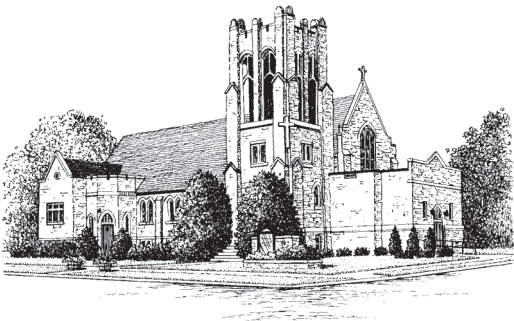




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ST. PETER'S NET

JULY 2011

Dear Saints of St. Peter's,

My time here on the prairie is going very quickly at this point. We're calling moving companies, packing boxes, and there is a house in Florissant, MO, to which we'll be taking all of our things. It doesn't seem that long ago that we turned off of 51 and began getting settled in here. We're a little disappointed that we won't get the chance this year to fall asleep to the gentle sounds of the tractor pull at the Fireman's Festival, and Owen won't get a chance to clap for all the bands at the Wo-Zha-Wa Days Parade. And while I'm still teaching him the Nebraska fight song, and to yell "Go Big Red," Owen can spot Bucky Badger and yell his name out, every time we see him on a package of cheese or jar of salsa at the grocery store.

We give thanks to God for sending us here this last year. Arlington has been a great town to live in, and St. Peter's has been a wonderful congregation to be a part of. Leah, Owen, and I all cannot express enough how much God has blessed us through His people in this place. We've been blessed by many kind gifts and words, thoughtful gestures, helpful advice, and especially your many prayers.

I also thank you for giving me the chance to learn and grow in preparation for the Ministry. The first day that I walked next door and sat down in my office, I had almost no idea what I was supposed to be doing—so it was helpful that VBS was that week, and I got to color and play tag—things I did have some experience doing. But, in the course of this year, through observing Pastor Hendrickson and talking with him, and getting to

know the members of the Church, I began to understand at least a little bit of what I'm preparing to do.

I thank you for kind words and constructive advice on my preaching. I've enjoyed making calls and hearing stories from the community going back many years. It's been a humbling experience for me learning to pray for the Church, not just as an organization, but for all the individual members of the Body of Christ, in their joys and struggles, in illnesses and recovery, in their celebrations and in their grief. It has changed how I think about church, it has changed how I've thought about preaching. It has given me an understanding that just can't come from the classroom. I really enjoyed learning how to teach the sixth-graders in confirmation class, and eventually grew to look forward to getting up early on Fridays for the Men's Bible Study.

This has been a year that we will cherish for many years to come. I can say with St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, "*I thank my God in all remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.... And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of Christ.*"

Vicar Sherman and Family



Whatever the Weather

No matter the forecast, weather can remind us of God's presence:

- When it's sunny, remember that Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12).
- When it's cloudy, remember that God often spoke to and guided his people from a cloud (Exodus 13:21-22).
- During a thunderstorm, remember the thunder and lightning when God beckoned Moses to Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:16).
- When it rains or snows, remember that God's Word serves his purpose just as precipitation does (Isaiah 55:10-11).
- When it's windy, remember that "a wind from God" came at Creation (Genesis 1:2), and God's Holy Spirit arrived at Pentecost like a mighty wind (Acts 2:2).



'Like A Horse & Carriage'?

In recent months a number of polls have been reported in the media showing a rather startling decline in marriage, both here and abroad. See, for instance, *The Decline of Marriage And Rise of New Families*, a Pew Research Center study (<http://pewsocialtrends.org/2010/11/18/the-decline-of-marriage-and-rise-of-new-families/>), that raises a notion which would have been unthinkable a generation or two ago: "Is marriage obsolete?" The study shows that the incidence of marriage is steadily declining while cohabitation continues to rise in frequency, with a steadily increasing number of cohabiting couples who are also raising children. This is common in our own communities in and around Arlington.



Even at a superficial glance it is cause for concern. It shows the continued fracturing of our society—to each his/her own. This fracturing tide is sweeping away the web of traditions that have long

woven together families, communities, and generations in our western culture. So in a time when marriage (when it does occur) is seen primarily as a personal expression of love and of nothing else, when cohabitation is deemed normal, when gay dating is far from unusual and gay marriage is rapidly becoming a *cause célèbre* ...is there anything left for the Church to say?

Indeed there is, much in every way! BUT...not primarily the Word of God's Law (just and holy as it is), because the Law kills. If the Church is going to have an impact on this tsunami of social change, what we say and do must be foremost in the way of the Gospel, overflowing with the grace of God in Jesus Christ, because the Gospel brings life.

