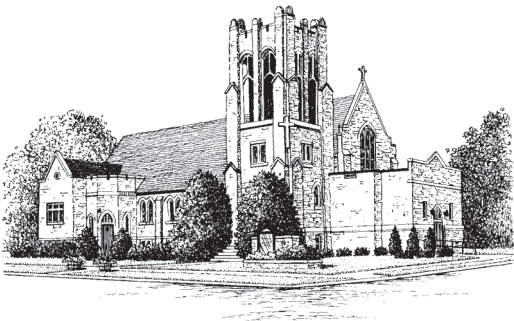




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## ST. PETER'S NET

## MARCH 2011

### *Lead Us Not Into Temptation*

The Sundays in the season of Lent begin with the Gospel Reading about Jesus' temptations in the wilderness. Alone in the wilderness, hungry and tired, Jesus is, in a sense, abandoned by God, and the tempter comes to assault Him. The first temptation is directed to the weakness of His flesh. To satisfy the needs of hunger is legitimate, but not at the expense of losing the redemption of mankind. The second temptation is spiritual. It is the demand for a sign from God, tempting God rather than laying claim to God's promise in faith. The third temptation is the complete temptation. Jesus' allegiance to God is at stake. In all three temptations Jesus' weapon is the saving, supporting, enduring Word of God.

Now, because Jesus was tempted, our temptations are no longer specifically our own. When we pray "Lead us not into temptation" it is a petition prayed in the confidence of Christ's victory over temptation in our own flesh. Because we are linked to Christ, united with Him in faith, in every temptation of ours, it is not we who are tempted, it is Jesus Christ *in us* who is being tempted. And that makes a mighty big difference!

As he did with Jesus, the devil tempts us to live without God's Word. He offers us peace, happiness, power, and all sorts of gems—none of which he has. But Satan's offer always

comes apart from God, apart from God's life-giving Word, apart from the gifts of God! Temptation intends to separate us from God, as Satan tried to do with Jesus.

We may experience temptation as suffering, but this too is a suffering for Christ's sake. This is a real temptation because suffering for Christ's sake can result in one of two things. First, suffering for Christ's sake may drive a person to apostasy, to unbelief, which is tragic. But suffering for Christ's sake may also drive a person deeper into the arms of Christ, as one is allowed, in faith, the joy of suffering for Christ in a meaningful way.



The deadly consequence of apostasy in temptation, because our temptation is of Jesus in us, finds deadly steps along the way. Temptation can lead first to security (a spiritual pride), the distorted idea discussed in Romans 6, namely, that we should sin so that God's grace may increase. With this a person's heart begins to harden and provokes the wrath of God. Along the way to apostasy, temptation of Christ in us can lead a person to despair. This is the fruit of what happens when we put God to the test. It is the fruit of our inability to rest confident in God's own promises.

Martin Luther's advice is always so practical: don't argue about your sins with anyone but God. And, secondly, remind the devil that Jesus called sinners, not the righteous, to repen-

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tance. For the temptation to deal with sin ourselves, apart from God, is really the final temptation of Jesus. It presumes that we can be God! Instead, it makes an alliance with Satan, for which there is no forgiveness.

Over the Sundays in Lent, we will hear of the subtlety of temptation in our lives; of how our own temptations are, in fact, the temptation of Christ in us. It is no surprise when we endure temptations, because this is a sign that we belong to Christ! What we do in the midst of temptation...ah, that is the question. Do we try to be Jesus ourselves, and wield the Word of God with our own hands? Or do we find our hope and confidence in Christ, the Christ who has conquered temptation—our temptations—for all time?

I invite you to let the Word dwell in you richly this Lenten season, by its proclamation on Sundays and in the Midweek services on Wednesday afternoons or Thursday evenings. For temptations do abound in our world!

*Pastor Hendrickson*



Dear Saints of St. Peter's,

It seems that no matter who you talk to these days, the consensus is that the world is in a bad way. Open up the *State Journal* or turn on *15 News* in the evening and you'll hear read or hear about all of the day's injustices, cruelty, wars, and oppression. You're also given a sobering reminder that these things happen in our own communities, and not just in Egypt or Libya. We are given a daily reminder that sin and evil exist in our world. And it becomes easy to think those predicting the world will end this May, or in 2012 might be on to something. Or we at least secretly root for this to happen. That God would come down and take care of all of this badness once and for all. And in the meantime, we look for ways to take care of it ourselves.

