

St. Peter's Epistle



February / March 2012

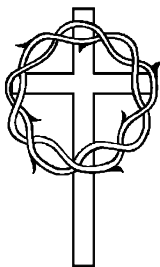
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
145 S. 6th Street, Waterford, WI 53185

Upcoming Events

LENT 2012

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Worship on February 22nd and continues each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. through March 28th. Once again each Wednesday Lenten Service will be preceded by a shared meal, served from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Please join us for our
Lenten Worship!



Be sure to visit us on the web at
www.stpeterswaterford.com

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From Pastor's Desk ...

The story is told of a man who died and entered heaven. Several days later, as he was walking through the streets of heaven, he noticed a small museum.

In this museum were artifacts from the earthly life of Jesus. Of course, unlike a display that might be set up for a mere earthly king, there were no royal jewels on display, nor was there a crown or scepter or throne or any other symbol of wealth and power.

On display were only a simple robe, a crown of thorns, several nails, a pair of worn-out sandals, and wood from a cross.

The man stared at the items for quite some time, pondering what all these things had meant for his salvation. Then he turned to an angel who was standing nearby and he asked, "Please tell me, do you also happen to have the basin and towel that Jesus used to wash His disciples' feet at the Last Supper?"

The angel smiled at him and answered, "No."

"Well, then do you happen to have the cup and the bread that Jesus used at the Last Supper?"

Again, the angel only smiled and answered, "No."

The man looked puzzled and ask the angel, "Why is it that you have on display the thorns, the nails, and these other items, yet you have neither the towel and basin, nor the bread and cup from our Lord's Last Supper?"

And the angel answered him, "These things are on display because the Lord is through with them. But He is still

using the basin and towel to serve His people and He is still using the bread and cup to give Himself to those He has redeemed. These things He is not through using."

The point of this story is an important one for us to remember as we prepare to enter another season of Lent. We gather together for Lenten worship, not to pray that Jesus might suffer on our behalf, but to thank Him that He already has. We join together, not in the anxious hope that Jesus might go to the cross for us, but in the peaceful knowledge that He already has.

And still, there is another reason to gather in worship. It is something more than looking back at what has been done for our salvation. It is gathering together so that Jesus might come to us now, bringing with Him a towel and basin by which He might wash us and serve us, and bringing with Him bread and a cup by which He might feed us and nourish us with His very body and blood.

We worship because of those things which Jesus has done, and because of those things which He still does, and only does, when we meet Him in worship.

"But with a man who belongs to an everlasting kingdom all is well and it is fitting that he should dance through life forevermore."

Martin Luther (1544)

Why Do Christians Fast?

That was a question I had as a child. I knew that every year when Lent came that word would start to be mentioned, although the idea of fasting was more commonly brought up by the question "What are you giving up for Lent?"

Most people gave up chocolate or other sweets. Some people gave up TV. Today, I've known people who give up Facebook. The idea being that we give up a luxury, that we deny ourselves of something to get the most out of Lent. Fasting is even discussed by some people today for supposed health benefits, like losing weight or for releasing toxins that build up in the body.

But are these the reasons that Jesus had in mind when He talked about fasting? Jesus Himself fasted (Matthew 4:1-11) and He also taught His disciples to fast.

"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."
(Matthew 6:16-18)

Before we continue, it is important to realize what fasting is not. Christians do not fast for forgiveness of sins, nor to inflict pain or suffering on ourselves, nor because the denial of food somehow pleases God.

Fasting accompanied by prayer is a spiritual discipline of the Christian life. Discipline is not an easy thing for Americans. We live in a culture that is obsessed with food. We can go to the grocery store at any time of year. We can buy practically any food we desire day or night. We no longer know what it is to want and to go without, especially when it comes to food and physical comforts.

Christians can fast to discipline the body. When we deny the passions of our body, such as food, Christ's words, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God**" (Matthew 4:4) become alive to us. We eat as though our life

depended on it, though true life, eternal life is not affected by the bread we eat.

We fast because it disciplines our body. Luther says in the Small Catechism that fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training before we head to the rail to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord.

Some Christians fast on Wednesdays and Fridays in memory of the betrayal of Christ and his consequent crucifixion.

Some Christians fast for entire seasons of the Church Year, like Advent or Lent. This in turn leads to seasons of feasting, such as Christmas and Easter. This rhythm of life for Christians goes back centuries, to the earliest days of the Church.

Why do Christians fast? We fast because as Jesus says we do not live by mere bread alone. The tyranny of our stomach comes with an illusion that to eat and be full is to truly live. But Christ would have us know in our hearts that we only truly live when we live by the Word of God.

Fasting disciplines the body and mind so that we put off slavery to our desires and passions. Fasting aids in repentance. By fasting we are reminded of the weakness of our flesh and how focused we are on things rather than Christ and His will for our lives.

