

JANUARY 30, 2010 4th SUNDAY After The EPIPHANY

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8:00 & 10:30 am Hymns: 578 - 567 - 618/619 - 805

The Sermon: "Blessed Are You"

Matthew 5:1-12

PRAYER OF THE DAY Heavenly Father, for whom Jesus is spokesman, by the power of the Spirit in us change our hearts that we may be humble, merciful, pure in heart, pursuing righteousness and peace, as Jesus, Your Word, enjoined us once on a mountainside; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord who with You and the Holy Spirit are one Lord with dominion over us forever. Amen.

PULSE OF THE CHURCH (Attendance)

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 288

Last Sunday Sunday School Attendance: 48

St. Peter's Total Membership: 988

Our Gifts To Our Lord:

Last Week

Total This Year

Offerings:

\$ 6,415.00

\$ 23,237.29

1 Corinthians 1:18-31: What comfort we have to know that God, in Christ, has called us from the foundation of the world to be His people, His stewards, who are empowered each day to say and do those things that give proof that we really are God's children and stewards so that we freely and joyfully manage all we are and have in God-pleasing and people-blessing ways.

ELDERS: Thur: Dave Moyer

ACOLYTES:

Sun 8:00 am: Scot Plier

Nicholas Szeklinski, Erin Baumgart

10:30 am: Bob Scott

Timothy Buechler, Joseph Greenamayer

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today (30) Divine Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

Monday (31) Confirmation 6:00 pm

Tuesday (1) Computer Class 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Pastor's Bible Class 7:00 pm
Vicar's Bible Class 7:00 pm

Wednesday (2) School Board 6:30 pm

Thursday (3) Ladies Aid 1:00 pm
Divine Worship Service 7:00 pm

Sunday (6) Divine Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

WELCOME MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO THIS DIVINE SERVICE AT ST. PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL: We are happy that you are here with us today! During this time of new birth and new beginnings, we encourage you to put aside all your past transgressions and seek a new life of faith, hope and praise in our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is here for you. Are you here for Him? If you are a guest, please complete a blue GUEST card and give it to an usher. Thanks for joining us!

www.stpeterswaterford.com: Where do you go for the latest news and information about St. Peter's Church and School? Our website, of course!

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

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.

WELCOME! We would like to welcome into our church family ***Roberta Duff*** who comes to us from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Freeport, IL. May she be blessed in her new church home, even as the Lord will make her a blessing to us. Please stop to see her picture on the New Member Bulletin Board and greet her warmly when you see her.

HIBERNATING??? Join us at Ladies Aid Thursday, February 3rd at 1:00 pm for mission work and fellowship. We will be reading to the school children.

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been placed in your mailboxes. If you do not find one, please notify the church office and a box will be issued for you. Boxes for additional family members are placed on the glass display case in the narthex. (262-534-3639)

LYF TUBING EVENT LYF will go Tubing at Sunburst Hill on February 13th. We will meet after church at 11:45 am for a light lunch before leaving. We also need some parent drivers. Please sign up on the LYF Board for this event. All LYF members and their friends 6th grade through high school are welcome.

FLOWER CHART The new 2011 Flower Chart is up. Take a moment to sign up for that special occasion. You may sign up to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, baptism, memorials, etc. When placing flowers, don't forget to take them home after the late service.

STUDENT COUNCIL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CRAFT COLLECTION: For the month of January, they will be collecting Wooden Objects to Paint and Foam Craft Shapes. Donations can be placed in the labeled basket in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your help!

OPENING An opening on the Board of Social Ministry becomes available in May. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the church office (534-3639) or talk with Josh Czuta.

NONPERISHABLE FOOD The Board of Social Ministry distributes donated non-perishable foods locally to people in need. Please contact the church office if you know of someone who is struggling to provide for their family.

LADY EAGLES The Waterford St. Peter's Lady Eagles won their home game against St. John's Lutheran Racine last week Tuesday. This brings St. Peter's overall record to 4 wins and 3 losses in regular season play against some pretty tough competitors from the Racine League. There are 4 more games left in the regular season with a tournament during the last weekend of February. The next (and last) home game is February 1st as St. Peter's hosts Kenosha Christian Life. Come cheer the St. Peter's Lady Eagles on to victory!

PRAYERS There is a prayer request book located in the narthex. It is on the glass display case. Feel free to use this book to request a prayer. Also check it periodically to pray for someone else.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent benefit members, who did not allocate their 2010 Thrivent Choice dollars, have until March 31, 2011 to do so. Please do not let this opportunity for "free funds" go by. No matching is required. You can go on line or phone Thrivent to tell them to allocate your designated funds to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Lutheran School, or any of thousands of other non-profit Lutheran organizations. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice on the web or call 1-800-847-4836. One call does it all!

Eligible Thrivent members will receive letters throughout the year informing them of the estimated Choice Dollars available for them to direct in 2011. Please do so as soon as you receive the letter. Again, all it takes is a web visit or call to the number above. If you have questions, please call Christine Kampe at 262-492-4441 or your local Thriven Financial rep, Scott Herrmann, at 262-716-5454.

Call Scott if you have any other questions about investing, planning for retirement or estate planning. He is very knowledgeable and helpful and he would be happy to hear from you.

