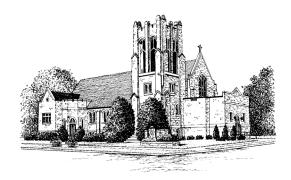


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### ST. PETER'S NET

### FEBRUARY 2021

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It's not so much that we stop

giving, but we don't put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God's Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service. Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.

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Hymn Study

Lent begins this year on February 17 with Ash Wednesday. February is known as the month of Love, and the suffering and death of Jesus is certainly the greatest example of love to be found.

Our hymn for this month is an Ash Wednesday hymn, LSB 419, "Savior, When in Dust to Thee." The author of the text is Sir Robert Grant (1779-1838) who wrote many poems which were set to music. He has one other text in LSB, #804 "O Worship the King."

Sir Robert Grant was born in 1779 in India, the son of Charles Grant, Chairman of the Directors of the Honorable East India Company. He returned to England with his father in 1790, and then enrolled at Magdalene College, Cambridge in 1795. Robert was called to the bar on January 30, 1807. He was a member of Parliament and a strenuous advocate for the removal of the disabilities of the Jews. It did finally pass after his death. In his younger days, Sir Robert published an essay on the trade and government of India. He was also the author of a volume of sacred poems. This volume included beautiful hymns, many of which are still in use today.

Sir Robert married Margaret Davidson of Cantray and they had two sons and two daughters. He was appointed Governor of Bombay and died in India in 1838. The oldest medical college in Mumbai (Bombay), India, the Grant Medical College, and Grant Road and Grant Road Station in Mumbai are all named after him. The tune used in LSB is different from TLH. SPANISH CHANT was used there, but one easily sees how the happy merry tune selected in TLH does not fit the somber timbre of the text. A much more fitting contemplative tune can be found with its modern pairing, the tune ABERYSTWYTH. This tune was composed by Joseph Parry (1841-1903).

Joseph Parry was born in Wales, on May 21, 1841. He worked early: a pit boy at 9, an iron worker at 12. In 1854 his family moved to Danville, PA where he worked in the rolling mills until

1865. Parry came from a musical family and studied harmony in his spare time. There was a large Welsh community in Danville and he became involved in strengthening Welsh culture locally. In 1865 he was admitted to the Gorsedd, which promotes poetry and music at the Wales National Eisteddfod (festival) and took the bardic name Pencerdd America. In 1867 he became a Freemason and the following year returned to Britain to study at the Royal Academy of Music (1868 – 1871). He returned to Danville where he established a musical institute. Parry returned to Britain and studied music at the University of Cambridge. He was appointed Professor of Music at University College, Aberystwyth, a post he held from 1874 to 1880. He would at this point remain in Wales until his death. In 1878 he gained the degree of Mus. Doc. and from 1881 to 1888 worked as organist at Ebenezer and as head of a musical college he founded in Swansea. From 1888 until his death on 17 February 1903 Parry was a lecturer in music at University College, Cardiff.

His musical works include operas, oratorios, hymns, anthems and instrumental works. *Aberystwyth* is also the hymn tune used for the National Anthem of South Africa.

Webster's Dictionary has many definitions for "dust," but the definitions "something worthless" and "in humility" fit best. In stanza one, we are singing how we, as something worthless because of our sinful nature and in humility, are speaking to our Savior, asking Him to hear our cries as the last phrase states, "Hear our penitential cry!" In TLH the last phrase was "Hear our solemn litany!," which didn't rhyme with the "cry" and always caused some controversy.

Savior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the adoring knee/ When repentant to the skies Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;/ O, by all Thy pains and woe Suffered once for us below,/ Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry! Stanzas two and three recount Jesus' life on earth. Being sinless does not mean an easy life. He suffered greatly, but all for us. We plead that He cast a favoring eye on us as we pray.

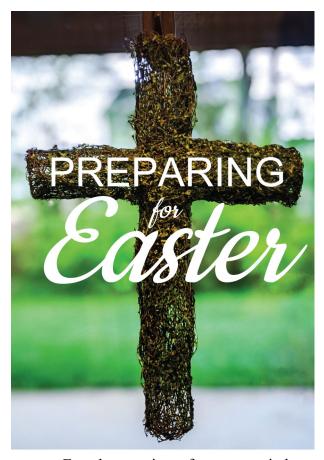
By Thy helpless infant years By Thy life of want and tears,/ By Thy days of deep distress In the savage wilderness,/ By the dread, mysterious hour Of the insulting temper's power,/ Turn, O turn a favoring eye; Hear our penitential cry!

By Thine hour of dire despair, By Thine agony of prayer,/ By the cross, the nail, the thorn Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,/ By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dreadful sacrifice,/

Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!
Stanza four continues with the end of Jesus' life on earth but it goes farther -- to His resurrection and ascension into heaven. We are asking Him to bend from His throne on high, and listen to our plea as we repent of our sins and ask for the forgiveness He has won for us.

