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***All God's Creatures, large and small,
have a place in his Kingdom.***

St. Peter's invites you to our
***Blessing of the Animals
on St. Francis of Assisi Day***
Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 10:30am

Every year we remember St. Francis of Assisi's devotion to animals and we bless God's creatures that are such a blessing to us.

Bring your furry, squirmy, and feathery friends for this outdoor liturgy (with appropriate container, or restrainer please!)



To You All Hearts Are Open

By Fr. Tom Simmons & Linda Stoutenburgh



Our stewardship season is upon us. As the leaves turn and the air chills, it's that time of year when we explore what it means for us to give for the good of others.

This year our theme is based on the Collect for Purity: "Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid ...". The **meaning** of the words can easily be lost in the weekly **repetition** of the words. This year we focus on how this rich prayer calls us to open our hearts to God, to ourselves, and to others.

Keep an eye out for a series of stewardship-oriented bulletin inserts on this theme, and "Ministry Moment" presentations on Sundays from people in the congregation. These talks will highlight what can happen when we open our hearts as good stewards of time, talent, and treasure.

People often have questions about "stewardship" in their own lives.

Why do we give? How much should we give? What does it mean to give as a "sacrifice" to God? Let's look at each question.

First, why do we give?

At its heart, Christian giving has to do with *who we are*. God made us in his own image. Since God is love, and love is generous and giving, then we should also live with love and generosity, giving of ourselves, like God. We are wired to give! And in addition, God used our giving to energize the work of the church, because ministry costs money. That's WHY.

Ok, so...how much should we give?

Scripture teaches that the tithe (one-tenth) of our income is the norm for giving to God. The Bible describes that with an agricultural image as, "first fruits." Think of it as giving to God "off the top", before we do our other spending. That 10% is an acknowledgement that as God's creatures, everything we are and have ("ourselves, our souls and bodies") is a gift from God. We acknowledge God's lordship by giving back a small, ten-percent portion of what we have been graciously given. That's HOW MUCH...and it's a lot less than the government takes!

What about "sacrifice" giving?

Giving is tough in a world that measures status and pleasure in terms of products that we purchase. We've got to buy stuff to be happy, and people regularly go into debt to achieve a certain "lifestyle." But the message of Jesus is the opposite: "It is more blessed to give than receive." Receiving is fleeting, but there's no satisfaction quite like what we feel when we give to others. Giving like that requires sacrifice, lowering our "lifestyle" for the

good of others. Jesus talked about this when he said, "If you want to be my follower, take a cross and come with me." In that context 10% of income is a small price to pay!

This season of focus on stewardship isn't just another plea for money, like you hear on NPR. It's about discipleship, following Jesus. For Christians, giving is never just about the money. Where we put our money (and our use of time and talent) speaks to what we value. We all have money to pour into what we value most. Therefore, where our money most effortlessly goes shows what we love most. Where does our Lord and the work of his people fit into your hierarchy of values. "First fruits" means First Place!

"Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and
from you no secrets are hid ..."

(from the Collect for Purity)

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Our prayer for St. Peters over the next weeks until our Pledge In-gathering on November 12th, is for you:

- If you have not had the courage to commit to a pledge, that you will find the trust in God to take that big step this year.
- If you give a percentage less than the tithe, that you will find the desire to step up and increase that percentage in obedience to God.
- If you have been tithing faithfully, that you will open your heart to the possibility greater generosity for the good of others as we offer "ourselves, our souls and bodies" on the altar each Sunday.

If you have questions about stewardship, tithing, sacrificial giving, we would be honored to discuss these topics with you personally and confidentially – just ask!



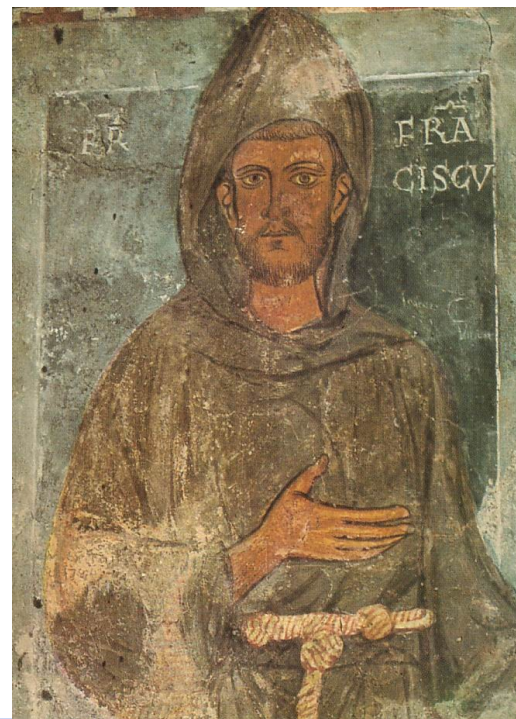
Blessing of the Animals
October 1, 2017
10:30am

All God's Creatures, Large and Small, have a place in his heavenly Kingdom.