Our mortal bodies are dying. Some of us are further along than others but ultimately we will all fall asleep. Fasting reminds us of our mortality, and in fasting our Lord beckons us to turn toward Him. Our hope is not to be found in food and pleasure of the world but in food of Christ, His Body and Blood that gives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. The Word made flesh. He experienced hunger and temptation but did not break the fast. The Word who took this frail human nature we possess after the fall and sanctified it again. We are not now what we will be one day. Until the Resurrection we wait with eager expectation. We wait with certainty that Christ has accomplished all things for us on the cross.

Until that glorious day we wait. We wait by disciplining our body through fasting with prayer. We turn in repentance and in faith, and we believe in the life everlasting that awaits all people who are in Christ.

-Vicor Mueller

LADIES AID/LWML NEWS

Our Spring Rally will be at Grace Lutheran Church in Racine on April 28, 2012. Join the ladies of Racine, Kenosha and Walworth counties. Our speaker will be Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. Look for more information in March.

7 Steps to the Foot of the Cross

In the season of Lent we focus on Christ's suffering and death, an act of great love for our salvation. We are called to follow in His steps. In the following scripture passages we find assurance of God's love. Share them with someone who is looking for that same love and acceptance from God.

Romans 5:8 God loves you.

Romans 3:10-12 Even though you have sinned, God still loves you.

John 3:16 God's love sent His Son into the world.

John 15: 13,14 God's love is seen in Jesus.

Romans 6:23 God's love paid the wages of your sin.

Revelation 3:20 God's love is knocking at your heart through Jesus.

Romans 15:13 God's love will flood your life when you accept Jesus as your Saviour.

Goals of the 2010 - 2012 Biennium - SWLWML District

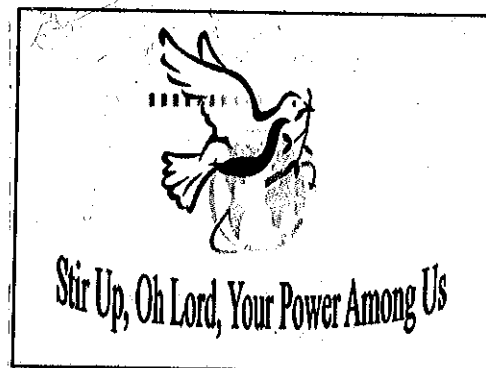
Guide our women toward a personal relationship with Jesus, our Savior.

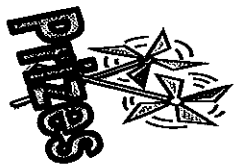
Encourage our women to find a new ways to share their faith on a personal level through conversational evangelism.

Excite our women about Missions through learning about our mission grants and offering them ideas for new ways of serving God by serving others.

Prayer: Stir us Lord, for deeper reflection on your word, awaken us to the needs of others and excite us to speak out boldly.

Check us out at www.swd-lwml.org





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**11:30
Performance
by
Foursis
Dance
Academy

Saturday

February 4th

10am-1pm

Our Preschool Program is still expanding!

Rainbow Preschool SNOW ENROLLING
FOR FALL 2012 AGES 2, 3 & 4
NEW FOR 2012:
FULL DAY CARE FOR 2 YEAR
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ALL NEW FULL DAY
AK PROGRAM

OFFICIAL ACTS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Baptism:

Isaiah James Scott, son of
Seth & Emily Scott
10-17-2011 12-04-2011
Levi Alan Thayer, son of
Joshua & Abigail Thayer
06-25-2011 01-15-2012

By Adult Confirmation:

Hailey Woulfe
Michelle Simonis (James & Samantha Derksen)

By Transfer:

James & Jessica Meyers (Lacy & Bryce) from
St. Paul's L.C., Union Grove, WI
William & Karen Lauf from
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Santa Clarita, CA

By Profession of Faith

Jeff & Lisa Checker



MEMBERS LEAVING

By Transfer:

William & Vicky Poisl to St. Paul's L.C., Union Grove
Cathy Wrycza to Our Savior L.C., Burlington
Daniel & Laurie Rickert to Our Father's L.C., Greenfield

By Release:

John & Rebecca Bell



DEATH

Mrs. Hildegard Vinz
02-28-1932 01-02-2012 01-07-2012

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MOVING?

If you are moving, please notify the church office of your change of address and new phone number.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating February Wedding Anniversaries.

Ralph & Nancy Schwanke	2/07
Greg & Monica Glisch	2/10
Donald & Millie Luhmann	2/11
Joel & Camille Cox	2/14
Warren & Sandra Majchrzak	2/15
Joseph & Sharon Jardas	2/15
Randy & Lisa Fahrenkrug	2/28
Robert & Sheri Glisch	2/28

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To the following couples who are celebrating March Wedding Anniversaries.

Steve & Lila Solar	3/03
Frank & Dorothy Meyer	3/06
Matthew & Cynthia Kaul	3/12
Terry & Jean Melvin	3/17
John & Beata Luznicky	3/19
Frank & Marie Kintigh	3/20
Christopher & Amy West	3/20
Kevin & Patricia King	3/20
Clifford & Darlene Jacobson	3/21
Michael & Kory Chart	3/21
Robert & Cheryl Christensen	3/26
Jeff & Denise Schmittinger	3/28
Seth & Heather Hutchinson	3/30

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PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to request a prayer on Sunday morning for birthdays, anniversaries, etc., please call the church office. We would be happy to share with you those special days in prayer.

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SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Looking for Christian Fellowship? Come and join our Senior Group. We meet every second and fourth Monday at 11:00 am starting with Bible Study. Bring your bag lunch as delicious desserts and coffee are provided. Our main activity now is cards, but others are also planned. So remember – all 55+ are welcome. Hope we will have some new members try us. We really enjoy fellowship.

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LENTEN MEALS



The Board of Parish Fellowship is now planning for our Lenten Meals held before each Lenten worship service. Volunteer groups, boards, committees, families, or individuals are encouraged to call the church office to select their date. (262-534-3639)

The following dates are available:

February: 29th

March: 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

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CHOIR NEWS



The choir will be singing once a month so we need your help. If you are confirmation age or older please prayerfully joining us to sing our praises. We will practice just a few times and sing at both services on the Sunday scheduled. I know everyone has a busy schedule but I am confident that we can do this. Please contact me if you have questions - natlmemi@tds.net or 534-3651.

Sue Johnson

Practices---

- Thurs., Feb 9 8:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb 16 8:00 p.m.
- Wed., Feb 29 8:00 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 14 8:00 p.m.
- Wed. Apr., 4 7:00 p.m.

We will add 2 more rehearsals that will be scheduled when the new organist schedule comes out.

We will sing in church----

- Sun., Feb. 26
- Sun., Mar. 25
- Fri., Apr. 7 (7:00 p.m.)
- Sun., Apr. 8 (sunrise)
- Sun., May 20

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 11, 2012

(Move your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night, March 11th at midnight)

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HANDICAPPED PARKING

On the East side of our building there are several parking spaces marked for handicapped parking only. We remind you that by state law, these spaces can be used only by individuals displaying a handicapped motorist sign in their car window or having the prefix "dis" on their license plate. Please respect the rights of our disabled members and guests!

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RECIPE CORNER

QUICK & EASY RECIPES

Cheesy Potatoes with Smoked Sausage

- 1 package(s) Hillshire Farm® Smoked Sausage
- 1 bag(s) (20-ounce) refrigerated shredded hash brown potatoes
- 2 cup(s) (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup(s) sour cream
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup(s) butter or margarine, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon(s) ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly spray a 13- by 9-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Cut sausage into 1/2-inch cubes. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl.

Spread mixture evenly in prepared pan. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until lightly browned. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Lit'I Smokies Macaroni and Cheese

- 1 package(s) Hillshire Farm® Lit'I Smokies®
- 1 package(s) (7.25-ounce) macaroni and cheese mix
- 1/2 cup(s) milk
- 1/4 cup(s) butter or margarine
- 1 can(s) (10.75-ounce) condensed cream of mushroom or cream of celery soup
- 1 tablespoon(s) finely chopped parsley
- 1 cup(s) (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Open package of Lit'I Smokies® and drain off any liquid; set aside. Cook macaroni in a large pan of boiling water for 7 minutes or until tender; drain well.

In medium bowl combine cooked macaroni, contents of cheese sauce packet, milk and butter. Stir until butter is melted. Stir in mushroom soup, parsley and Lit'I Smokies®.

Place mixture in a greased 2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Bake, uncovered 20 minutes or until heated through.



WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing...God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

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SAVE THE DATE!!!



Fall Fair

October 20th, 2012

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members are celebrating February Birthdays.

Eihan Mooney	2/01
Dean Buse	2/01
Jacob Jensen	2/02
Sarah Zellmer	2/02
Maycee Schneiker	2/02
Ashley Novotny	2/02
Amber Whitmore	2/02
James Derksen	2/02
Taylor Himebauch	2/03
Ashley Rutz	2/03
Scott Greuel	2/03
Daniel Bierer	2/04
Joshua Harvey	2/05
Ray Thompson	2/05
William Slattery	2/05
Danielle Clark	2/07
Alec Boyer	2/07
Jamie Multhauf	2/07
Jenna Keeling	2/08
Robert Somers, Jr.	2/09
Wendy Leonard	2/09
Corbyn Mullikin	2/09
Ramona Holden	2/10
Nicholas Szeklinski	2/10
Adam Jung	2/12
David Buchholtz	2/13
Allie Fischer	2/13
Anthony Kominiak	2/13
Kristi Kumbier	2/13
Hunter Schneiker	2/13
Cody Baumgart	2/14
Paul Collins	2/14
Jessica Lueneberg	2/14
Wendell Zirbel	2/14
Kyler Lapotko	2/14
Melissa Holden	2/15
Kathy Anderson	2/15
William Haines	2/15
Eugene Lasage, V	2/17
Thatcher Smith	2/17
Richard Wanke	2/17
Hella Goering	2/18
John Luznicky, Jr.	2/18
Ashley Kennedy	2/18

