

THE INFORMER



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Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suffering and Your death That I may not perish.

The season of Lent fills the month of March. We consider Jesus' bitter sufferings and death for our salvation from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Our Lenten services have been based on the penitential Psalms as we've considered God's gift of forgiveness. These considerations lead us into repentant prayer as we ponder Jesus' suffering and death. And, as we meditate upon Jesus' sacrifice for us, the Holy Spirit ignites faith in our spirits and love in our hearts for our Savior and Friend.

Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?

We've discovered that, as we meditate on these Psalms, the Holy Spirit Himself works to clear away the fog of deception that sin causes. The Holy Spirit leads us to a holy grief; a repentant sorrow for our sins that rejects the sin and turns our hearts and minds to our God. He gives us the knowledge and wisdom needed to see through the deceitfulness of sin as well as the motivation to walk in the paths of righteousness.

If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me.
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion.

As human beings, we are constantly assailed by temptations to sin. We are frequently misled by those temptations and we commit sin. The Holy Spirit in us rises up against all temptations and,

when we fall into sin, calls us back to repentance, where He leads us to confess our sins and receive forgiveness.

Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

We look to our heavenly Father for all our needs of both body and soul. During this season of Lent, we are invited to look to the needs of our souls: to cry for a clean heart, to repent of our sins, to confess them, and to receive absolution for our sins. Our sins are forgiven through our heavenly Fathers amazing compassion. He includes us in our Savior's Easter victory, and promises to bring us safely into His presence when our Savior returns again.



The Word from the Chairman!



Greetings,

The deep freeze is here, brr.

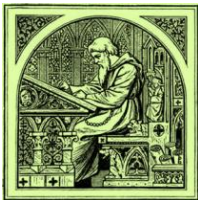
Thanks to Cheri Stahl for planning the "movie" night. Lots of discussion on the theme of the movie afterwards.

Church council meeting was Jan 16th 7pm, unfortunately we had a small crowd. Remember this is your Church, it needs everyone's participation to be the best church it can be. Next meeting in April. There are lots of activities coming up so come and share your thoughts.

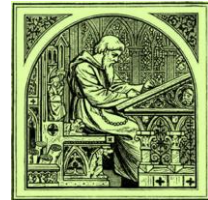
Stay warm, may God's blessings be bountiful.

Randy Wildner

Acts 20:28 ~ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.



The Elders' Corner



Our Midweek Lenten services continue on Wednesdays through the end of the month. We join together for a fellowship meal at 6:00 pm then gather for worship at 7:00 pm. We have been considering the wonderful forgiveness our God offers and supplies to us through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Holy Week services begin with Maundy Thursday, being held on Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 pm. Good Friday service will be held on Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm.

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Sunday, April 9th.

We look forward to gathering together, enjoying fellowship, and receiving our Lord's gifts for us throughout this Lenten season. Mark your calendars and take the opportunity to join with God's people throughout this special season!



Christian Education News



Here we are in Lent and our Sunday school is doing so well. When everyone is here we have 16 children! We love to see our Sunday school continue to grow!

During the Lenten season our younger children will be learning about praying. We are going to try our best to make them each a prayer book. The older children are still learning and studying about people from the Bible.

Our faith friends program is better than we could have ever thought, we wish you could see all of their faces when they see a bag or something in their very own mail box. It brings joy to our hearts.

If anyone would like to donate bottled water that would be wonderful.

Again thank you to all of the parents and grandparents that continue to bring these children to Jesus.

*Your friend through Christ our Savior,
Kristi, Karen and Linda*



Choir News

Your St Peter Choir is feverishly working on their Lenten musical offerings and are looking forward to sharing their music with the congregation!

If you enjoy singing and would like to be a part of a relaxed, fun group, the choir is here for you. We meet at 6:30 pm each Thursday evening. Come and join the fun!



St. Peter's Trusty Trustees

Your trusty Trustees are already working on their project list for the Spring! Stay tuned for more information and for opportunities to help!

Please contact one of our Trusty Trustees if you notice our facilities in need of maintenance or improvement. The following are our Trustees:

Bill Boike ~

Ken Brockmiller ~

John Harper ~

Charlie Jones ~

Dan Stahl ~

A Schedule for Reading the Bible in 12 Months ~March

Day	Old Testament	New Testament
1 st	Numbers 23 & 24	Mark 7:14-37
2 nd	Num 25, 26, & 27	Mark 8:1-21
3 rd	Num 28, 29, & 30	Mark 8:22-38
4 th	Num 31, 32, & 33	Mark 9:1-29
5 th	Num 34, 35, & 36	Mark 9:30-50
6 th	Deuteronomy 1 & 2	Mark 10:1-31
7 th	Deut 3 & 4	Mark 10:32-52
8 th	Deut 5, 6, & 7	Mark 11:1-18
9 th	Deut 8, 9, & 10	Mark 11:19-33
10 th	Deut 11, 12, & 13	Mark 12:1-27
11 th	Deut 14, 15, & 16	Mark 12:28-44
12 th	Deut 17, 18, & 19	Mark 13:1-20
13 th	Deut 20, 21, & 22	Mark 13:21-37
14 th	Deut 23, 24, & 25	Mark 14:1-26
15 th	Deut 26 & 27	Mark 14:27-53
16 th	Deut 28 & 29	Mark 14:54-72
17 th	Deut 30 & 31	Mark 15:1-25
18 th	Deut 32, 33, & 34	Mark 15:26-47
19 th	Joshua 1, 2, & 3	Mark 16
20 th	Josh 4, 5, & 6	Luke 1:1-20
21 st	Josh 7, 8, & 9	Luke 1:21-38
22 nd	Josh 10, 11, & 12	Luke 1:39-56
23 rd	Josh 13, 14, & 15	Luke 1:57-80
24 th	Josh 16, 17, & 18	Luke 2:1-24
25 th	Josh 19, 20, & 21	Luke 2:25-52
26 th	Josh 22, 23, & 24	Luke 3
27 th	Judges 1, 2, & 3	Luke 4:1-30
28 th	Jud 4, 5, & 6	Luke 4:31-44
29 th	Jud 7 & 8	Luke 5:1-16
30 th	Jud 9 & 10	Luke 5:17-39
31 st	Jud 11 & 12	Luke 6:1-26



LOOKING AHEAD

The season of Lent began in February and, just as we should expect by now, the weather cannot decide which season we should experience. In the last couple of weeks we've experienced at least three seasons so far!

Our Ash Wednesday service was thwarted by an ice storm that turned the roads and parking lots into ice fields. It will be interesting to see what the weather holds for us next as we try to gather for our Wednesday evening fellowship suppers and Lenten services. Regardless, we will gather as often as possible to receive our Lord's gifts and ponder His sacrifice on our behalf!



As we continue through this season of Lent, we take the time to meditate on Jesus' sacrifice for us. We crave God's forgiveness: we repent of our sins and welcome our God's Holy Spirit in our lives. We seek to live more deeply in faith toward our God and more generously in love toward our neighbors. All this we do because of the boundless mercy shown to us by our loving heavenly Father. All this we do through the power of the Holy Spirit. All this we do because we are in Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord!