

# The Key to St. Peter

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## The Parson's Pen...

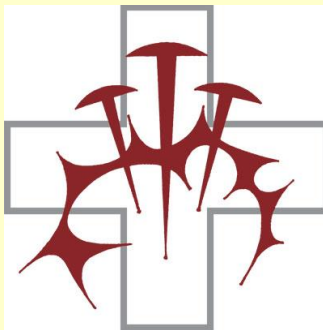
*By Pastor Larry Knobloch*

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Does it really seem like February? Just the other day I was talking to Cyndi on January 21<sup>st</sup> and made a joke that it was only four more days until Christmas, and then I realized that it has already been a month since then! It seems like just yesterday, and now we are only 10 days away from Ash Wednesday!

Well, it is shaping up to be a great New Year, even if we are already a month into it. With a new year, we are looking at new ideas and things to do to continue our outreach efforts and looking for new ones. With that being said, we need your input! I am going to begin again this year working to make home visits, but I need your input for that too. I know that you all have busy schedules and I am not one to show up announced at someone's door so I am asking for you to contact the church office and set up a time for me and/or your Elder to make a home visit. During these visits we will be checking in with you first and foremost to see how you are doing and if your church family can do anything for you. Secondly, we are looking for ideas for outreach or things that you would like to see for church activities or even just questions that you might have about our worship services.

I am asking you to call and schedule these visits mainly because I do not know your schedules. When I first arrived at St Peter back in 2008 I tried to schedule home visits by having some volunteers call each family in the congregation and it was not very well received. I had three people set up a time for a visit, a few that said to come by any time and several that were not happy at all that they were called in the first place. So this time around, I'm putting the ball in your court. Give the church office a call and set up a time. Either I or Joanne will work with you to find a time that works for both parties. We have all year to do this so we have plenty of time to travel.



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With Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, we will again have additional worship opportunities. Yes, they will be more reflective services as we follow our Savior's long trek to the cross where He paid for our sins on the cross, yet it is a road that we need to travel.

This Lenten season we will be following that trek with two different sermon series. The first we will be using for our Wednesday night services beginning on Ash Wednesday. It is *Called Places of the Passion* from Concordia Publishing House authored by Rev. Dr. David R. Schmitt of Concordia Seminary, St Louis, Mo. The description is as follows: "The scenes of Lent are familiar. The upper room, the garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, and the hills of Golgotha. These are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's passion. When Jesus enters a place, He never leaves it as He found it. The most troubling places of our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them."

In this midweek Lenten series, we will revisit the Places of the Passion. Our focus will not be on the physical locations of our Lord's passion, but on the spiritual wonders of His work: the places where He demonstrates his strength in the midst of our weakness, His timeless love in the midst of our temporal darkness."

On the Sundays of Lent we will be looking at the book of Job based on a series written by the Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Dr. Lessing is senior pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IN, and was previously a professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The series is entitled: *The Book of Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord!* The description is as follows:

"We all suffer—personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways, amplified by social media and a 24-hour news cycle. One of the Bible's greatest books of wisdom, we need the book of Job now more than ever. This Lenten sermon series ... will explore this magnificent text, numbered among the greatest literature of all time."

Please plan on joining us and making the most out of the worship opportunities, both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

We are also in the process of organizing a Messiah in the Passover Banquet meal that will take the place of the Midweek service on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Maxim Katz, the assisting director of Chosen People Ministries in Israel, will be leading and explaining how Jesus is in the Passover meal. More information will be following as the day approaches.

An eventful couple of months are in store for us. I look forward to spending this time of reflection, repentance and worship with you, culminating with a glorious celebration of Easter on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

God's Blessings as we enter into the season of Lent.

Pastor K.

