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Early Childhood Ministry (ECM) Committee Holds Pulse Group Discussions

On Sunday, May 13, our ECM hosted “pulse discussion groups” to present information on the meetings and planning that has been taking place in their meetings, and to get feedback from our congregation members.

Members had the chance to ask questions, give input, and express support or concerns about opening a pre-school here at St. Peter's. This input is vital to the planning process, since this venture will need the support of everyone if it is to go forward. Staffing, facilities, supplies, and expenses are involved in expanding our children's ministries and outreach program in this way. Watch for more information soon on what members shared at these discussions.

During this phase of planning, the ECM Committee is also asking our “Mornings with Mommy” families about their interest in a pre-school if we open one, and gathering information from other pre-schools in the Clovis area, as to how they operate. May God bless these discussions and lead us as we consider this venture.

Church Anniversary—June 10!

Back on May 22, 1988, our church building was dedicated to serve to the worship and glory of God. We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of our sanctuary in a special service on June 10. Food and other activities will take place that day also.

Stay tuned for more details. If you'd like to input ideas, please see Don Sweetman. May God bless our church building and our worship as we continue to use this sanctuary to his glory!



*Our church has signed up to have a booth at the
Clovis Farmers Market once a month.
May 25 was our first date.*

*Many people stopped by, some to just say 'hi,' some to
have a free face-painting for their children, and some
to take church information we had available.*

*Our next date is in late June.
Would you like to sit and talk with people?
If so, let Mary Sanchez know
you'd like to be in the rotation!*



Dear brothers and sisters at St. Peter,

Do you like to wait? And wait a long time?

Not many people do. Waiting often involves frustration, boredom, anxiety, and more.

I'm reminded of this as we stand on the cusp of the longest season of the entire Church Year, the Pentecost season. This church season stretches from the beginning of June to the end of October. A long time!

Why so long? Perhaps some background would help. The first half of the Church Year is all about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. From the beginning of Advent through the end of the Easter season, we recount the events of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension. All these events are treasures to us, for they tell the story of how our salvation was won. Jesus lived a perfect life and suffered, died, and rose to redeem us from our sins and to assure us of a place in our heavenly home.

Then comes the second half of the Church Year, which is almost entirely the Pentecost season. This part of the Church Year focuses on the Christian's life. Our life now is fueled by the events of Pentecost Day, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the New Testament Church in a special way. This same Holy Spirit has converted us and sanctified us. Now, he lives in us. Often, sermons on faith, prayer, stewardship, Christian service, suffering, and more can be heard in this season. We are encouraged to fight the good fight of faith.

As the Sundays of the Pentecost season go on and on through the summer and fall months, we can also be reminded that we are waiting.

What more needs to happen in God's plan of this world's history? Only he knows. As we live in these end times, nothing more must be completed to earn our salvation. We are waiting for the return of Christ at the end of time. He is coming soon, we know, yet to our finite minds the wait can seem long. The Church prays, "Even so, Lord, quickly come!"

The Church also continues its important work of spreading the gospel message that Jesus gave us. All sinners need to hear this message. In fact, this is a reason that our Savior has not returned yet. More people need to hear this message and believe.

Current Bible Classes:

Sundays (10:20 am)

"Lessons from Joseph and his Brothers"

There aren't many more compelling lives of believers in Scripture than the life of JOSEPH. Betrayed by brothers, framed by a temptress, he rose to become the 2nd most powerful ruler in the world. Join our discussions of his life and God's faithfulness on Sunday mornings

Wednesdays (6:30 pm)

Our Wednesday evening Bible Class is going through the riveting book of 1 THESSALONIANS. This NT book especially deals with the end times of the world. Join us "live" at church, or LIVE on our church Facebook page!

So, as the Sundays of Pentecost tick by into Pentecost 10, Pentecost 15, even Pentecost 22, God willing, and the color green adorns our chancel area, representing the LIFE that the Holy Spirit has created in God's people:

- Remember that the wait can seem long as we live our Christian lives here.
- Remember that our faith needs these weekly doses of God's Word and his Supper along the way to keep our faith strong.
- Even more, remember that we have work to do as his witnesses and through our church's mission, so others have a wonderful deliverance to look forward to.

For he is coming soon! And so we wait patiently, watchfully, and actively.

Serving Christ,

Pastor Schewe

June & July SPRY Activities

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. In June, SPRY will not hold their usual dinner meeting. Instead, they will be going to a New Wrinkles performance. New Wrinkles is a volunteer cast aged 55+ that performs at Fresno City College. This year's show is "On the Road to Broadway." For more information, contact Inge Stutz.



The July 21st SPRY dinner will be hosted by Jan Carter in Luther Hall.

