



**St. Peter's Church**

Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

*Providing opportunities for all people to  
grow in Faith, Hope, and Love*

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## WORSHIP

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**WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST** Each Wednesday, we join for our weekday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We then gather in the Fellowship Hall meeting room at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study. We're currently doing "Entering Exodus", a study of the Book of Exodus. Fr. John leads the study discussion. Any are welcome to join in at any time for study, fellowship and prayer.

**THURSDAY @ ST. PETER'S** has been suspended and will resume in the spring after the days become longer once again.

**ST. PETER'S @ TERRACE PLACE** will be **November 26<sup>th</sup>** at **10:30 a.m. in the Party Room**. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating **Thanksgiving** there. Terrace Place is located at 1231 Eisner Avenue in Sheboygan. For more information please see Fr. John.

## MINISTRY



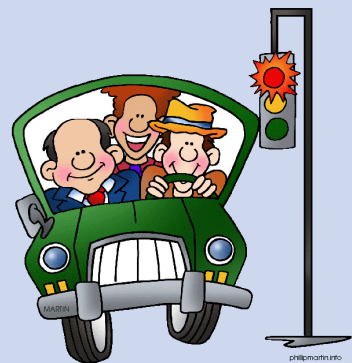
Deacon Greg offers a time of healing ministry in the Chapel following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on the first and third Sunday of every month. He will be available for prayer, anointing and encouragement during that time.



Would you like to assist in worship on Sunday mornings? We need some more **acolytes** to assist Father John and Deacon Greg at the Altar during the Eucharist.



Or you can become a **Lay Eucharistic Minister**, assisting with delivery of the chalice at the Altar or to people in the congregation who cannot make it to the Altar. If you are interested, or would like some more information, please see Father John or Deacon Greg.



## TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Some of our parishioners have trouble getting to church, temporarily or permanently. Some don't drive or no longer own a car. If you need transportation to church services or events, or if you can provide transportation regularly or from time to time, let the church office know, and we will get you linked with one another. Thanks for your help!



## CHOIR

Rehearsals begin at 9:15 a.m., on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

Please see Barb Zirwes-Nysse for more information.



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

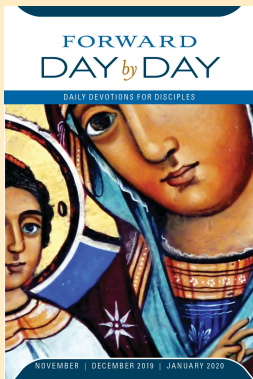
## Children's Animal Shelter Project

A representative from the Sheboygan County Humane Society came to St. Peter's on November 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist to pick up pet treats made by the kids in the Children's Ministry. We also gave donations of store-bought dog and cat treats to benefit the animals in the Shelter. Dog and cat treats and pet food are welcome at any time for the Humane Society.

Julie Wilke, one of our Children's Ministry leaders, presented our gift of treats. Thanks to our kids, and to all our folks, for contributing to this cause!

## November Children's Activities

Just wanted to let you know what's happening with the Sunday school for the rest of the month of November. For the 17th, we are going to be cutting out coupons and gathering canned goods for local food pantries. We are asking the congregation to donate some as well. For the 24th, we plan on doing a Thanksgiving-themed meal for fellowship. We will have hot turkey, corn and green beans, rolls, and pumpkin and apple pies.



**FORWARD DAY BY DAY** The new *Forward Day by Day* for November 2019 through February 2020 is available at the back of the church, and in the Broadway Street lobby. Large-print and regular-size print are available. Copies are free, and donations are welcome. Just put your donation in the collection plate.

## FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY



St. Peter's Book Club will meet on Monday, **November 18<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please note the time change! We will conclude at 1:00 pm.

The book we will discuss is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. Please bring a dish to pass and an idea for our next book! Enjoy the read, and see you November 18<sup>th</sup> at Terrace Place!



## COFFEE HOUR

Can you help with coffee hour after the 10 a.m. Eucharist? We can get the coffee started and cups set out. You can help by providing food (snacks or more) and help with the clean-up. There's a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for signing up!

## THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

# PLEDGE CARD REMINDER

It's not too late to submit a St. Peter's Pledge Card indicating your financial support for the parish in 2020! If you still have a pledge card and have not turned it in, please feel free to bring it with you to church or mail it to the attention of Jenny Dewitz. If you don't have a card or have lost it, we will be happy to mail another one to you. Thanks again for your support of the ministry here at St. Peter's!



