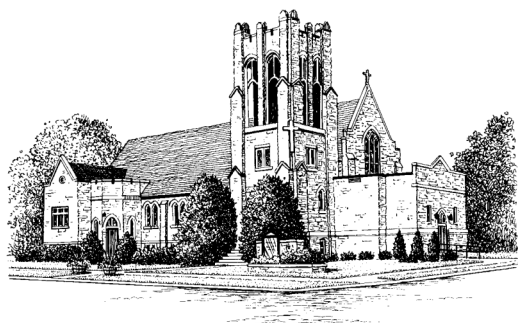




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Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5). Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.



Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it. God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned on the

mount of the Lord it will be provided. The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return.

Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him. When budgetary discussions pop up our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance. It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts have been taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God

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knows. “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chron 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

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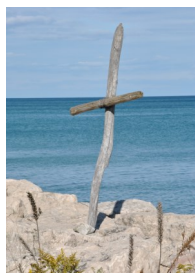
Music Ministry



Blessed March to all of our St. Peter's family and friends.

Our Hymn Study this month focuses on “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”, which can be found at LSB 427. We sing this hymn together on the first weekend, March 7/8.

It is said that Sir John Bowring once visited Macao, on the South Chinese coast and was greatly impressed by a bronze cross on the summit of an old, massive wall that at one time had been a large cathedral. It was built by the early Portuguese colonists but had been destroyed by a typhoon. The only thing remaining was the metal cross on top of the one remaining wall. The scene impressed Bowring to the extent that it inspired him to write this hymn.



John Bowring was born at Exeter in Devon, England, October 17, 1792. He was considered one of the greatest linguists of his day. Before the age of sixteen he self-taught and mastered five languages. Some say that before his death he could converse in over 100 languages. He translated literary works from various languages. He was also a biographer, naturalist, financier, statesman and philanthropist. He served two terms in the House of Commons and in 1854 was appointed governor of Hong Kong. In that same year he was knighted by Queen Victoria for outstanding service to his country. He wrote many poems and hymns. He also wrote about politics, economics, and spiritual truths.

Yet in spite of the fact that he has thirty-six published volumes, he today is best known for this hymn text. On his tombstone is inscribed the title of this hymn “In the Cross of Christ I Glory.”

The writer of the tune has one of the most unusual names in hymnody. Moses' brother Aaron had four sons, and Ithamar was the name of the fourth, one of the surviving sons, and he remained a faithful priest throughout his life. He was a respected priest whose descendants can be traced to Boaz, who would marry Ruth, great-grandmother of King David. Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867) was born in Massachusetts and had Scottish roots. He was in Norwich, Connecticut, at Central Baptist Church where he was organist and choir master when he wrote this tune. He later moved to New York to be bass soloist at Calvary Episcopal Church and then became choir director and bass soloist at Madison Avenue Baptist Church.

The writing of this tune in 1851 is one of those stories that catches the attention. One Sunday during the Lenten season of the year, Conkey was disappointed when only one choir member appeared for the morning service, a faithful soprano by the name of Mrs. Beriah S. Rathbun.



Conkey was so upset with the choir's unfaithfulness that he left the service right after playing the prelude. That afternoon he thought with remorse about the service that he had left and remembered one of the hymns that he wanted to use. It was John Browning's

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory,” which was being sung to a dull tune. Before the evening service Conkey composed a new tune for this text and named it after his faithful choir member, Mrs. Rathbun. He later said, “The inspiration that came to me at that moment was a vivid contrast to my feelings at the morning service.”

In His service,
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth

A LOOK AHEAD AT

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Wednesdays March 3rd-March 24th:
6pm Lenten service

Palm Sunday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday, April 1st - 6:30pm

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 2nd - 6:30pm

Easter Sunday:

Easter Sunrise - 6:15am

Easter Breakfast - 7:30am

Easter Festival Service - 9:30am



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.

Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

1. When the going gets tough, the tough _____ going.
2. People who live in glass houses should _____ throw stones.
3. If the shoe fits, _____ it.
4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is _____ to enter the kingdom of God."
5. Good things come _____ those who wait.
6. When in Rome, _____ as the Romans do.
7. Don't wear _____ your welcome.
8. If you want something done right, do it _____.

Write the unscrambled proverb here:

PROVERBS 23:4

Answer: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Proverbs 23:4

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



Paying it back — and forward

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.

In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who'd helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning "In each other's shadows the people live."

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus' Golden Rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?



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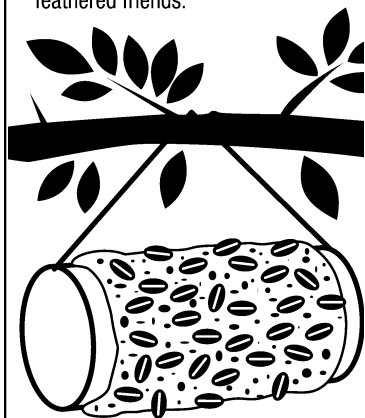


Lutheran World Relief Care Kits: each week please help us provide for others this Lenten season as we assemble health care kits to be sent to those in need around the world. Each week we will collect a different item for the kits which will be assembled at the end of Lent.

- February 24: Bath Towel, no bigger than 27"x52"
- March 3: Bars of Soap (2 per kit, 8-9 oz. in original wrapping)
- March 10: Nail clippers
- March 17: Toothbrush (in original packaging please)
- March 24: Hair comb (no print or advertising)

FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

Butterfly Pretzels

Celebrate being a new creation by making this fun spring snack.



What you need:

- 45 miniature twist pretzels (to make 20 butterflies)
- Cookie sheet covered with parchment paper
- Light cocoa and multi-colored Candy Melts (available at craft stores)
- Disposable decorating bags
- M&M's, Skittles, sprinkles, cinnamon drops, etc.

What you do:

1. Break five pretzels into pieces for antennae.
2. On cookie sheet, arrange pairs of whole pretzels as shown.
3. Melt Candy Melts in microwave, separating colors into different bags.
4. Pipe melted brown candy down the center to hold pretzels together, making a head and body. Press on two pretzel pieces for antennae.
5. Pipe other melted candy into the pretzel holes.
6. Add M&M's and other decorations into melted candy on the wings. Let cool. Enjoy!

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

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We are thankful that God has watched over all of us as we see the struggles that Texas is going through at this time. Please do keep them, and all of the people struggling through winter, in your thoughts and prayers.

We want to thank Bob and Lisa Hagenow, for they gave the daycare a donation to look for new climbing equipment for the basement. We were very thankful for this donation, and for all of Bob and Lisa's continued support.

This month the children have really settled in to a routine in the days off of school and we are happy to report that the stronger internet has really helped us to allow the children to do their homework at the same time. The school age children are counting down the days until Spring break, but I am so proud of all of them for their continued hard work this year.

The preschool children have added a few new members to our group. We have welcomed Madelyn Juedes, Nova Shields, Macie Pertzborn, and also Eslyn Gast. We will be adding another little girl, Avery Johnson in March. With these additions we have loved watching the older children include them and make them feel welcome. We already see strong bonds with these children and our staff, and we have really enjoyed getting to know them.

The children have been talking about bears, painting with colored ice cubes, and matching mittens and attic animals. They loved doing flash cards and they get so excited when they get them correct!

The children have also been very interested in puzzles of all kinds. It is amazing to watch their little minds work trying to figure out where the pieces go! This has also been an activity where we have noticed them working on team work, and sharing.

As we approach Easter, please remember that He is the reason we are forgiven, and remember to forgive others as well.