Sisters in Service Update

- ♥ At the last SIS meeting in April, President June Lewis announced that she and her husband, Brian, will be moving out of state to be closer to family. This will leave a vacancy in the role of president. Many of the SIS leaders have been in their positions for several years. A nominating committee will soon be appointed and contacting SIS members regarding upcoming positions on the board to prayerfully consider those requests.
- ♥ SIS would like to encourage all ladies in the congregation to attend the SIS meetings. They will be offering babysitting service for anyone who would like to attend. Please let Mary Sanchez know if you want to utilize the babysitting.
- ♥ The next SIS Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 29th.

Church Work Day & Painting Preparation—June 16th & 23rd

Please mark your calendars for the next church work day. We'll meet on Saturday, June 16th from 8:00 - 11:00. There will be jobs to do both outside and inside the buildings. There is a painter scheduled to paint the interior of Luther Hall on Monday, June 18th. We will need to move furniture and remove items from the walls in order to prepare for the painter. Please make plans to attend—many hands make light work!

On Saturday, June 23rd, we will be back in Luther Hall from 8:00—11:00 putting the furniture back in place in time for church on Sunday.

June 4—Zebulon Taub
June 4—Amanda Carter
June 12—June Lewis
June 13—Zachary Ergo
June 14—Rachel Schewe
June 14—Emily Schewe
June 17—Inge Stutz



June 21—Dillon Fitzgerald
June 23—Leslie Fitzgerald
June 25—Michael Carter
June 28—Aaron Machado

Ushers

Bob Dickson & Brad Carter

Flowers

3—Jan Carter
10—Brian & June Lewis
17—Norm & Donna Vander Poel
24—Mike & Leslie Fitzgerald

Altar Guild

Inge Stutz & Helen Hansen

Coffee & Dessert Hosts

3—Jan Carter
10—30th Anniversary
17—Mary Sanchez
24—Patti Sweetman

Lawn Mowing Teams

2—Bruno Stutz/Mike Farley/Bob Dickson
9—Schewe Family & Blankenships
16—Travis Hambleton
23—Jeff Hansen & Don Sweetman
30—J. Carter/Hoffmeyer/J. Dubin

Church Cleaning

2—Jo Hobensack
9—Mike & Leslie Fitzgerald
16—John & Teresa Barber
23—Kelly Curry
30—Bruno & Inge Stutz

Luther Hall Cleaning

2—Vicki Schewe
9—Mary Sanchez
16—John & Teresa Barber
23—Bob & Mary Dickson
30—Don Sweetman



June 3—Evan & Brittney Blankenship
June 9—Brian & June Lewis
June 13—Leo & Mary Schulz
June 14—Andrew & Niki Schulz
June 16—Norman & Donna Vander Poel
June 19—Mark & Vicki Schewe
June 21—Jonathan & Keren Farley
June 23—John & Teresa Barber

In Memory of Margaret Jones

Margaret Jones, age 84, of Clovis, CA, entered into rest on Monday, April 30, 2018. Margaret was born on June 21, 1933, in Eau Claire, MI. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Jones. She is survived by her children, Matthew Bernard Jones; Heidi Fantz; sister, Carolyn White; grandchildren, Brandy Fowler, Tyler Fantz, Nathan Fowler, Jared Cox, and Jonathan Jones; and great-granddaughter, Ellouise Cox. A Church Service for Margaret will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 2550 Gettysburg Avenue, Clovis, CA 93619, on Friday, June 1, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Contributions in Margaret's memory may be made to Miss Winkles Pet Adoption, 85 Temperance Avenue, Clovis, CA 93611.



April Voters' Meeting (4/29) & May Council Meeting Update (5/20)

- **Voters' Meeting (4/29/18):**

1. Voters approved the *required* change of mortgage payment schedule. We will no longer be receiving a special interest rate. We will be receiving a standard rate.
2. The new slate of council-recommended officers was elected:
President—Leo Schulz; Vice President—Joshua Bornemann; Recording Secretary—Travis Armstrong; Financial Secretary—Norm Vander Poel; Elder—Ken Hoffmeyer; Elder—Jeff Hansen; Education Secretary—John Barber; Outreach—Don Sweetman; Stewardship—Bob Dickson; Trustee—Barry Burghardt; Trustee—Curtis Garner
3. The Pew Fund totaling \$8,350 was converted in the budget to a general Capital Improvements fund.

- **Council Meeting (5/20/18)**

1. Membership Changes: Michael May and Barry White will be welcomed as members (adult confirmation) on June 3rd. Bernita Krumbach was welcomed by Affirmation of Faith on May 6th.
 2. A committee is being formed to plan the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the dedication of our sanctuary (May 22, 1988). Celebration will be held on June 10th.
 3. Outreach is researching having a booth at the Clovis Farmer's Market (last Friday of each month.)
 4. Family Story Time is being planned for the summer. Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. July 10-August 7
 5. Pastor Schewe is planning a vacation for June 14-28. On June 17th, Pastor Jonathan Stern will be preaching and doing a presentation on our synod's ministries. On June 24th, the service will be led by an elder with a video sermon.
- Next council meeting is scheduled for July 8th. 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.