But in Matthew 13, Jesus says that there will always be weeds in our world. These bad things that people do that mess things up and hurt other people. Sometimes, they spring up when someone makes a mistake and catastrophe occurs, hurting



people, disfiguring the land, and destroying livelihoods. Other times people disagree on the best way to get something done and both sides wind up in a shouting match or violent conflict with each other over the best solution. And sometimes, there really are people who do bad things because they want to hurt other people.

When we see these bad things happen, we usually think we could come up with a plan to do things better. If only someone would just do this or do that. And sometimes, we start to think that God ought to do something. That he ought to come and get rid of all of the bad things and bad people in the world. If he would just let us do a little weeding, the world would be a much nicer place.

But God was concerned about his small plants. If He came down and exterminated everyone who hurt other people, everyone who led their neighbor astray, there just wouldn't be too many people left. People would be gotten rid of who might have been saved otherwise.

St. Paul was a person like that. At one point in his life, he persecuted people who believed in Jesus. He had them arrested, thrown in jail, and even killed. And yet, God did not kill him and send him to hell. Instead, Jesus came to him so that he might repent of his sins and be saved.

This is God's plan for how to deal with evil in the world, he sent his Son to die for the forgiveness of our sins. Through Jesus, our sins are forgiven before our Father in Heaven. It might seem like this is a bad way to deal with evil, with the weeds in our world. But this is what He does. Forgiveness is the only help. Jesus invited people who were sinners, people who cheated their neighbors, people who committed adultery into His Kingdom. In His Kingdom, there would even be a place for Hitler or Osama bin Laden, if they wanted to come.

God is patient. And he calls us to be patient as well. Even though we have to put up with bad things in our world. Even though some people are persecuted and hurt and sometimes killed for being Christians. God's harvest is coming soon enough, and he will then separate the weeds from the good plants.

*Dear Lord, we ask you for a bit of patience. Teach us that no day can be meaningless as long as you are at work in the world. Our blind eyes can't see how you allow the weeds to grow and thrive the way they do. There's not enough room in our hearts to hope and believe that it's worth continuing. But as long as You want to do it, we can only bow our heads and pray that Your will be done and that we too can be instruments in Your service. Therefore we ask you to come into our evil world, even when we don't think it would be possible. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever, amen.*

In Christ, *Vicar Sherman*

Adapted from a devotion by Bo Giertz, former Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Sweden, in the collection *To Live with Christ*, translated by Richard Wood and Bror Erickson, pp 157-158 (Concordia Publishing House, 2008).



FROM THE



# Forgiveness BRACELET

Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

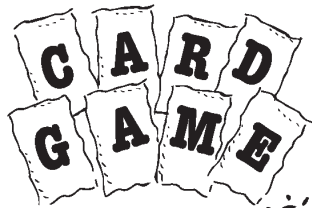
## What you need:

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

## What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write "Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.

# Make a



## You will need:

- 30 unlined index cards
- markers
- stickers

## How to make:

Write each of the words from the list below on its own card. Make a second set. Decorate with stickers or markers.

## Play:

The object of the game is to find cards that match. Shuffle all the cards. Lay them face down in 5 rows of 6 cards. Choose 2 cards. Keep them if they match. If they don't, return them to their places face down. Continue until all cards have been matched.

## Words to write:

- |            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Faith      | Love     |
| Healing    | Help     |
| Jesus      | Patience |
| Kindness   | Mercy    |
| Gentleness | Peace    |
| Generosity | Hope     |
| Prayer     | Joy      |
| Grace      |          |

# St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

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By Connie Hendrickson, Director

