

St. Peters Lutheran Church
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Our Mission Statement:
"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;



make known among the nations what he has done.”

Credo: The Work of The Holy Spirit

As we come to the Third Article of the Creed we come to the portion which is often glanced over due to the time spent on the Second Article and the Person of Christ. I confess that I am guilty of this in my own teaching. It is for a good reason but I would like to offer a corrective here in this article, as poor as it might be.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. We confess the Holy Spirit to be uncreated, and not begotten but preceding or sent by the Father and the Son, by whom the prophets and Apostle's spoke. The Holy Spirit is equal in majesty, eternity, and infinity. This makes Holy Spirit one God with the Father and the Son.

While the Holy Spirit in one with the Father and the Son, and shares in all the work of the God head we normally set aside what scripture tells us is the specific work of the Holy Spirit: Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures and Creating Faith in the hearts of all believers.

The first work of the Holy Spirit is that of inspiration of the Scriptures. We see the prophets of old (meaning the Old Testament) and the Apostles as having written under inspiration of God so that all of Scriptures is the Word of God, inspired and inerrant, but this was accomplished by the Holy Spirit. We do not know the details of how the Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the Scriptures but we know all was written down was given by God for the salvation of the world and therefore "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

In understanding this as the work of the Holy Spirit we learn an important fact about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit speaks of only what is important to God, and that is the plan and work of the salvation. To put it in scriptural terms it means the Holy Spirit bears witness about Christ and His Work of Salvation. The practical application in Scriptures of this means there is little about the Holy Spirit Himself written in the scriptures.

The second work of the Holy Spirit is the work of faith. He accomplishes this work by using the Means of Grace to create faith in the hearts of all believers and then strengthening that faith. The Means of Grace is a quick reference to the Word of God and the Sacraments (Baptism, Absolution, and Lord's Supper) which the Holy Spirit uses to create faith.

The Holy Spirit accomplishes this work primarily through the church. We will talk more next month on the church, but for this month we need to see that the Holy Spirit gathers all believers into the church. There He works the hearing of God's Word that many would come to faith. The church is the place God has given to speak His Word to the world and therefore becomes the place the Holy Spirit primarily accomplishes His work.

We see the close connection to the church which we will hear more about next month.

Your Servant in Christ,
Merry Christmas
Pastor

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December 5, 2022

Dear Brother in Christ,

The Lord spoke through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah, saying of His beloved chosen people these words,

"You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:9b-10)

A recession resulting in stagflation is upon our land and there is yet no end in sight. Gas prices may have come down, but groceries have nearly doubled in the last year. Church budgets are pinched and those who oversee them are anxious. The cost of everything is going up and church membership is declining. The LCMS is predicted to shrink in half in just a few decades to come.

Will our families go bankrupt? Will our church close and become a statistic? These and many other questions haunt the minds of faithful pastors and parishioners and are meant to drive us inward by fear toward despair. Thus, we look to the external Word and recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, ***"fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."***

On Saturday, January 21, 2023, our boards of Elders and Stewardship have invited Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador of the South Wisconsin District to come and present a *Philippians Conference* to pastors and laity. He, along with Rev. Heath Curtis, are coordinators for LCMS Stewardship Ministry.

I, and a few of our members, have attended his *Philippians Conference* in the past and will attest to you that participating in this presentation is one of the most uplifting and useful church conferences that you can attend – YES, a conference on Stewardship is one of the most uplifting, useful, and entertaining church meeting you can attend!

Please do consider this invitation for yourself, your board of elders and other church leaders and laity, as an invitation to drive fear far away by the reception of God's promise to you, saying, ***"I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."***

- The itinerary for the day is included in this mailing.
- Lunch will be catered from and excellent local restaurant, *Backyard Barbeque*.
- RSVP by January 16 with name, phone number, and home church to the following:

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
621 9th Ave.
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In Christ,

Rev. Matthew Wurm

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Philippians Conference; *A Stewardship Workshop*

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January 21, 2023

Philippians Workshop: *Helping pastors & laity collaborate on stewardship*

The Philippians Workshop is based on Paul's words in Philippians Chapter 1. In that chapter, and throughout the whole book of Philippians, we see how all the leadership of the congregation is working together in the realm of stewardship: Paul, Timothy, deacons, overseers and lay "partners in the Gospel" are all mentioned within just the first three verses!

The workshop is designed to bring together pastors and congregational lay leaders. Each congregation will know best just what lay leaders should attend, but for many congregations the board of stewardship, treasurer and church council are a good place to start. We especially delight in opening up the Scriptures for pastors and congregations who have struggled with stewardship in the past or who have been reluctant to take up an intentional stewardship focus for whatever reason.

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador
South Wisconsin District, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Schedule:

- 8:30 – Registration
- 9:00 – *Matins*
- 9:30 – Stewardship Conversion – Contemplating Stewardship for the Care of Souls
- 12:00 – Lunch
- 1:00 – Stewardship Culture – Assessing Culture, Confession, Repentance and New Life
- 2:30 – Reflection on Stewardship Culture: Action Steps for the Care of Souls
- 4:00 – *Itinerarium*

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* Conference will also be live-streamed at www.mountcalvary1.org

Biography of The Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador



1996 M.Div graduate and 2017 Doctor of Ministry graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, currently serves as Executive Assistant to the President of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS in the areas of Mission and Mercy. For 25 years he served congregations in Northern Wisconsin, Southern Illinois and South Wisconsin. Most recently he served as Senior Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Plymouth, WI. He also serves as Assistant Coordinator of Stewardship for the LCMS's Office of National Mission. He has chaired Stewardship Task Forces in Southern Illinois and South Wisconsin. He and Rev. Heath Curtis recently published a book in the Lexham Ministry Series entitled *Stewardship as Pastoral Care*. He has been married to his bride Jill, a gifted Lutheran educator and fantastic pastor's wife for 31 years. The Meadors have three children: Joseph (a Lutheran Educator in Edwardsville, IL), Bethany (a PT student at Concordia Wisconsin), and Andrew (a business major at St. Louis University.)

