



ST. PETER'S

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“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

What To Do In 2018!

What is life going to be like in 2018? Predictions have been made of the new things we might see this year. There is a prediction that China may announce their creation of building the largest city in human history. Others predict drones will get into the delivery game, delivering food and groceries to your front doorstep. Others predict Hollywood will suffer a financial collapse and destroy the movie industry, others predict the rise of cryptocurrency will put an end to dealing in physical money, others predict robots will take over performing surgeries including brain operations, and others predict strains on the environment will bring about unprecedented weather. What is life going to be like in 2018?

What is your life going to be like in 2018? Maybe you have lesser or more simple wants for the new year. Maybe you are trying for a new job, career, or looking forward to retirement. Maybe you are looking at buying a new home, or starting a family with a new baby. Maybe you are wanting to shed a few pounds of unnecessary weight, tackle a few of the home improvement projects on your honey-do list, or maybe want to start a new hobby of something you have always been interested in. What are you going to do in 2018?

At the time the Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Colosse, the newly found church was at a crossroads in what it should do. The city itself was in decline as the neighboring cities seemed to have the monopoly on industry and trade. The church and its members were under attack from false doctrine that claimed their faith in Christ was

“too simple” and instead they should be seeking revelations, higher knowledge, and their life should be one of living by rules and not faith. They feared for their city. They feared for their church. They did not know what the future would bring or what they should do.

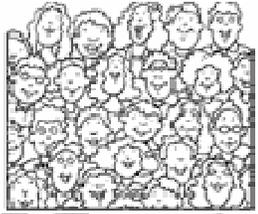
Stand on Christ. This was the Apostle Paul's encouragement. Whether their uncertainty of future, or attacks on their faith...Stand on Christ. Stand on eternal God who came in human flesh and blood to be your perfection before God. Stand on the one, who through the shedding of his innocent blood washed your sins away.

Stand on the one, who arose from the dead to proclaim you forgiven and who now gives you eternal life as a free gift. Stand on Christ, as he is your God and Savior.

Maybe the New Year is causing you hesitation. Maybe the uncertainty of future is causing you to be anxious, and causing you to wonder as to what you should do. Stand on Christ. Place your trust and confidence in your God and Savior, who does not fail. No matter how life changes, how plans change, how futures change, the one thing that never changes is the certainty of your salvation as a child of God. So go into 2018 with joy and thanksgiving, doing all things “in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”



The Year Ahead



Youth Rally

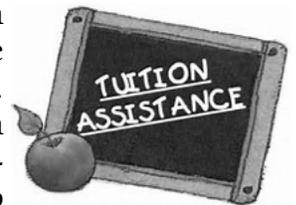
2018 WELS International Youth Rally

“Never Alone!” is the theme of this year’s rally to be held June 26– 29 in Bowling Green, Ohio. Our WELS youth are taking over Bowling Green State University for an awesome event of faith, friends, and fun. It’s a great experience for all our teens to realize they are *Never Alone* in their faith! There are posters set up in the entryway, or for more information visit - youthrally2018@wels.net. We are putting out the information now, so parents and teens can start preparing as we have to have everyone enrolled by April 30th. Contact Pastor Guse for more information.

We are also seeing a day at Cedar Pointe along the way!

SPLS Tuition Assistance

Our congregation has always been a large supporter of Christian education from PreK-12, and that is still the case today. We have established a tuition assistance fund in the past to help any families that would struggle to have their children at St. Peter’s Lutheran School due to financial circumstances. In the last year, that tuition assistance fund has run lower and we have not been able to provide as much assistance as needed. We usually have 3-4 families per year that could use the extra help with tuition. If you are someone who would like to help with this, please consider a special gift for our SPLS tuition assistance fund.



Membership Matters

Baptisms

Declan Wickert Jordan Schleif

Transfers In

Jacob Frey from St. John’s, Lomira

Vida Stueber from St. John’s, Juneau

Beth, Sarah, Teresa, and Rebecca Honaker
from Peace, Green Lake

Transfer Out

Chad Trapp to Redeemer, FDL

Request for Release

Sarah Jacinth

Removed (Unable to Serve)

Danielle Alston



Rejoicing
in the
House of the Lord
Psalm 122:1

Tenth Anniversary

Throughout 2018 we will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of worshiping in our “new” church and school. The theme will be: Rejoicing in the House of the Lord! Psalm 122:1: Ten Years of Gathering Around the Lord’s Blessings. Our celebration will kick off on February 4 with monthly themed sermons, culminating with a luncheon on Sunday, September 30, 2018. There will also be a focus on retiring the \$33,315 deferred debt we still owe the City of Fond du Lac for service improvements made to our property when we relocated.

More information will be available in the days to come.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Jan. 7	7:45	Guy & Sue Repp
	10:30	Jim & Marcia Pflum
Jan. 14	7:45	Ken & Jo Wendorff
	10:30	Judine Schicker
Jan. 21	7:45	Jane Fell
	10:30	Jim & Marcia Pflum
Jan. 28	7:45	Deb Jaeger
	10:30	Diana Kent

Cleaning Schedule

Week of:	
Jan. 7	Eric and Bill Freiberg
Jan. 4	Terry & Jill Reynolds
Jan. 21	Gregg & Carol Leisten
Jan. 28	Denise Fisher



Please call Gregg at
923 - 1583
to become a member of
the "cleaning team".



Jan. 1 - 15

Jan. 16 - 31



Ann Tewin
Kathy Trewin
Michelle Trewin

Else Cuppan
Deb Deere

For details on flower donations,
look for our flower chart
on the bulletin board at the end of the
member mailboxes.



Our thanks to those who have helped with the extra-budget wish list items that we have requested in past years. We are always amazed at the generosity of our members as they respond with the donations toward our wish list.

We have once again made a list of items that the school/church could use that are outside of our budgeted supplies. Below is the approximate cost of each item.

- † New sports team uniforms (\$2,000 per team)
- † Toy food for Kindergarten play (about \$15)
- † Clorox Wipes (\$5 for 3-pack)
- † Lysol Spray Disinfectant (\$4 per bottle)
- † Choral Music (\$80 to purchase a choral piece at 40 copies)
- † Sand for our donated sandbox from Good Shepherd (About \$100)
- † Updated teacher laptop computers (\$300 each)
- † Color Laser Printer for Posters (\$1,500)