Each October we celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The feast commemorates the life of St Francis, who is the patron saint of animals and the environment. St Francis (1181 – 1226), founder of the Franciscan order, is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. However, what many people recall about him is his love for animals and nature.

Francis preached that the world was created good and beautiful by God but suffers a need for redemption because of the primordial sin of man. He preached to man and beast the universal ability and duty of all creatures to praise God (a common theme in the Psalms) and the duty of all to protect and enjoy nature as both the stewards of God's creation and as creatures ourselves.

The oldest surviving depiction of Saint Francis is a fresco near the entrance of the Benedictine abbey of Subiaco, painted between March 1228 - March 1229.



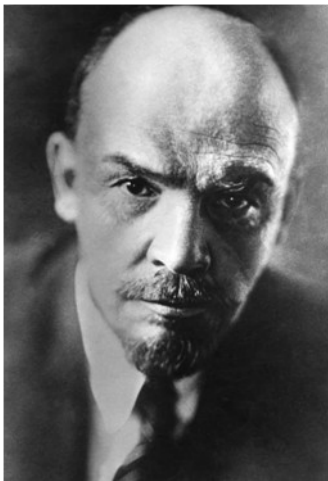
The Russian Revolution turns 100

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Christians live and share the gospel with joy and hope in a world of many competing belief systems, some of which aggressively oppose ours.

One of those is Marxism. Just because the Soviet Union fell in 1991 doesn't mean Marxism died with it. In fact, Marxism seems to be making a comeback 100 years after the first Marxist revolution in Russia.

October 2017 marks the centennial of when the Bolshevik party, under the leadership of Vladimir Lenin, began to violently seize the levers of power in Russia. Interestingly, they resorted to revolutionary violence after they lost an election, sparking a five-year civil war that killed approximately 12 million people, mostly civilians, executed or starved to death when their farms were seized by the government.



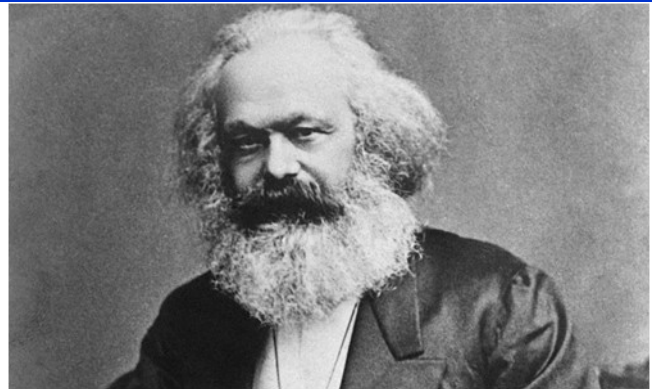
The Revolution that began in Russia spread to Eastern Europe, China, Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, Africa and Latin America in the decades that followed. Mass murder, particularly of religious believers and property owners, accompanied each of these socialist movements. In all, over 100 million people were killed in the 20th century in the name of "fairness" and "equality" and "justice" and "progress" and "science."

Those victims, often forgotten, deserve mention on this grim centennial.

Among them was Loung Ung, a little girl caught up in the horror of the socialist revolution in Cambodia in the 1970s. A touching film on Netflix, directed by Angelina Jolie, called First They Killed My Father, tells her story. It views through the innocent eyes of a seven-year-old child the horrors inflicted by the Khmer Rouge, which systematically exterminated 1/4 of the population in 5 years.

My own awareness of Marxism dawned when I was in Seminary. After the Berlin Wall fell, I read a book by Gary North called ***Marx's Religion of Revolution***.

He made the case that Marxism serves as a religion for its adherents. During the nineteenth and



twentieth centuries many western, bourgeois intellectuals discarded their traditional Christian beliefs, as outmoded in light of humanity's unprecedented, scientific advancements. Marxism gives this socially alienated class a surrogate religion with a scientific gloss.

"Scientific socialism" provides secular equivalents to all the major aspects of traditional Christianity. Whereas Christianity traces humanity's sorrows to Original Sin and human alienation from God, Marxism traces it to alienation from the works of his own labor, which allegedly alienated Man from himself and, by extension, all men from each other. According to Marx, the curse of specialized labor gave birth to the evil of class oppression. To the oppressed lower class, contemporary Marxists also add other groups that we see marching in the streets today: race, gender, sexual identities and other minorities with a narrative of oppression. Most universities have formed specialized academic departments to propagate these narratives.

