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**THE LORD  
 WILL GUIDE  
 — YOU —  
 CONTINUALLY.  
 ISAIAH 58:11**





## Meet our Music Committee

By Fr. Tom Simmons

I have assembled a diverse group of St. Pete's people with the goal of finding our new Music Director and helping shape our future music program. **Bill Gibson** and **Debi Parry** are ably leading the group, which includes **Marina Liburdi**, **Sophiann Nunaley**, **Peter Schellhase**, and **Linda Stoutenburgh**.



*Bill Gibson*



*Debi Parry*

2. The committee is using the congregation's input, gathered in the music survey last fall, to inform decisions and create a job posting designed to attract musicians versed in various musical styles.

3. We are looking for a dynamic person to lead the music program, to grow the choir, to promote congregational participation in music, and facilitate music education to our children. We hope to be able to hire this person for the start of the program year in September.

4. In the meantime we are welcoming substitute organists in January and February and hope to have a choir conductor who can gather the choir for Holy Week.



*Marina Liburdi*



*Sophiann Nunaley*



*Peter Schellhase*



*Linda Stoutenburgh*

We are looking for a grand piano to replace the one that left with Barbara. Do you know someone who has one that hasn't been played in years and would like to make a tax deductible donation? Tis the season!

# Have you Met Matthew?

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Every year we read through one of the gospels in the lectionary of Sunday readings. This Advent we returned to Matthew's Gospel. At the same time, however, we also started a series on the Book of Isaiah, which will conclude at Lent. To give Matthew his due for the year, and to orient you to this unique account of Jesus' life and teaching, I've included some introductory material selectively drawn from the ESV Study Bible.

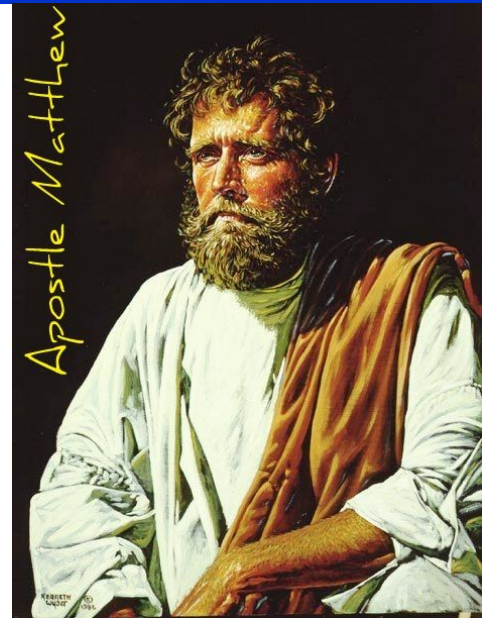
## Author

Since none of the four Gospels includes the names of their authors in the original manuscripts, they are all technically anonymous. This is not surprising, since the authors likely compiled their Gospel accounts for members of their own churches, to whom they were already well known. However, historical documents from early church history provide significant insight into the Gospels' authorship. The earliest traditions of the church, those closest in time to the original author and his context, are unanimous in attributing the first Gospel to Matthew, the former tax collector who followed Jesus and became one of the twelve disciples.

The earliest and most important of these traditions comes from the second century in the writings of Papias, bishop of Hierapolis in Asia Minor (c. a.d. 135), and Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons in Gaul (c. 175). Because these early church leaders had either direct or indirect contact with the apostolic community, they would have been very familiar with the Gospels' origins. Moreover, no competing traditions now exist (if they ever did) attributing Matthew's Gospel to any other author. If Matthew did not write the book, it is hard to see why the false ascription would bear the name of a relatively obscure apostle when more well-known and popular figures could have been chosen (e.g., Philip, Thomas, or James).

Matthew's authorship is disputed by some modern scholars, especially on the view that the author of Matthew borrowed much of his material from Mark's Gospel, which was likely written first. Given that Matthew was an apostle while Mark was not, it is assumed that Matthew would not have needed (or chosen) to depend on Mark's material. But for Matthew to borrow from Mark's Gospel would only have added to Matthew's apostolic credibility since the evidence suggests that Mark himself relied extensively on the testimony of the apostle Peter. Matthew was

adding his recollection to Peter's, prominently featuring Jesus' teaching material, as well as stories surrounding Jesus' conception and birth passed on by Joseph.



When Jesus called him, Matthew was sitting in the tax collector's booth (9:9), collecting taxes for Herod Antipas, taxing fishermen on the Sea of Galilee at Capernaum. This likely set him starkly at odds with Peter and others among Jesus' followers who earned their living fishing on the Galilee. It is remarkable that Jesus was able to reconcile their relationships and gather them into the same group of disciples.

At his calling in the first Gospel, he is referred to as "Matthew" (9:9), while Mark's and Luke's Gospels describe him as "Levi the son of Alphaeus" (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27). Like many of his contemporaries, Matthew Levi likely had two names, either from birth, or following his conversion. His occupation as a tax collector implies that he had training in scribal techniques and was thus able to write, while his identity as a Galilean Jewish Christian suggests his ability to interpret the words and actions of Jesus in light of Old Testament messianic expectations.

## Date

The precise date of the writing of Matthew's Gospel is not known. Some scholars argue for a date later than the destruction of Jerusalem in a.d. 70, since Matthew records Jesus' allusion to this event in 24:1–28. Of course, such a conclusion is warranted only if one denies Jesus' ability to prophetically reveal future events. In light of Irenaeus's assertion (c. a.d. 175) that Matthew composed his Gospel while Peter and Paul were still living (Irenaeus, *Against Heresies* 3.1.1), it is traditionally dated to the late 50s or early 60s.

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## Theme

This is the story of Jesus of Nazareth, recorded by the apostle Matthew as a compelling witness that Jesus is the long-anticipated Messiah, the promised descendent of King David, who brought the kingdom of God to earth and is the prophesied fulfillment of God's promise of true peace and deliverance for both Jew and Gentile. Jesus fulfills the hopes and promises of the OT through his messianic genealogy, fulfillment of OT prophecies, and embodiment of the OT law. Matthew thus bridges the OT to the NT, which may have been one reason Matthew was chosen to begin the NT canon. Matthew is unique among other gospel writers in capturing and passing on Joseph's eyewitness account to the events surrounding the conception and birth of Jesus. Matthew tells Joseph's story, offering his perspective.

## Purpose, Occasion, and Background

Matthew crafted his account to demonstrate Jesus' messianic identity, his inheritance of the Davidic kingship over Israel, and his fulfillment of the promise made to his ancestor Abraham (Matt. 1:1) to be a blessing to all the nations (Gen. 12:1–3). Thus, in large part, Matthew's Gospel is an evangelistic tool aimed at his fellow Jews, making the case that Jesus is, in fact, their long-awaited Messiah. At the same time, the Gospel reveals clearly to Gentiles that salvation through Jesus the Messiah is available to all nations. For Jewish Christians, Matthew's Gospel provides encouragement to stand steadfast amid opposition from their own countrymen, as well as Gentile pagans, secure in the knowledge of their citizenship in God's kingdom as it comes into the world, "on earth as it is in heaven."

Against the backdrop of such opposition to Jesus' message, Matthew establishes the identity of Christ's church as the true people of God, who now find their unity in service to Jesus despite previous racial, class, and religious barriers. His Gospel provides necessary instruction for all future disciples, Jew and Gentile, who form a new community centered upon devotion and obedience to Jesus the Messiah amid significant opposition.

Many scholars have suggested that the prominent church in Antioch of Syria, whose members included both Jewish and Gentile Christians (cf. Acts 11:19–26; 13:1–3), was the intended

audience of Matthew's Gospel. They point to the Gospel's influence on Ignatius, an early bishop of



Antioch. At the same time, Matthew's message spoke to all of the fledgling churches of his day, and the Gospel appears to have circulated rapidly and widely.

## Literary Features

Within the narrative flow of Matthew's Gospel, large blocks of material is devoted to Jesus' teaching, which are organized into five main discourses, corresponding to the five fingers on the hand. They can thus be easily remembered by a preacher. These discourses are the most comprehensive collection of Jesus' teaching ministry and form a manual on discipleship, painting a holistic picture of what living in obedience to Christ looks like.

In our **Lenten Supper Series, beginning March 8**, we will take a deep dive into the first of these discourses, The Sermon on the Mount. (See more on next page.)





At 3:27 pm on Tuesday, January 3, I typed the final sentence on page 378 of my Doctoral dissertation. It is finished and in possession of my professor and the faculty team evaluating it. All the paperwork and procedural details have been completed for me to travel to Hamilton, Massachusetts, to defend my thesis on Thursday, March 10. I'll have some edits to make to my dissertation from that encounter and then it will go to the printers, and I'll graduate May 13.

## GORDON CONWELL

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Jesus is the most influential man who ever lived. One factor in his fame is his penetrating ideas and the memorable way of communicating them. For instance, his Sermon on the Mount is considered the most significant speech ever given.

For five weeks in Lent we will study its meaning and importance in our lives. We will meet for **Potluck Soup & Salad Dinner, Study and Discussion together from 6:30 till 8:00 pm in March and April.**

This year we will gather at a different location: the stunning **Gathering Place** at Trillium Farm, 5 minutes south of St. Peter's. So plan on joining us at 18915 Lincoln Rd., Purcellville.

**Lenten Lesson Supper Series begins Wednesday, March 8!**



## Reflections from Annual Convention

By Tim Hall

I recently had the privilege and great joy to attend, on 27-28 January, our Diocesan 222nd Annual Convention as the Lay Delegate representing Church of the Good Shepherd, Bluemont. It was a privilege to be involved in the business of the Diocese: considering resolutions and canonical changes, deciding on four clergy and four lay persons to be our Diocesan deputies to General Convention 2018, voting for our Annual Province III Synod meeting representatives, and electing two clergy and two lay persons to serve as the next class on the Standing Committee (essentially the Vestry for the Diocese). The business proceeded with great aplomb, according to Robert's Rules of Order, under the able leadership of Bishop Shannon and the various committee chairs. Two resolutions were passed, the first expanding family leave benefits for both primary and secondary clergy, lay, and adoptive caregivers, the second urging the governor and legislature of Virginia to extend wider health care coverage to the people of Virginia, especially those of limited means.

But what really surprised me about convention was the pure joy of gathering with so many faithful and energetic Christian brothers and sisters; praying, singing, and worshiping together; hearing powerful messages from our bishops and from The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, Bishop of Atlanta; and being inspired by the Stories of the Diocese, of Christ's work being done throughout our body of faith in churches and congregations large and small. The theme of convention was "Walk in Love" and the message was inclusion and sharing, preparing and defending. Bishop Shannon Johnston shared the good news of refugee resettlements happening in our churches Richmond and Falls Church. He told us that our inter-cultural ministries office is flourishing with 20 inter-cultural denominations in our Diocese. But he warned that nationalism and self-interest are becoming idols. But that he and his fellow bishops will stand for justice wherever most needed, will walk in love and kindness with congregations, and even humbly suffer arrest for peaceful civil disobedience if that is what is required to defend the dignity of all human beings.

We heard a story of reconciliation from Leeds Church, Markham, a church founded in 1769 that incorporated a "slave balcony" with separate entrance in 1842. How those slaves founded their own church, Mt. Morris Baptist, in 1867 in the wake of The Civil War. And how, almost 150 years later, the people of Leeds have reached out in contrition to the people of Mt. Morris, and what started as lunch has now become shared services and worship. God will work wonders if we but share his love.

In his keynote address, Bishop Rob Wright of Atlanta exclaimed, "Justice is love revolting against anything

and everything that is not love!" Or, as Bishop Curry puts it, "If it ain't about love, it ain't about God." Jesus did not say wait and welcome. He said, "Go and make..." And it's Jesus' love that compels us to go. We must walk more intentionally toward young people. And to the disenfranchised. We may feel overwhelmed, but as Malcolm X said, "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something." We worship a living God and we need to keep learning and experimenting. What experiment is God calling us to do? In our Diocese? In our Regions? In our Churches? In our souls?

Reaching our youth was an important theme. And you know what... there were lots of young people at Convention. Lay delegates and clergy. And many preparing themselves for service at seminary. We raised \$4,900 for Campus Chaplaincy in loose offering at Friday evening Eucharist. And we increased the budget to support the same. We heard about food banks and elder outreach and day care. We heard how Episcopal Church Women are fighting human trafficking. And we heard the St. Francis Korean Episcopal Church drum team give a fresh take on The Beatitudes!

Bishop Susan Goff told us that two mission churches have been graduated to full mission status, and we celebrated that with the hymn, "We all are one in mission". She told us that we come to know God in knowing others and that we serve God by serving others. And that it's at the heart of the cross, the intersection of our relationship with others and our relationship with God, that we must strap on our "Gospel Shoes" to walk in love and offer ourselves in sacrifice to God. We pray for Susan as she goes off on Sabbatical.

And then there was Bishop Ted Gulick, eight years into his three year promise to Bishop Johnston, standing again for justice. "Discipleship is a matter of life and death." There was a small Protestant Huguenot town of 300 in France that during WWII saved 5,000 Jews from the Holocaust. When the Nazis came looking to round them up, the towns people replied we have no Jews here, only human beings. Discipleship is a matter of life and death. And we are all crucial (same root as "cross") to acting out our calling to be disciples for Christ.

I've had a few "mountain top" experiences in my life. Times where I felt a particular intimacy with God, a closeness to my fellow Christians, and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And this was right up there. I'd urge us, brothers and sisters, to consider ways that we can become more involved with our Diocese and Region XIII, both of which have so much to offer. And if you can, try to make it to the 223rd Annual Convention. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised, if not overjoyed like me.



## Guatemala Mission Trip 2017

By Bob Loker

St. Peter's will be sending a ten person team to Guatemala to serve with Redeemer's House International in mid-June. This is St. Peter's sixth trip to Guatemala. Five team members are from St. Peter's and five are from other churches. The St. Peter's group includes, Kelly Cockrill, Steve and Anne Schultz, Charlene Lane, and me. Others include John White from Saint Francis de Sales, Lucy Dickerson from St. James Episcopal, Haley Alcock from Emmanuel Episcopal, Emily Battleson from Coppell Bible Fellowship in Dallas, and Gillian Bishop from Cornerstone Presbyterian in Southern Maryland. Five of us are veterans of earlier trips to Guatemala.

Panajachel on Lake Atitlan



*Family Photography Project  
(2016)*

Over the next few months we will be collecting funds to be used for ministering in Guatemala. We will also be collecting supplies such as toilet articles, over the counter medicines, vitamins and school supplies. We will have a box available in the narthex and a list of suggested items for contribution. Checks can be sent to St. Peter's with the notation "Guatemala discretionary fund".

Please be in prayer for our team as we prepare to minister in Guatemala.

We will be supporting Todd and Maureen Erickson with whom St. Peter's has had a long relationship. This year we will be based in Panajachel, a small town on the shore of Lake Atitlan, a beautiful and large volcanic lake. We will be ministering in an after-school program for Mayan children in Panajachel and also at feeding centers in nearby villages. The children in the villages speak Kaqchikel, one of a number of separate Mayan languages spoken in Guatemala.

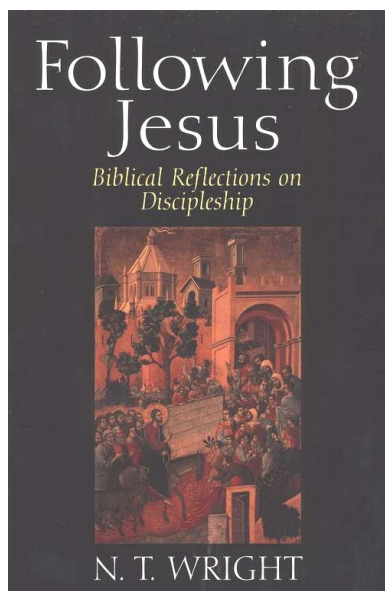
Our specific tasks have not yet been assigned but one task will probably be doing a family photography project. (These families have never had a framed family picture and Lucy, one of our team members, is a wonderful photographer.) We may be assembling beds and delivering them in one of the villages. (Many rural Mayans sleep on straw mats on the ground.) We may also be helping at a learning center for children and helping in the feeding centers. The greatest needs for children in this area are nutrition and basic education.

We take our personal clothing to Guatemala in our carry-on luggage and we use our checked bags for carrying supplies to Redeemer's House. This should allow us to bring almost 500 pounds of supplies and still have space for a gift or two for the missionaries. We also bring cash. Some funds are used for projects that have already been assigned such as bedding and photographs, and the rest is used for discretionary spending, what we call "walking around money". This money is used for responding to ministry opportunities that we see while we are there. Our team commits itself to seeing needs through the eyes of Jesus, opening our hearts to experience the compassion of Jesus, and responding to that need with the discernment of Jesus.



*Children at A feeding Center (2015)*

## Adult Formation & Exploring Your Faith Classes in February



For the four Sundays in February, the adult Sunday School Class will study a classic work of N.T. Wright, ***Following Jesus***, (Biblical Reflections on Discipleship). **Led by Dell Nunaley in McCray Hall at 9:30am.**

The twelve exhilarating meditations in this volume (we'll take three per week) explore what it truly means to follow Jesus today. This is exploring discipleship, not as a process or discipline, but as a character study of the man himself. The more we get to know Jesus the more you will want to serve him in this world. This is the real Jesus, not an invented character who makes few real demands and who exists only to make us happy about ourselves.

Come prepared to enjoy the outlines of six major New Testament books by one of the premier New Testament scholars of our time. We will look in particular at how they portray Jesus and what he accomplished in his sacrificial death. Then Wright will take six key New Testament themes and consider their significance for the lives of present-day disciples. Concise (114 pages) and illuminating! Study books will be provided.

### EXPLORING YOUR FAITH—PART II—The Creed: Sunday afternoons, 12:30-2pm, in the Youth Room.

A 4-part study (**January 22, 29, February 5 & 12**) on the ancient statement of faith of the Church, the Nicene Creed, exploring what we believe and how those beliefs shape our lives. This is Part II of the Exploring Your Faith course in preparation for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church when Bishop Shannon Johnston visits on March 26th. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Tom.

### EXPLORING YOUR FAITH—PART III—The Covenant: Sunday afternoons, 12:30-2pm, in the Youth Room.

A 4-part study of the Baptismal covenant (**February 26, March 5, 12, 19**) which form the liturgical act of commitment to Jesus Christ and define the path of our Christian journey.

## Interested in a Mission Trip to Bahamas?

Hello Loudoun Missions Foundation friends,

My church, Potomac Hills Presbyterian Church, is going back to **Nassau, Bahamas this summer (July 15-22) for our 4th mission trip** and we would like to know if anyone out there is looking for a good trip to be a part of. We partner with a church down there, St. Andrews Kirk, that ministers to their very poor neighbors year-round and brings in groups over the summer to run a Vacation Bible School. It's a great week to love on the kids there and connect with a great church that is very intentional in its care and outreach. It's cross-cultural but they speak English and it's very safe.

Our group size is a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 20, and we usually have half teens and half adults. We will bring mature middle schoolers, particularly if a parent or other adult takes responsibility for them. You can see the brochure with price and details here: <http://www.potomachills.org/what-we-do/missions>. We have made Feb. 12th a first deadline, so if you or anyone you know is at all interested, please contact me directly.

Thanks!

**-Dave Dorst**  
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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Please Consider Volunteering in the Nursery!!!

As some of you may know, Miss Leah has adopted a new baby! That said, she has had to take some time off to acclimate. Please consider volunteering in the Nursery for one of our services! Miss Ingrid is still there so we only need one other adult or teen per shift.

Sign up at [sign up genius](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49aea92ea2ff2-nursery2)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49aea92ea2ff2-nursery2> or you can respond to Kathleen Voss. Please help keep our Nursery going!!! It is a great help to our young families.

## Thoughts for Valentine's Day

This month will be painted red and pink! We will begin to notice lots of hearts and boxes of chocolate floating around the stores and our schools. It offers us a great opportunity to talk about "Christ like love." This month, please consider sharing Paul's explanation of love from 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 with your family. There is more to love than just the amorous kind we tend to focus on during Valentine's Day.

According to Keith Krell in his article, "Love knows no limits," in Bible.org, Paul is telling us that "Love is an action, not an emotion." Krell goes into great detail in this article as he ponders Paul's meaning behind each verse but he ends with the following:

Today, how will you grow in your love for others? First, I would suggest that you cannot become the loving person you desire to be apart from a loving and vibrant relationship with God. This love relationship must be cultivated first and foremost. Second, you must love those nearest to you. This means that if you are married, you focus on your spouse. If you have children, you prioritize your children. If you are serving in a ministry, you love those children, teens, or adults. You strive to love your neighbors and coworkers. Once you have accomplished this, you will be able to better love the world around you. God has called us to love people. Jesus said that all people will know we are His disciples

by the love that we have for one another (John 13:34-35).

