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Evelyn Nicole Evers Baptized

On March 31, Evelyn Nicole Evers was baptized at church. Her parents are Matthew and Shayleen Evers. Evelyn was born on March 21st. Evelyn's sponsor is Laura Evers, Matt's sister. May God keep Evelyn in her baptismal grace all her life!



Confirmation Day—May 5



On Sunday, May 5, we will be having Confirmation Sunday at St. Peter. Two young men—Zachary Ergo and Jonathan Farley —will be confirmed in the faith.

Confirmation

All the way back to the time of Martin Luther himself, Lutherans have placed an extremely high importance on training their children in the truths of Scripture and practicing formal confirmation of their faith as they become communicant members of the church.

Zachary and Jonathan have completed their three years of Catechism instruction with Pastor Schewe. On May 5 they will be asked question in various areas of Christian doctrine they have learned and then be confirmed later in the service. May God bless these young men with a life of faith and service to their Savior!

This month's "member profile" features these young men so you can know them better:



Zachary Ergo

Age: 14 **Current School:** Home School
School Next Year: Kingsburg High
What he enjoyed about catechism: It helped him memorize major verses of the Bible and has helped him understand his faith.

Parents: Marcus and Amanda Ergo (Marcus passed away in 2010)

Sibling: James is 11 years old in 5th grade

Activities outside of school: Member of TNT Swim Team in Selma, oboe lessons, piano lessons, pipe organ lessons, Triathlon Club, Kingsburg 4-H Club President

Hobbies: Enjoys taking care of his 8 chickens, building model rockets, training for triathlons, and gardening

Favorite Vacation Spot: Likes to visit Morro Bay to go to the succulent nursery and shell shop



Jonathan Farley

Age: 14 **School:** Rafer Johnson Jr. High
School Next Year: Kingsburg High
What he enjoyed learning about in catechism: He liked the lesson on the 1st Commandment "You shall not have any other gods before me." It reminded him why it is important to honor God.

Parents: Jonathan and Keren Farley

Siblings: Samuel (13); Rachael (11); Adam (7); Lucy (5)

Activities outside of school: Member of the Kingsburg Youth Wrestling Club. BMX track bike riding in Reedley

Hobbies: Enjoys reading, playing piano, and building wood projects

Favorite Vacation Spot: Likes vacationing in Santa Cruz, Cayucos, and Tahoe. His favorite spot is Cayucos where he can boogie board, fish, and fly his stunt kite



Dear brothers and sisters at St. Peter,

The Shroud of Turin! Have you heard about it?

If you do any secular religious reading, you may have come across this curious discovery that has been commented on since 1390 A.D. The shroud is a white cloth about 15 x 4 feet that has the image of a buried man on it, surmised to have been crucified and wrapped in this cloth.

Needless to say, endless discussion and testing of the cloth have carried on for centuries: "The image of the 'Man of the Shroud' has a beard, moustache, and shoulder-length hair parted in the middle. He is muscular and tall. Reddish-brown stains are found on the cloth, showing various wounds that, according to proponents, correlate with the yellowish image, the pathophysiology of crucifixion, and the Biblical description of the death of Jesus. The shroud was damaged in a fire in 1532 in the chapel in Chambéry, France. There are some burn holes and scorched areas caused by contact with molten silver during the fire that burned through it in places while it was folded. Fourteen large triangular patches and eight smaller ones were sewn onto the cloth by Poor Clare nuns to repair the damage." (Source: Wikipedia)

So... could the shroud be the cloth Jesus was wrapped in?!

I have advice for you today: Forget the shroud. It shrouds the real issue.

How? With my interest in history, I normally would zero in on the test results and debate surrounding a discovery like this with eager ears. However, think about the important facts about Easter. The first is not that we find the shroud, but that we leave it behind. After all, that's what Jesus did. When he left his grave clothes in the empty tomb, there was no more purpose for them except to show that he was not there. He had risen! He was alive and needed grave clothes no longer. The shroud, wherever it is, is worthless.

In addition, the prophet Isaiah pictures what God has done with the "shroud" that enveloped mankind: "*One this mountain (the LORD Almighty) will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all face*" (Isaiah 25:7,8).