Mimicking the Judeo-Christian worldview, Marxism also presents a sort of progressive history, beginning with a Fall from a classless Eden but moving towards the establishment of a messianic kingdom, the so-called Worker's Paradise, to be established not by a transcendent God but by the divine one-party-state. Marx and other revolutionaries are the prophets of this secular religion, proclaiming the coming of the apocalyptic revolution that will usher in the end of history and establish the all-powerful State and equality for all.

Marxism also preaches salvation through death and resurrection. For Christians, it is the death and rising of Jesus, and the conversion of his disciples through baptism. For Marxists, revolutionary violence, symbolized by the raised fist, destroys the old order so the new one can rise in its place. No matter where you turn in the last 100 years, Marxist movements make systematic and enthusiastic use of violence to achieve their vision of "justice."

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North argued that the religiously justified violence of various Marxist-inspired protest and revolutionary movements provides believers with an ecstatic mental state, in which they escape the norms of oppressive society, through a liberating orgy of destructive chaos. The experience of the mob, its shared groupthink narrative, chanted slogans, collective moral outrage and purifying violence provides a kind of transcendent religious liturgy and cathartic release. It also provides the means of destroying the present "oppressive" order, and inaugurating tomorrow's utopia. These religious aspects of Marxism provided - and provide still - secular radicals with a validation, purpose, morality, hope and shared vision to fill the spiritual vacuum of their lives. In this context, Marxism's war on religion, which it invariably pursues with vigor, comes to make more sense when we realize it is merely trying to eliminate the competition.

That's why I thought this centennial worth noting. It is an opportunity to raise awareness of the challenge Marxism presents to Christianity. It's

not just a "political theory." It is an all-encompassing rival religion that motivates its believers to zealously control all aspects of life, in lock-step with their "politically correct" doctrines. They seek to gain the power to violently destroy the "injustice" of the present order and to build, in its place, socialist Utopia.

It is a future that doesn't include the Church, or for that matter our nation, as John Lennon sang,

*Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too*

Recognizing that Marxist movements around the world view Christianity as their chief obstacle, helps us to "know thy rival." Vladimir Lenin said, "You may not be interested in war, but war is interested in you." Christians live and share the gospel with joy and hope in a world of many competing belief systems, some of which aggressively oppose ours.

Next month I'll share some ideas what we can do about it.

Welcome Alan Ogden!

By Fr. Tom Simmons

We've gotten a lot done in the last month on the staff front. After significant staff turnover this year, losing Barbara our Music Director, and Chris our Sexton, we are squared away and full-steam ahead with Andrew McGinley as Music Director and Alan Ogden as Organist. Dan LaPre has served through the summer as Sexton and has signed up for the permanent role and is going a great job.

We have come full circle with the music program, since Barbara announced her resignation last November. We've learned a lot and had a lot of fun with different musicians coming to serve and lead us. It's been a great benefit being exposed to the wider world of church music and God has tangibly provided and guided us every step of the way. The music committee has done great work over the last several months, with Bill Gibson and Debi Parry leading.

So now we have our Director and our Organist and our choir. The choir is full of familiar faces and some new ones as well. We have our music committee team, which will continue to serve as a support and "force-multiplier" for Andrew and the choir. They will be collaborating in the year ahead to gather input from the congregation, seeking to measurably improve the experience of musical worship on Sundays.

I sense new energy and dynamism in the music program, and in the congregation's song. I'm enjoying our song selection and our musical variety from Sunday to Sunday. I hope you are too. We are eager to have your ideas and your participation going forward.

From Andrew

I am proud to announce that Alan Ogden has agreed to join St. Peters for our 2017-2018 Program Year as our organist beginning October 1. You may remember Alan from the many Sundays he played for us as our substitute organist last Spring and this past Summer. He has a plethora of traditional musical experience ranging from organ/piano to brass to vocals and he will be a terrific addition to our new music program. He teaches trombone and piano privately, he has sung in a number of choirs over the years and he writes for a variety of journals in political and cultural fields. He is an alumnus of the University of Virginia and he lives right here in Purcellville. Welcome, Alan.



FOYER DINNERS

*And let us consider how to stir up one another
to love and good works,
not neglecting to meet together,
as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the day drawing near.
Hebrews 10:24-25*

We will begin the foyer dinners starting the week of October 16, 2017.

The purpose of these dinners is for fellowship and the development of relationships whereby we support each other. The primary goal is to enjoy a meal together and get to know each other at a deeper level than can be achieved during our Coffee Hours after services on Sundays.

We want all of you at St. Peter's to be part of this event!



We have a number of people who are happy to host the foyer dinners. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in McCray hall. Please don't miss the opportunity to enjoy a good meal, build a relationship, and have fun by participating in this wonderful social event, which we anticipate will occur once a month for four to six months.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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A graphic for a Thanksgiving event. It features a yellow text box in the center with the text: "St. Peter's is gearing up to host Thanksgiving Together again next month in partnership with Tree of Life Ministries. See upcoming announcements in the St. Pete's Weekly Or on our website—www.stpetes.net". Below the text box, the words "Thanksgiving Together" are written in a large, bold, brown font. The background of the graphic shows a variety of Thanksgiving dishes, including a roasted turkey, cranberry sauce, and green beans. On the left and right sides of the graphic are large, stylized white cutlery icons: a fork on the left and a spoon on the right. In the top right corner, there is a small logo for "TREE OF LIFE MINISTRIES — JOHN 10:10" featuring a tree icon.

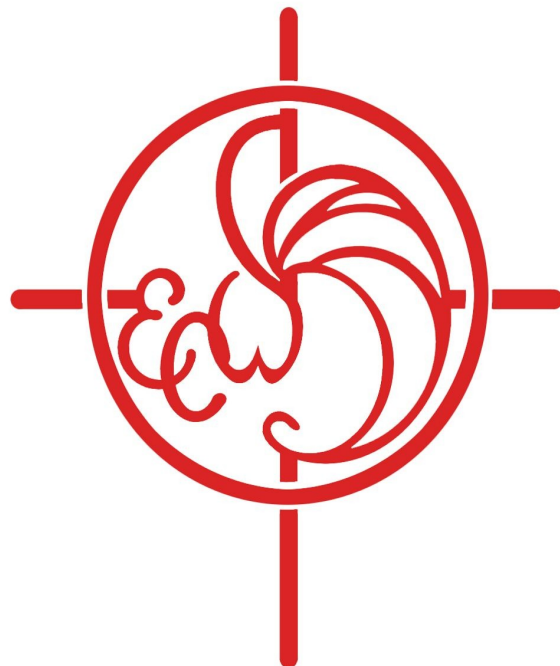
The Episcopal Church Women

By Tamara Tyler

The Episcopal Church Women or ECW is a national organization of women within the Episcopal Church. Members of the ECW effect the church's mission through a range of programs including monetary and hands-on outreach. If you are both an Episcopalian and a woman then you are already a member!

This year's **ECW 127th Fall Meeting and 138th UTO Ingathering is on Thursday, October 12th** from 9:30-2:00 at Christ Church in Glen Allen. Won't you consider joining the Ladies if the Mt. Calvary Guild (St. Peter's ECW chapter) for a fun day of fellowship, education, and Holy Eucharist?

Please contact Tamara Tyler if you are interested.



United Thank Offering

sharing Blessings with Thanksgiving and Love

St. Peter's annual United Thank Offering collection, sponsored by the Mt. Calvary Guild, will be on October 8th.

The United Thank Offering addresses compelling human need through grants to projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses. In participating, you are sharing your offering with ministries that are concerned with the needs of others and the mission of the Church.

You may wish to involve your family by having each member place an offering in a UTO box as they praise God and thank Him for the specific needs that He has met in their lives.

Please pick up your UTO box or envelope in the narthex and return it in the offering plate on October 8th. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's with "UTO" on the memo line.

The Mt. Calvary Guild will present St. Peter's UTO offering at the Episcopal Church Women's 127th Annual Meeting & 128th United Thank Offering Ingathering (see above).

To learn more about The United Thank Offering see the information packet next to the basket of UTO boxes and envelopes on the table in the narthex or visit www.ecusa.anglican.org.

THANK YOU to everyone for making our **Outreach Plant & Bake Sale** a huge success again this year! We raised over \$1,200 which will go to Hurricane Relief efforts to help relieve the suffering of millions.

Please continue to pray for those affected by the unprecedented storms.

Portraits of St. Pete's—Meet Pepper Darlington



My parents and I had a falling out two or three years ago that was both sharp and unexpected. I'd always been very close with my family, which included four brothers and seven sisters. As the oldest, I felt a strong sense of responsibility and, when I graduated Patrick Henry college, I went back home to Michigan to help with the little ones, the youngest of whom was born that year.

As I said, the falling out was unexpected, but all attempts to reconcile failed. When I finally realized that there was no way to recover the relationship, the shock and grief were overwhelming.

When I was still in college at PHC, Saint Pete's was a refuge and welcoming family. I attended for a summer before switching to a church more like the one I'd grown up in. When I moved back to Virginia, hoping distance could repair or

at least preserve the relationship with my parents, I returned to that other church. But as the bond with my parents deteriorated, so did my relationship with the church and with God.

It's been a long, hard road, putting my life back together, and it required a great deal of creativity. It felt as if my world had gone backwards and inside out, so that nothing could be sure or trusted.