MARCH

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DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

March 3 2nd Midweek of Lent Hebrews 11:1-16	Sermon: Follow the Thief Text: Hebrews 11:6 Order: Vespers, p. 229 Hymns: 558, TLH 157 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
March 7/8 3rd Sunday in Lent Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 2:13-25	Sermon: A Foolish Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Order: <i>DSIV</i> , p. 203 Hymns: 425 - 824 - 579 - 427 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
March 10 3rd Midweek of Lent Psalm 45	Sermon: Follow the Myrrh Text: Psalm 45:6-8 Order: Vespers, p. 229 Hymns: 398 - 891 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
March 14/15 4th Sunday in Lent Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Sermon: In a Nutshell Text: John 3:14-21 Order: <i>DSIV</i> , p. 203 Hymns: 702 - 571 - 744, 573 - 543 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Lower SS (10:30am)
March 17 4th Midweek of Lent Psalm 51	Sermon: Follow the Hyssop Text: Psalm 51:7 Order: Vespers, p. 229 Hymns: 608 - LW 232 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
March 21/22 5th Sunday in Lent Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:32-45	Sermon: Jesus Prays and You Pray Text: Hebrews 5:7-9 Order: <i>DSIV</i> , p. 203 Hymns: 756 - 430 - 433 - 560 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: Upper Grade Sunday School (8am)
March 24 5th Midweek of Lent Mark 15:33-37	Sermon: Follow the Cloud Text: Mark 15:33 Order: Vespers, p. 229 Hymns: 436 - 428 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth
March 28/29 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion John 12:12-19 Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 118:19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47	Sermon: The Best of Intentions Text: Mark 14:26-31 Order: <i>DSIV</i> , p. 203 Hymns: 443 - 442 - 550, 423 - 531 Organist: Cantor Jeremy Zieroth Choir: 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!

God of healing and salvation, turn my eyes away from my troubles and set my focus on you — first, for this time of worship, and even in the days ahead.



COUNCIL MINUTES February 9, 2021



The February 9th meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by Elder Paul Yamriska at 6:31 pm. This meeting was held in the sanctuary so social distancing can be observed. He started the meeting with a welcome to the new council members in attendance: Brad Larson,

Amy Cuff, Greg Frank, and Alex Rehlinger.

Pastor Hintz led the devotion from Luke 2:49 "Did you not know I'd be in my Father's house?" Jesus' words to his parents when they found he, this precious gift from God, was gone and missing. These are words to live by – "In my Father's house" We should all be coming to our Father's house to hear the Word and receive salvation because in order to thrive we must be in the Father's house as only through Christ have we obtained access to faith.

The agenda was presented. It was requested that we add Vicarage to the Trustee's portion of the agenda. Bob Hagenow moved approval with the addition, Brad Larson second, motion carried.

Secretary's minutes were read. Bill Manthey moved approval as corrected, Bob Hagenow second, motion carried.

The Financial secretary's report was presented by Bob Hagenow. He reports that we are at 83% of where we were this time last year with general fund giving and 103% of mission giving. Sixteen percent of our monthly giving is coming in through online giving. The Special Purpose funds are primarily going to the parsonage facelift. Keith Podoll moved approval, Tyson Miller second, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented. There was some discussion about the fact that Concordia Plan Services has not yet fixed our billing account and we (in February) still paid for Pastor Amen's coverage. This should get resolved soon. The current checkbook balance is about \$21,000.00 with only one deposit counted but no payroll yet. Calvin Moll moved approval of the treasurer's report, Bill manthey second, motion carried.

The Elders report began with an introduction of the two new Elders: Brad Larson and Alex Rehlinger. Lent services were discussed stating that the time for Ash Wednesday will be at 6:30 pm and the following Wednesday services will be held at 6:00 pm. At this time there is no one to plan and coordinate the Lenten Suppers so they will not be held this year. The Easter Breakfast however is still being discussed as to how we can safely hold it and still have the High School Youth benefit from it. The Easter Egg Hunt was brought up but no one took up a discussion on it. Cantor Jeremy Zieroth reported that the bell choir is playing on the last Sundays of the month and the Sunday School choirs are still going strong. Lent is coming and bringing with it all of the changes that the season entails.

The Trustees reported that the parsonage facelift is coming along nicely. Carpet/flooring and plumbing should be done soon. The vicarage can have a church worker live there for the cost of utilities. One of our child care workers has expressed an interest in doing so. After some discussion, it was decided that Keith Podoll will pursue a draft lease agreement.

