



**ST. PETER**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE MESSENGER

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## New “Bible Basics Course” Beginning

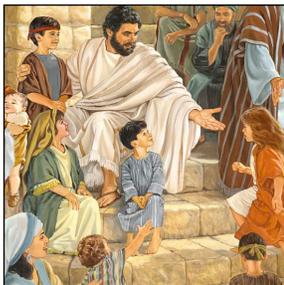
Has it been 5-7 years since YOU have had a review of the Bible’s main teachings? Confirmation Sunday at church is always a good reminder that we are never “finished” with our spiritual growth. In fact, we often forget the truths and Bible verses of our faith.

A new “*Bible Basics Course*” will be starting the third week of June. This 12-lesson course meets once a week for about an hour and a half. It covers the basics of our faith, including: Where sin and Satan came from, the power of prayer, how we know the Bible is reliable, what Baptism and Holy Communion are, the end times of the world and beyond, and more.

Plan to join us for this summer course offering if you can! First option for a time during the week appears to be Thursday evenings (6:30 pm). Second options would be Saturday morning (9:00 am) or Tuesday evening.

Let Pastor Schewe know if you’re interested.

## St. Peter Preschool—Progress Report



Our ECM Action Team has been making plans and submitting permit applications during the past few months to complete the action items listed on the Steering Committee Report that the congregation approved for opening a Christian preschool in August 2020. Preparatory work on this has been going well and playground installation and building modifications are coming soon.

Check out the detailed report on the back page. May God continue to bless us as we plan and carry out this new ministry!

*On Sunday, May 5, Zachary Ergo and Jonathan Farley were confirmed in the faith in our church service.*

*May God bless them richly as they become communicant members of our congregation and all throughout their lives!*

**CONFIRMED**  
*In Faith*





Dear brothers and sisters at St. Peter,

I recently read a wonderful devotion from our synod's website ([www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)) for my morning meditation. I thought you would enjoy it as well. If you are looking for a new way to have your daily devotion, check out the website and make use of it!

### ***“Soar Through Life Like an Eagle”***

*Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)*

Life can get pretty heavy at times.

A person can begin to feel like an overburdened pack mule plodding along with the weight of the world on your shoulders. Perhaps you can picture the packages you are carrying. There is the package of overdue bills on one side and strained relationships on the other. There is the package of worries at work and overdue projects at home. You may be carrying the package of meeting the endless needs of your young children or caring for an aging parent. On top of all these there can be chronic illness or clinical depression. And, as if all of these are not heavy enough, there is the guilt of thoughtless words you have said and kind deeds you did not do.

You struggle from one day to the next with no relief and the weight is getting heavier and heavier. Plod...plod... plod...

Now, listen to God's Word: *“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”*

God in heaven knows all about your burdens. For the weight of sin and guilt that plague you, he has provided someone else to carry it—his own Son! Isaiah 53 tells us, *“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that*

## **Bible Classes at St. Peter**

### **Sunday mornings: “Meet the Twelve”**



#### **The Twelve DISCIPLES**

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):**

#### ***“Top Ten Treasures”***

Each Wednesday we are discussing the top twelve Bible passages accessed on BibleGateway.com. We cover two per week. Come join us for some spiritual growth at church or tune in for the LIVESTREAM on our church Facebook page.

*brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”*

Jesus took your sin and guilt and carried it to the cross where he paid for it in full!

As far as other daily burdens—your work and worry and guilt—he can carry the loads of life whatever they are. He is the almighty Lord who never tires or grows weary. Rather than relying on your own wisdom or strength to see you through, put your hope in the Lord. He lifts your burdens off your back and frees you so that instead of plodding like a pack mule, you soar through life like an eagle. *“Cast all your cares on him, for he cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7)*

Knowing that our home in heaven is secure and hearing that Jesus will give us strength for our burdens renews our strength for each new day until we soar like eagles to our heavenly home!