WE ENERGIES & YOUR CHURCH

St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School used \$9,500 for natural gas heating and \$18,500 for electricity from January—December 2010. Wisconsin Energy has just announced an 8% increase in electricity rates for small businesses as well as 5% for private homes for 2011. We will also now be charged for time of use electricity rates which are higher during the Monday-Friday peak use daytime hours. What can we do about this?

We want to encourage everyone to become involved in our efforts toward a 10% reduction of our church and school's electricity usage for this year. May not seem like a lot, but a 10% reduction in electricity would mean \$1,850 in savings for our church--a significant amount which we can better use for other priorities. How can we accomplish this without spending any extra money? By everyone's cooperation and help.

1. Turn off lights when room is not in use.
2. Turn off computers for nights and weekends.
3. Use natural light as much as possible--especially in front entryway and narthex. If you see unnecessary lights on in those areas, please turn them off.
4. Use as little lighting as is necessary in the gym. For most purposes, half illumination or less is sufficient.
5. Minimize usage of air conditioning and set temperature a little higher.
6. Do not use supplemental electric space heaters as these not only use large amounts of electricity, but are also a potential fire hazard.

Most of these are simple, common sense approaches to saving electricity, which everyone can help with.

Board of Finance

Faith and Education for a Lifetime:

St. Peter's Lutheran School partners with families to develop God-given potential in children within a Christ-centered nurturing environment by reaching out with God's Word and educational excellence. Please call Mr. Schallhorn at 534-6066 or 952-913-7766 or email at principal@stpeterswaterford.com if you or you know of someone who would have their children receive a Christian education. Tuition assistance is available.

Christian Education - Students develop a strong foundation in the study of God's Word:

- Christian faith development
- Christian perspective embedded in curriculum
- Daily prayer
- Age appropriate Bible instruction
- Memory work
- Weekly Chapel services
- Service projects

Early Childhood Center

(3 year & 4 year old Preschool)

- 6:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Full day/part day care options
- Morning preschool available, with or without childcare

Enrollment Forms for the 2011-2012 school year have been sent home & are also available on our website. For planning purposes, early enrollment is strongly encouraged.

Attention – Parents of Preschool age children: Beginning in September, 2011, St. Peter's Rainbow Preschool will be expanding our established, State Licensed, 3 & 4 year old Preschool with the addition of a Day Care program. Our Rainbow Preschool will offer flexible hours, from **6 a.m. to 6 p.m.** ***“Faith & Education for a Lifetime”***

Note: St. Peter's Lutheran School has received much interest already for our full day expanded Preschool program. With little advertizing, God has been blessing our efforts in mighty ways. Please enroll early to reserve a spot!!

Upcoming Schedule:

Tuesday, February 1st Christian Life - Kenosha 5:45 p.m. Home

Thursday, February 3rd Trinity - Racine 5:45 p.m. Away

Tuesday, February 8th Concordia - Sturtevant 5:45 p.m. Away

Tuesday, February 15th St. John's - Racine 5:45 p.m. Away

Come cheer for our Lady Eagles!

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011

Epiphany 4

Old Testament: Micah 6:1-8 (ESV)

Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains,

and let the hills hear your voice.

[2] Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

[3] "O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

[4] For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

[5] O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

[6] "With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

[7] Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

[8] He has told you, O man, what is good;
and f what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (ESV)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [19] For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

[20] 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? [21] For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. [22] For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [23] but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24] but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25] For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

[26] For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27] 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; [28] God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29] so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. [30] He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. [31] Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

[2] And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11] "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

[12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Prayer of the Church
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 30, 2011**

V: Father, unite Your people in Your pure Word. Destroy the wisdom of the wise, defend Your Church from false teaching, give the Church pastors who preach Christ crucified, and teach all of us to cling to the Word of the cross because it is Your power to save. Protect our fellow Christians around the world who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Strengthen them and us to stand firm in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

V: Father, spare the lives of those in need, care for those who are suffering, bring to justice those who do evil, guide those who govern each country, watch over those who serve in the military, and give peace to us and all nations. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

V: Father, teach each of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You, our God. Give us faith that rejoices when others revile us, persecute us, and utter all kinds of evil against us falsely on Your account. Give us a hunger and thirst for righteousness, and assure us that, because of Your Son Jesus Christ, You have made our reward great in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

V: Father, turn the hearts of those who resist Your Holy Spirit. As You have graciously given us faith, also bring them to faith by Your grace and mercy. Overcome our reluctance to speak about Your mercy, and open our mouths so that we who boast may boast in You. Protect and strengthen missionaries, chaplains, and all who proclaim Christ Jesus to be Your wisdom and Your power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Here special intercessions may be made.)

V: Father, deepen the love of husbands for their wives and wives for their husbands, and lead them to treasure one another as gifts from You. To those who long for marriage, provide spouses who will share the same faith in Christ, and give them patience while they wait. Give to all single people contentment in Your presence and the comfort of family and friends. Give wisdom to parents as they teach their children, and grant children godly respect and obedience for their parents. Bless our homes so that we all may be built up and sustained as Your redeemed people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

V: Father, we want to do Your will, but we are weak. We come to Your altar seeking Your mercy. With the very body and blood that Your Son sacrificed for us on the cross, forgive our sins and give us Your strength so that we may serve You and show Your love to the people You place in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

V: Father, we commend to Your mercy ourselves and all those for whom we pray; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.