Kevin Jacobson	2/18
Dwight Jutrzonka	2/18
Diana Repischak	2/18
Michael Chart	2/20
Reese Crawley	2/20
Cameron Casas	2/21
Justyce Lapotko	2/21
Bryan Zellmer	2/21
Cora Ciszewski	2/22
Alyssa Kaul	2/22
Roberta Gunter	2/22
Clinton Chalmers	2/23
Dorothy Strasser	2/23
Hannah Artery	2/23
Janice Kafer	2/23
Mariah White	2/24
Zackary Tymus	2/24
Kevin King	2/24
Janet Christiansen	2/25
Kim Bertschinger	2/25
Austin Kaul	2/25
Trevor Palubicki	2/26
Donna King	2/27
AJ Hayden	2/27
Randi Burdette	2/27
Kira Thuecks	2/27
Ella Breien	2/27
Karen Lauf	2/27
Faith Alloy	2/28
Anna Rogahn	2/29

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2012 FALL FAIR TURKEY DINNER

OCTOBER 20, 2012



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members are
celebrating March Birthdays.

April Gannaoui	3/01
Daniel Kramer	3/01
Mia Crawley	3/01
Desiree Buchholtz	3/02
Connor Connell	3/02
Lauren Acker	3/02
Elaine Strueder	3/03
Steven Jung	3/06
Michael Polechek, Jr.	3/06
Dallas Castle	3/07
Glen Kimball	3/07
Warren Majchrzak	3/07
Kyle Pattengale	3/07
Kathryn Beu	3/07
Dennis Schultz	3/07
Dalas Mueller	3/07
Cody Juergens	3/08
Jonathan Hibicke	3/08
Raymond Morby	3/08
Gilbert Amborn, Jr.	3/10
Travis Allen	3/10
Karen Luick	3/10
Ariana Nickel	3/10
Marilyn Pritchard	3/10
Blake Millard	3/11
Jennifer Rolfson	3/11
Scott Ten Cate	3/11
Mikayla Acker	3/11
Vicar Mueller	3/11
Christopher Rogahn	3/12
Denise Schmittinger	3/12
Samantha Repischak	3/12
Marian Becker	3/14
Leslie Storm	3/14
Jeff Schmittinger	3/14
Lila Solar	3/14
Randy Burns	3/14
Jacob King	3/14
Rebecca Jung	3/14
Martin Plohocky	3/15
Isabella Luxem	3/15
Aaron Scott	3/16
Frank Meyer	3/16
Samuel Fay	3/16
Joshua Fay	3/16
Patrick Becker	3/17
Tyler Christensen	3/17
William Lindbloom	3/17

Brittany Smith	3/17
Glenn Collins	3/18
Cindy Olson	3/18
Mark Hartzell, Jr.	3/18
MaryAnn Pirk	3/18
Charles Brintnall	3/19
Ian Hirschfeld	3/19
Tracy Fredrick	3/20
Judith Buse	3/21
Carrie Buchholtz	3/22
Norman Tuscany	3/22
Crystal Cowan	3/22
Nathan Johnson	3/22
Rebecca Wozniak	3/22
Christine Repischak	3/22
Jason Charland	3/24
Carol Smith	3/24
Julie Wessinger	3/24
Bertha Neumueller	3/25
Lawrence Strueder	3/25
Cassander Colon	3/25
Nicholas Simon	3/25
Jeff Checker	3/25
Kristine Jacobson	3/26
Jack Alloy	3/26
Maxwell Szalewski	3/26
Kaysi Parsons	3/27
Auralie Frazier	3/28
Ronald Hunt	3/28
Trevor LaDell	3/28
Taylor Badzinski	3/28
Robert Hassey	3/29
Tammy Peterson	3/29
Megan Waupoose	3/29
Ashley Bakke	3/29
Anna Hardinger	3/29
Morgan Whitmore	3/29
Kathryn Zastrow	3/30
Harry Knoblauch	3/30
LaVerne Maahs	3/30
Mary Lou Schneiker	3/31
Samantha Slattery	3/31
Evie Mueller	3/31

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**God: "There are some questions that can't be
answered by Google"**

**"Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the snake
and the snake didn't have a leg to stand on."**