

January 29, 2017 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

THURSDAY: Order of Service: Page 184

7:00pm Hymns: 726—756—708/724—923

SUNDAY: Order of Service: Page 184

8 & 10:30 am Hymns: 726—756—708/724—923

The Sermon: “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?”

Matthew 8:23-27

△ Whenever this symbol appears at the beginning of a hymn stanza, please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: After each petition, the pastor will pray, “*Let us pray to the Lord,*” and the congregation will respond with “*Lord, have mercy.*”

LET US PRAY: O God, who has founded the earth upon the seas and established it upon the floods, and whose Word is forever settled in heaven, grant unto us grace, we beseech You, to look beyond the things which are seen and temporal to the things which are not seen and eternal, that, walking rather by faith than by sight, we may not be unduly moved by any occasions in this world, but be able to endure in the way of life unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PULSE OF THE CHURCH (Attendance)

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 234

Sunday School Attendance: 40

<u>Our Gifts To Our Lord:</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Total This Year</u>
Last Week's Offerings:	\$ 7,156.25	\$ 7,156.25
Other Receipts:	00.00	00,00
Total 2017 Receipts:	7,156.25	23,897.25
Weekly Budget:	6,584.90	26,339.60
Compared to Budget:	+ 571.35	— 2,442.35

Matthew 8:26-27 “*And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Jesus diagnoses the disciples fear as being caused by a lack of faith in Him. Indeed, every one of our temptations to sin is really about our faith – will we trust the Lord or not? It's the same with our stewardship – will we trust the Lord's Word when it comes to supporting the Lord's ministry, or will our lives be dictated by fear and a lack of trust in God's provision?*”

ELDERS: Thurs 7:00pm: Jeff Schmittinger

Sun 8:00am: Bob Hassey

10:30am: Scott Myren

ACOLYTES:

Sun 8:00am: Zachary Brey, Isabelle Keeling

10:30am: Lauren Acker, Mikayla Acker

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today (29) Divine Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:10 am
Voters' Meeting 9:15 am
LYF Tubing (Rock Snow Park, Franklin) 2:00-4:00 pm

Monday (30) Confirmation 6:00 pm
Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm

Tuesday (31) Men's Bible Study 9:00 am

Thursday(2) Divine Worship Service 7:00 pm

Sunday (5) Divine Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:10 am

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GREETINGS FROM ST PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND RAINBOW PRESCHOOL! We join our Lord Jesus Christ in welcoming you to His House for this Divine Celebration of His Word and Sacraments. We are happy that you are here to worship Him with us today. For the latest news & information about St. Peter's Lutheran Church visit our website!! www.stpeterswaterford.com

YOUNG CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available. The coloring page and stickers may be taken home. Please replace the bag in the plastic box when finished.

PLEASE CHECK OUT the tracts on the stand in the narthex and the door on the way into church. If you are experiencing a life trial, there are words of support and encouragement on different topics.

HEARING ASSISTANCE Portable listening devices are available. Please see an Elder or Usher to assist you.

THE VOTERS' MEETING will be held this morning at 9:15 am. The annual report will be discussed.

LADIES AID/LWML will start the new year on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. All are invited. Discussion on Winter Get Away, pray service in March, and spring rally in April. Join us as we will be reading to the preschool and do a craft.

EASTER BREAKFAST: We need someone or some group to head up the Easter Breakfast. If you are the "egg-ceptional" person or team for the job, "spring" over to the church office and "hop" into the lead role.

MAILBOXES were **rearranged** in alphabetical order. Please double check your mail when you check your mailbox. The **boxes are below your name.....not above.**

2016 STATEMENTS were placed in mailboxes. Just make sure you

check the correct mailbox and have the correct statement. Any questions about your statement, please call the church office..

RAINBOW PRESCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME SECRETARY Approx. 4 hours a week. Can be flexible with the day and times. Must have knowledge with Quick books, Word and Excel. If you are interested in this position please contact Kimberly at director@stpeterswaterford

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been placed in your mailboxes. Make sure your name is on your envelope box. **Your name is above your mailbox now, not below.** Envelopes for additional family members are placed on the glass case. If you do not have a box of envelopes, please call Joan in the church office to have a box issued..

MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT FOR RAINBOW PRESCHOOL! We offer a generous church member discount of 20% for both preschool tuition and childcare. Children and Grandchildren of actively attending members are eligible! We have a well-educated and experienced staff, and provide Christian Day Care and Preschool for children as young as 2 years of age, plus a Christian 4K program. Our fee schedule is located on the church website, (<http://stpeterswaterford.com/home>) just follow the Preschool Link.

SHOPPING ONLINE? If you shop at Amazon online, please use a different url to access their website. If you go to **smile.amazon.com** and select **St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church and Rainbow Preschool** as your favorite charity, we will get a donation from Amazon for every purchase you make. You only need select it the first time you shop, and it will remember the next time you sign on to **smile.amazon.com**. To date the site has donated almost \$38 million to charities. Every little bit helps!

DEFENDING LIFE FROM BEGINNING TO END...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: The Inside Story of Roe v. Wade, Embryonic Autonomy, Physician-Assisted Suicide, Contraception, Embryonic Stem Cell Research and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

FLOWERS The 2017 Flower chart is located near the church doors. Sign up to place flowers on the altar for that special event.

Evangelism Friendship Group Dinner – Friday,

Feb. 10th, 6:00 pm at Marty's Fiesta Hall

Since everyone raves about the chicken and fish, in February we are going to do the same! Please join us for **fish and chicken fry, red buttered potatoes and potato pancakes, coleslaw, tossed green salad and dessert.**

The price of \$13.65 (tip extra) includes beverages such as coffee, soda, milk, iced tea. Children under 5 are free, 5-10 \$6.85. There is a cash bar for those (adults :) who would like an adult beverage.

Everyone is welcome! Come out and join us for a pleasant and fun evening. **Please sign up on the sign-up sheet by Feb. 6th, although if you decide to come at the last minute, just let us know.** *Please note, we are only having the buffet and not ordering separately from the menu. This allows everyone to be served in a timely manner.*

Any questions or last-minute sign-ups, contact Lori or Pastor B.

PENNY WAR During the month of February, we will be having our annual Penny War. Please help your children save their pennies for this event!! The monies collected from this Penny War goes to the Synod's Pastoral Debt Relief Fund. This fund was set up to help area Pastors (like our own Pastor Conradt) with educational debt. This Penny War is a fun way for our kids to get involved in church and to teach them about mission work and giving. During this month we also talk about how our kids can spread the word of God and be a missionary here at home.

CONGRATULATIONS!! In 2016, St. Peter's has received \$3,131 through the Thrivent Choice Dollars Program. All Choice Dollars have been made available for members to direct. But, these expire on March 31st. It would be greatly appreciated if you have not done so yet, please choose to direct your Choice Dollars to St. Peter's.

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