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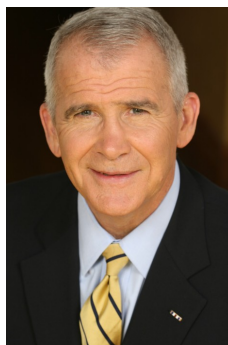
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Lights in the Darkness

By Fr. Tom Simmons

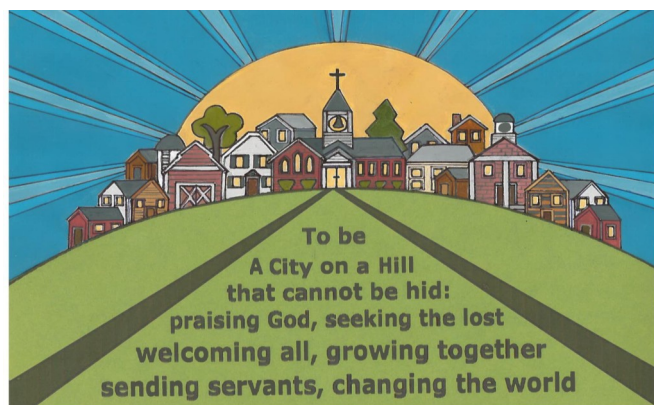
Anonymous thoughts are often the most honest.

I found a note in a hymnal this week, scrawled on the back of a bulletin insert. It wrestled with

the question "Why do bad things happen?" Wrestling quickly became prayer, praising God for hard circumstances and bearing witness to new wisdom and hope gained through suffering:

"Why do good and bad things happen together? It is too soon to tell, but I believe this is the time when things will be made right. I've been able to forgive my Mom. It's going to take a long time and I'm going to have to keep doing it, but I have to if I want to be forgiven and redeem my past. I want to be able to tell the story of healing and forgiveness. This fall I learned that I am one of the adults now. I don't have to listen to bullying and criticism. I will only seek the truth and can't find it based on trying to pacify the other people in order to quell anxiety. I've learned that it won't be quelled by avoiding the situations that bring it on or keeping the people who cause it happy. I'm learning to forgive other people who hurt me. I'm learning not to be afraid, and to be calm and quiet. I'm learning how to be good to myself and the proper way to wait. I still have a long way to go and I don't know what the end will look like, but I'm so glad to be free of the things I've come from. I'm happy that I can see good things – again."

My greatest delight is to see people's lives change for the better. And it's very exciting to be part of a congregation where that experience of change is shared by so many. And what a gift it is to hear another person share so candidly of how they have found grace in this place with Jesus and his people. St. Peter's truly is a light shining in the darkness, a place of warm welcome and refuge in a treacherous world.



These themes are particularly potent in the season of Epiphany, when Jesus is manifested as light to the world. And it is his people who make him known, as we will pray on the second Sunday after Epiphany:

"Almighty God whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped and obeyed to the ends of the earth..."

But it's hard isn't it? It's a huge challenge for us to embody Jesus with all the pressures, temptations and flux of our day-to-day world. To help with that, I have included an excellent meditation by Iain Campbell, published at <http://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/coping-rapidly-changing-culture/>

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus compares His people to a city on a mountain (Matt. 5:14). It is a striking image, the point of which is that such a city, on such a prominent elevation, cannot be hidden. It is conspicuous. It stands out. It can be seen by all.

The application is arresting, immediate, and direct. Christians are manifest, observable, and pronounced. Like salt on a plate of food, or like light shining in a dark place, they are distinct in the way they live and regulate their lives from day to day.

The illustration serves at one and the same time to make a contrast and a comparison. The contrast is that the city is elevated, while those who observe it live elsewhere. The image works because the one reality—the salt, the light, and the city—is the very opposite of the other—the food, the darkness, and the valley.

But there is a point of comparison as well. The city belongs to the same territory as the valley. It is not over the horizon. It is engaged every day in the view of those who dwell nearby. Which is the point, surely, that Jesus is making in His great kingdom message. Christians, by definition, belong to the kingdom of Christ. The primary loyalty of every believer is to Jesus, and His claim on the lives of His people is absolute. He has given them a kingdom (Heb. 12:28) and an inheritance (1 Peter 1:3), as a consequence of which they are citizens of

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WILD GAME SUPPER

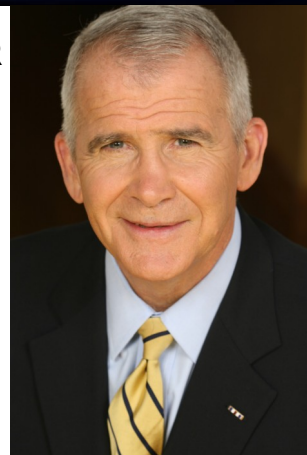
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and many more.....

