

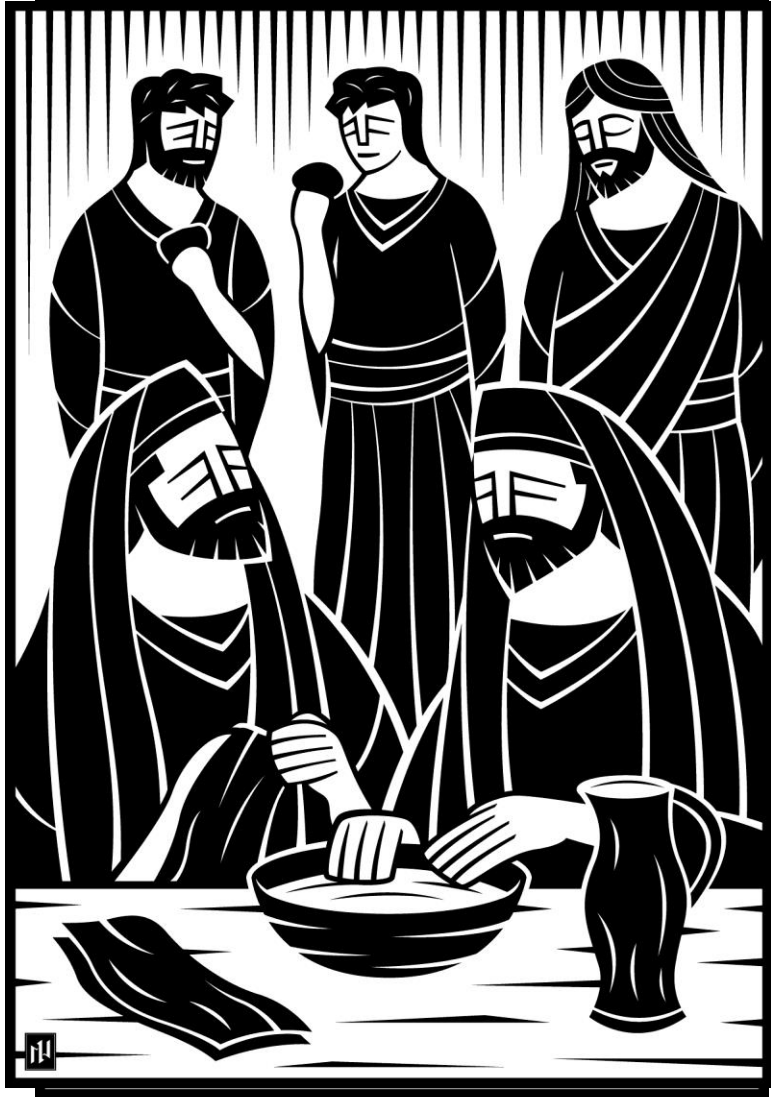
Aug. 31/ Sept. 1, 2024

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

108 West Maple Street

Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Thank you for worshipping with us. May God bless your day!



³¹But Israel, while pursuing the law as a way of righteousness, did not reach it.

³²Why? Because they kept pursuing it not by faith, but as if it comes by works

Romans 9:32

We Exist to Share Christ!

TO OUR VISITORS: Thank you for joining us for our worship today. It is a pleasure to have you with us and please come again soon. May God bless you through this celebration!

IF YOUR CHILD becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Parenting Room which is located just off the front entryway to the church.

HEARING LOOP devices available or please set hearing aid to tele-coil.

LARGE PRINT Worship Folders (with entire liturgy) found in entryway to the church.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION about St. Peter's and its activities, please speak with one of the pastors to arrange an appointment or call the church office at 920-743-4431 during the week.

Our Communion Practice: (Personal preparation for Holy Communion: Hymnal pg. 295)



We practice "member" communion, also called "close" communion. If you are a guest and are not yet a member of our fellowship/congregation, we invite you to learn more about us *before* joining us at the communion table. To learn more about our faith and fellowship, **speak with either pastor.**

If you are a member of St. Peter's or one of our sister congregations of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod and wish to commune, please make out a communion card from the pew and hand it to the usher at communion. Thank you!

