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ST. PETER'S NET FEBRUARY 2020

Valentine's Day approaches... love is in the air. But where did the day come from? Pope Gelasius I (492-496 AD – that's how long he was pope, not how long he lived) declared February 14th to be the feast of St. Valentine.

So who was Valentine? Well, you actually have three guys to choose from. One was a priest at Rome, another the

bishop of Interamna (modern Terni, in case you haven't made summer vacation plans yet), and the third some guy in Africa that no one knows much about. All three martyred, and all three said to be with dates of February 14th.

The history is that that Valentine got in trouble with Emperor Claudius II. Claudius prohibited young men from marrying so that they would serve in the military. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

When Valentine's actions were discov-

ered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Valentine was arrested and dragged to Rome, condemned to be beaten to death with clubs and beheaded The sentence was carried out on February 14, on or about the year 270.When Valentine was tossed into prison, where, legend has it, he fell in love with the jailor's daughter and wrote her a little love note on the way to his execution. It was oddly shaped piece of paper, folded and torn in what we identify today as a heart. And the rest, as they say, is history. Sort of. The Roman Catholic Church bumped St. Valentine out of the canonical hall of fame back in 1969 (no longer observing the saint day officially), but the Lutheran Service Book managed to squeeze him in on its list of Commemorations. (Lutherans, Anglicans, and Orthodox have kept the saint's day.)

> As to our modern history, Geoffrey Chaucer, the patron saint of computer spell checkers (kidding), is responsible for the first written association of Valentine's Day with romantic love in his Parelment of Foules (1382) (that's "Parliament of Fools" if you don't read old English regularly):

For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate.

Pardon the spelling, but that's the way they did it back in Chaucer's day. This was before autocorrect and the spell checker. Just read it aloud, and you'll get it, more or less. On the day the birds

search for a mate, somewhere in the middle of February, (which seems a bit chilly for avian romance, but hey, I'm not a bird), a letter of love was sent from a lover to his beloved. And that, kiddies, was more than enough romance for Hallmark to turn the feast of St. Valentine into a multimillion dollar romantic dynamo.

I hope it's true that St. Valentine went to his death defending marriage. We could use more of that kind of passion today.



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Marriage is more than romance. Life is not always romantic. But it is loving, and to be loving is to be forgiving.

Thus, St. Valentine witnessed to the love that neither hatred, torture or death can destroy.

"For the present sufferings are not worth being compared with the glory which shall be revealed." The love of Christ sustains marriages just as it holds and sustains the marriage that is Christ and the Church (Eph. 5).

So enjoy your Valentine's day as you are accustomed to. But as you do, raise a toast to St. Valentine, whichever of the three he may have been. Let us rejoice with the saints who defended the faith, proclaiming God's gifts in Christ, defending the fullness of God's Word. May they all rest in the peace of Jesus. May we have such faith and works according to our calling.

Pastor Amen



In His Temple Now Behold Him, LSB 519, is the Hymn of the Day for the Purification of Mary and Presentation of Jesus. This occurs on February 2, and, thanks to falling on a Sunday, we will be observing it!

So. Are you gonna let a kid do the fighting for you? In times of emergency or war, it is customary to protect the women and children, while men risk their lives and do the fighting. Especially in the case of the children, it's a matter of protecting the most helpless and vulnerable. It'd be shameful for men to take shelter and let children do the fighting. It's happened before, though: see David versus Goliath in 1 Samuel 17.

The Feast of the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord presents a less likely-looking hero than young David: a forty-day-old baby. But this is no ordinary baby. He is the infant Jesus. At the ripe old age of forty days, He's doing the fighting for you. To set-up this hymn, it's helpful to go back to a final prophecy of the Old Testament, Malachi 3:1: "And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts." God promised that He Himself would come as the Savior. 400 years later, He kept His promise.

Henry John Pye (1825–1903) wrote this hymn when 26, while serving as the young rector of a parish in the small rural town of Staffordshire, England. It seems he led a relatively ordinary life there as a parish pastor.

In ordinary life, you see a sight similar to Luke 2:22– 40 at baptisms when a couple holds a young infant in church before the pastor. This arrival of the LORD of Hosts in the temple, however, lacked the pomp and glory the world might expect from God appearing on earth. Just like in Baptism, the water doesn't look like much, but when combined with God's Word, it does so much more. 1 In His temple now behold Him; See the long-expected Lord! Ancient prophets had foretold him; God hath now fulfilled His word. Now to praise Him, His redeemed Shall break forth with one accord.

