

FEBRUARY 7, 2010 5th SUNDAY After EPIPHANY

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7:00p.m. Hymns: 906 - 850 - 940 - 805

SUNDAY: Order of Service: Page 184

8:00 & 10:30a.m. Hymns: 906 - 850 - 940/507 - 805

The Sermon: "Let Down Your Nets"

Luke 5:1-11

PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy Spirit, Fisher of human beings, so inspire us with the splendor of the King that we also be faithful fishers of human beings; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

PULSE OF THE CHURCH (Attendance)

Last Sunday Attendance: 284

Sunday School Attendance: 52

St. Peter's Total Membership: 977

Our Gifts To Our Lord:	Last Week	Total This Year
Offerings:	\$ 6,162.65	\$ 28,618.88
Weekly Budget	7,069.23	35,346.15
Compared to Budget	— 906.58	— 6,727.27

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20: As God's redeemed stewards we are not all equipped for the same kinds of service, but we are all equipped in special ways to serve as God desires. This truth should be an incentive for us to discover and use our spiritual gifts in God-pleasing ways that benefit others as well as us.

ELDERS:

Thr: 7:00pm: Scot Plier

Sun: 8:00am: Glen Collins

10:30am: Bob Scott

ACOLYTES:

Emily Jacobs, Elizabeth Kaiser

Brittany Smith, Maddie Szalewski

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Today (7) Divine Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30am
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15am
LYF Meeting, lunch & Wii Gaming 11:30am
- Monday (8) Senior Friendship Group 11:00am
Confirmation Classes 6:00pm
Women's Bible Class 6:30pm
Church Council 7:30pm
- Tuesday (9) Pastor's Bible Class 7:00pm
Vicar's Bible Class 7:00pm
- Wednesday (10) Market Day Pick Up 5:00-6:00pm

School Board 6:30pm
Thursday (11) Divine Worship Service 7:00pm
Sunday (14) Divine Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30am
Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:15am

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS You have entered the House of the Lord. Just as the Magi were overwhelmed at entering His home and seeing the Christ Child, let us bow down and worship Him together. Whether you are here for a short visit or are looking for a permanent spiritual home, for this celebration of the Word, you are a part of St. Peter's Lutheran Church family. Welcome brothers and sisters in Christ! (For more information about our Church family, or just to let us know you were here, please complete one of the VISITORS AND GUESTS cards located on the back of the pew in front of you.)

DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK Add our church/school website to your "Favorites" list and check it often. You will be enlightened with all the current activities at our church/school as well as other important information, all with one click. Be sure to look at the photos under "New Members" and give them a hearty welcome when you see them at church. (www.stpeterswaterford.com)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS The Senior Friendship Group is sponsoring "**Activity Bags**" & Books for parents with small children to be used as an aid in making the worship service to our Lord and Savior a pleasant experience. All items are the property of St. Peter's, but the coloring page and stickers may be taken home. Please replace the bag or books back in the plastic box in the narthex when finished. Our Seniors wish to extend a warm Christian welcome to our growing membership of young families. Welcome to our Worship service.

HEARING ASSISTANCE We now have six portable listening devices available for those who may have trouble hearing during our worship services, particularly the sermon, readings, and other spoken parts of the service. Please see an Elder or Usher before the service and they will be happy to assist you.

LUTHERAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (LYF) meetings will be held the first Sunday of each month after late service. **Today** LYF will serve "Walking Tacos" & have a fun-filled afternoon of Wii gaming. Please sign up on the sheet by the Parish hall door for Sunburst Hill on February 21st. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

REMINDER: If anyone has a key for Altar Guild, please return it. The next month's members need it.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP meets Monday, February 8th at 11am for Bible Study, Bag Lunch and then an afternoon of fellowship and card playing. Coffee & dessert are provided.

LENTEN DINNERS It is time to start planning our Lenten meals. There are still two open dates: February 24th, and March 24th. If there are any families, boards, or committees willing to sponsor a Wednesday evening meal, please contact Joan at 534-3639.

A NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY Today is the last day to sign-up for your February portrait session before the schedules are sent to Olan Mills along with the revised member directory on Monday, February 8th. There are many openings on line. (link on church website)

NEW 2010 PHONE DIRECTORY Copies of the updated 2010 directory are in loose-leaf notebooks on the glass case by the church office. Please take a moment to check your entry to see that it is current. Be sure that all members of the family are included. If you would like, you can add cell phone numbers and/or email addresses. Anyone in the congregation who has their own business is encouraged to add their business information in the back section dedicated to member businesses. There is no charge for this, and it is helpful to our church community. This is for the annual updated directory, and information will also be used for the photo-directory, which will be printed later in the year, after pictures are taken.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK Cindy Brintnall, our new Parish Nurse will begin blood pressure checks the 2nd Sunday of each month after 1st service in the office. (9-10:15am)

NEEDED: 3 bedroom apartment/house. If you have one or know of one, please call the church office 534-3639.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY? We need two or three more Congregational Advocates for Thrivent programs. The time requirement will be about 2 to 3 hours per month. To learn about an Advocate's duties, please go to: www.Thrivent.com, then Community Chapters, then Volunteer Leader Resources. From the Congregational Advocates box, you can read about the role. If you are interested, please contact Chris Kampe (cell: 262-492-4441, email: ckampe@wi.rr.com) for more information.

LOVE INC. The Board of Social Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped with serving and providing food for the Love, Inc. meal last month. We continue to serve 30-50 people who are in need of a hot meal, once a month. We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support.

WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT? A lot of people follow the custom of giving something up for Lent. By giving up a favorite food (like chocolate, for example) they daily remind themselves that Jesus gave up His very life for us on the cross. If you want to give something up for Lent, that's fine, as long as you do it as a reminder of our Lord's sacrifice and not as a way to somehow make yourself feel superior to others or with the thought that such self-denial somehow atones for sin. But I have another idea. ***Instead of giving something up for Lent, why not take something on.*** And I have just the suggestion. During the six Sundays of Lent (February 21 through March 28) we will be having a special series of Bible studies which take a closer look at the sermon and theme we are using for our mid-week Lenten sermons. These six Bible studies will be held in the Parish Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:15 a.m.). The classes are relaxed and informal and a great way to attend Bible study without a long-term commitment. Maybe you're a regular in my Sunday morning Bible class. Maybe you've never attended before. In either case, why not consider taking on six Sundays of Bible study as your way of preparing yourself for Holy Week and Easter. Join us in Bible study, starting on February 21st ... *and keep eating the chocolate!* -- Pastor Bischoff

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, **March 6**, 2010. St. Peters. Lutheran School & Rainbow Preschool Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auctions.

2010 FLOWER CHART is up. Please stop today to sign up for that special day—birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc. or as a memorial.

DON'T FORGET to check your mailboxes.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S QUARTERLY — *Warm Quilts...Warm Hearts*
The quilting process strengthens relationships and warms the hands and hearts of those who make them, as well as of those who receive them. Lutheran Women in Mission develop new relationships as they share their creations and the warmth of God's love with others. Pages 26 & 27 of the Lutheran Women's Quarterly—Winter issue.

MARTIN LUTHER HS DRAMA DEPARTMENT presents Beauty and the Beast Friday & Saturday, March 12 & 13 at 7:00pm and Sunday, March 14 at 2:00pm. Ticket order form available in the church office. Reserved Tickets: Adults \$6, Sr. Citizens \$4, and Children \$2. General admission: Adults \$5, Sr. Citizens \$3 and Children \$2. You may mail your reserved ticket order request with payment to Martin Luther High School c/o Mr. Paul Kindschi, 5201 South 76th Street, Greendale, WI 53129.



REMINDER: Market Day Pickup is Wednesday, February 10th, 5:00-6:00 pm.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL: If you have ever thought of sending your child(ren) to St Peter's School, and have hesitated because of tuition costs, we would like you to know that St. Peter's School has an ongoing Tuition Assistance Fund to assist families that would otherwise struggle to pay tuition. Please contact the school office for details. (We will gladly accept any donations to the Tuition Assistance Fund so that we may continue to help families – Donations may be directed to the school board).

ST. PETER'S PRAYER TEAM Email your prayer requests or join the prayer team at weallpray@hotmail.com

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.