Worship Focus: *Followers of Christ Obey His Law from the Heart*

A loving father gives his son and daughter a list of rules and regulations. Chores, curfews, civilities, dress code—the father makes his will clearly known. The son strives to follow the rules because he wants to get his allowance and he is afraid that if he breaks the rules, his father will punish him. The daughter strives to follow the rules because she believes her father established those rules not to control her but for her safety and blessing. She also wants to demonstrate how much she loves and trusts her father. Those two children's actions might look almost identical but their hearts are very different! Likewise, following Christ is not simply a matter of outward observance of laws. It is a matter of the heart. The Law was given so we could see God's heart and demonstrate how his heart has affected our own. The "followership" that Christ seeks flows from hearts that have been radically transformed by God's law and gospel. Followers of Christ obey his law from the heart.

Order of Worship: The Service: Setting Three, p.188

Hymns: 697; 740; 750; 671; 705

Psalm: 119E



Order of Service for Pentecost XI

Opening Hymn

697 May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

1015 Gloria (Brit) - AURELIA

Tune: AURELIA



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

God's laws protected Israel like a fence and separated them from the other nations.

¹So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it. ²Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you. ⁶Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and they will say, "This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people," ⁷because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call on him? ⁸What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

119E Teach Me, O LORD

Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your stat - utes.

Tone

Your statutes are / wonderful;
therefore I o- / bey them.
The unfolding of your words / gives light;
it gives understanding to the / simple.
Turn to me and have mer- / cy on me,
as you always do to those who / love your name. *Refrain*

Direct my footsteps according / to your word;
let no sin rule / over me.
Redeem me from human op- / pression,
that I may obey your / precepts.
Make your face shine on your / servant
and teach me / your decrees.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Romans 9:30 -10:4

Sola Fide is our 2024-25 school year theme. *There is no room for pride. We are saved by faith alone!*

³⁰What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who were not pursuing righteousness, have obtained righteousness, a righteousness that is by faith. ³¹But Israel, while pursuing the law as a way of righteousness, did not reach it. ³²Why? Because they kept pursuing it not by faith, but as if it comes by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. ³³Just as it is written: Look, I am putting a stone in Zion over which they will stumble and a rock over which they will fall. The one who believes in him will not be put to shame. 10 ¹Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God on behalf of the Israelites is that they may be saved. ²Indeed, I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but it is not consistent with knowledge. ³Since they were ignorant of the righteousness from God and sought to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness from God. ⁴For to everyone who believes, Christ is the end of the law, resulting in righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



Tone



Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Is your heart clean or unclean? God spare us from the deception of self-righteousness!

¹The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. ²They saw some of his disciples eating bread with unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. ³In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. ⁵The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands." ⁶He answered them, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written: These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. ⁷They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines. ⁸"You abandon God's commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things." ¹⁴He called the crowd to him again and said, "Everyone, listen to me and understand. ¹⁵There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean. ²¹In fact, from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, ²²adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. ²³All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

740 O God, My Faithful God

Sermon

Psalm 119:129-136

All I really need to know...

¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonders. That is why my soul guards them. ¹³⁰The doorway to your words lets in light. It gives understanding to the inexperienced. ¹³¹I open wide my mouth and I gasp, because I long for your commandments. ¹³²Turn to me and give me grace. This is your judgment for those who love your name. ¹³³Keep my footsteps steady by your sayings, and do not let any evil rule over me. ¹³⁴Redeem me from oppressive people, and I will keep your precepts. ¹³⁵Make your face shine on your servant, and teach me your statutes. ¹³⁶Streams of water run down from my eyes, because they do not keep your laws.

Stand at conclusion of sermon

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offering plates are located in the entryways to the sanctuary. You may mail your gifts to our church office or securely contribute online through a link found on our website, stpeterslutheran.net, or with the QR code to the right.

Please sign the Friendship/Guestbook and pass it on to others in the same pew. Then pass the book back to its original position. Please leave the sheet attached in the booklet.

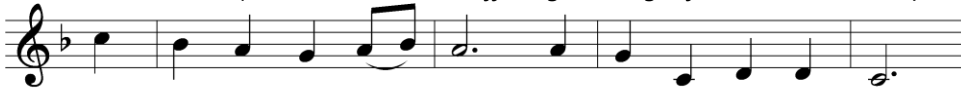


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Offering Hymn

750 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward to the altar)



