

# St. Peter Lutheran

## February 2023 Newsletter

- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - Ladies Bible Study on John 1,2 & 3, 2:00 p.m. at the Church, Lesson 7 & 8  
– Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Men’s Breakfast Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. Study Leader is Pastor Czymbor  
Breakfast server is needed.
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Free Will offering during fellowship for Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs’ “Reaching the Unreached”
- Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lesson 10, “Behold God, Holy in Power, Justice  
And Mercy”. Study Leader and Hostess is Hannah Lau.
- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Quilting Workday, 1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Bible Study on John 1,2 & 3, 2:00 p.m. at the Church, Lesson 9  
- FLY Bible Study and Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>- Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Muffin Sunday – Ladies K - V are asked to bring the muffins
- Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.  
- FLY Spaghetti Supper, 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Usher’s List: Feb. 5 Vic Wieczorek & Walter Villmow  
Communion Lay Assistant – Nicole Whitney  
12 – Aaron Lau & Ben Lau  
19 – Bill Picek & Brian Villmow  
26 – Calvin Luebke & Chad Lau

Cleaning List: Jan 30 – Feb 5 Cindy VanZee & Connie Goldammer  
Feb. 6 – 12 Danielle Revoir & Dee Fink  
13 – 19 Donna Picek & Donnelle Hoffman  
20 – 26 Hannah Lau & Jean Fink  
Feb. 27 – Mar. 5 Joanne Hartmann & Kathy Lau



### Misuse of God’s Name

**Exodus 20:7 [Deuteronomy 5:11]** <sup>7</sup>”You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

**The name of God.** The LORD God almighty is defined and identified by His name and His activity. He has created everything we can observe (the entire universe) as well as things we cannot directly see, touch, or understand (beauty, love, time). He has created you and me. He has also revealed who He is and who we are and why the world we live in today is the way it is, containing both Good and evil. The 'name of the LORD' is not merely how He is called but it is the reflection of His Glory, His Majesty, His Fame, and His reputation. This commandment is dishonored whenever we call upon any form of the name of God (Father, Son, or Holy Spirit) in a way that diminishes His reputation or identity. We are guilty when we use God's name as a form of cursing against Him or any part of His creation. We are also guilty when we attribute Good things to anything/anyone other than God Himself.

*"He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is His name!" ~ Psalm 111:9*

**Your God.** There are only two types of people, those in the kingdom of God and those who stand outside of the kingdom of God. All of these commandments of God define the truths of how the kingdom of God exists and functions. In God's kingdom His authority is absolute. Presence within God's kingdom, both now and eternally, is defined by these rules for all of creation. Anything contrary to these commandments is considered guilty, offensive to God. Anything offensive to God is unable to be in His presence, expelled from His kingdom. This is a covenant, a promise made by deed/action, that God has established with His people. Those found guilty of offending God are condemned to separation from Him forever, essentially death and hell.

Thanks be to God, that He has provided salvation through Jesus Christ. His faithful working out of the covenant on behalf of those who love Him, redemption from death for anyone who confesses that Jesus is LORD and trusts in His resurrection from the dead (Romans 10:9-10). When God says in the commandment "LORD your God" it is these people alone that are those who call God "theirs." He is their God and they are His possession. To insure we, as His people, fully understand this consider what it means for Him to be 'our God': He is our Judge. He is our King. He is our Master. He is our Boss. He is our Creator. He is our Father. He is our Owner. Our existence and purpose depends entirely upon Him. And while we may balk at the idea that God owns us, being a purchased slave is only negative if your master is evil. Praise be to God, the great I AM! Who is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). The One and Only Good Master.

**(Exodus 34:6, Ezra 3:11, Psalm 34:8, Psalm 143:10, Nahum 1:7, Mark 10:18, James 1:17)**

*"Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?" "But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;" ~ 1 Corinthians 1:20,27*

**In vain.** Vanity is a word we often think of in relation to oneself. The vain person is the one that is conceited, self-centered and generally lacking worth to society because they take rather than give. The broader and original meaning of vain includes emptiness, worthless, unprofitable, idle, devoid of real value. These form the foundation of vanity being futility. Why attempt a mission if you know it will not succeed? This is vanity. The Corinthians verses above highlight the contrast between God and the world, between Wisdom and foolishness, between fruitful and futile. If a member of God's kingdom is guilty of ignoring or defaming their King can they truly be considered part of His kingdom? They will sow discord and division and reap rejection. Thanks be to God for sowing love and peace between Him and His people through the blood of Jesus!

*"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap." ~ Galatians 6:7*

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