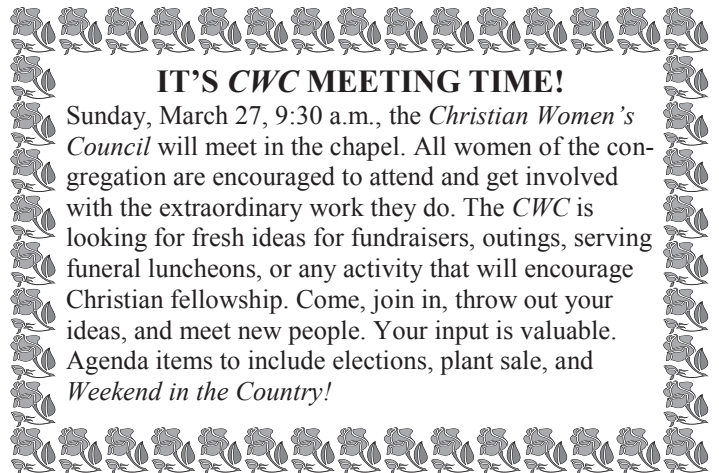
*We know that for those who love God all things work together for good.* Romans 8:28

Children are confronted with problems and problem-solving beginning at a very early age. Children naturally seek adult help, but all too often, adults solve children's problems without realizing that we are missing opportunities for children to learn how to solve their own problems.

Generating solutions with a child may take a little longer than just solving the problem yourself. But thinking through simple problems *together* strengthens the child's problem solving skills, including use of these steps:

- identifying the problem,
- brainstorming possible solutions,
- choosing one solution and trying it out,
- evaluating what happened, and *pray* about the problem — *together*.

Teaching our children to seek God's help through prayer lets them know they are not alone and that all things are possible through Him, our Savior.



## IT'S CWC MEETING TIME!

Sunday, March 27, 9:30 a.m., the *Christian Women's Council* will meet in the chapel. All women of the congregation are encouraged to attend and get involved with the extraordinary work they do. The *CWC* is looking for fresh ideas for fundraisers, outings, serving funeral luncheons, or any activity that will encourage Christian fellowship. Come, join in, throw out your ideas, and meet new people. Your input is valuable. Agenda items to include elections, plant sale, and *Weekend in the Country!*

To the two photographs to the right are of the organ console case as it is being built for St. Peter's. In the upper photo the three manuals (keyboards) will be in the center. The panels on the right and left with all the holes

are for the stop draw knobs. The number of holes gives you an idea of the number of ranks for the organ. The case is solid wood, and will be stained to match the oak furniture in the sanctuary. The console will arrive March 21st.



## HOUSE OF THRIFT NEWS




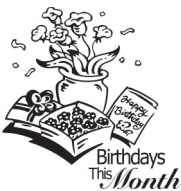
The semi-annual bag sale will be February 26th through March 12th. It will include all clothes with colored tags and shoes. A grocery-size bag will cost \$7.00. This clears out the winter clothes to make room for the spring and summer clothes.

The store is located at 201 Cottage Grove Rd (just off Monona Dr). It is open 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and Noon-6:00 p.m. on Mondays. The phone number is 223-1228. Donations are welcome during these hours.

Members of St. Peter's work on the first Friday (Mar 4th) and the third Wednesday (Mar 16th) of each month. Please call Alice Hanson if you have any questions or would like to become part of the *House of Thrift* team.