1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive



all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven

Hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution Hymn

671 Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior

Stand

Dismissal

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

705 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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Assistants in Worship (Aug. 31/Sept. 1) Presiding Minister/Preacher – Pastor Carl Schroeder Organist – Leah Kuchenbecker Broadcast – Jim Flinn	Last Week Weekend Services: 273 General: \$9,039 Building: \$95 Missions: \$135
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This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday (1)	Mon (2)	Tues (3)	Wed (4)	Thurs (5)	Fri (6)	Saturday (7)	Sunday (8)
<p>7:30 AM Worship w/Comm</p> <p>8:45 AM Basic Christianity Library</p> <p>10:05 AM Worship w/Comm. Broadcast Online / Radio</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY</p>	<p>5:45 PM CPO Meeting</p>	<p>6:30 AM The Book of 1 Samuel Bible Study at St. Peter's Social Hall</p> <p>5:30 PM Fellowship Team Meeting</p>	<p>5:00 PM Worship Team Library</p> <p>6:00 PM Griefshare</p> <p>6:00 PM LES Steering committee</p> <p>6:30 PM Faithful Hands</p> <p>6:00 PM Visitation Elders</p>		<p>5:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>7:30 /10:05AM Worship</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible Study: 1 Thessalonians</p> <p>8:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:05 AM Worship Broadcast Online / Radio</p>

Current Bible Studies:

Wednesday: 6:30 – 7:00 am Breakfast Bible Study in St. Peter's Social Hall studying the Book of 1 Samuel (taught by Pastor Schroeder)

Sunday: 8:45-9:45 am 1 Thessalonians – A Model for the Christian and congregation

Church News

In Memory of our brother, Don Hinnthal, whom the Lord carried home on Friday, August 23, 2024 at the age of 94. His funeral was conducted by Pastor Carl Schroeder on Saturday, August 31, 2024. His mortal remains will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Appleton. *"Precious in the Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15*

In Memory of our brother, Richard Wickman, whom the Lord carried home on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at the age of 80. A private family funeral was conducted by Pastor Joel T. Sauer on Friday, August 30, 2024. Rich's family invites all to join them for a celebration of Rich's life on Sunday, September 8, from noon to three at the Cherry Hills Golf Course Greenside Lounge in Sturgeon Bay (5905 Dunn Rd.). *"Brothers we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."* 1 Thess. 4:13-14

GriefShare will begin on September 5. The two-hour, thirteen-week sessions will again be held in the church library **every Thursday from 6-8 pm**. We will have new workbooks, a new video series, and additional topics this year. This promises to be the most powerful tool yet as we walk alongside those struggling with a loss. The sessions are open to the community and free of charge. We encourage everyone to share this information with someone you know who is struggling with loss. Michele Diener, Muriel Wallestad, and Bob Johnson will be the facilitators. Thank you for your prayers and for sharing this information.

Free Items There are several items from the cleaning of Larry's Lounge that are available in the coat room near the Library. Please take what you can use. Items remaining after this weekend, will be disposed of.

Faithful Hands All ladies of St. Peter's are invited to a night of God's Word, fellowship and great snacks. Faithful Hands will meet on **Thursday, September 5 at 6:30 pm in the Social Room**. We begin at 6:30 pm and finish at or before 8:00pm (depends how much fun we are having). Hope you can join us!

Bible Study Nursery Program The Fellowship Committee is hoping to welcome more families to our Bible study time by providing nursery care for children who are too young to start Sunday School. **Any child from infancy to 3 years old is welcome to join us from 8:45-9:45 am and enjoy some supervised play time while the parents enjoy Bible class and adult conversation.** We are currently in need of volunteers who would like to be part of a rotation to facilitate this care! This is also a great opportunity for high school students to earn volunteer hours as well! If you have any questions, or would love to help out, please call or email Coryn Schwark: (218) 330-8769 or cschwark@blc.edu

Bible Class Snacks and Coffee Bible class starts again in just a few short weeks! In the past we have had some wonderful volunteers bring goodies and snacks to share during the education hour, and The Fellowship Committee would like to continue that! **We are looking for some willing chefs, or those with a sweet tooth, to volunteer to bring snacks for Bible class on a weekly rotation.** If you have questions, or would like to sign up to help, please call or email Coryn Schwark: (218) 330-8769 or cschwark@blc.edu

Choir After a break for the summer, it is time for our choir season to begin once again! We will have our first rehearsal of the year on **Monday, September 9, from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the church balcony. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to join together with friends new and old to sing praises to our Savior and help beautify our worship at St. Peter's. If you have any questions please contact Miss Kuchenbecker (lkuchenbecker@stpeterssb.net). I can't wait to see you all there!