**Prayer: Father, forgive me for how often I rely on my own wisdom and strength. My hope is in you. Today I hand over my heavy burdens to you, knowing that you are able to carry them far better than I can. Grant me the faith to spend this day soaring like the eagles. Amen.**

# June 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. SPRY will also meet for their regular dinner on June 15, hosted by Bob & Mary Dickson. Please see Inge Stutz if you have any questions.



## Those Who Serve—June

### Ushers

Norm Vander Poel and Bob Dickson

### Flowers

2—Jan Carter

9—Joshua & Natalie Bornemann

16—Norm & Donna Vander Poel

23—Don & Patti Sweetman

30—Mike & Leslie Fitzgerald

### Altar Guild

Inge Stutz & Helen Hansen

### Coffee & Dessert Hosts

2—Jan Carter

9—Leslie Fitzgerald

16—Donna Vander Poel

23—Inge Stutz

30—Vicki Schewe

### Lawn Mowing Teams

1—Curtis Garner & Barry Burghardt

8—Mike & Leslie Fitzgerald

15—Bruno Stutz & Mike Farley

22—Schewe & Blankenship

29—Faith Lutheran—Hmong Cong.

### Church Cleaning

1—Kelly Curry

8—Bruno & Inge Stutz

15—Michelle Taub

22—Jeff & Helen Hansen

29—Faith Lutheran—Hmong Cong.

### Luther Hall Cleaning

1—Mary Sanchez

8—Barry Burghardt

15—Bob & Mary Dickson

22—Don Sweetman

29—Faith Lutheran—Hmong Cong.

### New Resident Mailing

Irene Payne

## Sisters in Service Update

- ♥ The SIS quarterly meeting was held on May 19th.
- ♥ SIS will be adopting Pastor Joel Heckendorf from Light of the Valleys in Reno as their missionary family. Mary Sanchez will start off the letter writing to encourage them in their mission project.
- ♥ Church Picnic will be on June 23rd. SIS will have a sign up sheet for food.

♥ LWMS News: The Spring Circuit rally was held on Saturday, April 27th at Hope Lutheran Church in Penryn. The theme was “Solid as a Rock”. Mary Sanchez is our LWMS Reporter and she attended the rally.



The LWMS Redwood Circuit Rally

- ♥ 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.



- June 4—Zebulon Taub
- June 4—Amanda Carter
- June 13—Zachary Ergo
- June 14—Rachel Schewe
- June 14—Emily Schewe
- June 15—Phil Rosenthal
- June 17—Inge Stutz
- June 22—Brooke Teixeira
- June 23—Leslie Fitzgerald
- June 25—Michael Carter



- June 1—Michael & Cheryl May
- June 3—Evan & Brittney Blankenship
- June 7—Bob & Kathy Klein
- June 13—Leo & Mary Schulz
- June 14—Andrew & Niki Schulz
- June 16—Norman & Donna Vander Poel
- June 17—Bruce & Rebecca Oatman
- June 19—Mark & Vicki Schewe
- June 21—Jonathan & Keren Farley
- June 23—John & Teresa Barber



# Church Council Meeting Update (5/19/19)

- Pastor's Report: Pastor will be on vacation May 26, June 2, and June 9. Returning to preach on June 16.
- Council approved two proposals at the last meeting:
  - 1.) Michael May will replace Norm Vander Poel as Financial Secretary for the remainder of his term
  - 2.) The Governing Board for the ECM will be composed of Mike Fitzgerald, Jeff Hansen, John and Teresa Barber, and Vicki Schewe. This board will report to the council.
- Installation of officers approved by the council will be on June 23rd.
- Evangelism Committee: Continuing outreach to people who have just moved into the area. They will be forming a committee to create a live nativity this year. We will be asking some MLC students to come help with outreach this summer. We will also continue with the farmer's market in Clovis.
- The next council meeting is scheduled for June 9th. Leo Schulz would like the congregation to know that they are invited to offer suggestions for issues that the council might address at future meetings.