The Lord Blesses Hmong Outreach in Vietnam



It all started when a leader within the Hmong Fellowship Church (HFC) in Vietnam viewed an online sermon by Rev. Bounkeo Lor. The message of pure grace through Jesus Christ was something he had never heard before – and he wanted to learn more. He invited Rev. Lor to come to Vietnam to train himself and others in the truth of the gospel.

With every visit Rev. Lor has made to conduct training in Hanoi, approximately 60 church leaders have attended to learn more about the truths of the Bible. These same 60 leaders have been taking the message back to their congregations, and the gospel message is accomplishing its purpose. The HFC **grown from 65,000 to 100,000 members and formed 53 new churches**. The gospel can work even in the most difficult of circumstances, and sometimes in ways we cannot expect. The Lord has blessed this outreach, and **the Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi**. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official governmental permission to work with the Hmong in Vietnam. WELS Missions representatives will be visiting Hanoi, Vietnam in June to evaluate and explore this opportunity further, and efforts to secure funding for land acquisition, construction costs, and initial operation costs have begun.

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 SPRY outing to show at Fresno City College	2
3 9:00 Worship (comm.) 10:15 Family Bible Hour	4	5 7:00 Board of Elders	6 6:30 Bible Class	7	8	9 10-noon Fresno Parkin- son's Support Group (Luther Hall)
10 9:00 Worship 30th Anniversary Celebration, Lunch, and Activities	11	12 10:00 Mornings with Mommy	13 10:00 Mornings with Mommy 6:30 Bible Class	14 Pastor Schewe's Vacation Begins	15	16 8:00—11:00 Church Workday
17 9:00 Worship (comm.) 10:15 Family Bible Hour	18 Luther Hall painting begins	19	20	21	22 	23 8:00—11:00 Church Workday
24 9:00 Worship	25	26	27	28 Pastor Schewe Returns from Vacation	29	30

New Member Profile: Michael May

Michael May recently completed the *Bible Basics Course* taught by Pastor Schewe and will be welcomed as a new member on June 3rd. Michael recently bought a home nearby and decided to join us for a worship service after driving by for several months. He appreciated the cordial atmosphere and especially the Bible-based, traditional beliefs of St. Peter's.

Michael is originally from Buffalo, New York where he lived until attending college in Rochester, NY. He lived in Easton, PA for 13 years, followed by Syracuse, NY, and Reno, Nevada for 15 years. He's lived in Fresno for 2 years but still maintains a home in Reno. Michael has 2 sons ages 26 and 22 who live in Reno and Salt Lake City respectively. His youngest son was married in May and his older son will be married in July.

Michael began a career in mechanical engineering in 1986. He's held many positions in engineering and manufacturing operations and has extensive training and consulting experience in the techniques of lean manufacturing. He is presently President/CEO of ADCO Manufacturing in Sanger.

Michael was a volunteer firefighter from 1989-2001, even serving as president and captain. During that time he was recognized with a citation and medal of valor for a rescue in an apartment fire in Baldwinsville, NY. He has had the opportunity to work on every continent except Antarctica. Prior to accepting his current position in Sanger, he was a consultant who worked for 2 years on an offshore oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico which at the time was in the deepest ocean of any operating oil platform!

In his free time, Michael enjoys riding his motorcycle and maintaining his property. He is also a Buffalo Bills and NASCAR fan. He also enjoys spending time with his girlfriend and their dogs.

Welcome to our church family here at St. Peter, Michael!



Tree of Life Bible Camp — July 8 - 14th

Tree of Life Lutheran Bible Camp is a one-week summer camp in the beautiful Sierra foothills! Their program is for both children and teens, from those just starting grade 4 to those just out of high school. They offer a week of Bible study, Christian fellowship, and just plain *fun* in God's great outdoors. **Fees** for 2018 are \$435 for the first child in a family, \$265 for each additional child, and \$130 for each Little Lamb aged 4-7 (ages 3 and under are free). **Senior campers** (grades 9-12) are charged an **additional \$15** to help with the cost of the overnighter and Senior party. All campers will receive a camp T-shirt.



Moms, Register Online Today for a June Session!



June 12 or 13 — S'mores and Camping

Come get to know the moms from our neighborhood who are coming to these play-dates!



If you would like to include information in a future newsletter, please contact Catherine Hambleton at secretary@stpeterclovis.org