By Thy deep expiring groan, By the sad sepulchral stone,/ By the vault whose dark abode Held in vain the rising God,/ O, from earth to heaven restored Mighty, reascended Lord,/ Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

> In His service, Cantor Geremy Zieroth



For the previous few years, indoor decorating has been done by a very small group of people who opted to show up and do what has become the traditional Easter decorations for St. Peter's sanctuary Typically this includes putting up the crosses in the chancel, shrouding the crosses, and during Holy Week, changing the colors to reflect the day. There is currently no lead or organizer for this to happen. If you would like to take charge and direct this event please contact the church office and do so. This will include setting the dates and making arrangements to ensure all aspects of decorating are complete. In addition, volunteers and assistance will be needed for whomever this may be.

Along that same note, there needs to be someone to coordinate and plan if we are to have our usual Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesdays during Lent. Soup Suppers have also been a tradition in the church, a time of fellowship.

Another tradition of St. Peter's Easter is the youth sponsored Easter breakfast that has been a tradition here since the mid 1960's. A decision will need to be made regarding this tradition as well.

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

Bible Study has resumed Sundays though we will meet in the classroom by the kitchen and offices. Tables and distancing are being observed.

Friday morning Bible Study is also in the same classroom at 7:30am.

Join in time of fellowship and discussion of God's Word.

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



# Puzz]e!

Discover the identity of a biblical person. First, assign a number value to each letter, starting with M=1, N=2, 0=3,... A=15, etc. Then use the code to complete the clues.

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Who is this person?

Express your love and friendship with handcrafted bracelets.



- Adult help
- Bowl of boiling water
- Wide wooden craft sticks
- Glass cup
- Markers, paint or decorative tape

### What you do:

- 1. Pour about 3 cups of boiling water into a bowl. Soak sticks in the water about 30 minutes.
- 2. Remove sticks and slowly, gently bend them into a curve.
- 3. To maintain the shape, place curved sticks inside a glass cup overnight to dry completely.
- 4. Remove and decorate the bracelets, which make fun Valentine's Day gifts.

## NEVER-ENDING

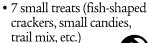


Seven days a week, remind someone special about God's love, the gift that truly keeps on giving.



- Large plastic pill box with a compartment for each day
- Construction paper
- Craft glue
- Black permanent marker
- Heart stickers
- Scissors
- Bible
- Pencil





### What you do:

- 1. Glue paper onto the container. Write "God's Love" in permanent marker. Decorate with heart stickers.
- 2. Cut seven slips of paper. On each slip, write out one Bible verse about God's love. (Examples include Psalm 63:3; Psalm 100:5; John 3:16; John 15:12; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9.)
- 3. Fill each compartment with a different treat. Then place a folded slip atop each treat.
- 4. Give away the present. Tell the recipient to open the correct day for a week and then refill the treats and verses and "regift" God's love to someone else.

### St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS Accredited

4-K Host Site for Poynette School District

This past month was extremely fun celebrating the birth of our King! We taught the children songs such as "Oh What a Special Night" along with "Away in a Manger" and they loved dancing and sharing these songs with their fami-

We also did some fun art projects, and enjoyed the snow that we were given to play in.

Our staff has been amazing. They put in long hours to clean and keep the children safe, they have been taking classes for continuing education, and they also have been giving tremendous and thankless attention to making the classroom exciting and fun for the children. I can not thank them enough for all that they do for the children, the church, and also for the families.

School did go virtual for a couple of weeks, which did make it hard on all the children, parents and staff, but together we made it through. The children continue to amaze me with their ability to go with the flow and to adapt with whatever that weeks sends them.

Our childcare is at full enrollment and we are receiving calls for the summer and fall as well. At this point we are unsure what those seasons will bring us with the pandemic still going on, but we know we are in God's hands and he always has a plan.

We continue to ask all people who enter the basement to wear a mask and to put hand sanitizer on before entering. We are still keeping the 4K separate from the childcare children.

We do pray that 2021 finds everyone some peace and also some normalcy of things as simple as family gatherings, going to a full church, and gathering with friends.