## A Note to Our Mornings with Mommy Volunteers

A huge thank you for a successful year! We have a wonderful team of volunteers and we could not do what we do without you! Thank you for all the help with:

- \*Social Media and Website Registration information
- \*Morning of- greeting and sprucing up after each session
- \*Luther Hall deconstruction and reconstruction
- \*Prayers for our program
- \*Donations and financial support



We were able to meet just over 100 families (152 children) this year and were meeting new families right up to the last session! Praise the Lord that our program is reaching many families in our area and that we were able to build quality relationships with so many! Pray for our program so that we may reach many more with the Gospel of our Risen Savior!



Plans are already underway for new sessions starting back up in the fall. Look for more information to come on how you can help with our Children's Ministries here at St. Peter!



# June 2019

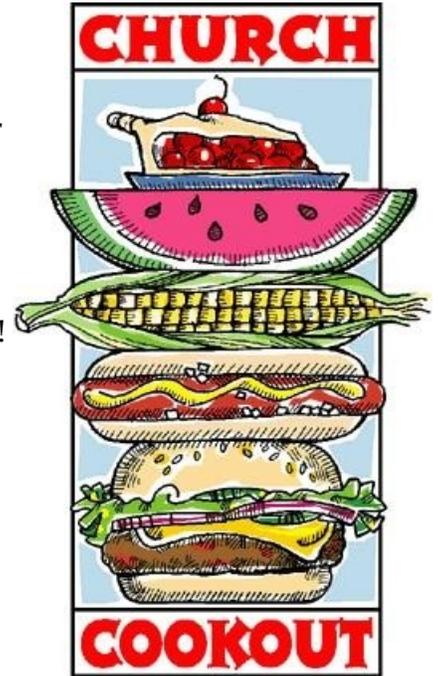
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2 9:00 Worship (comm) 10:15 Family Bible Hr. (Vicar Jacob Brohn— Sparks, NV)	3	4	5	6 7:00 Board of Elders	7	8 8-11:00 Church Workday 10:00 am - Noon Fresno Parkinson's Support Group
9 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr. 11:30 Church Council	10	11	12 6:30 Bible Class	13	14	15 5:30 pm SPRY gather- ing
16 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00 Worship (comm) 10:15 Family Bible Hr. 11:30 ECM Committee	17 Pastoral Circuit meeting (Modesto)	18	19 6:30 Bible Class	20	21	22
23 <i>Installation of elected officers</i> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr. 11:00 Church fellowship meal	24	25	26 6:30 Bible Class	27	28	29
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# Church Fellowship Picnic—June 23!



On Sunday, June 23, we'll be breaking off Bible Class at about 11:00 am so we can enjoy some food, fellowship, and conversation together.

Plan to stay for some lunch, food and fun!

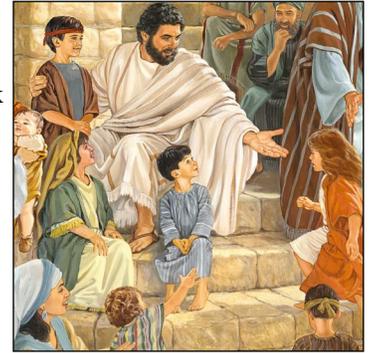


## Christian Preschool (ECM) Update

Our ECM Action Team has been meeting monthly to discuss and make plans for our work in opening 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 was \$64,000. Please continue to support this effort as you fulfil 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) for Luther Hall has been installed.
- The architect plans (required) for the building modifications have been submitted and approved by the city of Clovis. A contractor is being chosen to oversee the work of putting in the new wall and fire egress, and work on this is planned to be finished by mid-summer.
- The playground plan for a layout, fence, and materials has been finalized and work is beginning June 8 to level the ground and prepare for this.



*"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.