MOTORCYCLISTS Please mark your calendar for the Lutheran Counseling & Family Services of WI 6TH ANNUAL KRUZ FOR KINDER that will be held on June 5, 2010. Sign up forms for the ride will be available at www.lcfswi.org after May 1st or by calling 800-291-4513. If you have questions regarding the KRUZ, please email DrMeseck@lcfswi.org. The proceeds from the KRUZ this year will go toward our Adoption Program. Hope to see you there.

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DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are in the process of creating a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces and will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

There are 5 dates to choose from:

Thursday, February 18: 3:00pm—9:00pm
Friday, February 19: 3:00pm—9:00pm
Saturday, February 20: 10:00am—5:00pm
Friday, April 9: 3:00pm—9:00pm
Saturday, April 10: 10:00am—5:00pm

To sign up for your pictures:

Time slots are divided between the paper sign-up in church and the online sign-up. So, you may check either place to find the best time slot for you and your family. (Please include your entire family - members and non-members of St. Peter's.)

- ~ You may sign up by the glass case in the narthex
- ~ Or you may sign up on line. Go to St. Peter's website www.stpeterswaterford.com and click on Olan Mills to follow the directions.

COOL CLOSET

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS? Don't want to throw away your newer, gently used clothing? Why not donate them to a *NEW* fundraiser for our school & preschool? Your Cool Closet, a new consignment store located in the Wind Lake Plaza, will give St. Peter's School a percentage of the profit from clothing donated to our school and sold at their consignment store. We would appreciate clean clothing in like new condition.

Sizes needed:

Girls sizes 4-18 (plus sizes too),

Juniors— all sizes,

Petites/misses sizes Small, Medium and Large.

(We would like in season clothing but, please, no sweaters, or fall/winter jackets.) The only pants needed would be jeans, black pants, tan pants, and white capris. Whatever does not sell will be returned to us and sold at our annual rummage sale in the summer.

Clothing can be brought to school on hangars or folded neatly and placed in the Mother's Room (located on the first floor next to the 7th & 8th grade room). Help is needed transporting the collected clothing once a week to the store, if you can help, please stop in the school office.

5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8 (ESV)

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. [2] Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. [3] And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

[4] And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. [5] And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

[6] Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. [7] And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.

[8] And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 14:12-20 (ESV)

Strive to excel in building up the church. [13] Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. [14] For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. [15] What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. [16] Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? [17] For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. [18] I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. [19] Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

[20] Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in

evil, but in your thinking be mature.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 5:1-11 (ESV)

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Genesaret, [2] and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. [3] Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. [4] And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." [5] And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." [6] And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. [7] They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. [8] But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." [9] For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, [10] and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." [11] And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

**Prayer of the Church
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

P: Holy Lord, open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the sound of Your voice, that Your Word may dwell within us, transform us by Your grace into Your holy children, and equip us for Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Lord, place Your blessing upon Your Church and those who serve her, especially our Synod President Gerald Kieschnick, our District President John Wille, and all of our

church workers. We pray also for those now preparing for full-time service to Your church. Grant them gifts sufficient for the task, prosper the work they do in Your name, and make them bold in the proclamation of Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Lord, give wisdom to those who lead us in this land and to all the leaders of the nations. Guide them in the path of peace, encourage them to act with justice, and lead them to protect the weakest and most vulnerable among their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Lord, grant us Your Holy Spirit to overcome the fears of our hearts, so that we may with unhindered voice proclaim Jesus Christ to all people. Bless the newly planted congregations of our Synod and the work of outreach here and everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy.
C: hear our prayer.

(Here special intercessions may be made.)

P: Holy Lord, You grant us many and rich gifts, from our talents and abilities to our time and material goods. Inspire us by Your giving love to be generous with the poor, to be faithful in the tithes and offerings that support the work of Your kingdom, and to be grateful to You at all times and in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Lord, we come to Your Table invited by Your promise. Grant us a true faith to acknowledge the presence of Your body and blood in Your Supper, and equip us with Your Spirit so that we may be ready to receive all the gifts that come through this communion. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Lord, You know better than we the needs of Your people and the desires of our hearts. Grant all things beneficial to us and to our salvation and keep from us all things harmful, for into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.