



THE MESSENGER

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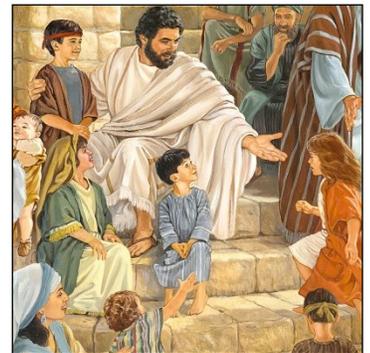
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St. Peter Early Childhood Ministry (ECM) Update— Voters Approve Revised Budget

A special Voters Meeting was held on June 23 to discuss the budget for start-up costs for our Early Childhood Ministry (ECM). Some circumstances have caused the \$64,000 budget approved by the congregation last October to rise:

- The city of Clovis has required us to engage an architect for the interior renovations on Luther Hall. This required work has included seismic studies and foundational studies, official drawings, and more.
- We also have been required to have a contractor do this work. It had been hoped that we would be able to do these minor renovations, but that is not the case.
- Due to official permitting required, some ADA updates have also been required, such as a different water fountain and some other minor items.
- Some concrete work in the new playground area to add a patio and a driving track for toys has been contracted out instead of done in house.



“Let the Children Come”

These costs have resulted in the budget being raised to \$105,000. Total contributions toward the ECM start-up costs as of last month totaled \$85,000, and pledges are still being received from the Holiday Fund Drive until the end of the calendar year.

The voters discussed and approved the revised budget. If you have any questions about this or would like to receive the revised paperwork, talk to Pastor Schewe, Leo Schulz (church president), or Travis Hambleton (ECM Action Team chairman).

May God continue to bless our plans to open a Christian pre-school in August 2020!



The last weekend of May, the Schewes were able to travel to Luther Prep School in Watertown, WI, to attend Joel's graduation.

Joel will be enrolling at Martin Luther College, the WELS college of ministry, to begin training in pastoral studies.





Dear brothers and sisters at St. Peter,

What do you remember about the “tabernacle?”

If you’re a bit foggy on details, here’s a short review. When God gave Moses his various and many laws on Mt. Sinai as recorded in the books of Exodus and Leviticus, he included specific directives on how the nation of Israel was to worship him. Part of these worship laws included the structure, furnishings, and activity that involved the tabernacle, the tent which was the center of their worship life. These laws were given in great detail.

Why is this a relevant question this month? We will be enjoying a summer sermon series on the parts of the tabernacle. Much can be learned about God’s plan of salvation, our faith, and our Christian lives from the tabernacle and the regulations that God gave his people.

Look for the following sermon messages in the coming weeks:

- June 30 The Ark of the Covenant
- July 7 The Altar of Burnt Offering
- July 14 The Lampstand
- July 21 The Washing Basin
- July 28 The Altar of Incense
- August 4 The Table of Showbread

Are the items above a bit unclear in your mind? Have no fear, we will be reviewing what they were and learning what they continue to mean for our faith and life in the coming weeks.

One question that could be asked is, “Why don’t we have to continue to follow these directives of God for worship?” The ceremonial laws of Moses were clearly given by God for that time period of history. Colossians 2 tells us: *“Do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.”*

Current Bible Classes:

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):

“Grand Words and Key Themes!”

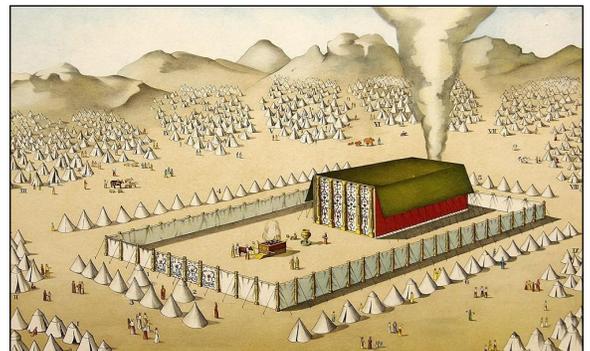
Scripture sometimes uses difficult or unfamiliar words to describe God’s acts or God’s people. What does “Zion” mean? Or “expiation?” Each Wednesday we will pick out two or three grand words or key themes and discuss what they mean for our faith and life. Join us at church or on our Facebook LIVESTREAM at 6:30 pm.

When Jesus our Savior came to this world, he perfectly kept and fulfilled the laws of God. Since he has completed his work of salvation, we are not bound by the civil, dietary, or ceremonial laws that God placed on his people in OT times.

Nevertheless, we can learn from them and will do so in the coming weeks. May God bless this new summer sermon series. And may we come before our God weekly to worship him “in spirit and in truth!”

Serving Christ,

Pastor Schewe





July 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. SPRY will meet for their regular dinner on July 20, hosted by Irene Payne and Ellen Gates. Please see Inge Stutz if you have any questions.

Sisters in Service Update

- ♥ The next SIS quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, July 28th. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.
- ♥ SIS has decided to adopt Missionary 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. A sign up sheet has been placed on the SIS board in Luther Hall. Please sign up for a month that you would like to write an encouraging card or email to the Heckendorfs.
- ♥ Thanks to everyone who helped make the church picnic a success!
- ♥ 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.



- July 1—Brad Carter
- July 16—Anncy English
- July 17—Michelle Taub
- July 18—Abigail Nieman
- July 20—Danielle Bornemann
- July 24—Barry White
- July 26—Catherine Hambleton
- July 26—Ken Hoffmeyer
- July 27—Josie Harville



- July 6—Don & Patti Sweetman
- July 23—Mike & Leslie Fitzgerald
- July 31—Travis & Catherine Hambleton

Those Who Serve—July

Ushers

Michael May, Leo Schulz, Zachary Ergo

Flowers

7—Sweetman

14—Stutz

21—Bornemann

28—Hambleton

Altar Guild

Mary Dickson & Ellen Gates

Coffee & Dessert Hosts

7— Irene Payne

14—Donna Vander Poel

21— OPEN

28—Mary Dickson

Lawn Mowing Teams

6—Hambleton/May/White

13—Joel Schewe

20—Joel Schewe

27—Joel Schewe

Church Cleaning

6—Jo Hobensack

13—Mike & Leslie Fitzgerald

20—John & Teresa Barber

27—Kelly Curry

Luther Hall Cleaning

6—Andrew & Niki Schulz

13—Barry Burghardt

20—Travis & Madeline Armstrong

27—Vicki Schewe

New Resident Mailing

Mary Sanchez



Assignment of WLS Graduates Reduces Vacancies

On May 23 the synod's Assignment Committee met at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., to assign vicars and graduates. Sixty requests came to the Assignment Committee (77 last year, 57 the year before). There were 30 candidates available (34 last year, 33 the year before). All candidates were assigned; 30 of those calls were unfilled (43 last year, 24 the year before). Of those 30 candidates, 26 were seniors receiving their first call and four were from previous classes. In addition, three were reassigned to one-year calls, and three had previous temporary assignments made permanent. Several candidates were assigned to new mission starts or restarts. After the Assignment Committee did its work, there were still 104 vacancies for pastor-trained men synodwide. About 90 of those vacancies were for parish pastors.

Congregation Mission Offerings update: Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) receipts for May of \$1,826,000 represent an increase of \$204,000 (12.5%) over 2018. Through May, receipts are up \$153,000 (2.0%) over 2018 and are 3.3% ahead of projections for the first five months. Michigan, South Atlantic, and Western Wisconsin districts are significantly ahead of projected receipts for the first five months. This is very good news, and we can be thankful to God for moving his people to provide these offerings of thanks for the support of the work we do together as a synod.

District meetings: Most districts are holding meetings this month in a variety of formats. Some of these meetings are intended to prepare delegates for the synod convention in July; others are focusing on continuing education for called workers. The synod convention will be held July 29 through Aug. 1 at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. Learn more about the synod convention at wels.net/2019synodconvention.

Serving in Christ, President Mark Schroeder

Christian Preschool (ECM) Update

Our ECM Action Team has been meeting monthly to discuss and make plans for our work in opening a Christian preschool by August 2020. Some updates:

- Our Fund Drive has brought in about \$ 65,000 of offerings. 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 \$ 85,000 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 area has been prepared, concrete areas poured, and the grass planted. A play structure will be ordered this summer. After that, the fence will be installed.

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.



Playground area progress

July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr.	1	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day!	5	6
7 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr.	8	9	10	11 7:00 Board of Elders	12	13 10:00 Parkinson's Support Group
14 9:00 Worship (comm) 10:15 Family Bible Hr. 11:30 Church Council	15 Pastoral Circuit Meeting (Modesto)	16 6:30 Bible Basics Course	17 6:30 Bible Study	18	19	20 5:30 SPRY Gathering
21 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr.	22	23 6:30 Bible Basics Course	24 6:30 Bible Study	25	26 5:30 - 9:00 Clovis Farmers Market booth	27
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Church Fellowship Picnic—Pictures from June 23

On Sunday, June 23, a church picnic lunch was enjoyed by all after Bible Class. Games for kids and adults were held afterwards.



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