Raffles

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Just to name a few.....

Contests/Activities

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Adult Archery Contest (Bring your own bow)

Youth Archery range and instruction (Bow Provided)

Fishing casting contest (Rod and Reel provided)

Big Buck contest (Must have tag as proof of 2015 Harvest)

Best Wild Game Covered Dish (Panel of judges)

VA department of game and inland fisheries
(Bones and Skins exhibit)

Participants:

St. Peters Church
Legacy Outdoor Sports Club
National Rifle Association
Freedom Alliance
Widewater Waterfowl

VA Department of Game and inland Fisheries
Fish and Explore
Hunters for the Hungry
Just to name a few.....

Ideas Have Consequences

By Fr. Tom Simmons

What a person *believes* exercises enormous influence over how they *behave*. This makes the issue of the beliefs of Muslims in America of enormous importance. What do they really believe? How will they act on those beliefs?

Many people in power are urgently asking us to ignore such questions out of fear of a backlash against our Muslim neighbors. Though I believe their impulse toward self-imposed ignorance is well-intentioned, I don't believe the outcome will be good for the society we will share with our neighbors of Muslim, or any other, faith. Here's why.

Pew Research shows that there are 2.75 million Muslims living in the U.S, of which 1.8 million are adults. According to a poll commissioned by the Center for Security Policy, 51% of our Muslims neighbors believe "Muslims in America should have the choice of being governed according to sharia" instead of the U.S. Constitution. 'Sharia' is the body of Islamic law from the Koran and Haditha prescribing both religious and secular duties and retributive penalties for lawbreaking. That's nearly half a million people.

A Pew survey uncovered that 29% of Muslim males under 45 believe that violence against America is justified in order to make Sharia the law of the land. That's around 261,000 young Muslim men who endorse the use of violence to replace the Constitution with Sharia.

In another Pew survey, from 2013, we learn that 8% of U.S. Muslims believe that the use of "suicide bombing and other forms of violence against civilian targets" is either "often" or "sometimes" justified in defense of Islam. Those most militant among our Muslim neighbors, who justify suicide bombings, are numbered around 144,000. No matter how you slice the statistics, that's a lot of people on the home front embracing an ideology that seeks to violently end our civilization.

Ideas have consequences. What a person believes influences how they behave.

Our neighbors represent a diverse array of Muslims in America, which evidently includes some militants. How they choose to act on their beliefs in the future? Consider the 144,000 who justify suicide bombing. Supposing 99.9% of

those people choose to remain peaceful, that still leaves 144 people willing to blow themselves up to kill infidels. That's 72 potential San Bernadino attacks, killing nearly 1000 innocent people and wounding 1500. Though hypothetical, that is an unacceptable outcome.

We aren't, however, merely speculating about percentages based on opinion surveys. The George Washington University Program on Extremism recently published a study on sympathizers of the Islamic State in the U.S. Here are some of the major findings from their report:

- 250 Americans have traveled to Syria or Iraq to join ISIS, or have tried to.
- 900 active investigations against ISIS sympathizers in all 50 states.
- 71 individuals have been charged with ISIS-related activities since March 2014.
- 56 people have been arrested in 2015, "a record number of terrorism-related arrests for any year since 9/11."

It seems there are, in fact, well OVER 144 militant Muslims in our midst choosing to act on their supremacist beliefs. And these are just the ones we know about. How many others, like the jihadist perpetrators in Paris and San Bernardino, lurk undetected by intelligence and law enforcement agencies?

In light of these facts, I think we are ill-served by the bi-partisan efforts of our elites in media and politics trying to minimize these realities by dismissing them as representing only "a tiny minority." Indeed, the majority of our Muslim neighbors are peace loving people. The 8% of American Muslims who justify suicide bombing is a small minority, but 144,000 people can wield a lot of destructive power. Witness the 179,000 members of the United States Marine Corps.

Worse yet are efforts by some to shame us into ignoring these facts with accusations of racism, bigotry, and islamophobia. Apparently they think themselves qualified to judge the intent of other people's hearts, and to claim moral high-ground from which to smear and silence their fellow citizens. But I beg to differ. Because ideas have consequences, I don't think it is "islamophobic" to raise these questions, or to think through these implications. It seems more like trying to grapple with hard reality in hopes of influencing wise and moral public policy, for the common good. Is this

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not our job as citizens in a “government of the people, for the people, by the people”?