*Thank you!*

## DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

<p><b>March 3/6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b></p> <p>Exodus 24:8-18          Psalm 2:6-12          II Peter 1:16-21          Matthew 17:1-9</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Vicar Sherman</i>          Text: Matthew 17:1-9          Order (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i>                (Sun) <i>DSI, p. 151</i>          Hymns: 803 - 413 - 873, 414 - 821          Organist: David Hoffelt          Choir: (Sun) <i>Kat Trio</i></p>
<p><b>March 9 Ash Wednesday</b></p> <p>Joel 2:12-19          Psalm 51:1-13          II Corinthians 5:20-6:10          Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Mine</i>          Text: Psalm 51:1-13          Order: <i>Imposition of Ashes &amp; Holy Communion</i>          Hymns: 440 - 419, 607 - 597 - 560, 570 - 878          Organist: David Hoffelt          Choir: Adult Choir</p>
<p><b>March 13 1st Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>Genesis 3:1-21          Psalm 32:1-7          Romans 5:12-19          Matthew 4:1-11</p> <p><b>March 16/17 1st Midweek in Lent</b></p> <p>II Kings 4:1-7          Passion History, Part 1</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>The Temptation of Christ</i>          Text: Matthew 4:1-11          Order: <i>Service of the Word</i>          Hymns: 418 - 727 - 657 - 424          Organist: David Hoffelt          Choir: (8:00) SS Lower Grades</p> <p>Sermon: <i>Nothing</i>          Order: <i>Evening Prayer</i> (HC on Thu)          Hymns: 423 - <i>Out in the Wilderness</i> - 543</p>
<p><b>March 20 2nd Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>Genesis 12:1-9          Psalm 121          Romans 4:1-8, 13-17          John 3:1-17</p> <p><b>March 23/24 2nd Midweek in Lent</b></p> <p>Isaiah 44:1-5          Passion History, Part 2</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>The Temptation of Christ in Us—Darkness</i>          Text: John 3:1-17          Order: <i>Holy Communion in Lent</i>          Hymns: 425 - 708 - 571 - 431, 435 - 422          Organist: David Hoffelt          Choir: (8:00) SS Upper Grades</p> <p>Sermon: <i>Marked</i>          Order: <i>Evening Prayer</i>          Hymns: <i>WOV</i>670 - 725 - 452</p>
<p><b>March 27 3rd Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>Exodus 17:1-7          Psalm 95:1-9          Romans 5:1-8          John 4:5-26</p> <p><b>March 30/31 3rd Midweek in Lent</b></p> <p>Judges 6:1-16          Passion History, Part 3</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>The Temptation of Christ in Us—Evasion</i>          Text: John 4:5-26          Order: <i>Service of the Word</i>          Hymns: 437 - 427 - 609 (st. 1-4, 5-7) - 421          Organist: David Hoffelt          Choir: (Sun) Handbells</p> <p>Sermon: <i>Enlist</i>          Order: <i>Evening Prayer</i>          Hymns: 433 - <i>WOV</i>734 - 718</p>
<p>Please check the Lost &amp; Found Box on top of the coat rack in the narthex if you are missing any items. We have accumulated an array of misplaced items over the last several months! Also check the kitchen counters upstairs and down for cookie containers!</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Lost &amp; Found</b></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Birthdays THIS Month</b></p> </div> <div> <p>3/8 Mary Veldkamp              3/9 Charles Taylor              3/11 Barbara Reddeman              3/19 Gladys Holl              3/20 Beverly Baerwolf-Pickle              3/26 John Caldwell              3/31 Lynn Porter</p> </div> </div>

## COUNCIL NOTES – January 11, 2011

The Church Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Bill Steffenhagen. Members present were Bill Steffenhagen, Keith Podoll, Cynthia Thurston, Brad Zimmerman, Vicar Sherman, Corinne Tuschl, Mary Taylor, Greg Frank, Lynnette Taylor, Steve Hustad, Verna Mueller, Mark Manke, Marvin Manke, Steve Paskey, Shannon Rohrbeck, Mark Witt, Mark Schoeckert, Glenn Puntney.

Opening devotion was given by Vicar Sherman from the Gospel of Matthew, Verse 34. This was followed by prayer. President Bill Steffenhagen welcomed all new members.

The **Agenda** was presented. It was recommended by President Steffenhagen that the Vicars report be moved to be held before Pastor's report. Reviewing by-laws and goals was added to New Business. Mark Witt moved to approve the Agenda with the changes. Mark Manke seconded, and the motion passed.

The **Minutes** of the January meeting were presented. It as noted that the January Financial Secretary's minutes were inadvertently left out. It was further noted that a spelling change from Cat Trio to Kat Trio be recorded. Mark Schoeckert motioned to approve the minutes with the additions and corrections. Keith Podoll seconded, and the motion carried.

The **Financial Secretary's Report** included that general fund transfers will no longer show in line items as this will be done automatically by computer. This will save use of checks. Corinne Tuschl clarified several other line items. Greg Frank moved to approve the Financial Secretary's report. Glenn Puntney seconded, and the motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Cynthia Thurston, and she clarified several items, bills to be paid. She deferred organ finances to be discussed later under Organ Update project. She also clarified income to date and how it relates to the budget. Pastor commented that income usually is stronger during Lent, however, this year it will take longer to catch up due to Lenten Season being later than usual. Verna Mueller moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Steve Hustad seconded, and the motion carried.