## Reminder

**Due to the President's Day Holiday there is no Sunday School or Nursery on 2/19/17.**

## Scout Sunday - February 5, 2017

St. Peter's had the privilege of chartering Cub Scout Pack 39 and Boy Scout Troop 39. These organizations help boys become men who live out the Scout Motto to "Be Prepared." While their peers spend weekends playing video games, each scout pledges to "do my duty" to God, country and self.

The path they take through scouting prepares them in very practical ways to do that into manhood. In a culture that has very few proven paths for boys to become men, this is an invaluable resource to our families and society.

Troop 39 is a Christian troop that takes serving God to a new level for the boys. It is "boy led, dad supported and Christ centered." It is an EXCELLENT way for boys to put their Christian faith to work in challenging, practical, adventuresome, and manly ways.

As teenagers they achieve things of lasting significance. The rank of Eagle Scout is one of the highest achievements available to young men in America today. It not only profoundly shapes their character and skills and capacities, it also opens many doors to opportunities in education, employment, leadership, and advancement unavailable to boys playing video games.

On **Sunday, February 5th** we will observe **Scout Sunday** and recognize the contributions of these young people to our society. We will pay tribute to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in our congregation and community, who, along with their leaders, give of their time and talents to serve others.

If you are involved in scouting, as a boy or girl or adult leader, please wear your uniform and prepare to be recognized!

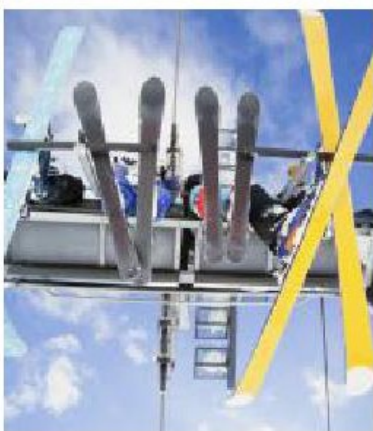


# Come join us for a fun day of fellowship!

**On Presidents' Day, Monday, February 20th, 2017, St. Peter's is going skiing!**

**Adults, families, kids, neighbors and friends are all invited.**

**Bus transportation from St. Peter's parking lot is leaving at 7:00 AM and returning at 6:00 PM.**



<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Bus (incl. drinks and treats):</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
	<b>Lift Only</b>	<b>\$72.00</b>
	<b>*EZ Package - Beginners</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
	<b>*All Mountain Package</b>	<b>\$104.00</b>

- \* EZ and All Mountain Package includes ski rental, lift ticket, and a one-hour lesson.
- \* Children under 13 must have a parent or guardian in attendance.

**RSVP: Email Traci Eddinger at [jteddinger@comcast.net](mailto:jteddinger@comcast.net)**

- 1. Children 13-18 welcome without parent.**
- 2. We have chaperones.**
- 3. We have scholarship money.**
- 4. Lessons come with both packages 2 & 3. These are on low terrain & easy for children. They give lessons in both skiing & snowboarding.**
- 5. Door prizes—2 youth ski helmets!**



**Mark Your Calendars for this great fellowship event coming in March!**



## St. Peter's is going golfing!

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at Top Golf in Ashburn.

**When:** March 26th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM

**Cost:** Adults (includes buffet): \$55.00  
Children under 12 (includes kids meal): \$38.00



Cost is inclusive of three hours of golf, non-alcoholic beverages, and a food buffet. Price also includes membership into other Top Golf Locations.

We will be offering 60 slots, first come, first serve.

**RSVP:** Steve Schultz - [steve.h.schultz@gmail.com](mailto:steve.h.schultz@gmail.com)



# Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



## What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

## What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!



## Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

*Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12<sup>th</sup> letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

(1) You really like ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. \_\_\_\_\_

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. \_\_\_\_\_

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. \_\_\_\_\_

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. \_\_\_\_\_

♥ "Honor \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_."

Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV

In Christianity, **Mardi Gras** (French for "Fat Tuesday" and also known as **Shrove Tuesday**) is the last day before the beginning of Lent, a period of fasting and repentance leading up to Easter, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Traditionally, it is the day for eating up the last of the rich foods that remain in the house and for having one last feast (party) before the 40 day fast in Lent. So put on your favorite masquerade costume or mask and join us **February 28 for St. Peter's Mardi Gras Party—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at 6:30pm in McCray Hall!**





# St. Peter's FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

		February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
		5 Epiphany	6 Epiphany	7 Epiphany	Last Epiphany
LECTORS	Early	Erin Schellhase	Kelly Wyatt	Dell Nunaley	Calvin Smith
	Late	Kyle Voss	Jon Corbett	Traci Eddinger	Mark McKinley
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Tim Hall, <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Buddy Andrews, Sophiann Nunaley	Judy Hall, Peter Schellhase	Sophiann Nunaley, Buddy Andrews
	Late	Dan LaPre, Dave Grommons	Tom Coate, Lauren Hunt	Randy & Linda Stoutenburgh	Dan LaPre, Dave Hunt
SUB DEACON	Early	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah
	Late	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah
INTERCESSOR	Early	Dell Nunaley	Terry Duhring	Paul Donohue	Sophiann Nunaley
	Late	Traci Eddinger	Marty Thompson	Randy Stoutenburgh	Jon Coate
ACOLYTES	Early	Aubrey & Addie Winger, <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Joshua, Megan & Olivia Smith, James Nunaley	Kimberly & Colin Donohue, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews
	Late	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Drew Lavan & Nancy Wise, Jim & Wynell Schatz	David & Carla Ramsey, Bryan & Shiloh Field	Paul & Sherri Kakol, Paul & Gail Donohue	Zan Shah, Martha Ballinger, Peter & Erin Schellhase
	Late	Tom & Mary Coate, Jon & Charlotte Corbett	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, Dave & Gail Hunt	Mary Paul Jones, Liz Tuohy, Dan & Una LaPre	Harold & Ann Neely, Jim & Maggie Heim
USHERS	Early	Bill & Beth Gibson	Jim Schatz, Dick Wilhelm	Bryan & Shiloh Field	Mark & Nancy Baker
	Late	Mark & Katie McKinley, Susan Collins, Sandy Wehr	Bob Ryan, Billy Dillon, Jimmy Eddinger, Jim Heim	Steve & Anne Schultz, Tred & Debi Parry	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky, Mark & Katie McKinley
GREETERS	Early	Rebecca Smoot	Mark Baker	Ron Clark	Bill Gibson
	Late	Traci Eddinger	Steve Schultz	Jon Corbett	Tom Coate
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Jim & Maggie Heim	Steve & Sally Falatko
ALTAR GUILD		Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Mari Campbell	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Mari Campbell	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Sharon Purnell, Marina Liburdi	Sophiann Nunaley, Nancy Baker, Chris Lafferty, Patty Costantino, Rebecca Smoot, Sharon Purnell, Marina Liburdi

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!

## FEBRUARY Anniversaries and Birthdays

### ANNIVERSARIES:

2-25 Tom & Tait Simmons

### BIRTHDAYS:

2-1 Scarlett Daly  
John Matthews  
Megan Smith  
2-2 Bobbie Wilhelm  
2-3 Alex Andrews  
2-6 Chris Lafferty  
Dell Nunaley  
2-8 Gail Donohue  
2-11 Rick Tyler  
2-13 Mary Barratt  
Sally Falatko  
Ann Neely  
2-14 Deana Czaban  
2-18 Catherine Cockrill  
2-20 Mark McKinley  
2-21 Miki Casey  
John Sleeter  
2-23 Mark Koenig  
Sarah O'Neil  
2-24 Randy Stoutenburgh  
2-26 Kelly Cockrill  
Matthew Heim  
2/27 Kristin Coate