Given the reality of Muslim militancy already present within the United States, is it not rational to wonder what Syrian Muslim refugees believe as they seek shelter on our shores? Is it wise to wave them across our border without truly effective vetting procedures? Without such procedures are we bolstering the numbers of militants in our midst? Are we contributing to their radicalization? How many Tashfeen Malik's are we opening our doors to?

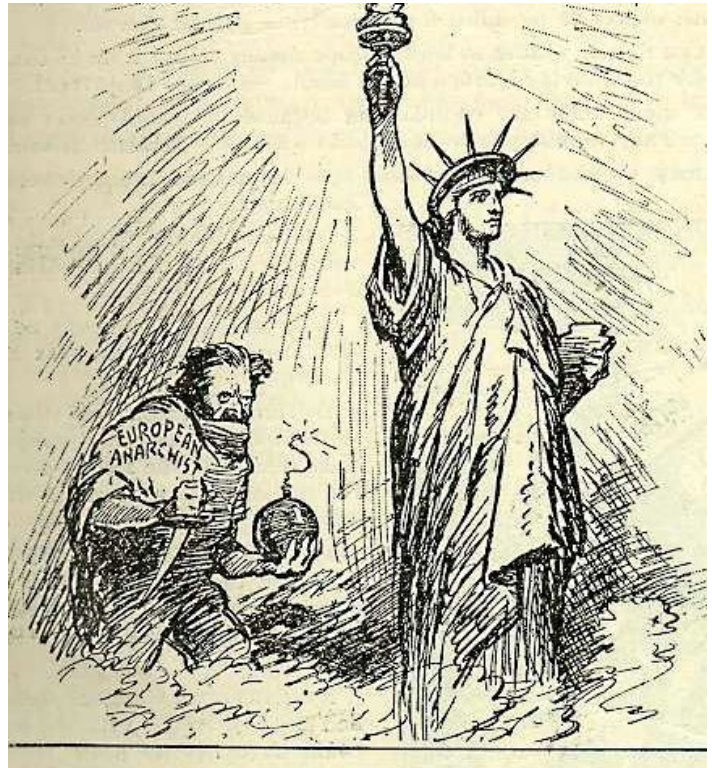
As Christians I think we need to take care in what we advocate. Mark Tooley, of the Institute on Religion and Democracy, makes a case for what that might look like <https://juicyecumenism.com/2015/12/04/san-bernardino-isis-islam-refugees/> excerpted below:

For some Christian advocates, the issue of immigration and refugees is simply one of hospitality and generosity. What would Jesus do? Their intent and motivations are admirable. Our country is blessed by the many (but never enough!) who seriously ponder the will and love of Jesus. Part of the complexity is that Jesus Himself never asked the civil state to model its duties on His ministry.

According to traditional Christian teaching, government's chief duty, in every country and age, is to protect its people, not to extend hospitality. Mothers and fathers have a special calling to look after their own children.

They certainly should wish well for all other children. But parents who prioritize other children while neglecting their own are not typically admired. So it is true for the state, which must be unceasingly vigilant on behalf of its own people.

...At the very least, Christian immigration advocates should urge U.S. immigration policies that prohibit persons who reject American democratic principles.



Over one hundred years ago immigration policies screened against anarchist sympathies, which murderously raged in Europe. Later U.S. policies screened against Bolshevism. Of course, the U.S. screened against Nazi and Fascist sympathizers. So too it should protect against adherents of Islamist theocratic political supremacy.

... Our government is ordained to tenaciously protect and advocate the interests of over 320 million American people, of different faiths and backgrounds, but bound together by our commitment to democracy, liberty and legal equality for all. The American experiment is unique, unusual in human history, and possible only thanks to the sacrifice of many millions across several centuries. There should be no reluctance by Christian political witness to support and defend the security and integrity of a great nation that benefits so many and which is, at its best, an example to the world.

“Ideas have consequences.

*What a person **believes** influences how they **behave**.”*

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a heavenly world (Phil. 3:20), looking to things that are unseen and eternal (2 Cor. 4:17–18).

Yet, all around them the world changes. Cultural patterns shift. Fashions change, technology advances, science develops, lifestyles evolve. And notwithstanding the fact that His people are not of this world, Jesus specifically says to His Father, “I do not ask that you take them out of the world” (John 17:15).