The first stanza is about Jesus' arrival at the temple for His presentation. He is called the "long-expected Lord." Simeon and Anna knew Jesus because the prophets foretold of His coming, and God told them Jesus was the Savior. Their response? Praise and thanksgiving!

The second stanza speaks of the "supporting cast", the believers who recognized Him to be the long-awaited Christ. Mary holds Jesus while the "aged saints" adore. *2 In the arms of her who bore Him.*

Virgin pure, behold Him lie, While His aged saints adore Him, Ere in perfect faith they die:

Alleluia! Alleluia

Lo, the incarnate God most high!

The third stanza is a prayer for the faithful to pray today. *3 Jesus, by Your Presentation,*

When they blessed You, weak and poor, Make us see Your great salvation,

Seal us with Your promise sure;

And present us in Your glory

To Your Father, cleansed and pure.

Though separated by many years from Simeon and Anna, you have the need for the same long-expected Lord. Jesus is just as present with you: not as a newborn, but just as present in His Word and His Sacraments. Even though they appear "weak and poor", just like an infant, when Christ is present he gives gifts: forgiveness, life, and salvation. Normally, you'd never let a kid do the fighting for you; but the child presented at the temple in this hymn is the almighty Son of God. The Lord is at work there for your salvation; it's also certainly true when He dies for you on the cross. Just as humbly, He comes to you in His means of grace to give you forgiveness of sins, life and salvation; and since He's already won the victory over sin, death and the devil, you can rejoice that He's already done the fighting for you.

The tune WESTMINSTER ABBEY was written by Henry Purcell, one of the most inventive and popular English Baroque composers of his time. Purcell not only composed church music, but wrote a great deal of ceremonial, classical music, as well as Operas and theater music. This tune also is used for LSB 909 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" and LSB 914, "Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten."

> In His service, Cantor Geremy Zíeroth

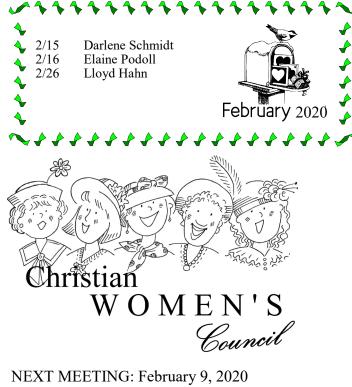


Bible Quiz

The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word "love" occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

Α.	200-300
Β.	400-500
С.	600-700
D.	800-900

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NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2020 WHERE: St. Peter's WHEN: 9:15 AM AGENDA: Annual Tithes Spring Plant Sale LWR Care Kits in Lent



First, write the opposite of each listed word. Then transfer letters to the correct numbered blanks to discover Jesus' messages about love.

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Answer: warm, over, in, small, loud, hard, young, before, true; "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV neighbor as yourself."

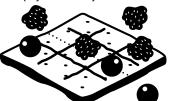


The table in the narthex has a good selection of cards available Stop by and check it out! There is a wide range of cards to fit every occasion and all proceeds

go to the *Christian Women's Council* to help support all their good works. There are also a number of craft items still available for sale. You may leave your cash or check in the basket on the table.



This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- RaspberriesBlueberries
- blueberries

What you do:

- 1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
- 2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
- 3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
- 4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
- 5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

Try this twist on musical chairs.

What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

What you do:

- 1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
- 2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
- 3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
- 4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
- 5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
- 6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.

Please remember, you can also give online at StPetersArlington.org, with options for designated and automatic giving. Thanks for your generosity and support.





FEBRUARY 635-4825 Barb Reddeman St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool WMELS Accredited 4-K Host Site for Poynette School District

This month we have enjoyed being out in the snow and it finally feeling like winter!!

Indoors we have stayed nice and warm. With the preschool children we have been focusing our attention and efforts on their emotions and their senses. We sing a lot of songs, read stories, and help them to learn ways to calm and relax their bodies. We are helping them to understand and label their emotions when they are feeling BIG emotions.

We had such a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Jesus and learning songs to share with the parents about Christmas. We did have the program this year downstairs and also had it at an earlier time due to the age of the children. They did a wonderful job sharing the songs and also acting them out!! Thank you to the parents that came to listen.

We are already starting to look forward to summer themes and ideas along with enrollment. We have been very blessed to be at full enrollment and we want to continue to plan fun activities for the children while they take a break from school.