Now by grace, I don't mean what has come to be called "cheap grace", the so-called "grace" that justifies the sinner rather than the sinner. In recent years we have witnessed a number of church bodies go down that road to arrive at the untenable position of calling sin good and righteousness not! And this is justice? "Oh My people..."

But equally ineffective over recent years has been the opposite Christian approach—arguments about the nature of marriage, lists of Biblical principles about marriage, "slippery slope" statistics. These have not been persuasive. Appeals to social norms about human sexuality likewise no longer persuade. Political action by Christians is largely perceived as prejudiced rather than principled. No, in the present situation the Church has a better Word than either the legalistic tack or the path of cheap grace.

This better Word emerges when we and every part of our life are "in Christ." A society is not changed from the outside in, but rather from the inside out. The advocates of our contemporary social changes have successfully appealed to human hearts. The Church must offer a deeper appeal! But neither the Church as a religious Walmart, offering whatever people want at the lowest price, nor the Church as a scolding judge, ranting about society's decline, is going to be able to affect the adverse tide of social change. It is "in Christ" that the gates of hell do not prevail; each of us is "in Christ" by Holy Baptism, and all of us, baptized together, as one body "in Christ."



Faithfulness in marriage (and faithfulness to God's design of male & female in marriage), or chastity in singleness, is fully found only "in Christ." It does not come by principles and laws, nor by a if-it-feels-right-it-can't-be-wrong individualism. It comes "in Christ," which means Holy Baptism, Holy Gospel, and Holy Supper within the Holy Fellowship that sustains us "in Christ." Then "in Christ" it is He Himself who is at work in our lives—single or married—working His faithfulness in us.

And thus "in Christ" we bear with and graciously impact those who are not yet ready to live such faithfulness; like Jesus, neither condemning nor condoning their less-than-faithful life, but nevertheless surrounding them by His grace which we ourselves inhabit together with the hope that they, in time, might come to inhabit that same grace with us. For while we ourselves were yet sinners Christ died for us. How can we not, then, die to ourselves and bear with those who by their choices or compulsions live outside of Christ's faithfulness, so that by such patient endurance they may come to know this Christ (or return to Him) through us to live in His faithful grace?

This is difficult—to love as Christ loves; to justify the sinner, not the sin. But this can never happen in the vacuum of individualism nor in the



abstractions of law. It takes place in Christ, within His Body, the Church. As in the early days of the Church, so today this life in Christ will work itself like leaven throughout the lump of dough we call society (even in as "lumpy" a society as ours). It is the work that begins anew each day with each one of us baptized in Christ; each day we are lifted up anew in Christ, that together with Christ we live His grace and His faithful anew that day...so that through us others also might so live.

Pastor Hendrickson

PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

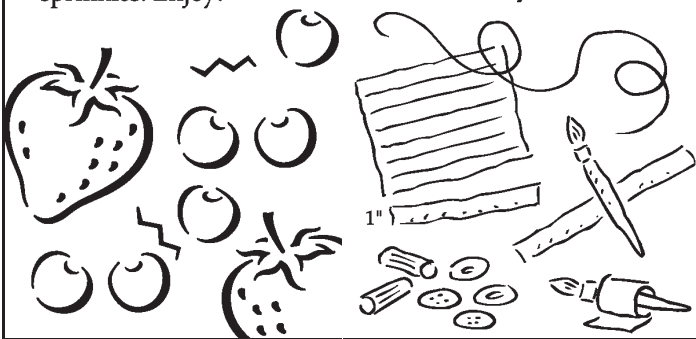
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



Make Egyptian Paper Beads

The people of Egypt have been making beads for 5,000 years!

You will need:

- Brightly colored magazine pages
- Yarn
- Metal washers, buttons or macaroni (optional)
- Paintbrush handle
- Glue
- Scissors

How to make:

1. Cut magazine pages into 1" strips.
2. Spread glue on each strip. Lay the paintbrush handle at the end of the strip. Roll it up around the handle.
3. Pull the brush handle out. Let beads dry.
4. When dry, string beads on yarn. Add metal washers, buttons or macaroni if you'd like.

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

Accredited by NAEYC

By Connie Hendrickson, Director

Give thanks to the Lord. Call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.
I Chronicles 16:8

When you pray with your child this Fourth of July season, let them hear your prayer of thanksgiving for this country's freedom and for the freedom God go generously bestows on us through His daily grace. Reminding our children early on of our blessings today will ward off taking things for granted tomorrow.

Have a safe and blessed Fourth of July with your loved ones!