The situation of the believer presents at least three unique challenges. First, it presents a challenge of faith. The Christian message can never be easily domesticated in the world; since the days of Jesus and the Apostles, there has been no culture that was ready to entertain the message of the crucified and exalted Messiah. To the Jews it was an offense, and to the Greeks it was utter folly (1 Cor. 1:22–23). Modern culture is no less and no more ready to welcome this radical message that demands repentance and faith in God.

To remain conspicuous as a city on a hill requires Christians to grow in their faith, to be able to articulate it and ready to profess it, and to be prepared to give a reason for the hope they have (1 Peter 3:15). It is precisely for that reason that the church is necessary—so that through the preaching of the Word and participation in the sacraments, we will be grounded in the faith we profess.

Second, the changing face of modern culture also presents a challenge of morality to the people of God. If the Sermon on the Mount articulates the parameters of kingdom life, then its ethic is one of righteousness, holiness, and integrity. More than that, it is not a surface ethic that pleases people, but a heart ethic that pleases God.

Interestingly, the issues Christ raises to illustrate this point are the very issues that surface in modern cultures everywhere. Issues of anger, lust, marriage, retaliation, charity, perjury—these are the issues of modern newspaper headlines. Cultures

change, but sometimes they change in the way shop windows change, showing what is inside in new ways. Man's heart is what shapes man's culture, and changing cultural norms are often only new expressions of old heart problems.

Over against this, Christians are to be morally upright and blameless, living by the ethic of Christ's kingdom and subject to His lordship. That can present its own unique challenges, but it is surely one of the reasons Christ teaches His people to pray “lead us not into temptation” (Matt. 6:13).

But there is a third challenge: the challenge of affection. One of the great hallmarks of modern culture is its isolationism; people e-mail or Skype to the other side of the world, but they do not know their neighbors. Some of the older folks in my community live for the visit of their home care aides, because they see virtually no one else all day long.

There is a reason that love is at the heart of the Christian ethic: because it is at the heart of redeeming our culture. Christians are to love one another (John 15:12), so the city on the hill ought to be a place of mutual love. But Christians are to love their neighbors, too (Matt. 19:19). More challenging still, perhaps, they are to love their enemies (5:44).

Perhaps in our interaction with the culture around us, these are the great tests of our discipleship, because it was the way of the Master. Ultimately, of course, His culture received Him not. But who can doubt the good that He did for it and in it; or who can question whether He lived what He taught? He was the very embodiment of the city on the hill principle. May we be the same.



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JANUARY 15-16 2016

What are the foundational differences between Christianity and Islam? Which is the real Word Of God? The Bible or the Qur'an? Do you know what it costs a Muslim to consider Christ?

ISLAM IS NO LONGER DISTANT

In the United States today, as in all Western countries, there are growing Muslim communities. Increasingly many of us have Muslim neighbors and coworkers. Moreover, radical Islam is on the move around the globe in ways we were woken up to on 9/11, and are constantly reminded of in global news stories. These developments provide the church with many evangelistic, apologetic, social and political challenges. We are so glad that you are joining with RZIM in recognizing and seeking to respond to these challenges biblically and thoughtfully.

RZIM regularly gathers some of the world's leading Christian scholars researching Islam, as well as some of the greatest contemporary apologists to Muslims. Our speakers represent a wide range of backgrounds - including former Muslims - and bring a wealth of academic and international ministry experience. Their teaching sessions are designed to take us on a journey covering many of the key issues in the Christian encounter with Islam. As always with RZIM, these conferences will marry apologetic rigor with gospel passion.

Our hope and prayer is that your involvement in these conferences will stretch your mind to understand the nature of the challenge of Islam. We long, too, for the Lord to enlarge your gospel heart for your Muslim neighbors and workmates as we provide you with practical tools for lovingly speaking, and defending, the Gospel of Christ.

These events are designed for families, students, churches, small groups, and anyone interested in the questions raised by the interaction between Islam and Christianity. Please join us in praying for a wonderful time of spiritual renewal and greater understanding of our Muslim friends.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Dr. Stuart McAllister, Dr. Abdu Murray, Dr. Nabeel Qureshi,
Dr. Sasan Tavassoli, Rev. Dr. Richard Shumack, Rev. Jay Smith, Dr. Daniel Janosik



UNDERSTANDING ISLAM



By Kathleen Voss

Sunday School News

It is a new year! Please consider making Sunday School a part of your child's routine! We will start again on **January 3rd**. Please make every attempt to have your children to Sunday School by 9:30 on Sunday morning. We welcome our teachers for our winter trimester, **Carla Ramsey and Jane Navarro**.