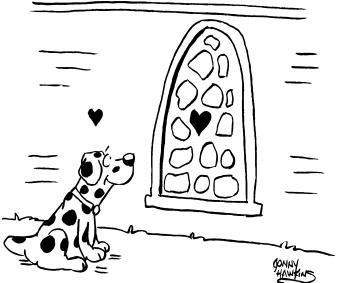
Here are a few photos of the children having fun on the snow hill.



DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 2/3The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord/ The Transfiguration of Our Lord1 Samuel 1:21-28Luke 2:22-32Matthew 17:1-9	Sermon: A Pure Child Shines Forth Order: DS III, p. 184 Hymns: 414 - 952 - 519 - 537, 415 - 417 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Upper Grades Sunday School (8am)
February 9/10SeptuagesimaExodus 17:1-7Psalm 95:1-91 Corinthians 9:24-10:5Matthew 20:1-16	Sermon: Dissatisfied People Order: DS I, p. 151 Hymns: 869 - 648 - 662, 555 - 827 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Bells
February 16/17 Sexagesima Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 84 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9 Luke 8:4-15	Sermon: The Seed Dies Order: DS I, p. 151 Hymns: 586 - 824 - 577, 738 - 921 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Lower Grades Sunday School (8am)
February 23/24 Quinquagesima 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 146 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 18:31-43	Sermon: Failure to Understand and See Order: DS I, p. 151 Hymns: 660 - 556 (1, 6-8) - 744, 545 - 861 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Adult Choir
February 26 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-19 Psalm 51 2 Peter 1:2-11 Matthew 6:1-6, 26-21	Sermon: Returned and Reconciled Order: Ash Wednesday Divine Service w/ Imposition of Ashes Hymns: 419 - 607 - 843 - 915 - 550 - 609 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir:





One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all.

"One wolf is Evil, it is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, selfpity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

"The other wolf is Good. It

is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute, and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - January 14, 2020



hurch Council Meeting Januray 14, 2020 called to order at 6:30 pm by James Rittmeyer.

> Opening Devotion by Pastor Amen -Psalm 145. God gives always in the midst of all time

and all things. We are reminded of this in many ways including the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed.

Agenda: Additions to Old Business: Budget Committee and Nominating Committee. Addition to New Business: Annual Meeting Agenda items. Steve Paskey moved approval with additions, Barb Reddeman second, motion carried.

Secretary's report: Motion to approve by Paul Yamriska, second by John Penshorn. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's report: was presented. Motion to approve by Bob Kronberg, seconded by Cameron Gramse, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: was given by Barb Reddeman. No questions or discussion. John Penshorn moved approval, Steve Paskey second, motion carried.

Board of Elders: Special thanks to John for doing extra to help out Jim & Verna Mueller. Military care is calm as of now. Endowment fund has paid out 3 scholarships, one on hold from 2018 is being paid as soon as information gets in, and one from 2019 is being put on hold so the recipient has it available when he returns from serving in the military.

Cantor Zieroth's Report- Christmas was great, done very, very well on all parts. Choir and bells are gearing up for big presentations in May.

Board of Trustees: There is nothing to really report on right now. The hours for cleaning on the off weeks has been tabled since Keith was not available at this meeting. John mentioned that the outside doors need painting. The trustees will make note of that for when the weather is warmer.

Board of Christian Education: The preschool -2nd grade Sunday School program went well the week before Christmas, thanks to Lisa Hagenow, Sarah Hagenow, and Cathy Schmidt for leading. The 3rd-8th grade program was well done Christmas Eve, thanks to Cantor Zieroth and Lucy Cuff for leading. Midweek 7th and 8th grade students served as ushers for the midweek Advent servicers. Friday Bible study continues through the book of John, we enjoyed our annual holiday breakfast out. Sunday Bible study continues with a look at

major biblical themes of Scripture and stories, which coincide with the Sunday School curriculum as well.

Pastor's Report- Thanks to all who served in various ways for Advent and Christmas programs and services. Sharing the good news of the Savior's birth is always a joy. Thanks to a few individuals and quick response efforts were made to provide 6 families with turnkeys and 2 other families with other needs, this was an unplanned service that arose and the need was quickly met. Thanks also the many who provided for the Giving Tree, as we were able to fill more tags than requested, which was needed with overall community giving a struggle to meet the need. Met with new owner of Divine Rehab (formerly Good Samaritan) and they are making greater efforts to support the continuation of the weekly church service, so far it has gone well.

