



January 2022 Newsletter

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Another page turns...

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Hebrews 13.8

Another page on the calendar turns, giving us yet another opportunity to take inventory of our lives – both where we've been and where we're going.

What do you see when you look back on 2021? I see change. We added a morning worship service on our CORE campus; we have many new faces in the congregation; staff has changed; some of our scheduled ministry programs changed times and even days. As individuals we changed – perhaps place of residence, job, or family situation. Some changes were for the better; others were not.

What do you see when you look forward to 2022? Will you have more good times than bad? Will your relationships improve or grow worse? Will your family increase or decrease? Will you have a new job or any job at all? Will your health get better or will it deteriorate? Will you even see December of 2022?

We simply don't know what the New Year will bring do we? As much as we like to think otherwise sometimes, we're not in control of our lives are we? We weren't last year; we won't be this year. So is it all just a shot in the dark? Is there really nothing more we can do other than close our eyes and hope for the best?

Another page turns, giving us yet another opportunity to take inventory of life, both where I've been and where I'm going. **Another page turns.** Have I been, am I now, will I be walking with or

without Jesus Christ? **Another page turns, and there he stands.**

When we take inventory of where Jesus has been and where he'll be, it's not a shot in the dark at all. He was there all of last year, rightly diagnosing our greatest problem – our sins and the resulting inevitable death. He was there, pleading with us to confess those sins before him. He was there with the comfort that all of our sins were washed away through his holy precious blood, and innocent suffering and death on the cross. He was there, yearning for us to put our trust in him alone as our hope of heaven.

And he will be there in 2022 with his unchanging word of truth. He will be there, yearning to shower us with his love, to spread his mighty arms around us to comfort and strengthen us. He will be there, calling us to grow closer to him through our use of his Word and Sacrament.

Another page turns... By God's grace alone our happiness for 2022 and eternity doesn't depend on who we are or what we've done. It rather depends entirely on the one who lived the pure life I couldn't live, died the death I should've died, and conquered the grave I can't conquer. Jesus doesn't change. God grant that whether we are still on this earth to take inventory at the end of 2022 or not, Jesus and his Word remain our daily comfort and strength. May God bless 922 Ministries in 2022.

Another page turns, and there Jesus stands.

Pastor Jim Fleming

Church/School Office Hours
Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
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“Think Again”

Dates: January 2, 9, 16, 23

Series Summary: We all think all the time. Each of us thinks something about God, about ourselves, about life, about challenges, about blessings, etc. Yet not every thought is full of truth (or love). This series helps us think again about our thinking, which allows us to get back to what is biblical, beautiful, and good for our souls.

Week #1: Whatcha Thinking? - The famous phrase “I think, therefore I am” has a powerful application for God’s people. What we think about determines how we are in our day to day lives. Think about what is true, good, noble, beautiful, and biblical, and you will get one step closer to the peace and joy that Paul describes in Philippians 4. Key - How much your thoughts matter - experts and the Bible all say it is the case.

Week #2: The Battle in Your Brain — Thinking biblical, Christ-focused, godly thoughts is a daily battle. Because of our human nature, the persuasiveness of the world, and the experience of the Devil, we all too often think of what is unbiblical, me-focused, and ungodly. No wonder Paul calls all Christians to take “every thought captive” and make it obedient to Christ.

Week #3: The Thoughts of God — What is God thinking right now? Answer—More than you know. While humans tend to think small, logical, natural thoughts, God’s mind soars to higher places, higher than the heavens are above the earth. There he thinks about illogical grace, supernatural power, and freely pardoning wicked people.

Week #4: Thinking of Jesus — How would you inspire suffering Christians to remain faithful to God? The author to the Hebrews, writing to struggling believers, chose these words—Fix your thoughts on Jesus. There is no better place to find courage for today than remembering how worthy Jesus truly is.

St. Peter School Expansion Plans & Update

Ground has again been broken at 922 Ministries! Well, at least to some degree... You may have noticed a few trees from the schoolyard were dug out and

replanted including the very special tree in honor of Mr. David Freiburger. Keller officially plans to break ground on January 17. Our team has been working with them on project milestones, safety, and material staging areas. We are also working with Camp Phillip as they will be able to repurpose a portion of our current playground. Keller is currently finalizing their construction set of drawings and the necessary permits to begin the project. Please continue to pray for God to bless this project and that the work be done to His glory.

Nate Paul



Growth Group (Bible Class) - Sunday's starting 1/2/22 at 9:00 am

Building Bridges Not Barriers

This seminar focuses on the steps Christians can take to witness to friends and families. It is very comprehensive and very informative. The sessions focus on such things as trust, pressure points, presenting Christ's substitutionary work, and many practical tips. This seminar also focuses on LDS (Mormon) teachings and culture. Although LDS are not a huge religious influence in this area of the country, LDS is one of the fastest growing religions in the world. LDS is very prominent in the Western United States. If you are a person who wants to learn how to better share your faith and learn about LDS teachings, this 12 week Bible study provides a great opportunity to do that. This Bible study is offered in a video-discussion format. Please speak with Pastor Jim if you have questions.

CORE Growth Group – Sunday's starting 1/9 at The CORE at 11:30 am

Big Questions Biblical Answers

Have you ever wondered if science and the Bible are compatible? Absolutely. This video Bible studies series takes on topics such as, "Does science confirm the Bible? Did God create the world in six days? Did dinosaurs and humans live together? Where did the different races come from?" Professor Brad Alles gives engaging and intriguing answers to some of science's toughest questions. Please join us for this ten week series to enjoy some learning and laughs. Sign up at stpeter922.com/groups or on our 922 App. Contact Pastor Jim with questions at pastorjim@922ministries.com.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE TIMES

Thursday @ 6:30 pm and
Sundays 7:30; 9:00 & 10:30 am
The CORE – Sunday, 10:00 am & 4:00 pm

LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday's 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:00 am
Click "Live Stream" on our website or
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WRITING OUT CHECKS - Please note that when you are writing checks, please either write them out to The CORE or St. Peter Lutheran. PLEASE DO NOT write your check out to 922 Ministries - this is not our official name. All checks for pledges for either Greater Things 1.0 or 2.0 can be written to St. Peter Lutheran. Any questions, please contact Rhonda Dietzler @ 920-739-2009.

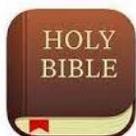


New

Starting Point classes begins on Sunday 1/9/22 @ The CORE at 11:30 am, Wednesday's Online at 7:00 pm and Thursday's at 6:30 pm at SPL. Looking for a starting point for the next steps in your faith journey? This group also serves as the path to church membership. For more info and to sign up, visit 922ministries.com/startingpoint.



Life Groups are coming soon! Sign-ups will be open from January 16 – 30th and the group launch will be on February 6th. Sign-up starting January 16th at 922ministries.com/life-groups.



YouVersion

Strengthen your Grow Root by participating in our new Spring YouVersion Reading Plan. As a congregation, we will kick-off this plan starting on January 30th.

Unexpected Love: A Study of The Gospel of Luke.
Summary: Luke's detailed investigation of the life of Jesus is good news for those of us who aren't the best, the brightest, the strongest, or the holiest. His Gospel reminds us that Jesus is offering joy to the financially poor, the socially marginalized, and the spiritually broken. Mary from Nazareth, third shift shepherds, and notorious tax collectors all find hope and salvation in Jesus. By reading Luke's Gospel, we can too. Download the YouVersion app and search for the *Time to Grow* reading plan.

Special birthday wishes to the following members who are 70+ years this month!!