The next monthly meeting of the Vestry is scheduled for November 10th, following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Meeting Room.

Meetings are open to all who want to know more about the work of ministry in this congregation.



**UNITED THANK OFFERING FALL INGATHERING** will be **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** at both services. Your generous giving supports the many grants made by UTO throughout the Episcopal Church. All Ingathering funds support the grants; operations are funded through a Memorial Endowment. Please bring your Blue Box or UTO envelope with you—and be sure to get another Blue Box at the back of the church to take with you for the Spring Ingathering!

## Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry

Be a part of the worker team from St. Peter's at the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry! Sandy Peterson leads a team of people helping with the distribution of the food on Thursdays for one month each quarter. **During November, we help on Thursday mornings (except for Thanksgiving Day).**

Next opportunity: February, 2020.

And bring canned and boxed food items to church and place them in the food basket at the back of the church. Your food donations are welcome at any time!



Fill a box with love! As we have done before, St. Peter's is participating in the international ministry of Samaritan's Purse, a global Christian relief agency, in its annual **Operation Christmas Child**. We have boxes at church for boys and girls of different ages. Select gender and age range and fill one or more boxes with gifts and supplies appropriate to the age. Call the church office or see Julie Wilke and Marissa Kulow, our Children's Ministry leaders, if you have questions. **Boxes**

**need to be back in church by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> so that they may be blessed and then be brought to a central location in the area for shipment.**

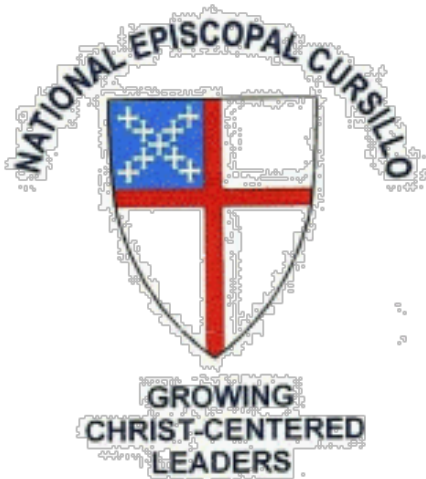
IN THE DIOCESE





## 145th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF FOND DU LAC

Many thanks to Karen Ambelang, Raylyn Krauter and Barbara Zirwes Nysse for representing St. Peter's at the 2019 Diocesan Convention on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Red Lion Hotel in Appleton. Cheryl Dobrzynski served as a volunteer at the convention. Fr. John, of course, was present. The convention passed a balanced budget for the diocese, heard a variety of reports, elected clergy and lay people to various diocesan offices, and also elected delegates to the 2021 General Convention to be held in Baltimore. On that last item: *congratulations* to Cheryl Dobrzynski, who was elected as one of the lay deputies to General Convention from the Diocese of Fond du Lac!



### Cursillo Ultreya

Will be held **NEXT SUNDAY, November 17<sup>th</sup>** at Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay.

Fellowship at 2:00 p.m., and Ultreya at 3:00 p.m. Concludes at 5:00 p.m.

Please bring snacks.

## IN THE COMMUNITY



Episcopal  
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### Hurricane Dorian Relief Effort

Thanks to an anonymous donor who stepped forward with a gift challenge for relief efforts after Hurricane Dorian. Between that gift and offerings from the people of St. Peter's, we sent a check to Episcopal Relief and Development for \$700.00, especially to support efforts in the Bahamas. Bishop Matt was excited to learn of our offering and said, "Well done, St. Peter's!"



**LOVE INC CHALLENGE:** Every year, St. Peter's pledges financial support to Love, INC as a part of our mission budget. This year, the Vestry is challenging members of the congregation **to match a \$750.00 gift**. Please give as much as you can to help this important ministry, and St. Peter's support of it. Make your check payable to the church and earmark it "Love, INC". We'd appreciate your gift by next **Sunday**,

**November 17th.** Thanks!

## Holiday Service of Remembrance Helps Those Who Grieve

Thanksgiving and Christmas can be particularly difficult times for those who are adjusting to the death of a loved one. Wenig Funeral Homes are hosting a "**Holiday Service of Remembrance**" to be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls, on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** The public is welcome. For more information, call 467-5451.