Nursery News

The new year offers us an opportunity to remind parents that St. Peter's has a wonderful nursery available to families with small children on Sunday mornings. As parents, we all need time to reflect and pray and the nursery service offers you a few minutes of quiet time to do just that! Come on down and meet **Ms. Ingrid and Ms. Leah**, our nursery attendants! Remember, it may take a time or two for your child to become comfortable with the new environment and we are up for the challenge! For parents currently using the nursery, please take a minute to review the **Nursery Policies and Procedures**:

The nursery is available from 7:45 AM until 12:15 PM for children up to age 4. The Church nursery is not set up like a "daycare" or preschool. ***While we strongly encourage parents to utilize this service in order to attend the service and an adult formation class, it can be quite taxing for the children to be in the Nursery longer than 3 hours.*** Unlike other preschool or daycare centers, we have children of all age groups in attendance, in one room, so it is not always possible to go outdoors or "change the scenery."

In addition, we ask that parents remain on

Church property while their child is in the Nursery, we do not have the same liability policies as private day care centers.

- We ask that all parents fill out a registration card for their child. These are available in the binder at the door of the nursery. Allergies, medical conditions or special instructions can be listed on this card.
- The safety of the children is our number one priority and we have 2 care givers available at all times.
- If a child is upset, the nursery staff will comfort the child, if after ten minutes the child is unable to be consoled, we will contact the parents and ask for their assistance.
- If a child is injured, or if a child injures another child, an incident report will be completed and parent(s) will be informed immediately.
- The staff will set limits that are developmentally appropriate and consistently enforced. We want to work with families regarding discipline. If you have a certain routine that works well for your child, please inform Ms. Ingrid and Ms. Leah and we will try to keep a similar routine. "Time outs" are used as a means of discipline, offering the child time to think about their actions and regain control in order to rejoin the group safely. If a child is unable to regain control, a staff person will seek the assistance to the parent(s).

We are open to and welcome suggestions and feedback. Please direct all comments and concerns to **Kathleen Voss** at dcm@stpetes.net



A Successful Christmas Pageant

By Kathleen Voss

Many thanks to the children and parents who participated in the annual Christmas Pageant this year! The children began rehearsing for the pageant, titled right after Thanksgiving. These kids and their parents gave up their Saturday mornings to present this traditional Pageant to the congregation on Christmas Eve. We think that you will agree they did a magnificent job!

Special thanks to **Liz Tuohy**, our Director! Liz gave of her time and talent to direct and organize the children. Please take a moment to thank her for her kindness and generosity of spirit!

In addition, many thanks to **Barbara Verdile, Jennifer Tuohy, Charlotte Tuohy, Eamon Coy and Chris Hunt** for their assistance with costumes, props, music, set and sound! We could not put forth the pageant without the help of these good people.



Sunday Morning Learning Opportunities This Winter

New Person of Jesus Class: *Dependence on God*

Bob Loker and Maggie Snyder will be leading a study of Christ's dependence on his heavenly Father from **January 3rd through February 14th** in McCray Hall during the education hour. The course, aptly entitled Dependence, illustrates how Christ's dependence on his Father is rooted in his deep understanding of Scripture and a life of prayer. For those of you familiar with The Person of Jesus course by Paul Miller, this material on dependence is taken from that course.

Jesus summarizes his dependence on his Father when he says, "I do nothing on my own. I only do what I see my Father doing" (John 5:19, 30). This dependence allows Jesus to say "no" to others' attempts to control him. Jesus even says "no" to his family's request that he go to the Feast of Tabernacles, because his "time" had "not yet come." Jesus' family is driven to be great, while he is driven to fellowship with his Father.

Jesus' relationship with his mother is a study in saying "no." We look at three incidents when Mary tries to control Jesus. In each situation, his actions are controlled and shaped by his submission to his Father.

In Satan's three temptations of Jesus, Jesus refuses to act outside of fellowship with his heavenly Father or to separate his power from his love. Satan returns to tempt Jesus in the Pharisees' request for a sign. But Jesus refuses. Doing a sign would ease the pain of God-becoming-man.

Jesus' communion with his Father also gives him the freedom to lovingly intrude into people's lives. He intrudes into Zacchaeus' life by inviting himself to his house for dinner. Jesus is constantly touching people as he heals them, which is gentle intrusion into their lives to love them. He also lets others intrude into his life, as with the menstruating woman who touches him in a crowd.