## Mark Your Calendar!

Feb. 1 Mission Team Mtg. 5:30pm  
Feb. 4 Men's Breakfast 7am  
Youth Group Bowling 8pm  
Feb. 5 The Creed 12:30pm  
Guatemala Mission Prep Mtg. 5pm  
Feb. 7 Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm  
Feb. 12 The Creed 12:30pm  
Youth Group 7pm  
Feb. 14 Vestry Exec 6pm  
Feb. 18 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am  
Feb. 19 **Newsletter Deadline**  
**No Christian Formation**  
**No Nursery**  
Feb. 20 **Ski Trip** 7am  
Mt. Calvary Guild 10am  
Feb. 21 Vestry Mtg. 7pm  
Feb. 22 Pastoral Care Team Mtg. 5pm  
Feb. 24 Youth Movie Night 7pm  
Feb. 26 Healing Liturgy  
The Covenant 12:30pm  
Youth Group 7pm  
Feb. 28 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** 6:30pm

### Mardi Gras Party—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

St. Peter's Acolytes invite you to join them for a  
pancake dinner with all the fixings on

**Tuesday the 28th of February at 6:30pm in McCray Hall.**

Besides a delicious supper, the Acolytes will be serving up  
entertainment in the form of games, music, dancing, a parade,  
the crowning of the King and Queen of the day,  
and the **Burning of the Palms** in preparation for **Ash Wednesday**.

This is a free will offering fundraiser for the Acolytes –  
so please come prepared for FUN and FOOD and with a generous heart  
as we say goodbye to the season of Epiphany.

**Masquerade costumes welcome and encouraged!**

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner






## Revised Common Lectionary Readings for FEBRUARY

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
5	5 Epiphany	Isaiah 58:1-9a	112:1-7	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
12	6 Epiphany	Isaiah 55:1-11	119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
19	7 Epiphany	Isaiah 57:14-21	119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
26	Last Epiphany	Exodus 24:12-18	2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> Bible Study	2 Next Step Community	3	4 Men's Breakfast <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> Youth Group Bowling
5 Scout Sunday <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> SS & SF The Creed Bible Study Mission Prep Mtg	6	7 Vestry Ministry Mtg	8 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> Bible Study	9 Next Step Community	10	11 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>
12 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> SS & SF The Creed Bible Study Youth Group	13	14 Vestry Exec Mtg	15 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> Bible Study	16 Next Step Community <b>EVENING PRAYER</b>	17	18 Men's Leadership Mtg <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>
19 Newsletter Deadline <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> NO Nursery or SS or SF Bible Study	20 St. Pete's Ski Trip!  7am-6pm	21 Vestry Mtg.	22 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> PC Team Mtg. Bible Study	23 Next Step Community	24 Youth Movie Night	25 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>
26 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> SS & SF The Covenant Bible Study Youth Group	27	28 <i>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner</i> 	 <p>Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return...</p> <p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> March 1st at 7am—Noon—7pm</p>			

**KEY:** FBF=Friends Being Friends; PC=Pastoral Care; SF=Spiritual Formation Classes; SS=Sunday School; TOL=Tree of Life



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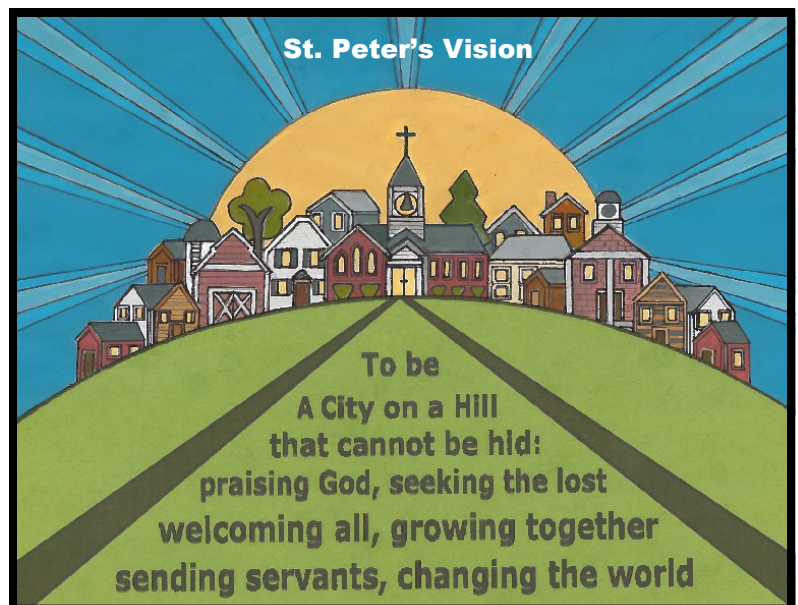
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