

LEAD WITH LOVE

L.O.L. 8: Information is currently in your mailbox for next month's Laugh Out Loud event. It is one of the best nights of the year made even better because you are there. Thank you for your support of our student ministry year in and year out. For questions or further information, contact Bo Chapman (586-992-9816 or by email at bchapman@splcs.com).

St. Peter Lutheran School is now accepting applications for kindergarten through grade 8. If you know of someone who might be interested in our school, please encourage them to submit an application through the school office or online at www.splcs.com. There is no application fee!

Signs of Spring Fashion Show: With funds benefiting Lutheran High North, this annual event is March 18 at the beautiful Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township. Pre-dinner events start at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m. and fashion show at 8:15 p.m. To buy tickets (\$53), call Tamara Albright at (586) 716-0618. More details in March Keynotes.

Military Ministry: Do you like nuts, dried fruits and chocolate covered snacks? Support Our Troops "Germack Nuts" fundraiser is the weekend of March 6th and 7th. You can purchase for yourself or buy a bag to be sent directly to the troops. The proceeds from the sale will help us pay for shipping, other mailing supplies, cards for birthdays and holidays, etc. Stop by our table in the Crossroads after services on Sat. and Sun. to learn about the ministry and upcoming projects. Questions? Contact Vera Pinterpe (586)781-4474 or Patty Wiegand (586) 928-1546.

Save This Date: March 10 after the 7:00 p.m. Lenten service will be our Lutheran High Parent/Student meeting – a mandatory meeting for all families with students in Lutheran High School this coming fall.

St. Peter's Job Seekers Network Meeting : Tues., Feb. 23rd, 7pm - "Networking" presented by Jan Gaulin CPS/CAP; Learn: Reasons why people aren't good at it; What you stand to gain; "How to" Principles of Networking; Attributes of an Effective Networker. RSVP to maryjlemon@comcast.net

Upcoming marriage retreat - April 23-25. The retreat will be held at the Skyline Conference Center in Almont. A good opportunity to invest in your marriage. More information to come. (This is not the St. Peter retreat for couples getting married in 2010.)

SIT FOR WORSHIP

What is Lent? Lent, more than any other church season invites us to a repentant reflecting, to a changing of the patterns of our lives, to a new dimension of devotion. Lent is the time of the year when we think about our Lord's suffering and death upon the cross, when we remember how much Jesus loves us – enough to give His life to save us from our sins. It is the period of preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

Each of the seasons of the church year is observed and celebrated, but Lent, and only Lent, is "kept." The holy season of Lent invites us to be "keepers"—the people of God who keep the fast, keep the silence, and keep the focus throughout this singular season. The days and weeks of Lent call us to *keep the focus* of our lives of faith on Jesus, our Lord, and to learn more of Him and His loving plan of salvation for us.

When is Lent? Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts all the way to Easter, a 46 day period. If all Sundays are excluded, which have never been days of fasting, there are 40 days of Lent. This reminds us of the 40 days that our Lord spent in the wilderness before He began His public ministry. Moses also fasted and prayed for 40 days. Elijah fasted for 40 days and nights.

The Date of Lent: The date of Lent is determined by the date of Easter. The Council of Nicaea determined in 325 A.D. that Easter would be observed on the first Sunday following the 14th day of the Paschal Moon. The earliest that Lent can begin is February 5th. The latest that Lent can start is March 10th.

Our 2010 Weekend Lenten Theme..."Mission: Deliverance"
We'll focus on Luke's Gospel during Lent with these themes:
This Weekend: "God Tempted" February 28: "God Weeps"
March 7: "God Waits" March 14: "God Runs"
March 21: "God Dies" March 28: "God Plants"

Midweek Lenten Schedule: Wednesday Worship – 4 & 7pm
Please join us for our Lenten suppers in the gym, served 5 – 6:30 p.m. St. Peter Boards and leaders take turns preparing and serving a variety of soups, salads, and dishes. Freewill donations benefit the Seminary Fund for St. Peter men studying for the ministry.

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WALK IN HIS WORD

Flyer for Winter 2010 Sunday morning: Pick up a yellow handout in the narthex and on the Church Office Pillar Rack.

BIBLE CLASSES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL each Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Love Languages (DVD series): Meets with Amy Zauel in Room 1

Growing Character (Family Class)

Meets with Mark and Renee Finkel, Bob and Heather Rubarth, and Jim Andrezjewski in Room 6

Discovery: Meets with Dave Bratkowski in Room 7

Listen! God Is Speaking (Our Worship Readings)

Meets with Terry Davis in Room 9

Gospel of John: Meets with Phil & Nicki Wargo in Library

Lifelight on Sundays

Faculty Lounge... Charlie Wolf, leader

Room 8... Chris Oberly, leader

8th / 7th Grade Confirmation: in Kaiser Hall and Kaiser Lounge.

Wednesdays in the Word

New Member Class will meet again this week, February 24, 6 p.m. New time!

JEREMIAH CLASS does not meet during Lent. We'll pick up the prophet's message from the Lord on Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m.

"Help! for the Hurried Life": "Imagine an entire church community deciding as people of God, as families, as a congregation, to get out of the "rat race" by cutting out things that don't advance the kingdom. Imagine the impact of intentional, contented living." Beginning April 11, for four weeks we'll explore St. Paul's words in Philippians through a special sermon series and small group / personal study and devotions. Watch for our "Help!" signs around the church!

"God's kingdom will be advanced, God will be pleased..."

Youth Ministry: Our Monday night college Bible study will resume in the spring. Join us though for worship during Lent on Wednesday nights at 7p.m. over at HIS Rock.

FOLLOW TO SERVE

Pictorial Directory: Photos are now finished. But we are looking for people with graphic arts background to help us lay out the directory. Anyone interested can leave his or her contact info with the church office to be put in Sarah Lee-Ellena's mailbox.

Want to help fight blindness? Please join us on **Saturday, February 27, 2010.** The Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) with Vision Walk will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner – Euchre Tournament Fundraiser event at Creek Center Banquet Hall in Armada. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner from 3-6:30 and the Euchre Tournament registration starts at 6:30. Game time is 7:00. We'll have entertainment by Goodnight Amber. Also included are an auction and sweepstakes. *Together a cure is in sight!* For more information call Phyllis Marcath 586-784-9596 or Kathy Marcath 586-784-9236 or 586-709-8713.

Bottles... Bottles... Bottles: There are still baby bottles missing from our Baby Bottle Drive in January. These bottles are on loan from several pregnancy care centers in our area and cost over a dollar a piece. Parents, please look in your children's rooms and return them full or empty. Thank you so much. We will report the total money collected as soon as we have it all in and counted. Thanks so much for your help and generosity. If you have any questions, call Donna (781-3986), Chris (703-3648), or Ruthann (749-5736).

The Michigan District is looking for a creative and highly motivated individual to join the staff as its Web/Media Director. This

individual would work as part of a team to plan an interactive/dynamic website and develop, maintain, and provide content management tech support. The applicant would need to show proficient skills in the area of web development, social media, and video. For a complete job description and application instructions, visit www.michigandistrict.org/job.

Students, we will be hosting the Lenten dinner on Wednesday night, March 10th. Those interested in lending a hand that evening please get in touch with Bo at 586-992-9816. Thank you in advance for making a difference.

Lenten Supper Schedule:	Feb. 24	Bd. of Ed.	Sloppy Joes
Mar. 3	Bd. of Trustees/Stewardship		Chili
Mar. 10	Student Ministry		Brats
Mar. 17	Women's Ministry		Sloppy Joes
Mar. 24	Bd. of Parish Fellowship		Pizza