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Sunday Mornings, January 3-March 13:

EXPLORING YOUR FAITH: "Take the next step" in your journey with Jesus and his people. Consider Exploring Your Faith with us this winter. You'll learn the gospel of Jesus in a practical and concrete way, and address many of your "why?" and "how?" questions about the Christian faith. You can prepare to take the next big step of commitment to Jesus and connection with his people, through confirmation or reception into the Anglican Communion when the Bishop comes Sunday, 1 Lent, February 14.

Part I – Creed. A 4-part study (December 6, 13; January 3, 10) on the ancient statement of faith of the Church, the Nicene Creed, exploring what we believe and how those beliefs shape our lives.

Part II - Covenant. A 4-part study of the Baptismal covenant (January 17, 24, 31; February 7), which form the liturgical act of commitment to Jesus Christ and define the path of our Christian journey.

Part III – Calling. Jesus looks his followers in the eye and says, "Follow me." In a 4-part discussion of discipleship we will talk about how we follow Jesus (February 21, 28; March 6, 13).

A Midnight Lesson

By Sarah Hemingway

His sudden wails tore through my peaceful sleep, sounding the alarm for his two o'clock feeding. Unlike our other babies who whimpered, then sniffled, then broke in to a full time cry, Matt went from zero to 60 mph in about five seconds. It was enough to wake the dead! Seconds later as I entered the nursery, our little guy seemed almost hysterical—par for the course, I mused. As I lifted this noisy bundle out of his crib and put him to my breast, I sleepily whispered, “Why do you always panic? Don’t I always come when you call?”



Almost immediately, I felt my heavenly Father gently tap me on the shoulder and clear his throat. “Now you know how I feel,” he lovingly explained. Boy, was I taken aback. I thought of my recent prayer life. Every time something went wrong, I went flying to the Father. “Oh God,” I’d pray with rising fervor, “this is really a terrible problem, and Lord, we really need your help, and Father, if you only understood just what a disaster this is, you wouldn’t be distracted with running the world, etc. etc.” And I could hear the echo of my own sentiments in his heartbeat. “Why do you always panic? Don’t I always come when you call?”

That night I began, in some small way, to understand the parental love of God. As I looked at my children in a new light, I gleaned hints of what my Father really wanted in a relationship with me. How I loved it when they climbed up in my lap just for a hug and a cuddle. When they showed sympathy or kindness to a sibling, or shared a favorite toy, my heart glowed with love for them. I delighted in giving them special surprises, baking their favorite cookies, and teaching them about butterflies and rainbows. And when they skinned a knee or had a fever, what tender moments we shared as I cared for them through the pain. Even now as my children are grown, I love to answer the ringing phone and hear them say, “Hi, Mom, you’ll never guess what happened today,” or “Mom, I just needed to talk. Do you have a minute?”



In the wee hours of that morning feeding, the door was opened for me to see things in a new light. I’d been apologizing to God for not having enough quiet time, for not “doing” this, that, or the other. Now I saw that in the middle of his busy day running the world, perhaps he’d just like for me to crawl up in his lap, give him a cuddle, and spend a few minutes tenderly loving him. He wants to giggle with me, to calm my fears, to provide for me, and to tuck me in at the end of the day. Most of all, he wants me to snuggle up to him and say, “Father, I really love you!”

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often I wanted to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks beneath her wings but you wouldn’t let me.” Matthew 23:37.

“But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and don’t prevent them. For of such is the kingdom of heaven.’” Matthew 19:14.

GUIDING LIGHT

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.



What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

What you do:

1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!

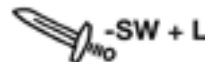


LET THERE BE LIGHT

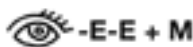
In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.

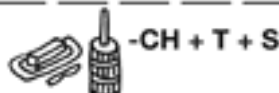
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2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

Answer: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV



Spend the day enjoying outdoor sports activities at St. Peter's Wild Game Supper & Outdoor Sports Event
Saturday, January 30, 1:00pm-8:00pm



