

St. Peter Lutheran

April 2024 Newsletter

April 3rd – Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

April 4 – 6 Answer's in Genesis Women's Conference

April 6th - Men's Breakfast Bible Study at 8:00 a.m. Study leader is Pastor Czymbor.

The Picek's & Sprecher's will be providing breakfast to the Men and the Women

April 7th – 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"

April 9th - Quilting Workday beginning at 1:00 p.m

April 10th - WMF Bible Study and business meeting, 7:00 p.m. Bible study leader and hostess Jean Fink.

April 14th - Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

April 17th – FLY Bible study and meeting, 7:00 p.m.

April 21st - Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Special guest, Barry Nelson, from Timber Bay Ministries: <https://timberbay.org/>

~ Muffin Sunday, Ladies A - J are asked to bring the muffins

April 28th - Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

~ Heritage Sunday

Usher's List: April 7 – John Engelland & Justin Wright

Communion Lay Assistant – Andrea Wright

14 – Keith Sprecher & Larry Klumb

21 – Logan Sorenson & Nick Hoffman

28 – Rance Rankin & Richard Luebke

Cleaning List: Apr. 1 – 7 Tami Fink & Bonnie Villmow

8 – 14 Audrey Fink & Cindy VanZee

15 – 21 Beverly Jahn & Danielle Revoir

22 – 28 Carey Brenner & Dee Fink

Apr. 29 – May 5 Chris Lau & Hannah Lau



Oh, Be Careful

Spring is a time of seeing and enjoying life overcoming the dead and barren winter. As I think of the world around us, which is quite dead and barren as well, I am mindful of our mandate to train, warn, and equip our dear little children to overcome the world. For the month of April, our special hymn will be #365, "Oh, Be Careful." Here are the words to the hymn:

1 Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see,
Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see;
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful, little eyes, what you see.

3 Oh, be careful, little tongue, what you say,
Oh, be careful, little tongue, what you say;
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful, little tongue, what you say.

2 Oh, be careful, little ears, what you hear,
Oh, be careful, little ears, what you hear;
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful, little ears, what you hear.

4 Oh, be careful, little hands, what you do,
Oh, be careful, little hands, what you do;
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful, little hands, what you do.

5 Oh, be careful, little feet, where you go,
Oh, be careful, little feet, where you go;
For the Father up above is looking down in love,
So be careful, little feet, where you go.

The history and significance of this hymn is explained well at <https://bibilium.com/be-careful-little-eyes/> but here are some excerpts worth noting:

Scriptural Foundations: At the core of "Be Careful, Little Eyes" lies a foundation built upon the scriptures. The song draws from various biblical passages that emphasize the significance of guarding one's heart, mind, and actions. The lyrics encapsulate teachings found in Matthew 6:22-23, where Jesus admonishes believers to keep their eyes pure, for they are the lamp of the body.

Guidance on Conduct: The song not only underscores the importance of visual purity but extends its counsel to various aspects of behavior. It gently urges believers to be mindful of their ears, hands, and feet, referencing the scriptural idea that every part of our being should be aligned with righteousness. This resonates with biblical verses such as Proverbs 4:23, which emphasizes guarding the heart, the wellspring of life.

Childlike Simplicity: "Be Careful, Little Eyes" adopts a childlike simplicity in its language, making it accessible to all ages. This simplicity serves as a powerful vehicle for conveying profound truths, echoing Jesus' own encouragement for believers to approach the Kingdom of God with childlike faith (Matthew 18:3).

Call to Holiness: The song's repetitive structure, with each verse cautioning against various actions, serves as a rhythmic call to holiness. By reinforcing the importance of mindfulness in every aspect of life, the hymn aligns with the biblical call to be holy as God is holy (1 Peter 1:16).

Cultural Relevance: While firmly grounded in biblical teachings, "Be Careful, Little Eyes" transcends cultural and denominational boundaries. Its universal message of watchfulness and moral discernment speaks to the fundamental aspects of Christian living, making it a staple in worship settings around the world.

To match up with our hymn our memory for this month will be: **Romans 12:2**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless us as we work with our children and neighbors to maintain the purity of our eyes, ears, tongues, hands, and feet during April, and beyond.