I chose to return to Saint Pete's because it was familiar and welcoming, and because I could remember feeling safe here. I thought that maybe, if I could tap into those memories, it could help to heal some of the wounds that the fight left.

Sometimes, I come here to pray and meditate when I think no one will be here. It's quiet and filled with a sense of the Holy. I hoped to capture that sense of tranquility and peace in this painting. *(Now hanging in McCray Hall and pictured below.)*

Later, I decided to add in an event from a recent service, when Father Tom brought Brother John a glass of water during the homily. The action seemed to bring the kindness of family to life.

*-Though father
and mother
forsake me, the
LORD will
receive me.*

Psalms 27:10



News From Friends Far Away

Greetings from Nashotah House! We are settling in well and classes have begun. I'm very grateful to be here. As far as I can tell this program is unique in its emphasis on personal as well as academic formation, through a rule of life and daily prayer and sacrament. We miss you and St. Peter's, of course, especially as we look around for a church home while we're here. Last night Bishop Martins reminded us that although we've left many of those we love the most, you continue with us as partners in the gospel mission. In light of that, I'm very grateful for your comradeship and will try to write often. In Christ, —Peter Schellhase



From Lt. Col. Carl Engstrom

I've been in Afghanistan for just over 6 weeks and it feels like I've been here a year. The boss decided to make me his Chief of Staff for the Special Operations Group rather than command a team. I was disappointed - nobody chooses to be a staff guy when he has the option to command. However, it's a key assignment and will look better when I am considered for OG. At least I still get to fly.

The MI-17 helicopter [a Soviet era Russian transport helicopter used by the Afghan army] has been an interesting, but fun adjustment. The aircraft has a ton of power, easy to fly and can take a beating and still stay airborne. It's far simpler than the Black Hawk, but all the operational and emergency procedures follow a weird Russian logic. Once you get your mind thinking that way it all makes a strange sort of sense. It's like Clint Eastwood in Firefox, "You must think in Russian." The biggest challenge is that the rotor spins the opposite direction from US helicopters requiring right pedal (I'm used to left) when increasing power. I'm having to shed 20+ years of muscle memory. "I must think in Russian."

As far as the war goes we've moved from a policy of 'Do not fail' to a policy of 'Win'. Attacks on NATO & Afghan forces are down and our enemies have been rocked on their heels. SecDef tasked US Forces to 'annihilate ISIS-Afghanistan' and we're taking it to them and the



Taliban with a white-hot vengeance. We expect that the new strategy will allow us to be even more kinetic. I experienced a risk-averse atmosphere when we pulled out of Iraq and am much happier executing the current direction. I just feel safer on the offensive.

That said, we are incurring risk and paying for it. I attended a 'Ramp Ceremony' a couple weeks ago as the body of a fallen serviceman was transferred to the C17 that flew him home. Everyone forms up on the tarmac along the route and salutes the flag-draped casket as the honor guard walks it by. It's simple, powerful, sobering and incredibly moving. What I found interesting was how **everyone** returned to work with renewed focus and resolve. Proud to be working with troops like these.



Joy and the kids seem to be doing well and we get to talk pretty regularly. They are experienced in deployment and maybe even good at it. Joy has both the kids and herself loaded up with school, sports and other activities. I don't think they really have time to miss me too much.

OPTEMPO for the unit is pretty high as September and October are big fighting months. The "Fighting Season" traditionally ends in November but I doubt that the coalition will slow down. Winter weather stinks for flying December-February so maybe my unit will be able to catch our breath for a couple months anyway.

Hope all is well with you and St. Pete's.

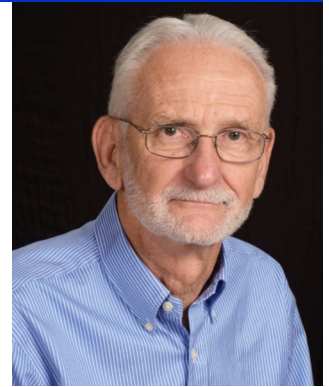
Please keep our brave service men & women
and their families in your prayers.

Guatemala Missions

By Bob Loker

The Erickson Family (Mission Erickson)

St. Peter's has been supporting Missionaries Todd and Maureen Erickson for seven years, both financially and by sending teams to work alongside them. Todd has recently become the associate pastor of Iglesia del Camino, a large bilingual church in Antigua. The church has a strong missions outreach and Todd will be the English language pastor. He, Maureen, and their daughter Emily will continue to do outreach in the village of Santiago Zamora, the squatters community of Penito in Guatemala City, and surrounding areas.



My Travels

I will be in Guatemala from 3 through 12 October training rural pastors to lead *The Person of Jesus* course and also the *Bethesda* course for oral learners. This trip is jointly sponsored by the seeJesus ministry and St. Peter's.