The Board of Christian Education reports that the child care center has implemented a rate increase for this year and all families seem to be on board with that. Enrollment is still strong. The center has requested that a cleaning service be hired for Friday evenings. Sunday School still has children attending. Midweek kids are studying the catechism. The youth group is still in a suspended state. Bible studies continue with Bill Steffenhagen leading the Friday morning men and Pastor Hintz leading the Sunday morning group. Pastor Hintz did encourage the leadership of the church to set an example by attending Bible study.

Pastor Hintz reported that shut-ins are being visited and worship is being taken care of by himself on Sunday and Pastor Sorenson on Monday. The audio problems seem to no longer be an issue. He noted that Concordia St. Paul is dropping their tuition rate for next fall to help encourage young people who are looking to become church workers.

There were no membership changes.

There was no old business.

New business consisted of making all of the newly elected officers or re-elected officers to the church council aware that we will have officer installation at all three of this weekends services (February 14/15) but they only need attend one service to go through the installation.

Bob Hagenow moved to adjourn the meeting, Keith Podoll second, motion carried. The Lord's prayer was recited. Elder meeting to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynnette Taylor
Council Secretary

A breath of fresh prayer

Norwegian theologian Ole Hallesby described prayer as simply letting God into our lives. God "knocks," he said, "not only in the solemn hours of secret prayer" but "in the midst of your daily work, your daily struggles, your daily grind ... when you need him most."

Prayer, added Hallesby, is as essential to life as air. "As impossible as it is for us to take a breath in the morning large enough to last us until noon, so impossible is it to pray in the morning in such a way as to last us until noon," he said. "Let your prayers ascend to [God] constantly, audibly or silently, as circumstances throughout the day permit."





FINANCIAL REPORT CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:



Balance on Jan 31, 2020	\$23,493.91
Receipts for Feb (est.)	\$12,943.00
Expenses for Feb (est.)	\$(15,908.49)
Shortage/Overage	\$20,527.42

ELDERS

Mar 1	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
Mar 7	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Paul Yamriska
Mar 8	6:30 p.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Mar 14	8:00 a.m.	Brad Larson
	10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Mar 15	6:30 p.m.	Dan Schmidt
Mar 21	8:00 a.m.	
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Mar 22	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
Mar 28	8:00 a.m.	Paul Yamriska
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
Mar 29	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey



March 7 & 14

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Keith Podoll, *Chr.*
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Larry & Alex Saager
Bill & Justin Hageman
Greg & Patrick Frank
Kim & Brock Kriewaldt

Late

Chr.
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Roger Frank
Steve Paskey
Brad Zimmermann &
Hunter & Tanner & Jakob

March 21 & 28

Wayne Hanson
David Hutchinson
Steve & Matt Hustad
Calvin Moll
Nate & Austin Moll
Cameron Gramse

Jim Paske
Shayne Brasda

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vegan options?



PUZZLE

BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.

	VIDEO	_____	(Genesis 8:8)
	LWO	_____	(Psalm 102:6)
	GEELA	_____	(Isaiah 40:31)
	TOKRS	_____	(Jeremiah 8:7)
	APROSWRS	_____	

"Are not five _____ sold for
two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten
by God. ... Don't be afraid; you are worth
more than many _____."

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answer: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrows



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.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 6:30PM Divine Service	2	3 4:00 PM Midweek 6:00 PM Lent Service	4	5 7:30 AM Men's Bible Class	6	
Lent 3 7 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Class/SS Music sessions 10:30 AM Divine Service	8 6:30PM Divine Service	9 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	10 4:00 PM Midweek 6:00 PM Lent Service	11	12 7:30 AM Men's Bible Class	13 	
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Lent 5 21 8:00 AM Divine Service 8:00 AM <i>Upper Gr Sing</i> 9:15 AM Bible Class/SS Music sessions 10:30 AM Divine Service	22 6:30PM Divine Service	23	24 4:00 PM Midweek 6:00 PM Lent Service	25	26 7:30 AM Men's Bible Class	27	
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