Membership Changes- None

Old Business- Nominating committee reported the names they have secured so far for open positions on the Church Council. The following individuals are placed in nomination for offices on the Church Council: Dan Schmidt*, Paul Yamriska*, Calvin Moll*, Tom Crum, Tyson Miller *Elders*; Lynnette Taylor, Council Secretary; Bob Hagenow, Financial Secretary; Beth Hutchinson, Board of Christian Education; Kelly Hageman, Mary Taylor*, Bob Hagenow* Endowment Fund. Other nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting (January 26th) with the nominee's permission. (*Second term). The budget committee presented the budget for 2020. Cameron Gramse moved to present the budget to the Voters' for ratification, John Penshorn provided the second, motion carried.

New Business- Annual Voters' Meeting reports need to be in to Lynnette by the 23rd of January for inclusion in the packets.

Adjourn- motioned by Paul Yamriska, seconded by Bob Kronberg to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Elder meeting follows.

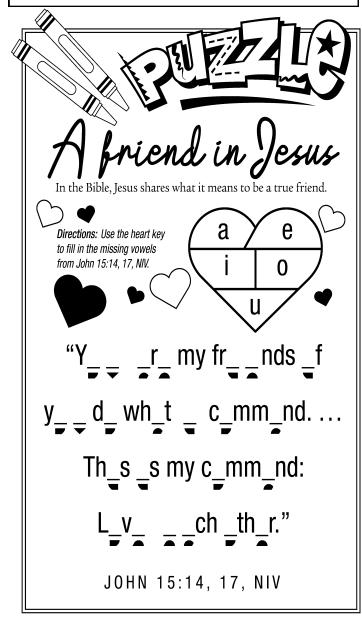
> Respectfully submitted: Lynnette Taylor Acting Secretary





FINANCIAL REPORT CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:

Balance on December 31, 2019	\$ 17,700.69
Receipts for Jan (est.)	\$12,289.55
Expenses for Jan (est.)	
Shortage/Overage	\$13,128.23



Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other." John 15:14, 17, NIV



Parents and College Students:

Please let us know what your college address is going to be so that we can keep in touch through the coming year! Just email the Church Office:

stpeterluth@gmail.com

ELAERS

Feb	2	8:00 a.m.	Cameron Gramse & Dan Schmidt
		10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Feb	3	6:30 p.m.	Paul Yamriska
Feb	9	8:00 a.m.	Kim Kriewaldt
		10:30 a.m.	Dan Schmidt
Feb	10	6:30 p.m.	
Feb	16	8:00 a.m.	Kim Kriewaldt & John Penshorn
		10:30 a.m.	Cameron Gramse & Paul Yamriska
Feb	17	6:30 p.m.	
Feb	23	8:00 a.m.	John Penshorn
		10:30 a.m.	
Feb	24	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt
Feb	26	6:30 p.m.	



February 2 & 9

Early

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Tyson Miller, Chr. (635-8504) Mitch Schoeckert Matthew Hendrickson Michael Hendrickson Stephen Saager James & Matthew Saager

Late

February 16 & 23

Philip Hanson, Chr (635-2244) Randy Schuster David Caldwell Mark Hirssig Robert Rittmeyer Buck & Ty Woodward Justin, Jacob, Caleb Reddeman Richard & Tony Rittmeyer Robert Caldwell, Chr. (635-4225) Jerran Hanson James Dobratz Bob Hagenow Al Stoltenberg

Acolytes

Feb 2 8:00 Kashton Fryk Codi Woodward 10:30 Feb 9 8:00 Piper Johnson Volunteers 10:30 Kloie Hathaway Feb 16 8:00 10:30 Lucas Campbell Feb 23 8:00 Georgia Cuff Volunteers 10:30 Feb 266:30 PM 7th/8th graders

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CAL	MONDAY		3 6:30 PM Divine Service	10 6:30 PM Divine Service	President's Day 17 6:30 PM Divine Service	St. Matthias 24 6:30 PM Divine Service	St. Peter's Lui Phone: 608-635-4825 E-mail: stpeterluth@gmail.com
	SUNDAY		Purification of Mary 2 Transfiguration 8:00 AM Divine Service 8:00 AM Upper Gr Sing 9:30 AM Bible Class/SS 10:30 AM Divine Service	Septuagesima 9 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Class/SS 10:30 AM Divine Service	Sexagesima 16 8:00 AM Divine Service 8:00 AM Lower Gr Sing 9:15 AM Bible Class/SS 10:30 AM Divine Service	Quinquagesima 23 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Class/SS 10:30 AM Divine Service	