran Schools Week**. Students all over the country will celebrate their Lutheran School heritage and will follow the theme of "**Jesus Changes Everything.**" There will be fun dress up days throughout the week, and the school families will be invited to a special Family Chapel & Picnic on Thursday, March 6. Please join us in prayers of thanksgiving for our own St. Peter's Lutheran School and its impact on our community.

Wednesday, March 6 is **Ash Wednesday** and that also begins our **Lenten Meal Fundraiser** for the school with money earned this year helping to furnish and supply a new classroom. **Meals begin at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and are free of charge.** We do collect a free-will offering that will go to the school. The first meal is hosted by the school and School Board and will be a baked potato bar! We hope you'll join us! Dessert sign up is in the Narthex so please consider contributing a dessert to one or more of the upcoming meals!

Finally, we have begun plans for the 8th **Annual Run for the Son 5K/1K**. The event will take place on **Saturday, April 13** beginning at 8:00 am. This is a wonderful event for the community - people of all ages are encouraged to attend. We are currently getting race sponsors, so if you or someone you know wants to be a sponsor, please contact Tracy at tracy@splcmf.org for information. Race registration (paper forms and online registration) are available NOW in the Narthex! Online registration is at www.myraceregistration.com. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please also contact Tracy. We can't have the event without our wonderful volunteers - you receive a shirt and will have a GREAT time! **All money earned from the event goes to the Scholarship Fund at St. Peter's Lutheran School** to help families with a financial need attend our school! What a great way to spend a Saturday morning - being active, fellowshiping with others, and HELPING KIDS! We hope you can be a part!

Tracy Knight, St. Peter's School Director

LENTEN MEALS SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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Lenten Meal Schedule

March 6th	- The School Board / Baked Potato Bar
March 13th	- The Choir / Soups (*bring your own muffin tin)
March 20th	- The Church Council / Pasta Bar
March 27th	- Men's BYOBible Study / Pancakes & Sausage
April 3rd	- Children & Youth / Taco Bar
April 10th	- Women of St. Peter's / Favorite Casseroles & Salad

*bring your own muffin tin to the meal on **March 13th**

so you can **sample 6 types of soup** without using 6 bowls!

We ask congregation members and school parents to help contribute desserts for each meal,

so please sign-up in the Narthex and help this worthy cause.

The students, teachers, and parents thank you for your support!

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Monday— Friday

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ST, PETER'S Blessings

Carol Leighton, *Board Member*
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Building to Bless

Dale Moquist, *Campaign Leader*
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Pastor Vanicek, *Visual/Print Communications*
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Dave Leighton
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Vonda Orton, *Committee Chair*

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