Bible Classes at St. Peter

Sunday mornings: **"Meet the Twelve"**



Each Sunday we are looking at the accounts of Jesus' twelve apostles. Their stories have much to teach us about our own life of discipleship following the Savior. Join us to learn about each one!

Wednesday evenings (6:30 pm):

We are starting a BRAND NEW Bible Class series on May 1! Watch for details, and plan to join us "live" at church in Luther Hall or LIVE on our church Facebook page.

This is true because Jesus left his shroud behind and rose victoriously. Death has been swallowed up forever! Sins debt is paid. Its shroud has been removed.

Because of this, our own shroud will be discarded and destroyed one day, the shroud that will enfold us at our own death and burial, unless our Lord returns first. Jesus said, "*I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die*" (John 11:25).

The curiosity and debate surrounding the Shroud of Turin will probably go on until the end of time, and scientists will never know its true origin. But for salvation's purposes, forget the shroud. Because of Easter, shrouds are to be left behind and forgotten forever. He is risen indeed!

Pastor Schewe

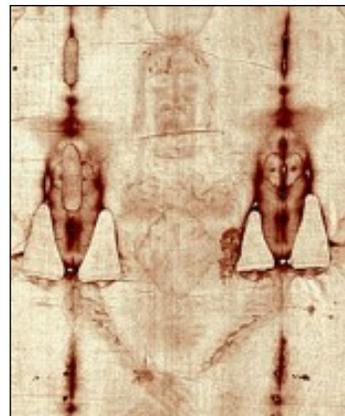


Image of the Shroud of Turin
(Wikipedia)

Pastor Robert Fleischmann Coming!

On the weekend of May 25/26, Pastor Robert Fleischmann from WELS Christian Life Resources (formerly Lutherans for Life) will be at St. Peter.



- On Saturday morning, he will lead a discussion on current life issues in the church and the news and answer any questions on life issues (9:00—11:30 am)
- On Sunday morning, he will preach for our church service and lead Bible Class.



Pastor Fleischmann has been the leading pastor and advisor on life issues in our synod for over 30 years. Don't miss this opportunity to hear him both on Saturday morning and on Sunday!

May SPRY Dinner

St. Peter Recycled Youth (SPRY) is a fellowship group for those 50+. SPRY meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month for dinner and a meeting. On June 7th, SPRY will be attending the "New Wrinkles" show at Fresno City College. They'll go out to dinner before the show. Please see Inge Stutz if you have any questions.



Sisters in Service Update

- ♥ The SIS meeting scheduled for April 27th has been postponed. Stay tuned for an announcement of their next meeting date.
- ♥ LWMS News: The Spring Circuit rally will be held on Saturday, April 27th at Hope Lutheran Church in Penryn. The theme is "Solid as a Rock".
- ♥ SIS would like to encourage all ladies in the congregation to attend the quarterly SIS meetings. Please see Donna Vander Poel if you have any questions.

Those Who Serve—May

Ushers

John Barber

Flowers

5—John & Teresa Barber

12—Norm & Donna Vander Poel

19—Jo Hobensack

26—Mary Sanchez

Altar Guild

Dorothy Teufel & Jan Carter

Coffee & Dessert Hosts

5—Teresa Barber

12—Donna Vander Poel

19—Jo Hobensack

26—Mary Sanchez

Lawn Mowing Teams

4—Jeff Carter & Ken Hoffmeyer

11—Andrew Schulz/Josh Schulz/Travis Armstrong

18—Leo Schulz & Jonathan Farley

25—Faith Lutheran—Hmong

Church Cleaning

4—Ken Hoffmeyer

11—Mike & Leslie Fitzgerald

18—John & Teresa Barber

25—Faith Lutheran—Hmong

Luther Hall Cleaning

4—Ken Hoffmeyer

11—Barry Burghardt

18—Vicki Schewe

25—Faith Lutheran—Hmong

New Resident Mailing

Helen Hansen

May 4—Adam Farley
May 4—Roy Evers
May 14—Donna Vander Poel
May 15—Keren Farley
May 20—Jo Hobensack