St. Peter's JANUARY ROSTER 2016

		January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
		Epiphany	Baptism of Our Lord	2 Epiphany	3 Epiphany	4 Epiphany
LECTOR	Early	Drew Lavan	Dell Nunaley	Gail Donohue	William Lawrence	Mark Baker
	Late	Linda Stoutenburgh	Mark McKinley	Liz Tuohy	Kyle Voss	Eamon Coy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Judy Hall, Terry Duhring	Jaqueline Whalen, Peter Schellhase	Paul Donohue, Judy Hall	Terry Duhring, Tanya Matthews	Jaqueline Whalen, Peter Schellhase
	Late	Dave Tocki, Tom Coate	Dan LaPre, Randy Stoutenburgh	Dave Hunt, Dave Tocki	Linda & Randy Stoutenburgh	Jonathan LaPre, Tom Coate
SUB DEACON	Early	Tim Hall	Buddy Andrews	Tim Hall	Br. John	Buddy Andrews
	Late	Dave Hunt	Linda Stoutenburgh	Tom Coate	Br. John	Dave Hunt
INTERCESSOR	Early	Terry Duhring	Parents	Paul Donohue	HL	Peter Schellhase
	Late	Randy Stoutenburgh	Parents	Marty Thompson	HL	Traci Eddinger
ACOLYTES	Early	Aubrey & Addie Winger, Isabella Tucker	Josh, Megan & Olivia Smith, James Nunaley	Kimberly & Colin Donohue, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews, Hayes Baker	Aubrey & Addie Winger, Isabella Tucker
	Late	Chris Hunt, George & Henry Simmons	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Katya Clavelli, Jonathan LaPre	Chris Hunt, George & Henry Simmons	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Zan Shah, Judy Didoha, Alexis Didoha	Tim & Judy Hall, Rick & Tricia Smith, Justine Phelan	Michael & Maggie Snyder, Paul Miller & Lorraine Landolt	Don & Krista Winger, Mark & Nancy Baker	Marina Liburdi, Debbie Pappas, Bob Loker, Martha Ballinger
	Late	John & Beth Israel, Shane & Teresa Ayers	Joe & Nissa Clavelli, Eamon & Jenn Coy	Deana & Steve Czaban, Mandi & Ryan Walsh	Mark & Clarissa Staggs, Kurt & Melissa Nordstrom	Randy & Linda Stoutenburgh, Steve & Patti Flowers
USHERS	Early	Mark & Nancy Baker	Bryan & Shiloh Field	Todd & Pam Johnston	Bill & Beth Gibson	Paul Miller & Lorraine Landolt
	Late	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, Marty & Erica Thompson	Steve & Anne Schultz, Tred Parry, Jim Heim	Ben & Anna Curtis, Eamon & Jenn Coy	Joe & Nissa Clavelli, Mark & Katie McKinley	Susan Collins, Sandy Wehr, Billy Dillon, Jimmy Eddinger
GREETERS	Early	Bill Gibson	Rebecca Smoot	Dell Nunaley	Rebecca Smoot	Mark Baker
	Late	Jae & Andrea Lee	Dave Tocki	Jon Corbett	Steve Schultz	Eamon & Jenn Coy
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Joe Clavelli, TBD	Pat Long & Sven Johnson	TBD
ALTAR GUILD		Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Marina Liburdi	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Marina Liburdi	Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Lorraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Kelly Cockrill	Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Lorraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Kelly Cockrill	Pat Pearson, Linda Evans, Debi Parry, Lorraine Landolt, Jane Mitchell-Baugh, Kelly Cockrill

* IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR MINISTRY on a day you are assigned, please:

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry on a day you are assigned, please (1) find your replacement and (2) notify the church office of the change in schedule. Thank you for serving!

JANUARY Birthdays



BIRTHDAYS:

1-1 Linda Turner
 1-5 Madelyn Jenkins
 1-6 Elizabeth Wagstaff
 1-7 Eli Field
 1-8 Jen Coate
 1-10 Arthur Laurent
 Riley O'Neil
 1-11 Matt Kakol
 Don Winger
 1-12 Debby Caulfield
 1-13 Emmy Holdorf
 1-14 Patti Flowers
 1-16 Grant Harris
 Addie Winger

1-17 Paul Navarro
 1-20 Debbie Pappas
 1-21 Miki Casey
 1-22 James Hall
 1-24 Katharine Wagstaff
 1-25 Mark Matthews
 1-26 Charles Baugh
 1-27 Marina Liburdi
 1-28 Regina Brzozowsky
 Alex Casey
 Penny Duhring
 Liz Tuohy
 1-29 Teddy Curtis
 1-30 Carla Ramsey
 Tricia Smith

Mark Your Calendar!