Little Lambs Program St. Peter's is revamping our Little Lambs program. This is a community outreach program aimed to welcome families from our area as well as those families who already attend St. Peter's to share time together. Little Lambs will be meeting once a month in the 3K classroom (Mrs. Vertz's room) to share a Bible story, some songs, and crafts! This is open to all families with young ones from ages 3-5! **Our very first meeting will be on Saturday, September 14 from 10-11am.** For any questions please message us on Facebook at "Little Lambs-St. Peter's Sturgeon Bay," or speak to Jess Holtz, Ruth Johnson, or Coryn Schwark!

Handchimes It is almost time for our hand chime choir to start again! We are looking for some new members this year! Whether you have years of musical experience or none at all, we would love to have you join us! We rehearse on **Mondays from 5:30-6:30 pm.** Please let Miss Kuchenbecker (lkuchenbecker@stpeterssb.net) know if you would like to join us!

Mark your Calendars for the St. Peter's Cares Walk – Saturday, September 28, 2024

Sponsored by St. Peter's Outreach Team. The walk will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 am with a staggered start. All registration and donation monies will go to the Old Glory Honor Flight. Their mission is *Honoring Local Veterans One Mission at a Time* which includes all veterans who served prior to May 7, 1975. The Old Glory Honor Flight missions are completely free of charge to the veteran. Every detail of their daylong trip has the vets' best interests in mind to ensure they have a safe, memorable trip and one that conveys appreciation and admiration from the community. On each flight there are trained volunteers who act as guardian escorts, a volunteer medical team, professional photographers and a host of others like the D.C. Park Police who ensure the veterans get the 'red carpet' treatment.



This year is the 15 anniversary of the organization and to date 6,500 veterans have traveled to see their memorials in Washington, DC.

We encourage St. Peter's members, families and friends to participate in this fun event for a good cause. **MILITARY VETERANS DO NOT HAVE TO PAY A REGISTRATON FEE, PLEASE JUST COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM TO JOIN THE WALK.** If you are unable to walk donations are welcome with checks payable to Old Glory Honor Flight and mailed to John Schopf, 230 N. Geneva Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. Registration forms with more information are available at both church entrances and on the church website or by contacting John at 920-495-3611

School News

Christian Education Endowment Fund Now is the time to apply to the Christian Education Endowment Fund. This fund is available to members of our congregation for Christian education in grade school, high school, or college. Please contact the church office to pick up a form. **The deadline for turning in the application September 6.**

St. Peter's Lunch Program News from Mrs. Joni Vertz

School is starting soon and the cupboards are bare! Would you be willing to help fill the pantry before school starts? With your help, we can restock it. Please consider donating these items: large cans Bush Baked Beans, tomato paste, ketchup, granola bars, instant dry milk, raisins, graham crackers, vegetable oil, sliced black olives, marshmallows, lemon juice, spaghetti, egg noodles, Manwich sauce, Golden Grahams cereal, dill pickles, chocolate chips, pudding mixes (vanilla, chocolate, lemon), Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ sauce, cake mixes (any flavor), white frosting, refried beans, goldfish crackers, salsa, animal crackers, Ziploc bags: (snack, quart, and gallon size bags), large crockpot liners. Grocery gift cards to Tadych's or Walmart are also appreciated. You may also consider contributing to a child's lunch account. Lunch cost is \$3.50 per day. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

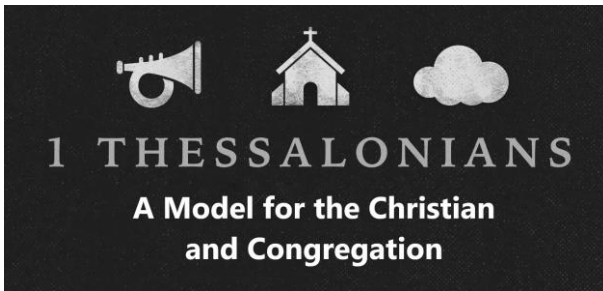
SCRIP Program: Did you know that if you buy gift cards from our SCRIP program, that a portion of all proceeds goes straight to Tuition, either for a specified family or just a general tuition fund? If you are going to be buying some of these things from stores anyways, why not get as much bang for your buck if you can, and help your School out with no extra hassle! Gift certificates from our SCRIP program for Maas Floral automatically donate 5% to St. Peter's? If you need fixing up done around the house and will be using Walmart, Ace or Menards and purchase SCRIP cards from St. Peter's, 3%, 4% and 3% (respectively) will be donated right back to Us. If you need to pick up prescriptions or other items from Walgreens, 5% will be donated. Hungry? Jimmy Johns gift cards donate back 20% to us! Some of our other highest donations are cards from Kitty O'Reillys, Wienke's Market and Scaturio's. All 10% back! **Did you also know that even if you have grandchildren or kids that are too young to start school, that you can start building your Tuition assistance now and we'll keep it for when they start?** If you end up not using it, it can just be donated towards a general St. Peter's Tuition Fund, or request it go to another family. All that would be needed is a form filled out to get this set up. Thank you for your support in our amazing program!