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



... & Amanda Maas January 23, 2010

... & Helen Lease January 25, 1959

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mitch	Schneider	Jan 2, 1983
Kai	Hemmer	Jan 9, 2019
Rayden	Lindholm	Jan 9, 2004
Parker	Milbrandt	Jan 10, 2020
Braeleigh	Dean	Jan 11, 2015
Tyler	Backus	Jan 12, 1994
Emma	Eppe	Jan 15, 2004
Rilynn	Zillgitt	Jan 15, 2009
Jim	Lindholm	Jan 16, 1940
Linus	Backus	Jan 18, 2021
Tracer	Feige	Jan 18, 2013
Rylie	Lusk	Jan 18, 2008
Cameron	Maas	Jan 20, 2014
Delores	Beeck	Jan 22, 1929
Grace	Lindholm	Jan 22, 2008
Reagan	Baumberger	Jan 24, 2020
Lisa	Lindholm	Jan 27, 1979
Liz	Tammen	Jan 28, 1946

Isaac Heidelberg Jan 31, 2002

Rick Yager Jan 31, 1969

JANUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Cade Fischer Jan 3, 2016

Jerry Gehrels Jan 3, 1960

Adam Welton Jan 3, 1999

Kadyn Gehrels Jan 9, 2005

Gale Maas Jan 9, 1955

Kaelie Lindholm Jan 14, 2007

Parker Gerry Jan 15, 2006

Brittyn Bjorklund Jan 16, 2016

Mitch Schneider Jan 16, 1983

Kai Hemmer Jan 20, 2019

Kim Hemmer Jan 20, 1963

Marlys Arneson Jan 25, 1959

Justin Baumberger Jan 25, 1987

Braeleigh Dean Jan 25, 2015

Jacob Heidelberg Jan 26, 2020

Jim Lindholm Jan 29, 1940

Tyler Backus , 1994

Noel Wareham 1970



To read the Bible in one year:
SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
January 1	Luke 1:68-79	Mark 2
January 2	Psalm 30	Mark 3
January 3	Psalm 31	Mark 4
January 4	Psalm 32	Mark 5
January 5	Psalm 33	Mark 6
January 6	Psalm 34	Mark 7
January 7	Psalm 35	Mark 8
January 8	Psalm 36	Mark 9
January 9	Psalm 37	Mark 10
January 10	Psalm 38	Mark 11
January 11	Psalm 39	Mark 12
January 12	Psalm 40	Mark 13
January 13	Psalm 41	Mark 14
January 14	Psalm 42	Mark 15-16
January 15	Psalm 43	Genesis 1-3
January 16	Psalm 44	Genesis 4-6
January 17	Psalm 45	Genesis 7-9
January 18	Psalm 46	Genesis 10-12
January 19	Psalm 47	Genesis 13-15
January 20	Psalm 48	Genesis 16-18
January 21	Psalm 49	Genesis 19-21
January 22	Psalm 50	Genesis 22-24
January 23	Psalm 51	Genesis 25-27
January 24	Psalm 52	Genesis 28-30
January 25	Psalm 53	Genesis 31-33
January 26	Psalm 54	Genesis 34-36
January 27	Psalm 55	Genesis 37-39
January 28	Psalm 56	Genesis 40-42
January 29	Psalm 57	Genesis 43-45
January 30	Psalm 58	Genesis 46-48
January 31	Luke 1:68-79	Genesis 49-50

JANUARY 2023

Altar Guild: Lacey Gehrels ~ Ashley Milbrandt ~ Danielle Gehrels

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
1 Sunday, January 1 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Sophia Fischer Greeters: Terry & Deb Reck Organist: Peggy George Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following	2	3	4 4:00 pm ~ Confirmantion, Bible History Class, & JR. Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	5	6	7
8 Sunday, January 8 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Landen McManus Greeters: Rudy & Ione Schmidt Organist: Shirley Backus Sunday School & Adult Bible Study following	9 7:00 pm Altar Guild	10	11 4:00 pm ~ Confirmantion, Bible History Class, & JR. Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group 7:00 pm ~ Elders Meeting	12 7:00 pm Counci l Meetin	13	14
15 Sunday January 15 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Presley Schneider Greeters: Brett & Heidi Schneider Organist: Peggy George Sunday School VETERAN MEETING	16	17	18 4:00 pm ~ Confirmantion, Bible History Class, & JR. Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	19 Winkle	20	21
22 Sunday January 22 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Jayden Delfs Greeters: Mitch & Erin Schneider Organist: Shirley Backus	23	24	25 4:00 pm ~ Confirmantion, Bible History Class, & JR. Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	26	27	28
29 Sunday January 29 -9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Natalie Feige Greeters: Cheryl Schriever; Emily Breck Organist: Peggy George	30	31				