Jan. 2 Men's Breakfast 7am
 Evening Prayer 5pm
 Jan. 3 Altar Guild 12pm
 Jan. 5 Planning Mtg. 7pm
 Jan. 6 Mission Team Mtg. 5:30pm
 Jan. 10 HOLY BAPTISM & New Member Liturgy
 Youth Group 4:30pm
 Guatemala Mission Trip Info Mtg. 5pm
 Jan. 11 Mt. Calvary Guild 10am
 Jan. 12 Vestry Exec Mtg. 6pm
 Planning Mtg. 7pm
 Jan. 16 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
 Literary Guild 5pm
 Jan. 19 Vestry Mtg. 7:15pm
 Jan. 21 TOL Dinner (hosted by Next Step Group)
 Jan. 22 Annual Council
 Jan. 23 Annual Council
 Jan. 24 Newsletter Deadline
 Healing Liturgy
 Jan. 26 Pastoral Care Team Mtg 5pm
 Jan. 30 Wild Game Supper 1:00pm

Worship
 the LORD
 in all
 his holy
 splendor.

Psalms 96:9, NLT



Revised Common Lectionary Readings for JANUARY

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalms	Second Lesson	Gospel
3	2 Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14	84:1-8	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
10	1 Epiphany	Isaiah 43:1-7	29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
17	2 Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5	36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
24	3 Epiphany	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
31	4 Epiphany	Jeremiah 1:4-10	71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Men's Breakfast EVEINING PRAYER
3 HOLY EUCHARIST SS/SF Classes Choristers & CS Bible Study	4	5 Planning Mtg	6 HOLY EUCHARIST Mission Team Mtg Bible Study 1 Bible Study 2 MSSG	7 Choir Next Step Community	8	9 HOLY EUCHARIST
10 Holy Baptism HOLY EUCHARIST SS/SF Classes Choristers & CS Youth Group Mission Info Mtg Bible Study	11 Mt. Calvary Guild	12 Vestry Exec Mtg. Planning Mtg.	13 HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study 1 Bible Study 2 MSSG	14 Choir Next Step Community	15	16 Men's Leadership Mtg. Literary Guild HOLY EUCHARIST
17 HOLY EUCHARIST SS/SF Classes Choristers & CS Bible Study	18	19 Vestry Mtg	20 HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study 1 Bible Study 2 MSSG	21 TOL Dinner Choir Next Step Community	22 <div>Annual Council</div>	23 HOLY EUCHARIST
24 Newsletter Deadline HOLY EUCHARIST & Healing Liturgy SS/SF Classes Choristers & CS Bible Study	25	26 PC Team Mtg.	27 HOLY EUCHARIST Bible Study 1 Bible Study 2 MSSG	28 Choir Next Step Community	29	30 Wild Game Supper & Outdoor Sports Event
31 HOLY EUCHARIST SS/SF Classes Choristers & CS Bible Study						January 30th 1:00pm-8:00pm

KEY: CS=Choral Scholars; FBF=Friends Being Friends; MSSG=Men's Spiritual Support Group; PC=Pastoral Care;
SF=Spiritual Formation Classes; SS=Sunday School; TOL=Tree of Life



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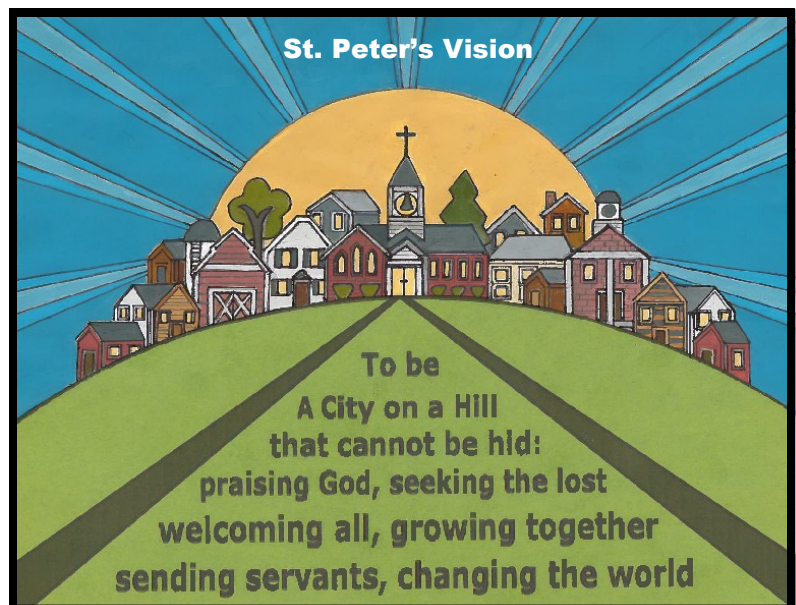
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