

MARCH 7, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY: Order of Service: Page 184

8:00 & 10:30a.m. Hymns: 765 - 579 - 614/760 - 422

The Sermon: "God's Word Has Teeth"

Ezekial 33:7-20

PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy Father, whose preservation saves creation from annihilation and whose patience with sinful people is a mark of Your love for them, deliver us in the day of our death, keeping us in the saving faith generated by the Cross and guaranteed by the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

PULSE OF THE CHURCH (Attendance)

Last Sunday Attendance: 228

Sunday School Attendance: 56

St. Peter's Total Membership: 977

Our Gifts To Our Lord:

| | Last Week | Total This Year |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Offerings: | \$ 5,672.75 | \$ 55,482.33 |
| Weekly Budget | 7,069.23 | 63,623.07 |
| Compared to Budget | — 1,396.48 | — 8,140.74 |

1 Corinthians 10:1-13: Paul reminded the Corinthians of the example of the Children of Israel who were often unfaithful to God and His commands, and instead focused on the things of this life. It was poor stewardship on their part to neglect their relationship with God as their number one priority. This was written (St. Paul says) as a warning to us to put first things first. Godly stewards do the right things for the right reasons.

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to the glory of God by the St. Peter's Parent Boosters in honor of our school, students and teachers for National Lutheran Schools Week.

ELDERS:

Sun: 8:00am: Wendell Zirbel

10:30am: Kace Kaiser

ACOLYTES:

Anna Rogahn, Shelby Jacobs

Tyler Friemoth, Nick Szeklinski

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today (7) Divine Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30am

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15am

LYF Lunch, Meeting & Dartball 11:30am

Monday (8) Senior Friendship Group 11:00am

Confirmation Classes 6:00pm

Women's Bible Class 6:30pm

Monday (8) 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
Lenten supper 5:15pm
Lenten Service 7:00pm
Thursday (11) School Board 6:30pm
Sunday (14) Divine Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30am
Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:15am

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL:

Although our Lord Jesus Christ has arisen to His Father in heaven, He is here with us today in Word, water, bread and wine. As He told us, "For where two or three come together in My Name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20, New International Version) He is here to bless us with His treasured gifts of forgiveness, faith, abundant life and eternal salvation. We join our Lord Jesus Christ in welcoming you to His house today! (To let us know if we can be of service to you, please complete one of the VISITORS AND GUESTS cards located on the back of the pew in front of you.)

DID YOU KNOW that the St. Peter's Church and School website has quick links to on-line Bibles in several versions? It's as easy as click-click, so don't put it off any longer—go to www.stpeterswaterford.com when you sit at your computer today. You too can be one "in the know."

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.

LENTEN CHANGES During the season of Lent we will make the following changes. In **Divine Service One** we will omit the Hymn of Praise (pg 155) and will substitute the Lenten verse (pg 157) in place of the Common Verse (pg 156) and the "Nunc Dimittis" (pg 165) in place of "Thank The Lord" (pg 164). In **Divine Service Three** we will omit the "Gloria in Excelsis" (pg 187) and the "Triple Alleluia" (pg 190).

LYF The LYF meeting is **today** after the late service. Lunch is provided. We will have our meeting and then learn how to play dart ball.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP meets Monday, March 8th at 11:00am for Bible Study, Bag Lunch and then an afternoon of fellowship and card playing. Coffee & dessert are provided. All 55+ are welcome to join us!!

LENTEN WORSHIP They say that no parent should see their child die. Then certainly no parent should see her son die on a cross. Yet Mary saw just that. And it was to her and His friend John that Jesus said, "*Woman, behold, your son! . . . Behold, your mother!*" Please join us this Wednesday as we learn about the **Compassionate Word** spoken by Jesus, whose thoughts were for others even as He hung dying on a cross. Our service is at 7:00 p.m. Our **Lenten meal** this week will be *spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desserts* and is provided by the 7th & 8th grade classes and any profit earned will offset an educational trip. We serve at 5:15 p.m.

FFF – FOURTH FRIDAY FISH FRY Please mark your calendars now for the Fourth Friday of each month from February through May (with the exception of April – which will be the Fifth Friday) for a congregation-wide Fish Fry! On March 26th, April 30th (please note this is the FIFTH Friday in April), and May 28th, plan on coming at 6:00 pm to the White Fox (on Hwy. 36 right outside of Waterford) for cocktails. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm (order off the menu and separate checks). Sign-up will begin 2 weeks before the Fish Fry date. Please contact Pastor Bischoff if you have any questions. Invite someone new to join you!

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S 5th & 6th GRADE CLASS will raise money for Lutheran World Relief and Human Care by collecting aluminum cans for a recycling fundraiser . Cans (empty of ALL liquid) can be brought to St. Peter's and left in the collection container at the entrance to the Parish Hall. This fundraiser will begin on March 1st and end on March 31st. Thank you to Miss Zahner for coordinating this for our school!

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL will again be offering half (for the first semester) and full day Kindergarten through 8th grade. Our school and preschool have much to offer, please see today's bulletin for more information. if you are interested in getting more information or a personal tour, please call the school office at 534-6066. Enrollment forms are available in the church and school offices and on our website at (please follow the school or preschool links). Open enrollment for church members began on 2/15 with open enrollment for the community beginning on March 1st. ***New families enrolling on or before April 1st will receive 20% off of the enrollment fee.***

DON'T FORGET Daylight Savings Time begins next Saturday night. Set your clocks ahead one hour.

OUR SCHOOL RECEIVED A CHECK from the Roundy's "We Care" program in the amount of \$157.16. Thank you to everyone that designates our school/preschool as their charitable organization. Our number is #655000.

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).

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.

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 the 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.

MARTIN LUTHER HS DRAMA DEPARTMENT presents Beauty and the Beast Fri & Sat, March 12 & 13 at 7pm and Sun, March 14 at 2pm. 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 S 76th Street, Greendale, WI 53129.

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



Market Day.

Wednesday, March 10th

Pick-Up — 5:00-6:00p.m.

THE TOWN OF NORWAY will sponsor their **FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH ART GALLERY** in honor of Youth Art Month. St. Peter's school students will be among other area schools that will submit 10-12 pieces of student art work that will be on display beginning on March 15th—April 6th at the Norway Town Hall.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED being a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Kyle Castens from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Concordia University Wisconsin 12800 N. Lake Shore Drive, Mequon on Monday, March 8th, anytime between 1:00—5:00pm or Tuesday, March 9th anytime between 8am—5:00pm. Rev Castens is interested in meeting with prospective seminary students of all ages—elementary school age through adults who are already employed in another vocation. Conferences are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome. Reservations are not necessary, but strongly encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific conference time, please call Concordia University at 262-243-5700. Rev Castens is also very happy to meet with those without a prior appointment. Also, feel free to contact Rev. Castens at castensk@csl.edu regarding your appointment.

RADIO BUTTONS Are you having difficulty listening to secular Christmas music? It's time for a switch. Try **K-Love 105.3** on your dial. You will find commercial free, positive and encouraging music and messages. Some of our members just LOVE to listen to **K-Love 105.3**

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANERS 7957 W. Wind Lake Road, Wind Lake (262-895-3620) Located in the Wind Lake Plaza. Dwight & Debbi Jutrzonka will return 10% of the invoices when members have their clothes cleaned at Neighborhood Cleaners. Please be sure to sign the St. Peter's Book to get the credit.

"The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him" (Habakkuk 2:20). God comes down to meet with us whenever we gather in the Divine Service. It is a time of awe and wonder, and it requires proper preparation. For us that should mean spending time in quiet reflection and prayer before the start of the service. Out of consideration for our brothers and sisters preparing for worship, please keep conversations and other distractions out of the sanctuary before the start of worship so that it may be a time of quiet meditation for those already seated in church. Thank you.

YOUR 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 7-18 (plus sizes too),

Juniors— all sizes,

Petites/Misses sizes Small, Medium and Large.

(We would like in season clothing but, please, no shoes, 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.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are glad to have Olan Mills working with us to complete our new pictorial directory. They are helping us contact our families to schedule an appointment to have your photograph taken. You will receive an 8" by 10" Olan Mills Signature Portrait and a copy of our new directory for coming in and having your photograph taken for our directory. We really want **everyone** to participate, including your entire family—members and non-members of St. Peters.

Due to the wonderful response we have received, Olan Mills has scheduled another day for pictures. The added date is April 8th.

So please sign up now for **April 8th, 9th or 10th.**

There are several ways that you can sign up to have your photo taken. You can call Joan at St. Peters **262-534-3639**, Olan Mills at **1-800-866-2263**, sign up on the glass case in the narthex, or you can go online and sign up by clicking on Olan Mills on the church website (www.stpeterswaterford.com). It is best if you contact Olan Mills directly—however we recognize many are busy so Olan Mills is planning on calling you to schedule an appointment. You may receive a phone call from them even if you have scheduled an appointment for April on the written schedule in the Narthex, as they do not have these appointments yet. They are different than the times available online.

If you are on a 'do not call' list, you must contact Olan Mills. If you have caller ID the number you will be contacted from will either say "Church Directory" or be a "423" area code, so please pick up so they can schedule your appointment.

If unable to have your portrait taken, please submit a photo. All submitted photos for the directory should be a single digital photo on a single disk.

*Again, please call **1-800-866-2263** to set up an appointment, confirm or cancel appointments. This number is also for any questions you may have for Olan Mills.*

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 33:7-20 (ESV)

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. [8] If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. [9] But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

[10] "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus

have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' [11] Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

[12] "And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. [13] Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. [14] Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, [15] if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. [16] None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

[17] "Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. [18] When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. [19] And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. [20] Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (ESV)

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, [2] and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, [3] and all ate the same spiritual food, [4] and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. [5] Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

[6] Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. [7] Do not be idolaters as some



of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” [8] We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. [9] We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, [10] nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. [11] Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. [12] Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. [13] No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:1-9 (ESV)

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [2] And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? [3] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. [4] Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? [5] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

[6] And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. [7] And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ [8] And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. [9] Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ “

Prayer of the Church

Lent 3

March 7, 2010

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who are unemployed or underemployed let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For an awareness of how blessed we are and for a willing-

ness to share with those lacking basic necessities of life let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

(Here special intercessions may be made.)

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.