- Bob Clausnitzer (01/12)
- Sandra Trout (01/13)
- John Ewart (01/13)
- Janet Bousley (01/19)
- Jack Huff (01/20)
- Jeanette Werschem (01/22)
- Don Diersen (01/27)
- Phil Ziegler (01/30)



A tremendous thank you to all who have so generously served our Christmas Services and throughout this past year! We are so blessed by the many who give of their time to serve the various Ministries here at St. Peter. Thank you for using your gifts to give Glory to God and to love others. Happy New Year!

Maria Keuschel, Ministry Engagement Coordinator
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7:30 am Worship Service at St. Peter News:
Beginning on January 9th, the right side of the worship area will be allocated to be socially distanced and masks required.



Happy New Year from the faculty and staff at St. Peter Lutheran School. If you missed the Children's Christmas Service at FVL, or would like to view again, here is a link to the recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGi1zAUW5iM>

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922 Teens starts back up on January 19th and will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in the School Commons. Expect snacks, Bible Study, and a fun activity.



The next Pantry collection is January 9th. They currently are in need of: cookies, canned tomato products (paste, sauce, plain diced), pudding and gelatin desserts, sugar-free pudding, women's body washes, laundry soap, frosting (we have plenty of cake mixes on hand), and small boxes of snack bars.

Please bring your pantry items and monetary donations to the office between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday-Friday or to the church kitchen before worship services. Monetary donations can also be placed in the box on the counter in the church kitchen. These are used to purchase gift cards to be given to families to purchase perishable items. Please make your checks payable to: *Apple Valley Food Pantry*.

Job Opening: Safe Families for Children Wisconsin is looking for a Director of Development. Please look for the job description on the Information Center or contact Gloria Plamann at gloria.plamann@922ministries.com.

MEDITATIONS & FORWARD IN CHRIST

The latest editions of "Meditations" & "Forward in Christ" and "Grace Moments" are available for you at the Welcome Center or office. These are great personal resources for spiritual growth, containing devotional content and practical advice for Christian living.

Time of Grace literature is also available in a new display on the wall by Information Center.



Ladies Quilting Ministry

The St. Peter Quilting ministry is one that touches many people. Every new baby that becomes a part of our church family receives a quilt, as do members and friends who are homebound, in the hospital or facing treatments for cancer and other illnesses. You don't have to know how to sew, you can be taught different things that can help. This group will meet each Thursday 8:30-11:30 am in the room upstairs in the 1910 Centre (historic school building across from the church). If you're interested in helping the quilting ministry in any way, please contact Karen Peters at 739-2924.

Join the fun making baby quilts on Saturday, February 26th, open house 9 am to 2 pm. You are invited to join Rachel Fowler at the 1910 Centre for a day of laughter and fun as we work together on baby quilts. No Experience necessary, all are welcome! Plenty of areas to participate: Ironing, snacking, sewing, cutting, running, floating, observing, encouraging. Questions! Call/text Rachel at (920) 279-1130.



Card Making Ministry

This ministry will not be meeting in January. Any questions? Please don't hesitate to call Luella Kietz at (920) 731-1650.

Gentle Souls - This ministry sends homemade cards to members who have lost a spouse, parent or sibling in their life. Cards are sent to them for the first Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, etc. of having lost their loved one. We try our hardest to send these to all we know this has happened to and apologize if we haven't been told and you aren't receiving these. Please let our Pastors know if this does happen in your family so we not only can do this for you but also pray for you.



What's it all about? Live chats with our pastors, live prayer, Christian advice, meaningful conversations, new and growing friendships, useful resources, and more! Much of the activity takes place in our private Facebook Group. Request to join today! Visit 922church.online for the link and instructions. Check our website weekly for a schedule of online events. While you're there, subscribe to the weekly email update.

PLEASE NOTE
If you would like a monthly newsletter mailed to you, please contact the office or email Gloria at gloria.plamann@922ministries.com.



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CORE Campus Representatives

Mark Ihlenfeldt, Vice-President
Roger Tews
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School Board Representative

Rob Tiedt

Please note that we invite people to speak with any of these men listed above, if you have any questions at any time.

922 MINISTRIES

Director of Operations Report – January 2022

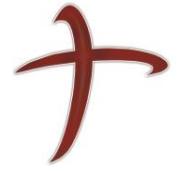
- 1) With the start of the New Year, I'd like to personally thank all of those people who are exercising their "give" root with the service that they provide in a variety of functions. Ushers, greeters, slide makers and advancers, musicians, coffee brewers, money counters, volunteers of all kinds and anyone who is serving in different ways – all the people who have stepped up to help out in so many ways. We can always use more people to help, but let's not overlook those who have already served as hands and feet in the kingdom, using the gifts that God has given them.
- 2) The mezzanine storage area above the locker rooms is nearly finished and is a huge blessing. It's more storage area in a very well confined area that is much safer to access and use. Thanks to Joel Weeks for his continuous work on this. He is also very proud of the fact that he was able to position the manger scene out on the northwest corner of church and have it remain standing throughout the Christmas season without any wind damage.
- 3) Huge thanks to all who pledged to Greater Things 2.0 or contributed to the matching opportunity that kicked off the capital campaign. We have exceeded the amount of the match that was the first goal, \$280,000 with gifts of more than \$300,000. The amount pledged is another huge blessing as well as we have now raised more than \$1.9 million for the school expansion project which we will be starting very soon. We are truly blessed by a generous, faithful and servant-hearted family here, and we are very grateful.
- 4) We've done some rearranging of some things around the property in anticipation of the building project. The aluminum can enclosure was moved to near where the dumpster pad is. A few trees were moved from near the playground to other areas further away from the proposed construction site.
- 5) The safety and security team has met once and is reviewing documents. We had plans and protocols in place at the CORE for Christmas Eve services and everything went off with no incidents.
- 6) We are continually reviewing equipment, procedures, processes and practices to make sure that we are taking sufficient and comparable measures to insure safety and preparedness at both campuses. Obviously, with the presence of the school and early childhood ministry on the St. Peter campus and its accompanying enrollment of more than 300 children total, there are ways that we need to be unique in our approach to safety. Overall, the goal is to make sure that we are doing all that we can to provide the best level of safety and security in both places.
- 7) We had another power outage on the property due to the high winds and storm that moved through this area early on the morning of December 16. We had to cancel school that day and there are still issues that need to be resolved. We're working with Buss Electric and other vendors to deal with this outage and we're looking at ways to avoid similar situations in the future.

Tom Dietzler



Youth and Family Ministry

January 2022 – Matthew Werner



Fitness goals are painful. Every January, I find myself making a goal to be more fit; running, lifting, biking, swimming, or walking. That first week is always so painful. My muscles are sore, I can't walk up steps, and I complain a lot! (Just ask my wife) These are great habits to be in and important for physical health, but not as important as good faith-strengthening habits. (Thankfully, their also not as painful)

If you are like me and taking these precious days before the start of a new year to evaluate and set direction in your life and your family's life, please take time to set a simple faith-strengthening goal. **Spend time in the Word of God every day.** The WELS app provides a wealth of devotional resources which can easily become a part of your daily routine. (These can be found by typing wels.app into your search bar or by searching for and downloading the WELS app) Here is an example of the most recent daily devotion for families.

Read: Isaiah 50:4-9 - Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

Isaiah 50:7 - Do you know what flint is? Flint is a very hard type of rock that breaks and chips into sharp-edged pieces. Long ago, people would use pieces of flint for arrowheads and knives.

In today's Bible reading, we read that the Servant of the Lord (which is Jesus), "set his face like flint." Setting your face like flint means you expect that something you are going to do will be hard. But you are determined to be harder. Whatever those difficulties may be, you are going to work through them and accomplish what you set out to do.

What was the job Jesus was setting his face like flint to do? God asked him to be the Savior who would die to forgive all the sins in the world. That would be hard. It would mean Jesus would have to live a perfect life. The job would also hurt him. Jesus suffered so much before he was crucified and then died. Jesus knew this before it happened. So, he set his face like flint. Even though it was going to be hard, he was determined to complete the work God had given him to do.

Why could only Jesus do this important work? Because just like the Israelites (the people Isaiah was a prophet to), we haven't done a good job of listening to God's words, obeying his commands, or trusting his promises. When we know what God has told us to do is going to be hard, instead of setting our face like flint and doing the hard work of obeying God, we complain how hard it's going to be. Or we take the easy but sinful way out. You likely know the results, don't you? We didn't do what our parents said, we treated siblings or friends with anger instead of love, or we let the frustrations of life get the best of us as we interacted with our family. Like the Israelites, we need someone to rescue us.

So, Jesus set his face like flint in order to save us from our sins. He rolled up his sleeves and worked hard to do what was impossible for us—perfectly obeying our God. Jesus trusted that God would help him. Jesus set his face like flint, and because he did, you are forgiven! Your sins are paid for!

The questions below are to help families discuss this devotion. The questions are divided by age group as suggestions, but anyone could reflect on any of the questions as they desire.

Questions for Younger Children

- Can you "set your face like flint"? (Make a face like you have a hard chore to do, but you're going to do it!)
- What really hard thing did Jesus do for you?

Questions for Elementary Age Children

- Think of a time when you had to set your face like flint and do the hard work of obeying God.
- We often feel bad or guilty about our sins. Why is it important in those moments to remember Jesus as our substitute?

Questions for Middle School and Above

- Why is it important that Jesus faced the same temptations that we do?
- Recount the last time you took the easy way out of difficult situation. What happened? Now, set your face like flint. Plan out a difficult but right way to handle it.

Happy New Year? - JANUARY 2022

As a new year begins, how are you feeling? Anxious? Excited? Tired? Cautious? Afraid? What do the following words do to your gut? Omicron. Natural disasters. Shootings. Politics. China. Russia. Inflation. The economy.

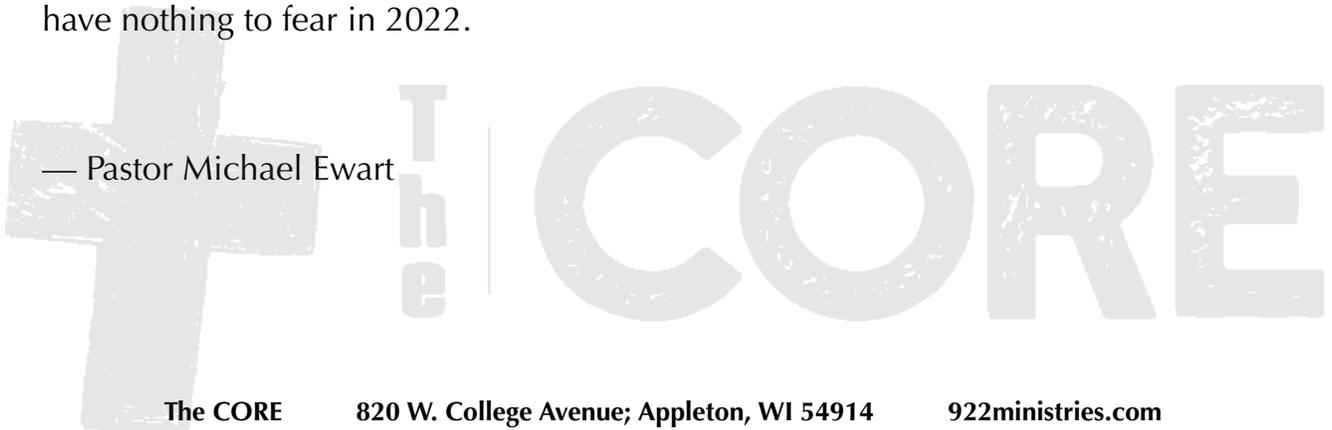
As a new year stands before us, there is so much uncertainty. There is so much that is beyond our control. Our minds can conceive of countless scenarios where things could go badly. Where do we find hope and peace at a time like this?

Joshua went through a time like this. Israel's leader of 40 years, Moses, died. Joshua was now in charge. They were about to enter the Promised Land, but it was occupied by people who were established and ready to fight to the death to keep it. How could this nomadic nation possibly take the land? How many would be killed? Would the people even accept Joshua as their leader? This could go very badly in so many ways!

But Joshua was filled with faith and courage by listening to the promises of God. Joshua 1:5-9 — "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land.... Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

What will 2022 bring? I have no idea. But I know God does. And I know God is good and he loves you more than you can possibly imagine. Jesus on the cross proves it! I know this broken world is not the final word. Jesus' empty tomb proves it! I know God is all powerful and in control of all things. I know he will be with you every step of the way. I know he will bless you and work all things for good. All of this is most certainly true! Do not be afraid. Be strong and very courageous! You have nothing to fear in 2022.

— Pastor Michael Ewart



St. Peter Lutheran Church – January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please Note: The CORE celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first and third Sunday of each month.</p>		<p>Starting Point each Sunday @ The CORE – 11:30am starting January 9th</p>	<p>CORE Growth Groups start each Sunday, Jan 9 @ 11:30am</p>			<p>1 Open Gym – 7:15 am HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Wichman/Barkholtz Wedding – 2pm</p>
<p>2 Worship – 7:30; 9 & 10:30am Bible Class – 9am Bible Class -10:15am (online) CORE – 10am & 4pm</p>	<p>3 School Resumes Board of Education Meeting—6 pm Bible Class – 6:30pm</p>	<p>4 Pastors' Circuit Mtg.</p>	<p>5 Lord's Supper – 10am (Mask only) Bible Foundations – 5:30pm Conf Class – 6:45pm Christian Recovery – 6:30pm @ CORE</p>	<p>6 Early Bird Bible Class – 6:30am Children's Chapel – 8:30am Quilting – 8:30am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Open Gym – 7:15am</p>
<p>9 Worship w/Lord's Supper – 7:30; 9 & 10:30am Bible Class – 9am Bible Class -10:15am (online) Bible Discovery – 9am CORE – 10am & 4pm CORE Kids – 10 am</p>	<p>10 Brewster Village – 9:45am</p>	<p>11 No Card Making</p>	<p>12 Bible Foundations – 5:30pm Conf Class – 6:45pm Christian Recovery – 6:30pm @ CORE Starting Point – 7pm (online)</p>	<p>13 Early Bird Bible Class -6:30am Children's Chapel – 8:30am Quilting – 8:30am Worship - 6:30pm Starting Point -6:30pm @SPL</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Open Gym – 7:15am</p>
<p>16 Worship – 7:30; 9 & 10:30am Bible Class – 9am Bible Class -10:15am (online) Bible Discovery – 9am CORE – 10am & 4pm CORE Kids – 10 am Life Group Sign Up Begins</p>	<p>17 Leadership Mtg. – 5:30pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Country Villa – 9:45am Lord's Supper-10am(Mask only) Bible Foundations – 5:30pm Conf Class – 6:45pm Christian Recovery – 6:30pm @ CORE Starting Point -7pm (online) 922 Teens – 7:15pm</p>	<p>20 Early Bird Bible Class-6:30am Children's Chapel – 8:30am Quilting – 8:30am Worship w/Lord's Supper – 6:30 pm Starting Point-6:30pm@SPL</p>	<p>21 5K-8 NO School ECM Closed</p>	<p>22 Open Gym – 7:15am</p>
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