**LENTEN WORSHIP – All Evening Services – 7:00 p.m.**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING – FEB 10-MAR 16**

**Maundy Thursday-Mar 24; Good Friday Mar 25**

**THANK YOU - THANK YOU.....**

**....to the eleven ladies who answered the call to quilt for Lutheran World Relief. See how easy it is? And we'd love to see more. You say you don't know how to quilt. We will show you this extremely easy process. We will be putting a top and bottom together of a lap sized quilt – that's it! How hard can that be? It takes 2 people to do a good job – then we need people to simply tack the top to bottom – run a thread through top and bottom every 6-8 inches and tie. Then Hazel will hem around the edges. ONE QUILT COMPLETE!**

**We will also meet the second and fourth Monday in February (the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. ) Looking forward to seeing you there.**

## *Thank You From The Angel Tree Recipients*

**This is a note from the LSS-Angel Tree Program People:**

Thank you for all of your assistance with the LSS-Upbring Angel Tree Program.

With your help, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 96 children that were in Foster Care Tarrant County and the surrounding counties. Each child was provided 6 gifts for a grand total of 576 gifts! That is truly amazing.

We received feedback from several of our families and children in care.

One family stated, "Wow! The look on our kids' faces Christmas morning was inspiring. All of our kids received everything they wanted! Thank you does not even begin to express our gratitude"

One child said, "All of these are for me? I have never had this many presents".

We even received a hand written note from one of our older children that said "this is the best Christmas I have ever had".

All of this would not have been possible without your help and we thank you.

For more information about Upbring - Foster In Texas check us out at [www.upbring.org](http://www.upbring.org) or [www.fosterintexas.org](http://www.fosterintexas.org).

You can also schedule for an Upbring Representative to come and speak to your group about Foster Care.

Thank You!

**Jeri Gray**

Evolv System Administrator/ Foster In Texas

## *LWML News*

*Jo Kleinhans had a wonderful presentation on the Lord's Prayer during our monthly LWML meeting in January. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us this month for our yearly Prayer Service led by Jeannine Yowell. We will be meeting on Monday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Everyone is invited to join us for our Annual Fundraiser Luncheon to be held Sunday, February 28 after worship. Our fundraiser is used to fund many of our Mission projects here at St. Peter, locally and worldwide. Mark your calendars now!*

## **ACCOLADES**

***Congrats go out to Todd Hammer who graduated from Midwestern State University with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Todd is the son of Todd and Debbie Hammer and the grandson of Nancy Hammer.***

***And to Katie and Will Jones who put in a terrific showing at the Ft. Worth Stock Show. Katie was 8<sup>th</sup> in a class of 12 heifers and Will took 1<sup>st</sup> in his class of 12 heifers.***

## ***SUCH AN IMPROVEMENT!!!***

***Thanks from the entire congregation to Cade and Grant Roth for letting us benefit from their Eagle Scout project. Thanks to them, St. Peter Cemetery now has trees, running water, and future planting possibilities. Congratulations to both as they climb to Scouting's highest achievement.***







*SERVING IN GODS HOUSE IN FEBRUARY*

**Acolytes**

2/7 - Will Jones/Josh Knobloch  
2/14 - Sid Mayfield/Sarah Horton  
2/21 - Cooper Hammer/Adam Pickett  
2/28 - Will Jones/Josh Knobloch

**Elder**

Gary Rainwater

**Lay Readers**

2/7 - Gaylon Rice  
2/14 - Bob Aune  
2/21 - Arn Anderson  
2/28 - William Pickett

**Counters**

Terry Henry  
Hugo Chase

**Head Usher**

Gaylon Rice

**Altar Guild**

Sharon Rainwater, Nancy  
Hammer, Eva Fechtler

**Nursery Schedule**

2/7 - Aubrey Gill/Lily Gill  
2/14 - Katie Jones/Rebecca Pickett  
2/21 - Hattie Hammer/Shelby Horton  
Kelley Roth/Lauren Gill

**Altar Care**

Cyndi Knobloch, Char  
Lasch, Melissa Stephens,  
Nancy Hammer



FEBRUARY 10

WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00 p.m.