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Democracy
Overcome
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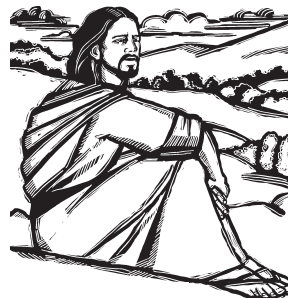


HOUSE OF THRIFT NEWS

In June the marketing directors of Bethesda will be resetting the Madison store. This change will put the men's and children's clothes in the center of the store and the furniture in another area. At the present time the furniture is scattered throughout the store.

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 (July 1st) and the third Wednesday (July 20th) 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!**



Rough Road Ahead

It had been an especially long trip home, and the weary traveler still had many more miles to go. So he winced at a sign warning "Rough Road — Next 4 Miles."

Rough, indeed. The lanes narrowed, and the shoulder disappeared. Traffic slowed to a crawl as drivers navigated around potholes and moving construction equipment. But sure enough, after exactly four miles, the road became smooth again.

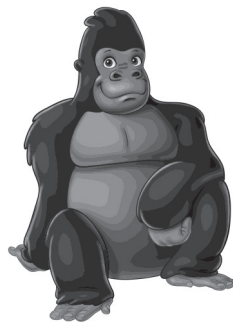
"In this world you will have trouble," Jesus said. "But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Notice that Jesus didn't say we "might" have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled on by hope.

DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

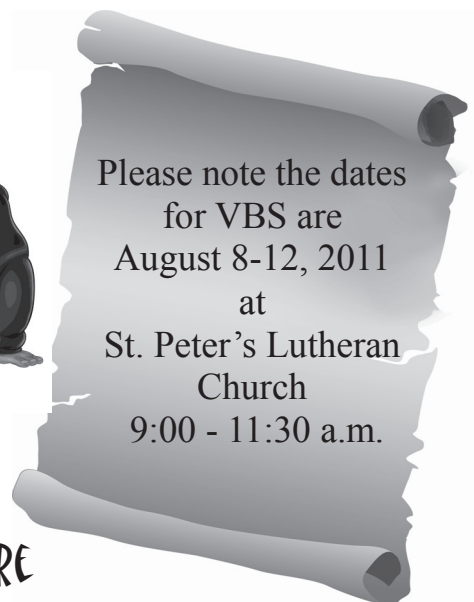
<p>June 30/July 3 3rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:1-14 Romans 7:14-25a Matthew 11:25-30</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>The Letters to the Seven Churches</i> Text: Revelation 2-3 Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i> (Sun) <i>DSIV</i>, p. 203 Hymns: <i>God of Our Fathers</i> - 644 - 570, 605 - <i>Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory</i> Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (Sun) Vickie Detert, <i>Soloist</i></p>
<p>July 7/10 4th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:9-13 Romans 8:12-17 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>The Heavenly Sanctuary</i> Text: Revelation 4-5 Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i> (Sun) <i>Matins</i>, p. 219 Hymns: 907 - 621 - 950 - 577 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (Sun) Leah Sherman, <i>Soloist</i></p>
<p>July 14/17 5th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 119:57-64 Romans 8:18-27 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>The Seven Seals</i> Text: Revelation 6:1-8:5 Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i> (Sun) <i>DSIII</i>, p. 184 Hymns: 913 - 676 - 770, 735 - 922 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (Sun) Vickie Detert, <i>Soloist</i></p>
<p>July 21/24 6th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Deuteronomy 7:6-9 Psalm 125 Romans 8:28-39 Matthew 13:44-52</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>The Seven Trumpets</i> Text: Revelation 8:6-11:19 Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i> (Sun) <i>Matins</i>, p. 219 Hymns: 651 - 763 - 508 (st. 1-4, 5-7) - 850 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: (Sun) Matt Hendrickson, <i>Piano</i></p>
<p>July 28/31 7th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 136:1-9 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Rev. James Laatsch</i> Text: TBA Order: (Thu) <i>Service of the Word</i> (Sun) <i>Service of the Word</i> Hymns: 904 - 712 - 743 - 921 Organist: David Hoffelt Choir: TBA</p>

Christian Women's Council Notes

The 34th Biennial LWML Convention will be held June 23-26, 2011 in Peoria, IL. Vickie Detert and Karen Laatsch are going to attend parts of the convention. Vickie shared that the LWML now has a daily online devotion available by visiting their website. Karen Laatsch gave a detailed report from the plant sale and it was noted that \$525 was raised from sales and donations and an additional \$200 was received from Thrivent's *Choice Dollars* program bringing the total raised at the plant sale to \$725. The Outreach Picnic will be held on Friday, September 9, 2011, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The menu will continue to be simple with pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, desert and a beverage. There has been discussion of adding a salad, for example: vinaigrette coleslaw, to the menu to change it up. Next meeting for the *CWC* is being planned for September 25th, between services in the Chapel.



**BIG
 JUNGLE
 ADVENTURE**



Please note the dates
 for VBS are
 August 8-12, 2011
 at
 St. Peter's Lutheran
 Church
 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

COUNCIL NOTES – May 10, 2011

Council President Bill Steffenhagen called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. June 14, 2011. He followed this by prayer. Members present were Tom Crum, Mark Manke, Marvin Manke, Verna Mueller, Steve Paskey, Keith Podoll, Shannon Rohrbeck, Bill Steffenhagen, Lynnette Taylor, Mary Taylor, Cynthia Thurston and Brad Zimmerman. Greg Frank, Steven Hustad, Mike Post, Glenn Puntney, Sandra Sandstrom, Mark Schoeckert, Corinne Tuschl, Mark Witt, Pastor Hendrickson, and Vicar Sherman were excused.

The agenda was presented and approved by a motion from Marv Manke to approve, and seconded by Mark Manke. It carried.

The Secretary's minutes were read. No changes or corrections were made. Verna Mueller moved to approve the minutes. Tom Crum seconded, and the motion carried.

The Financial secretary's report was given by Cynthia Thurston. Clarifications were made. The motion to approve these minutes was made by Keith Podoll, and seconded by Brad Zimmerman. It carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Cynthia Thurston. She discussed current shortages in income which will affect making payroll. Insurance problems were addressed. There is a need to pursue other insurance company policies in light of the communication problems with the present company. Guide One. There was also much discussion as to areas that can be further streamlined within our budget. Discussion also centered around the workman's compensation portion of our insurance for our present cleaning person. A motion was made to use some of the special purposes funds to make up some of the budget shortfall by Marv Manke. It was seconded by Steve Paskey, and was carried. Bill Steffenhagen will appoint a small group to study the current budget and find other ways to meet our needs. Brad Zimmerman moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Keith Podoll seconded, and the motion carried.

No Elder's report was presented.

During the Trustee's report there was again discussion of insurance costs, the various coverages St Peter's carries. As stated earlier other quotes will be sought and discussed. Bill Steffenhagen will appoint a small group to study proposals. Verna Mueller moved to accept the Trustee's report. Lynnette Taylor seconded, and the motion carried.

The Board of Christian Education report stated there are 32 enrollees in the CCC for the summer. Sunday school is finished, but will resume in September. CCC Director Connie Hendrickson will be signing the four-year-old Pre-K Partnership with Poynette School District. There will be a large group of four-year-olds in the fall. The Bible class which meets at Marie Cook's will meet throughout the summer. There is a need to move the VBS week to the second week in August due to teaching personnel being gone this year during the first week of August. Marvin Manke moved to accept the report. Tom Crum seconded, and the motion carried.



With the Pastor being absent his report was in written form. Highlights include:

Vicar Sherman's last Sunday will be July 17th. Pastor will be attending the ordaining of our previous Vicar Herald on July 31st. Pastor is working on having some of our

younger members sign up as musical soloists for the summer. He is also working on plans to have some help throughout the year from our Deacon Schroeder. Mark Manke moved to accept the Pastor's Report. Tom Crum seconded, and the motion carried.

Keith Podoll moved to recommend to the Voters' Assembly a release of members Dan and Catherine Manke and their children to *St. Paul's Lutheran (WELS)* in Lake Mills. Brad Zimmerman seconded and the motion carried.

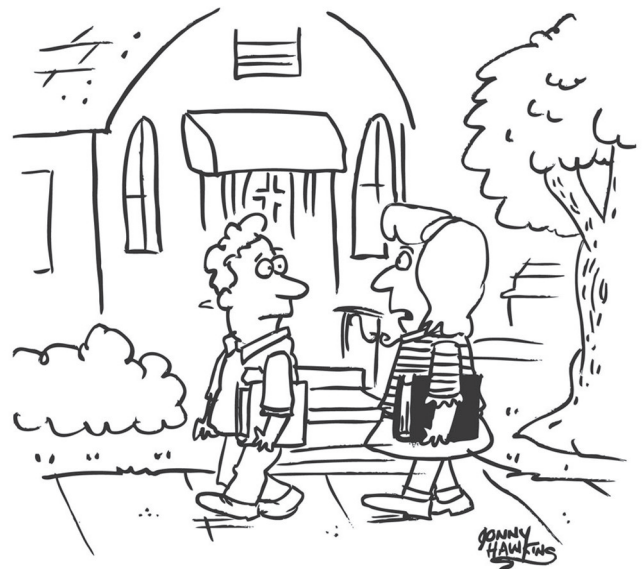
The Council and Bill Steffenhagen are still working on sections of the Council Constitution. New business included setting the Voter's meeting on July 17th, between services. This motion was made by Brad Zimmerman, seconded by Keith Podoll, and was carried.