2018 Mission Trip

The 2018 Guatemala Missions trip is scheduled for 16 June through 23 June. Please contact me (bobloker@gmail.com) if you have an interest in applying to be part of the team. We will be scheduling an informational meeting in early December but it is helpful to have some idea before then of who may be interested in applying.



On October 31, much of our culture will be focused on candy and things that go bump in the night. Protestants, however, have something far more significant to celebrate. This year marks the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of his Ninety-five Theses to a church door in Germany on October 31, 1517. Within weeks, copies of the theses had spread throughout Germany; within months throughout Europe, provoking a debate that culminated in what we now call the **Protestant Reformation**.

A professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg, Luther was an Augustinian monk who realized through his study of the Scriptures that a person is saved by grace alone. At the time, the Catholic church taught a different doctrine of salvation. Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led not only to the reformation, but to profound and lasting social and political changes in Europe that would likely have been impossible had he never graced the scene.

Believing that "The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me", Luther translated the Bible into German, the common language of the people. By doing so he enabled lay people to study the Word of God for themselves. Before this, only Latin translations were available.

A complex and controversial figure, Luther's legacy is complicated one, but he still has an important influence on the Church. As we consider his importance this **Reformation Day**, let us equip ourselves to be knowledgeable teachers and defenders of biblical truth. May we be eager, as Luther, to preach the Gospel to the world and thereby spark a new reformation of our culture.

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times." — Martin Luther

Bring Your Bible to School Day! October 5, 2017

On Oct. 5th, *Bring Your Bible to School Day*, thousands of students across the country will celebrate religious freedom and share God's love with their friends. It's an annual event for students sponsored by *Focus on the Family*. The event is designed to empower students to express their belief in the truth of God's Word – and to do so in a respectful way that demonstrates the love of Christ by doing something simple, yet powerful: They'll bring their Bibles to school and talk about it with friends! **Why?**

Stand for students' rights.

Simply by bringing their Bibles to school and expressing their faith, students are helping to protect religious freedoms for other students—and for generations to come who will one day walk through the doors of their school or college.

Share God's hope.

By exercising their freedom to read the Bible and talk about it, students can express God's love and help others experience the redemptive power of knowing that their Creator cares about their lives!

Be an example.

If students pay any attention to the news, they

know that a lot of adult, Christian leaders have come under fire for their beliefs lately. As a young person, a student can be a powerful example and help change things for the better—just like I Tim 4:12 talks about!

Live their faith.

The Bible talks about how the Word of God is powerful for changing lives (Heb. 4:12; Is. 55:10-11). This event helps students live out those verses!

Pump up their brain power!

In addition to providing life-changing spiritual guidance for our lives, the Bible is an extremely important historical document that is cited in many influential pieces of literature. So if students really want to be a knowledgeable person, it's important to know all about the Bible!

Participation in Bring Your Bible to School Day is voluntary and student-directed—meaning it's completely up to students, Christian clubs and youth groups to sign up online and then lead the activities in their school.

To learn more, visit www.bringyourbible.org

First Amendment Rights of Students to Promote and Participate in *Bring Your Bible to School Day*

*Students May Bring Their Bibles To School,
Distribute Bibles, And Discuss The Bible With Fellow Students.*

If your child is participating, particularly if they are in a younger grade level, it's a great idea to talk to school officials in advance and let them know. You can explain that your child is participating in a religious-freedom event and that they are planning to do so in a respectful and peaceful manner and in a way that does not disturb instruction time.

Schools must allow students to bring Bibles to school, distribute Bibles, and discuss the Bible with classmates because these activities will not materially disrupt school activities. The chance of such activities materially disrupting anything is exceedingly low. So long as these activities occur during non-instructional --- during lunch, walking between classes, or before or after school --- these activities will not disrupt anything. Indeed, students most likely engage in a host of similar activities unrelated to the Bible during non-instructional time. For example, students probably discuss their favorite television shows or give each other notes or bring books to school all the time. As a result, schools may not single out and censor the Bible when all these other activities continually occur at school during non-instructional time.

Learn more at: <https://www.adflegal.org/issues/religious-freedom/k-12>

Sign of grace

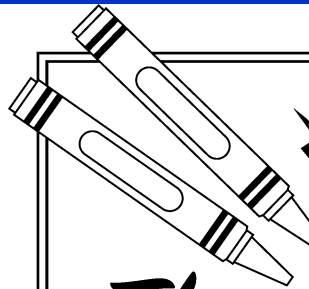
Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.

What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers

What you do:

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



PUZZLE

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.