The **Board of Elders' Report** included a need for a Military Care Liaison, and no other committee reports were given. No other action was taken. Mark Schoeckert moved to accept. Lynnette Taylor seconded, and the motion carried.

The **Board of Trustees' Report** was given by Keith Podoll. He stated that the Wilson House is now exempt from property taxation, but will need to be used as a Vicarage. The Church has been approached by the Red Cross as a possible disaster center during times of emergency. St Peter's space requirements fulfill Red Cross emergency needs. There was much discussion. Most notably questions such as: Is there a need for a contract? Who would be responsible for clean-up? Who provides cots? Does laundry? Etc. It was decided to check with our insurance on who covers liability. Hearing no objections President Bill Steffenhagen suggested tabling this item till the March meeting to allow time for research. The Elevator bill has been clarified and taken care of. The wrong bill was sent to St. Peter's. Marvin Manke moved to accept the Trustees' report. Greg Frank seconded, and the motion carried.

The **Board of Education Report** stated the CCC has 28 students. The Pre-K class continues to go smoothly. Mid-week classes had their outing to *Ultra-Zone* to participate in Laser Tag. Steve and Amy Paskey have once again graciously offered to prepare the Lenten suppers menu and coordinate the meals

themselves. Confirmation will be May 1<sup>st</sup>. Confirmation questions will be April 10<sup>th</sup>. These dates correspond to the late Lenten season and to Easter being the last Sunday in April. High School Youth will begin a Bible study group on Sunday afternoons. This day may change later. Corinne Tuschl moved to accept the report. Cynthia Thurston seconded, and the motion carried.

**Vicar Sherman Reports** that the website is up and running. He encourages everyone to check it out. There are things of interest for all. Vicar Sherman also reported on the many opportunities he is having to visit other churches, and that he is enjoying the Youth programs.

**Pastor Hendrickson Reports** that the Last Sunday in February the choir will perform *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Lent will begin March 9, Ash Wednesday. Regular Lenten services and suppers will begin March 16. The Church needs to apply for a Vicar for 2012 by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Approximately \$25,000 is needed each year to fund a Vicar. Currently St. Peter's has about three quarters of the amount needed. Marvin Manke moved to form a committee of council chairpersons to decide how to proceed with raising the other one-quarter of needed funds for a vicar. Mark Manke seconded and the motion carried.

A request to change the March council meeting failed due to too many conflicts. This motion to change meeting dates was made by Mark Schoeckert, and seconded by Steve Paskey. It did not pass.

There were no membership changes.

Under **Old Business** the organ project update included a timeline of repairs and building of the new organ console. Due to the anticipated changes some new components will be added to the new console. Bill discussed new additions and added funds for these additions. During discussion of this funding Corinne Tuschl updated the amount of funds received. Pastor stated the organ will be unavailable for two, possibly three, Sundays in March, but it should be fully functional by Easter. Bill Steffenhagen said there is some potential outreach to the community with inviting guests in to play and use the organ. There is also the possibility of some income from these concerts. After discussion about organ finances, Mark Witt moved to give authority to the Trustees to approach the Bank of Poyette for a loan against the Wilson House and use our current line of credit with the best terms and rates available to finance the remainder of the organ project. Steve Paskey seconded, and the motion carried.





Due to lack of time discussion on new business items, goals and constitutional by-laws will be tabled until the March meeting. The Lord's Prayer was said. Mark Schoeckert moved to adjourn. Greg Frank seconded, and the motion carried.

~Mary Taylor, Secretary





# CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:00 PM Midweek 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM HC Service	<b>4</b> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Class 9:00 AM Thrift Store	<b>5</b> 11:30 AM Private Confession
<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 8:00 AM HC Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 9:30 AM <i>Kat Trio</i> concert 10:30 AM HC Service	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Elders	<b>8</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday 9</b> 4:00 PM Midweek <b>6:30 PM HC Service</b> No Choir Rehearsals	<b>10</b> <i>No Evening Service</i>	<b>11</b> 6:30 AM Men's Bible Class	<b>12</b>  Time to Spring Ahead
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