

St. Peter Lutheran

February 2025 Newsletter

- Feb. 1st – Men’s Breakfast Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. Study Leader is Pastor Czymbor
Breakfast server is needed.
- Feb. 2nd – 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. 5th – Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9th - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 11th – Quilting Workday, 1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 12th – WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Lesson 8
- Feb. 16th- 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. 19th – FLY Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 23rd - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Usher’s List: Feb. 2 – Travis Fink & Trent Wright
Communion Lay Assistant – Nicole Whitney
9 – Trevor Lau & Vic Wieczorek
16 – Walter Villmow & Aaron Lau
23 – Ben Lau & Bill Picek

Cleaning List: Jan 27 – Feb 2 Audrey Fink & Bev Jahn
Feb. 3 – 9 Carey Brenner & Cindy VanZee
10 – 16 Chris Lau & Courtney Sorenson
17 – 23 Danielle Revoir & Kendra Thies
Feb. 24 – Mar. 2 Amy Cleveland & Dee Fink



Jesus Loves Me!

Ah February, when the winter drags on and we find ourselves sick of cold and longing for longer days and spring weather. This month is synonymous with the depths of winter and the cold and isolation that can come with that. And yet it is within this month that our culture has set aside the 14th day to remember and celebrate a holiday for love.

It is fitting also that when we are in the muck of our sin, isolated from goodness and often in despair, it is in those times that the Love of God shines through and connects with us in a way that is able to transform us from sinner to saint, from desolation to hope, from being alone to being in community with Himself and others in His family.

My desire this month is that we rest and take comfort in the knowledge that Jesus Loves us. Regardless of what we may think of ourselves or how others may label or identify us, He finds us worthy enough to have lived and died for us. Therefore our Bible verse for February is **Romans 5:8** **“God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Jesus Christ died for us.”** and our hymn is **“Jesus Loves Me” #369.**

The best part of this month will be the blessing to hear our children be able to sing this song as it is one many of them may already know. May we be diligent and responsible as parents and mentors in teaching this song to the kids whom we have influence over, whether in family or in the community. Let us lead them in love and truth, and may we be ministered to by the joy and purity of their singing and embracing of the True Love of God.

This website has a good account of the history and use of this poem and song:

<https://bibilium.com/jesus-loves-me-this-i-know-jesus-loves-me-song/>

Anna and Susan Warner started writing to earn their livelihood. The sisters who were devout Christians and never married wrote 106 stories and poems between them. They worked together on 18 books and wrote under pen names Amy Lothrop (Anna) and Elizabeth Wetherell (Susan). Susan wrote 30 novels, but her most popular novel was “The Wide, Wide World,” which was published in 1850 and was translated into several languages. Other than Uncle Tom’s Cabin, it was perhaps the most widely circulated story of the time.

The sisters held regular Bible Studies for the cadets in West Point, and Anna wrote a new hymn each month for her Sunday School class. Sharing the love of Jesus Christ became the mission of their lives.

The popularity of the Jesus Loves Me song was so huge that both the sisters were buried with military honors in the West Point Cemetery (the only civilians) due to their contribution to the spiritual health of the soldiers.

The cadets of West Point would sing the song Jesus Loves Me This I know for solace when they were on the battlefields during the American Civil War. The song became extremely popular among soldiers on both sides of the lines who found consolation in the song.

Jesus Loves Me This I know is one of the first hymns missionaries taught to new converts and children worldwide. It grew in popularity and was translated into more languages than any other spiritual song. Many people have found spiritual comfort with its simple direct message of God’s ultimate love for humans.

The simple lyrics of Jesus Loves Me song confirm that God loves us despite our transgressions and unfaithfulness. Our Almighty Creator is walking this journey with us, never leaving us, and sustaining us even in our most severe trials. He is our strength and song. It is said that people who are dying prefer to sing this beautiful song in their last moments on Earth as it cheers them up and gives them hope for eternal life. The love of Jesus Christ is the only thing we can take from this world to heaven. It is unchanging, unending, and unconditional.

During this month of remembering God’s love, you can also turn to Hymn 370 (Therefore I’ll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me) and Hymn 531 (I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me; I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me) to remind you that Jesus, does indeed, love even you.