F	u	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	j	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	o	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

“ _____ the _____ was _____
through _____ ; _____ and
_____ came _____
_____ .”
_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV



St. Peter's OCTOBER SERVING SCHEDULE

		Oct 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
		St. Francis	18 Pentecost	19 Pentecost	20 Pentecost	21 Pentecost
LECTOR	Early	Mark Baker	Kelly Cockrill	Bryan Field	Gail Donohue	Drew Lavan
	Late	Jon Corbett	Liz Tuohy	Kyle Voss	Jon Coate	Jon Corbett
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Buddy Andrews, Terry Duhring	Judy Hall, Tim Hall	Tanya Matthews, Jaq Whalen	Buddy Andrews, Terry Duhring	Judy Hall, Tim Hall
	Late	Dan LaPre, Dave Hunt	Dan LaPre, VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Jonathan LaPre, Randy Stoutenburgh	Dave Hunt, Dan LaPre	Jonathan LaPre, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
SUB DEACON	Early	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Tanya Matthews	Michael Whitnah
	Late	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Michael Whitnah	Tom Coate	Michael Whitnah
INTERCESSOR	Early	Paul Donohue	Dell Nunaley	Michael Whitnah	HL	Kelly Cockrill
	Late	Jon Coate	Marty Thompson	Michael Whitnah	HL	Traci Eddinger
ACOLYTES	Early	Aubrey & Addie Winger, James Nunaley, Colin Donohue	Josh, Megan, & Olivia Smith, John Matthews	Adam & Eric Gibson, Mark Matthews	Aubrey & Addie Winger, James Nunaley, Colin Donohue	Josh, Megan, & Olivia Smith, John Matthews
	Late	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger, Claire Falatko	Dan LaPre, Jon Coate, Lauren Hunt	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko, Scarlett Daly	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger, Claire Falatko
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Rick & Tricia Smith	Bill & Beth Gibson	Eckard & Keri Holdorf	Zan Shah, Judy Didoha	Don & Krista Winger
	Late	Ollie & Betsy North	Tred & Debi Parry	Billy & Nancy Dillon	Jim & Sandy Wehr	Stephen & Sally Falatko
USHERS	Early	Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt	Dick Wilhelm, Zan Shah	Mark & Nancy Baker	Rick & Kelly Cockrill	Bryan & Shiloh Field
	Late	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky	Billy Dillon, Jimmy Eddinger	Jim Heim, Bob Ryan	Susan Collins VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Tred & Debi Parry
GREETERS	Early	Mark Baker	Dell Nunaley	Rebecca Smoot	Joe Matthews	Ron Clark
	Late	Jaq Whalen	Jon Corbett	Debi Parry	Steve Schultz	Linda Stoutenburgh
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Jim & Maggie Heim	Steve & Sally Falatko	TBD
ALTAR GUILD		Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Mari Campbell	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 Pumell

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!

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

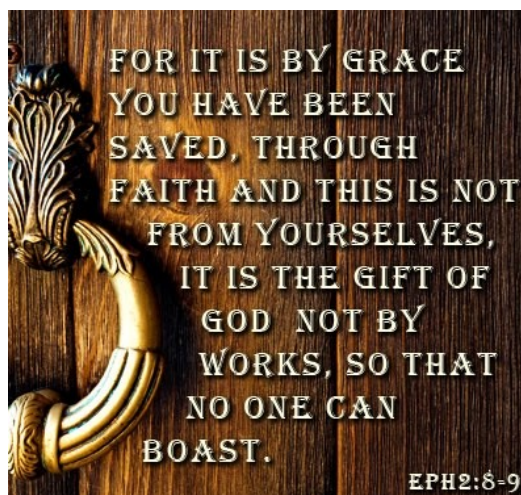
10-7 Kyle & Kathleen Voss
 10-9 Billy & Nancy Dillon
 Paul Miller & Laurraine Landolt
 10-11 Dave & Debra Grommons
 10-12 Michael & Katie Marsh
 10-22 Randy & Linda Stoutenburgh
 10-23 Jen & Paul Casey
 10-24 Jon & Kristin Coate

BIRTHDAYS

10-1 Brad Kilgour
 Jordan Smith
 10-2 Chris Duhring
 Reagan Field
 10-4 Sarah-Jane Corbett
 Mary V Simmons
 10-6 Eckard Holdorf
 Marty Thompson
 10-7 Ollie North
 10-8 Una LaPre
 Michael Walsh
 10-9 Sophie Brzozowsky
 Patty Costantino
 Nancy Dillon
 10-13 Mark Staggs
 10-15 Riley McKinley
 Clarissa Staggs
 10-16 Matthew Walsh
 10-18 Susan Collins
 10-21 Tucker Holmes
 10-23 Mason Field
 10-26 Marie Heim
 10-27 Grace Falatko
 Mary Hoeltzel
 10-28 Shiloh Field
 10-30 Nora Young