Church Council Meeting Update (4/14/19)



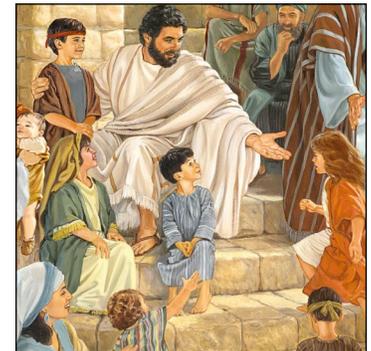
- **Pastor's Report:** Zachary Ergo and Jonathan Farley are scheduled to be confirmed on May 5th. *Mornings with Mommy* is considering adding a 3rd hour but this would be called "Power Hour", a VBS-type format that includes Bible lessons. The Hmong congregation will be continuing to meet at St. Peter at 1:00 pm. They desire mentoring in important areas of ministry, such as Sunday School teaching and running a ladies group.
- **Evangelism Committee:** We need people to help in knocking on "new movers" doors in our church neighborhood, and also to sit at our Farmer's Market booth once a month beginning in May. Please let Don Sweetman know that you can help with this!
- **Elder's Report**—Carter Nicholas Schulz and Evelyn Nicole Evers were baptized in March. The elders are recommending that once a month we have refreshments out in front of the church building to facilitate people staying to chat, especially with visitors.
- **Trustee**—The two new front doors for the sanctuary that were donated are installed. Three estimates have been gathered for us to consider installing solar panels on the roof of Luther Hall.
- **The Quarterly Voters meeting** is on April 28th. Elections for five positions will be held. Leo Schulz would like the congregation to know that they are invited to offer suggestions for issues that the council might address at meetings.

ECM Action Team Update

Our ECM Action Team meets next on May 19 to discuss progress and make plans for the summer. Plans are on track for us to open a Christian pre-school by August 2020.

Some updates:.

- Our Fund Drive has brought in about \$60,000 of offerings. The original goal of gifts and pledges for 2019 is \$64,000. Please continue to support this effort as you fulfill your pledges and make contributions. With the original \$20,000 that had been given toward this new ministry originally, the ECM account has \$80,000 total in it. Praise our gracious God!
- The fire alarm (required) will be installed in Luther Hall beginning on May 13.
- The architect plans (required) for the building modifications are about finished and ready for submission to the city. A contractor is being chosen to oversee the work of putting in the new wall and fire egress. Target date for begin construction is June 1st.
- The playground fence, layout, and materials are being discussed much by the committee and will be finalized soon. No permits are required for this work.



"Let the Children Come"

The target for completing the onsite preparations is around October. There will be opportunities for our members to help with various tasks once the work begins, to keep our costs at a minimum. Look for these opportunities and volunteer if you have skills in a certain area!

Please continue to keep this new ministry in your prayers, that God would bless our discussions and plans, and continue to open doors for us. Offerings toward this in 2019 should have checks made out to "St. Peter Lutheran ECM" and be clearly marked.

May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May 2019						
28 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr.	29	30	1 3:30 Youth Catechism 6:30 Bible Class	2 Church and Luther Hall Restroom Floor Cleaning	3	4
5 <i>Confirmation Day</i> 9:00 Worship (comm) 10:15 Family Bible Hr.	6	7 10:00 Mornings with <i>Mommy</i>	8 10:00 Mornings with <i>Mommy</i> 6:30 Bible Class	9 9:00 Luther Hall Carpet Cleaning 7:00 Board of Elders	10	11 10:00 am - Noon Fresno Parkinson's Support Group
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr.	13 Luther Hall Fire Alarm System Installation begins (all week)	14	15 6:30 Bible Class	16	17	18 5:30 pm SPRY gathering
19 9:00 Worship (comm) 10:15 Family Bible Hr. 11:30 ECM Committee 11:30 Church Council	20	21	22	23	24	25 9:00 Life Issues Presentation / Q&A with Pastor Robert Fleischmann (WELS CLR)
26 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr.	27	28	29	30		

Pictures from Easter Day at St. Peter:

