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Cliffnotes—February

Matthew 18:3

And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you **CHANGE** and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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A note from Bo ...

CHANGE HAPPENS! There is nothing you can do to stop it. It is around every corner of every day. Sometimes it gives us a chance to adapt slowly. Sometimes you have no choice but to act quickly. You can kick and scream all along the way. You can embrace it. You can even change the change. So many options with so many outcomes and all we know for sure is that "change happens."

With the idea of change on our minds, I see a real chance to embrace a powerful change here at St. Peter. First, let me say that we are blessed to have a great congregation. Over the past two years that I have been here, I have seen God do some incredible things within our church and especially within the student ministry.

An example would be seeing literally hundreds of our people serving the needs of our church, community, and world at large. It is an awesome sight seeing us live out the faith we profess in the world around us. Serving others is powerful, rewarding, and most definitely ... biblical.

Good thought Bo, but what change do you have in mind. I'm glad you asked :) How about another critical element in our faith life; worship. That's right worship.

Did you know that every week we see less than 40% of our membership in



worship? Granted, we are beating the national average, but is that a badge of honor? Absolutely not. Especially when we don't see 2,000 members of our family every week.

So how do we change? How do we impact the lives of our people to where they will see the value, the importance, ... the need to be in God's house? We will talk more next month, but for now let's start with something simple and yet effective to do. **PRAY.** Pray for change!

Peace,
Bo



One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Psalm 27:4

7/8 Grade Ski Retreat

Alright if you haven't seen the news yet (and it isn't too late), we are heading out Friday night, February 27th, for our official 7/8th ski retreat.

Imagine a full day of skiing, 30 of your buddies, good food, and a chance to bask in the beauty of God's creation.

How do you get signed up? You need to get a check for \$75 to Bo. Make it out to St. Peter Lutheran Church and drop it by the church office and then they will put it in my mailbox.

Your \$75 will cover your lodging, transportation, four meals, lift ticket and ski

rental, and a t-shirt. Plus, you get to hang out with me and a great host of chaperones. A weekend to remember.

One stipulation: space is limited. We have room for 15 girls and 15 guys.

Need more information? Give Bo a call at 586-992-9816 or send him an email at bchapman@splcs.com.

THANK YOU!!!

To all of the drivers who helped to make our January service project such a success. Not only did we deliver food, but we had the chance to encourage the lives of others in our community, as well as, have the chance to be impacted. Thank you parents for making it all possible.



HIS Rock Work Day

Tuesday & Wednesday night
February 24th & 25th



**Tickets go on sale
starting
Sunday, February 1st
for \$42.50/person**

**Enjoy a great meal &
drinks**

**Music & dancing
Live & silent auction
Dessert Bar**

**Comedian Donna East
& hundreds of your
friends**

**Contact Shelly Penzien
at 586/781-4067 to
purchase tickets**

St. Peter
Lutheran Church
Student Ministry
presents

Donna East
(with special musical guests
~ Flashing 12)

**Friday night,
April 3rd
@
Zuccaros
(21 Mile & Gratiot)**

This will be our 7th year to host Laugh Out Loud and I believe it continues to get better and better. As many of you know, this is our only event in which we raise resources specifically to fund the ongoing student ministry here at St. Peter Lutheran. Help us make a difference in the lives of others by joining us this evening and/or donating an item for the auction. Your support is more than greatly appreciated. I hope to see you there and please let me know if there are any questions I can answer for you. Peace ~ Bo

***** Be a part of something bigger than yourself *****

“From the church to the community to the world at large”

Galveston, Texas

June 14th – 20th

Joining up with LINC (Lutheran Inter-City Network Coalition) – Houston, we are going to be assisting in the ongoing and often forgotten work being done on the gulf coast after the devastating effects of Hurricane Ike tore through Texas.



If you like to sweat, are 16 years of age or older, and have a passion for this kind of ministry I hope you will consider joining me on this powerful summer mission trip. Working alongside dozens of others you will have the chance to make a difference in the life of a family and a community.

Those interested in this trip can begin making deposits starting January 25th. We will continue to take deposits through the last Sunday in February. Cost for the trip is \$485 (a \$135 non refundable deposit is due to reserve a spot). Cost includes transportation, lodging, as well as, food for most of the week.

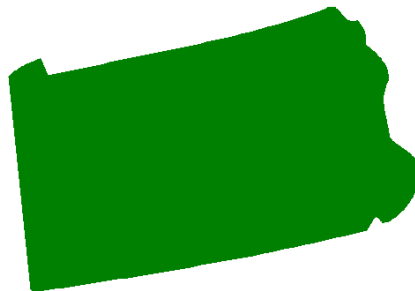
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Monesson, Pennsylvania

July 19th – 25th

Over the past several years I have had the chance to travel with students all over the country on summer mission trips. Many of those trips have been through a great organization called YouthWorks! Matter of fact, our trip last year to the Pine Ridge Reservation was one of those trips.

Well, this coming summer our high school students will have the chance again to experience the joy of meeting new people and serving the needs of others as we travel to the Monogahela Valley region just south of Pittsburgh. Over the course of a week, we will be engaged in the lives of children, the poor, the elderly, and those so desperately in need of both temporary and eternal help.



I have booked spaces for 17 students and once those are gone, they are pretty much gone. So, if you would like to join me this summer on our trip to Pennsylvania, we will start taking deposits January 11th. The cost for the trip is \$285 (a \$100 non refundable deposit is due to reserve a spot). Cost includes transportation, lodging, and food from Sunday night to Friday morning.

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