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct. 1 **Blessing of the Animals** 10:30am
 Pizza with the Pastor 12:30pm
 Oct. 3 Vestry Ministry Mtg. 7pm
 Oct. 4 Christianity Explored 7pm
 Oct. 6 Youth Movie Night 7:15pm
 Oct. 7 Men's Breakfast 7am
 Oct. 8 Baptism Prep Class 9:30am
 Pizza with the Pastor 12:30pm
 Youth Group 7pm
 Oct. 10 Vestry Exec Mtg 6pm
 Oct. 11 Christianity Explored 7pm
 Oct. 15 Baptism Prep Class 9:30am
 Pizza with the Pastor 12:30pm
 Youth Group 7pm
 Oct. 16 Mt. Calvary Guild 10am
 Oct. 17 Vestry Mtg. 7pm
 Oct. 18 Christianity Explored 7pm
 Oct. 21 Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
 Oct. 22 Newsletter Deadline
 Healing Liturgy
 Baptism Prep Class 9:30am
 Pizza with the Pastor 12:30pm
 Oct. 25 Pastoral Care Team Mtg 4pm
 Friends Being Friends Bowling 6pm
 Christianity Explored 7pm
 Oct. 27 Men's TGIF 8pm
 Oct. 29 Baptism Prep Class 9:30am



Revised Common Lectionary Readings for OCTOBER

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
1	St. Francis	Genesis 2:4-9, 19-20	148:7-14	—	Matthew 11:25-30
8	18 Pentecost	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
15	19 Pentecost	Exodus 32:1-14	106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
22	20 Pentecost	Exodus 33:12-23	99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
29	21 Pentecost	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HOLY EUCHARIST MORNING PRAYER & Blessing of the Animals Pizza w/the Pastor Bible Study	2 Bible Study	3 Vestry Ministry Mtg	4 MORNING PRAYER Christianity Explored	5 Next Step Community	6 	7 Men's Breakfast
8 HOLY EUCHARIST SS/CF Baptism Class Pizza w/the Pastor Bible Study Youth Group	9 Bible Study	10 Vestry Exec Mtg	11 HOLY EUCHARIST Christianity Explored	12 Next Step Community	13	14
15 HOLY EUCHARIST SS/CF Baptism Class Pizza w/the Pastor Bible Study Youth Group	16 Mt. Calvary Guild Bible Study	17 Vestry Mtg	18 HOLY EUCHARIST Christianity Explored	19 Next Step Community	20	21 Men's Leadership Mtg
22 Newsletter Deadline HOLY EUCHARIST & Healing Liturgy SS/CF Baptism Class Pizza w/the Pastor Bible Study	23 Bible Study	24	25 HOLY EUCHARIST PC Team Mtg FBF Bowling Christianity Explored	26 Next Step Community	27 Men's TGIF	28
29 HOLY EUCHARIST SS/CF Baptism Class Bible Study	30 Bible Study	31 				

KEY: CF= Christian Formation Classes FBF=Friends Being Friends; PC=Pastoral Care; SS=Sunday School; TOL=Tree of Life



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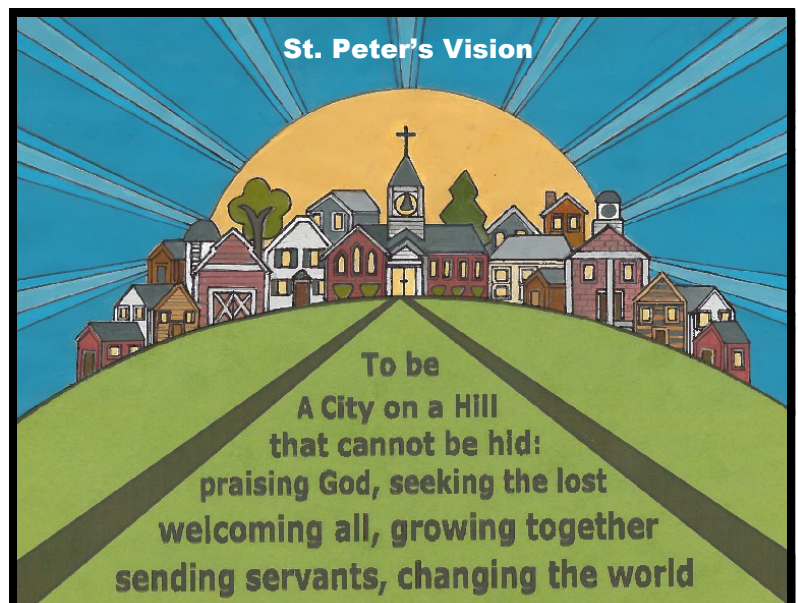
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