The Lord's Prayer was said, and the motion was made to adjourn by Steve Paskey, was seconded by Lynnette Taylor, and was carried.

~Mary Taylor, *Secretary*



THINKING OF AN INVESTMENT? The scholarships supported by the *St. Peter's Endowment Fund* not only contribute to the recipients' education, but also to all the people those recipients will serve in the course of their careers! Giving for the purpose of scholarships also offers members personal satisfaction in knowing how their contribution is used, and knowing you are participating in and helping grow the future for many people.



"They must have had some form of email.
The Apostle Paul wrote the epistles."



**FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



Balance on May 31, 2011 (\$1,617.15)
 Receipts for June (est.) \$13,118.60
 Expenses for June (est.) (\$14,705.72)
 Shortage/Overage (\$3,204.27)

Organ Fund (Goal: \$158,000): Pledge Amount: \$127,267.25
Current Total Collected: \$87,177.82

REPAIR PROJECTS: \$25,020.00 owed on the repair projects. See the poster in the narthex for each project breakdown as well as pictures detailing the repairs or replacements.



Elders

July 3	8:00 a.m.	Mark Witt & Steve Paskey
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum
June 7	6:30 p.m.	Mark Schoeckert
June 10	8:00 a.m.	Marv Manke
	10:30 a.m.	Glenn Puntney
June 14	6:30 p.m.	Mark Schoeckert
June 17	8:00 a.m.	Greg Frank & Steve Paskey
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum
June 21	6:30 p.m.	Mark Witt
June 24	8:00 a.m.	Steve Hustad
	10:30 a.m.	Glenn Puntney
June 28	6:30 p.m.	Marv Manke
June 31	8:00 a.m.	Steve Hustad
	10:30 a.m.	Greg Frank

Freedom in Christ
This Independence Day, remember that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.

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Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

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Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)



July 3, 10 & 17

Early	Late
Jeff Anderson, Chr. (434-9764)	Robert Kronberg, Chr. (920-992-5272)
Dave Sandstrom	Nathan Campbell
Austin Anderson	David Steinke
Craig Wendt	Vint Quamme
Glenn Puntney	Tom Crum
Riley & Cody Puntney	
Todd Taylor	
Logan Sandstrom	

July 24 & 31

<i>John Caldwell, Chr.</i> (635-4762)	<i>Herb Miller, Chr.</i> (635-4557)
John Burchardt	Paul Yamriska
Don Thurston	Dennis Hahn
Marvin Manke	Charles Hilgendorf
Tom & Mike Manke	Joe Pingel
Wayne Hanson	Andrew Klahn
Herb Schultz	
Kraig See	



**JULY ALTAR
GUILD**

635-4825

Adele Walker
Connie Hendrickson



7/1	Jeff Rouse
7/4	Karen Kronberg
7/8	Gladys Zellmer
7/15	Emily Schoeneberg
7/26	Marvin Bystol

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
Pentecost 3 St. Thomas, Apostle 8:00 AM HC Service 10:30 AM HC Service	Independence Day 4  Church Office & Day Care Closed	5 1:00 PM Bible Class	6	7 6:30 PM HC Service	8	9
Pentecost 4 10 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM BP Screening 10:30 AM Divine Service	11	12 1:00 PM Bible Class 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Elders	13	14 6:30 PM Contemporary Service	15	16 11:30 AM Private Confession
Pentecost 5 17 Vicar Sherman's Final Sunday 8:00 AM HC Service 9:15 AM Qtrly Voters' Meeting 10:30 AM HC Service	18	19 1:00 PM Bible Class	20 9:00 AM Thrift Store	21 6:30 PM HC Service	22 St. Mary Magdalene 	23
Pentecost 6 24 8:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service	25 St. James the Elder, Apostle	26 1:00 PM Bible Class	27	28 6:30 PM Contemporary Service	29	30 
Pentecost 7 31 8:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>St. Peter's Lutheran Church Phone: 608-635-4825 Fax: 608-635-2753 E-mail: stpeterluth@centurytel.net www.stpetersarlington.org</p> </div>					