### **FEBRUARY**

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Barb Reddeman \*following COVID –19 procedures



### DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

February 7/8 5th Sunday after Epiphany Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 Mark 1:29-39	Sermon: When Jesus Comes in the House Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 846 - 398 - TLH 340 - 528 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Music: Upper Grades Sunday School, 10:30am
February 14/15 Transfiguration of Our Lord 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, 4:1-6 Mark 9:2-9	Sermon: Sinai, Carmel, Calvary, Zion Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 416 - 413 - 414 - 417 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Music: Lower Grades Sunday School (8am)
February 17 Ash Wednesday  Joel 2:12-19  Psalm 51:1-13  2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Sermon: Follow the Blood Order: DSIII, p. 184 Hymns: 419 - 607 - 609 - 915 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth
February 21/22 1st Sunday in Lent Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 25:1-10 James 1:12-18 Mark 1:9-15	Sermon: Every Good Gift Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 418 - 656 - 521 - 424 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth
February 24 1 Peter 2:24  1st Midweek of Lent	Sermon: Follow the Tree Order: Vespers, p. 229 Hymns: Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth
February 28/Mar 1 2nd Sunday in Lent Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 5:1-1 Mark 8:27-38	Sermon: Persons and Works Order: DSIV, p. 203 Hymns: 753 - 708 - 685 - 437 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Music: Handbells



### **CHOIR, MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES**

Cantor has lots of musical options for soloists, duets, small groups, and instrumentalists. Handbells will play on a limited basis. Rehearsals will be Sundays during the Sunday School hour or by arrangement with Cantor.

Help us make a joyful noise with your musical gifts!

### Why we lament

In 2020, the coronavirus pandemic struck America during the middle of Lent, a season associated with deprivation. Some people made light of the shutdowns, joking, "I didn't mean to give up *this* much for Lent!" Others asked why the suffering was occurring in the first place.

Professor N.T. Wright, in an essay for *Time*, explains that asking "why?" but receiving no answer is key to biblical lamenting. Adding to the mystery, he says, is that God also laments — grieving at the wickedness of humans, despairing over Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus cries at a friend's tomb; the Holy Spirit groans in anguish.

"Part of the Christian vocation," Wright concludes, is not being able to explain why but lamenting instead. "As the Spirit laments within us," he says, "so we become, even in our self-isolation, small shrines where the presence and healing love of God can dwell. And out of that there can

emerge new possibilities ... new hope."

### **COUNCIL MINUTES** January 12, 2021



The January 12th meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President Jim Rittmeyer at 6:32 pm. This meeting was held in the sanctuary so social distancing can be observed.

President Rittmeyer opened the meeting with prayer. The agenda was presented. It was

requested that we add "Job Description and Governance" to old business to get approval on minor changes that were made since it was presented, also to add "Call Committee Report" to new business. John Penshorn moved approval, Keith Podoll second, motion carried.

Secretary's minutes were read. Paul Yamriska pointed out that the second military care package was never sent as Anthony Rittmeyer returned home for the holidays. Paul Yamriska moved approval as corrected, Bill Manthey second, motion carried.

The Financial secretary's report was presented by Bob Hagenow. He reports that as the end of year numbers are in and calculated, we came in with deposits at 97.5% of what we spent, this does not include the PPP money as that is on a different line item. The mission giving pledge was met and exceeded by \$4,607.32, ½ of that will be forwarded on to District Synod, the other half will be used to distribute thank you's for Geremy and Lynnette, the remainder (\$843.66) to be transferred to Special Purpose to hold until the District Convention assessment comes in (aoproximately \$975 this year). Cameron Gramse moved approval, Calvin Moll second, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented. Lynnette Taylor gave the current checking account balance at \$28,517.29 and this includes two deposits, all bills presented on the report but no payroll for January yet. It was determined that the utility bills for the parsonage are operating expenses and should therefore be paid out of the general fund. Calvin Moll moved approval of the treasurer's report, John Penshorn second, motion carried.

The Elders report began with a short discussion with some sound issues and hearing Pastor Hintz at different times during the service. Geremy will look into it with Pastor Hintz so they can adjust microphones as needed. While on the subject of the vacancy pastor, guidelines for his salary were discussed. John Penshorn moved to use the Synod guidelines as a formula with the Pastor's years of service and 2/3 of the week as the basis for his pay. Calvin Moll second, motion carried. Cantor reported that there is still no formal vocal choir meeting, but the handbell choir is playing some and both of the Sunday School choirs are back in action with their regular routines after having performed Christmas programs.

The Trustees reported that the parsonage facelift is coming along well. Bill Manthey is almost done painting. There is a plumber on the schedule as soon as his schedule clears. Jackson Flooring has provided an estimate to re do the carpeting as well as a few tile repairs in the laundry closet. K&M Tie and Lumber (Meister's) from Lodi has given us an estimate to take down the dead ash tree in the front yard as well as 5 bushes up along the house. Bob Hagenow moved acceptance of the tree removal bid, Calvin

Moll second, motion carried. The dishwasher will get looked at to see if needs replacing, the washer and dryer will be removed but will not be replaced until it is determined if they will be needed.