For more information please contact Ellen in the school and church office at adminasst@stpeterssb.net.



New Sunday Bible Study Opportunity

Beginning Sunday, September 8 at 8:45 am



Is it possible for the Christian faith to survive and thrive in a world that's indifferent at best and hostile at worst? What does such a faith look like – at home, at work, and in the community? And what kind of church does it take to sustain that vision? St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians helps us with questions like these. He writes to strengthen the early

believers' faith in Jesus. In a godless society, St. Paul helps them 'to serve the living and true God' (1:9) – where holiness is not withdrawal from the world but involvement in it in a new way, marked by faith, love, and hope.

What you will take home:

Strength to face the challenges of living your faith and peace knowing that all rests in Jesus hands.

Lessons: A Model for the Christian and Congregation

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| 1 Love for the Word is Evident in Faithfulness | 1:1-10 |
| 2 Having a Pastor as a Bold Herald, A Gentle Mother, and an Exemplary Father | 2:1-12 |
| 3 Faithfulness to the Word Endures Despite Opposition and Persecution | 2:13-3:9 |
| 4 Avoiding the Influence of a Sinful Environment | 3:10-4:12 |
| 5 Looking Forward to the Last Day with Watchfulness and Joy | 4:13-5:11 |
| 6 A Life of Sanctification Marked with Faith-born Love | 5:12-28 |

The class will be taught by the Pastors and will meet in the Social Hall at St. Peter's.

Class starts on Sunday, September 8 at 8:45am (*conveniently scheduled in between our Sunday morning worship.*) Drop off the kids at Sunday School, which meets at the same time, and join us.

*Also, Bible Study Nursery Care is available for children from infancy to 3 years old to enjoy some supervised play time while the parents enjoy Bible class and adult conversation.



Join Online: If you are not able to attend class in-person, you can join and participate with the class by using Zoom. Sign up on your computer/phone by going to zoom.us and creating an account. Email Pastor Sauer and he will send you the password to join the meeting (please do so before Sunday mornings). Thank you!

HYMN

697 *May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on
 2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;
 dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra-cious help sup - ply.



still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your
 One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian



chil-dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same: a glo-rious crown of life.
 fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1789–1863, alt.

Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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HYMN OF THE DAY

740 O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing things that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes with kind - ly words and ac - tions,



who good and per - fect gifts in mer - cy are be - stow - ing,
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing,
 grant that no i - dle words may from my lips be fall - ing,
 and let me find good friends for coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 that I do what I should while trust - ing you to bless
 but when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - hurt by sin.
 the out - come for my good, for you must give suc - cess.
 then fill my words with grace lest I of - fend the weak.
 and by your Spir - it's might to live in peace with all.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.

Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693

Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn

671 Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, your blood, which
 2 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly the Lord is
 4 Tho' death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, it can - not
 5 Thus ev - 'ry pain is dis - ap - pear-ing; one taste my



you for me have shed— these are my life and strength for -
 you and you in me. In you my soul will be de -
 near, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
 rob me of my cheer, for he who is of death the
 heart has come to know— of Je - sus and his love en -



ev - er; by them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 light - ed, as joys in - crease and sor - rows flee.
 cure - ly with Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 mas - ter with help and strength is al - ways near.
 dear - ing, the taste that sweet - ens ev - 'ry woe.

Refrain



O Je - sus, may your bod - y and your blood



be for my soul the high - est good.

Text: Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677–1754, abr.; (sts. 1, Ref, 2–4): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Matthew Carver, b. 1977, alt.
Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt
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Closing Hymn

705 *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep,
- 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands—'tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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