**SHARON RICHARDSON RETAIL STORE** in Sheboygan Falls is in need of donations.

If you have any questions about what is and what is not satisfactory you can call the store or contact Sharon Dulmes.

We are also looking for volunteers, so if you can give a couple hours a week please pick up a form, available at the store and from Sharon Dulmes.

## REFLECTIONS

### WAY OF LOVE Follow-Up

What an exciting and inspiring Way of Love Revival on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Expo Center in Appleton! The Presiding Bishop offered a dynamic and meaningful exhortation to all of us to practice the Way of Love in our daily lives, in our churches, and in our national life.

So, what do we do now? And, even more, what about those of us who were unable to go? How do we do follow-through and follow-up to keep the spirit of the Revival at work in our lives and here at St. Peter's?

Here are some ideas:

**Watch the Presiding Bishop's exhortation:** <https://www.diofdl.org/wolr.html>. You can slide the time indicator to the 1:11:30 mark to watch.

**Put the Way of Love spiritual discipline to work in your daily life** Go to the resources at the Episcopal Church web site, especially: [https://episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/way\\_of\\_love\\_introduction.pdf](https://episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/way_of_love_introduction.pdf)

**Watch for more announcements on activities at St. Peter's as we continue our growth in The Way of Love.** In the coming months, we will have learning and sharing events to continue and to expand our faith journey in The Way of Love.

## A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

For those of us who were able to go to the Way of Love Revival on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Appleton, we all would agree that the experience was spiritually spectacular. The energy in the crowd was powerful. The music was dynamic (more about that in a moment). We heard moving testimonies of faith from six very different people of all ages and cultures. We had funny moments led by a young tech wizard. Lunch together was delightful. Most importantly, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was stirring in his call to live out the Way of Love in following





Jesus Christ.

The day gave me so much to reflect upon and pray through as a Christian, and as your priest here at St. Peter's. How can I, and your fellow parishioners and leaders, put to work the call to love as Jesus loves us? How can we share our spiritual story in ways that introduce people to Jesus Christ, and invite them to be a part of our life here at St. Peter's? How can we strengthen our worship experience? What is the mission to which we are called in Sheboygan County and beyond?

Or, as any great spiritual experience offers us, ***What now? What next?*** Let me offer three thoughts to get you started.

***Use the Way of Love spiritual discipline in your life.*** There are seven segments to the Way of Love. The best patterns in life are tied to a useful number. As children, we learned five responsibilities (to match the five fingers on one hand). Or, as an old country music song says, "The only things I can count on are the fingers on my hand." The seven pieces of the Way of Love can be tied to the seven days of the week. The seven parts of the Way of Love are: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest. These steps don't have to fall in exact order, but they do match very well the rhythm of the days of the week, and have a connection to the first seven prayers in the *Book of Common Prayer* section of "Various Collects", pp. 251-52. Consider how these seven parts of the Way of Love can bring order and direction into your spiritual life.

***Develop your Christian story.*** At the Revival, six different people (and our bishop was the seventh), told of ways in which God had become real in their lives, and how they had found blessing and encouragement. At the clergy conference back in September, the speaker stressed the same point: learn to tell The Story in your story. I will be very ready to help you to develop this spiritual asset in your life, and ways in which you can share, with whom, and at what point. Each of us is on a spiritual journey, with unique and special moments and events that can speak to others—especially others who are deep in a search for meaning and direction in their lives. We will offer more opportunities to share stories also on Sunday mornings as a part of our worship time.

***Grow St. Peter's Episcopal Church, your parish community.*** We have plenty of room to welcome people into our worship and work as a community of faith. On Sunday mornings, we can look at pews that are empty and say, "Where have all the people gone? How are we going to make it?" OR, we can say (from the Holy Spirit's perspective), "Who are the people I can bring here to discover the real presence of Jesus Christ? O God, guide me to the people who are ready to come with us and grow in faith!" Which direction will bring growth? Which direction will reflect how God can be glorified? Each of us has a circle of influence and a network of relationships. Ask God to lead you to the people who are waiting to be invited by you to experience worship and life here.

In the end, the Revival may have been an event. But it also is a process, and it is a way to set the Spirit of God into motion. Let the Way of Love be our Christian pattern of life. May the Revival be the match that re-lights the fire of God's love in our church, and in our hearts.

Blessings,  
***Father John+***

**Thank you for your support**

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