The Board of Christian Education reports that communication with the School District is going well especially when full virtual school was having to be held here at St. Peter's. Tiffany Amoriello is working on the 2021 budget. The Sunday School children performed two very well done Christmas programs. Our midweek classes will be taken over by the Vacancy Pastor through the coming spring. The Youth Group doesn't have awhole lot going on. The men's Bible Study on Friday is being led by Bill Steffenhagen and Pastor Hintz will be leading the Sunday morning Bible study between services.

No Pastor's report. Keith Podoll moved that the transfers of Rebecca, Zachary, Matthis, Lydia, Laura, and Malachi Amen to St. Paul's Lutheran (LCMS), Pipestone, MN and Zachariah Rueger to St. Matthew, Lees Summit, MO, be approved, second by Cameron Gramse, motion carried.

Old business began with a report from Bob Hagenow on the budget. He reminded the group that the budget is just a best guess on what St. Peter's intends to spend, but will ultimately be guided by the contributions that are given. Keith Podoll moved that the budget be forwarded to the congregation for ratification during the annual meeting on January 31, 2021, Calvin Moll seconded, motion carried. The nominating committee indicated that the following candidates have agreed to be placed in nomination for positions on the St. Peter's Church Council – Bill Manthey, Brad Larson, Alex Rehlinger, *Elder*; James Rittmeyer, *President*; Barb Reddeman, *Treasurer*; Amy Cuff, Assistant Financial Secretary; Keith Podoll, Greg Frank, Trustee; Charlotte Reddeman, Board of Christian Education; Vicki Stewart, Kelly Hageman, Endowment Fund. The updated job description for the Child Care Center Director was brought forward for approval. Tom Crum moved approval, John Penshorn second, motion carried.

Paul Yamriska gave the council a run down on the referendum to move the LCMS Synod Convention to a year out thereby creating a four year triennium this year and going forward with a new triennium in year following due to the circumstances given our country by COVID-19. After discussing many of the pros and cons of doing so, Bob Hagenow moved that we recommend to the Voters' of our congregation that we vote "NO" on this referendum when we discuss it at the annual meeting. Calvin Moll second, motion carried. President Rittmeyer gave the Call Committee report that the call committee has completed the Congregational Self Study and submitted it along with other required documents to our District President. The surveys and feedback we received from our members was insightful and invaluable in providing guidance to our project and study information. THANK YOU!! Moving ahead this input will also be important as we move thru the process of finding our next Pastor. So far the timetables are on point and we are moving judiciously thru each step. We appreciate the patience of the congregation during this process.

Keith Pocoll moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm, John Penshorn second, motion carried. Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. Elder meeting followed.

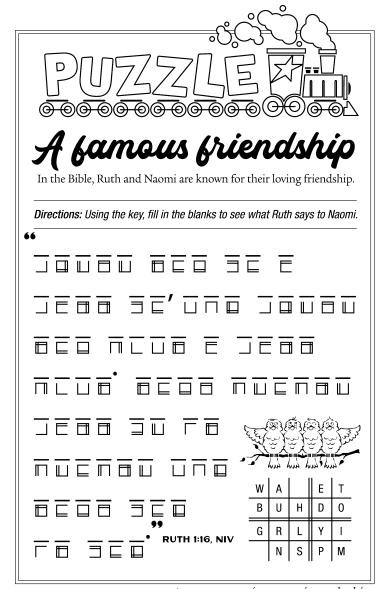
Respectfully Submitted, Lynnette Taylor Council Secretary



### FINANCIAL REPORT CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:



Balance on Dec 31, 2020	\$34,551.41
Receipts for Jan (est.)	
Expenses for Jan (est.)	
Shortage/Overage	



Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV



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 available for sale. You may leave your cash or check in the basket on the table.

# CLACKS

Feb	1	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt
Feb	7	8:00 a.m.	Paul Yamriska
		10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Feb	8	6:30 p.m.	Calvin Moll
Feb	14	8:00 a.m.	
		10:30 a.m.	
Feb	15	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
Feb	17	6:30 p.m.	Paul Yamriska
Feb	21	8:00 a.m.	Dan Schmidt
		10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Feb	22	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
Feb	28	8:00 a.m.	Calvin Moll
		10:30 a.m.	



### February 7 & 14

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

### **February 21 & 28**

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

Richard & Tony Rittmeyer



"Horace, what are we doing on the same cloud? Our vows said 'till death do us part."

# **CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Class/SS Music sessions 10:30 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM <i>Upper Gr Sing</i>	6:30PM Divine Service	6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	4:00 PM Midweek		7:30 AM Men's Bible Class	
Transfiguration 14	15	16	Ash Wednesday 17	18	19	20
8:00 AM Divine Service 8:00 AM Lower Gr Sing 9:15 AM Bible Class/SS Music sessions 10:30 AM Divine Service	6:30PM Divine Service		4:00 PM Midweek 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service	Newsletter Deadline ()	7:30 AM Men's Bible Class	
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