

# St. Peter Lutheran

## February 2024 Newsletter

- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Men’s Breakfast Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. Study Leader is Pastor Czymbor  
Breakfast server is needed.
- Feb. 4<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. 7<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Quilting Workday, 1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m. Worship leader is Pastor Kevin Czymbor.
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Hostess and Study Leader is Donna Picek
- Feb. 18<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. 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m. Worship leader is Rod Goldammer  
- Ladies first names A – J area asked to bring finger foods for fellowship following the service.  
~ FLY Meeting after service
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - – Wednesday Lenten Service, 7:00 p.m. Worship leader is Pastor Barry Nelson.  
- Ladies first names K - V area asked to bring finger foods for fellowship following the service.

Usher’s List: Feb. 4 – Aaron Lau & Ben Lau  
Communion Lay Assistant – Nicole Whitney  
11 – Bill Picek & Brian Villmow  
18 – Calvin Luebke & Chad Lau  
25 – Chris Punt & Corey Whitney

Cleaning List: Jan 29 – Feb 4 Donna Picek & Donnelle Hoffman  
Feb. 5 – 11 Hannah Lau & Joanne Hartmann  
12 – 18 Justine Hartmann & Joyce Sprecher  
19 – 25 Kathy Lau & Dee Fink  
Feb. 26 – Mar. 3 Nicole Whitney & Renee Olson

### *The Faithfulness of God*

Faithfulness is being and living in a manner which is loyal (to a lord, friend, spouse, etc.); true; and honest. To be faithful is to be tested and found to be trustworthy, remaining true, constant, or loyal in all circumstances. God alone is the pure form and definition of being faithful. Our confirmands have been learning many attributes of God the Father as part of their Apostle’s Creed studies. Recently they learned that God is Omnipresent (everywhere present), Omnipotent (All powerful, able to do whatever is required), and Omniscient (all knowing, understanding of everything). Additionally they learned that God is eternal and unchanging (constant, consistent). These things are foundational to Who God is and our understanding not only of Him but of how He ministers to us.

So, for this month our memory and meditative focus as a congregation will be on God's faithfulness. Our Bible verse for this month is 1 Corinthians 10:14:

*<sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful**, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation **He will also provide the way of escape**, that you may be able to endure it. ~ I Corinthians 10:13*

Our hymn will be #559, **Great is Thy Faithfulness**.

**1** Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:**

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**2** Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Refrain]*

**3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
*[Refrain]*

I take delight in the hymn for this month as it was suggested by one of Alma Lau's children and was also on a list of hymns she had personally shared with me that were meaningful to her, and likewise the church, when I was just beginning my service here. It is a hymn that many of us know well already and is well worth our time to remember and intentionally teach and sing with our children and grandchildren.

The author of this hymn was Thomas O. Chisholm. He was born in Franklin, Kentucky in 1866. His boyhood was spent on a farm and in teaching district schools. He spent five years as editor of the local paper at Franklin. He was converted to Christianity at the age of 26 and soon after was business manager and office editor of the "Pentecostal Herald" of Louisville, Ky. In 1903 he entered the ministry of the M. E. Church South. His aim in writing was to incorporate as much as Scripture as possible and to avoid flippant or sentimental themes. (taken from hymnary.org)

The following bible verses were inspirational in the writing of this hymn: Lamentations 3:22-23 "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness"

Hymnology: The Story Behind "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" is a worthwhile read about this hymn and its writer.  
<https://www.geneva.edu/blog/uncategorized/hymnology-great-is-thy-faithfulness>