

## Lectionary Illuminations

Illuminations is an introductory aid for Sunday worship to encourage congregational comprehension provided by The Living Church.

### Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

The Lord establishes a covenant with Abram. He and his elderly wife will be blessed with a son, and through him and his offspring a large number of nations will arise.

### Romans 4:13-25

Paul explains that Abraham, who trusted God's promise before the law existed, should be our model for responding in faith to God's goodness.

### Mark 8:31-38

Peter is shaken when Jesus declares that his destiny is to be rejected by religious officials and then to be killed. He warns that his followers will also face rejection and death.

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## Annual Meeting & Parish Potluck: March 3rd

Join us on Sunday, March 3rd after Mass for our annual meeting and parish potluck featuring Mother Ezgi's delicious chili as a main dish. Thank you to those who have already signed up to bring something to pass. Please consider bringing a dish to pass: chili toppings, salad greens, veggies, fruit, side dishes, or desserts!

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## Good Samaritans - Supporting Our A.A./O.A. Friends

We are seeking Good Samaritan volunteers to spread love and support to the members of the Alcoholics and Overeaters Anonymous groups that our parish hosts. We are so grateful for the opportunity to share our space and continue in our mission of recovery ministry. We would like to provide snacks at each of their meetings (while also respecting their anonymity).

Here is how you can help:

Sign up at the bulletin board to bring a snack for one or more of the meeting times.

Have snacks ready at least ½ hour prior to the meeting.

Arrive at least ½ hour after meeting or the following day to clean up. We will request that items are put away in the fridge if needed.

**\*\*This will not be a weekly event, but a one-time event. We will plan the dates among those who sign up to help\*\***

Snack suggestions: fruits, cheese, sausage & crackers, chips & salsa, cookies/bar cookies, nuts, yogurt, veggies & dip, hummus, etc. Please be mindful to select healthy foods for our O.A. friends.

## Box of Hope Donation Drive

During the month of February, the parish will be hosting a Box of Hope donation drive to benefit the Ripon Community Pantry located outside of Traded Treasures and the Community Food Pantry. **The focus of our drive will be hygiene products (feminine hygiene products, dental hygiene, soaps, etc.) and warming materials (socks, gloves, blankets etc).** Items will be collected in the parish hall entry throughout the month. The office will be open to receive donations during regular business hours: Monday through Thursday, 10:00 AM -3:00 PM, as allowed by staff schedules. Please call ahead at 920-748-2422. The Ripon Community Pantry is a satellite location of Hope on the Block LLC and is a project completed by Leadership Fond du Lac Team Hope.

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## Giving Statements Available

Giving Statements for 2023 are now available to pick up. They are located in the accordion folder on the membership table in the hallway. Please pick up your statement on the way out of church. If there are any corrections, do not hesitate to reach out to parish treasurer, Kathy VanWie.

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## Sunday School - Celebrating God's Creation

Sister Charis, S.H.N. invites parish children to join her for Sunday School, which will meet every other week **continuing this Sunday, March 17th**. Parents are asked to drop children off in the Rector's Office by noon and pick children up after coffee hour at 12:30 PM. The curriculum will primarily focus on creation care, but Sister Charis will also teach church etiquette and essential prayers. Simple but meaningful lessons will focus on hearing a biblical story, reflecting on it as a group with open questions and discussion, and concluding with a chance to create a piece of art based on the story. Consistent attendance is essential in forming fellowship bonds amongst our youngest church members. Please try to attend all sessions you can. This first series of Sunday School will comprise 4-6 sessions. After a short recess, a second series with a newly themed curriculum will be offered.

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## "A More Christlike God" - Book Study

Are you interested in doing a theological deep dive? We will discuss the book, "A More Christlike God: A more beautiful gospel" by Brad Jersak. The book is broken down into three parts: "What is God?" in which Brad explores a variety of healthy and unhealthy images we might have of God, "The Cruciform God" focuses us on God most fully expressed in Jesus' enemy loving and co-suffering life and death, and finally "Unwrathing' God" where Brad looks at a variety of atonement theories and offers his take on what the gospel means and teaches a way of presenting it.

Book Study will meet for an hour after Mass every other week, **continuing after Mass today**. Each session will focus on two to three chapters at a time with discussion questions to help guide conversation as attendees humbly seek to know Our Father's heart and disposition toward God's children.

# Weekly Schedule

February 25 - March 3



SUN

25

FEB

10:30 AM

Sunday Service

12:00 PM

Book Study

MON

26

FEB

7:00 AM

Daily Mass

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Dr. Henrik Schatzinger (Feb 28)

Mike Schmid (Mar 1)

Gail Zahn (Mar 2)

TUE

27

FEB

7:00 AM

Daily Mass

1:00 PM

Boundaries Class

WED

28

FEB

7:00 AM

Daily Mass

8:00 AM

Breakfast

5:30 PM

Stations

6:00 PM

Vestry

THURS

29

FEB

7:00 AM

Daily Mass

FRI

1

MAR

SAT

2

MAR

SUN

3

MAR

10:30 AM

Sunday Service

12:00 PM

Annual Meeting & Chili Potluck Luncheon

Lector 1: Candy Fitzwater

Lector 2: Yolanda Meincke

Ushers: Barb Jorgensen

Kathy VanWie

Chalice:

Altar Guild:

Coffee Hour:

Kathy VanWie


Canon Ezgi Perkins

Sara Pinno-Davis

Julia & Ben Egebrecht

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

Sister Charis, Donna, Audra, Evelyn, Sondra, Steve, Angelina, Owen, Barry, Elizabeth, Jeff, Diane, Linda, Robert, Cathleen, Pat, Caleb, Owen, Tim, Sally, Sarah, Julia, Ryan, Thomas, Katy, Bobby, Tiffany, Alissa, and Peter.



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# KEEPING LENT

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## Local Letters of Encouragement

A special email requesting letter writers for our February nominees was sent out on Tuesday. Please consider writing letters to encourage and return them to the Parish office by Thursday, February 28th.

Inspired by the global mission of The World Needs More Love Letters organization, the Parish of Saint Peter is seeking requests for letters of encouragement to local residents who are experiencing a tough time due to illness, loneliness, loss, grief, bullying, etc. Nominate a loved one to receive a bundle of handwritten letters of encouragement by submitting a brief description of who your nominee is, what they mean to you, and an explanation of their situation, along with your contact information to the parish office at [mandy@stpetersripon.com](mailto:mandy@stpetersripon.com) or by mail to 217 Houston Street, Ripon, WI Attn: Mandy Sprague. A second letter-writing gathering, open to the public, will be held on March 24th at noon. A continental breakfast will be served to enjoy in fellowship as letters of encouragement are crafted and bundled.

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## Blessing Box Donations

As always, the parish will continue to supply food to those in need through the Blessing Box located outside of the Parish Office at Saint Peter's Church at 217 Houston Street in Ripon. Dried goods are requested most during the winter months, as they are more shelf stable outdoors during colder temperatures.



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## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesdays of Lent, February 21st - March 20th at 5:30 PM.

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## Mid-Lenten Pancake Supper: March 6th

Join us on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00 PM after the Stations of the Cross for Saint Peter's Mid-Lenten Pancake Supper. Bob, Clyde, Andrew, Mike, & Sarah G. will be cooking on the griddle that evening to offer a fellowship meal. There will be a basket to put monetary donations to help offset costs for the meal, for those that wish to contribute. No sign-up necessary, but if you know you will be attending, please contact Sarah Geisthardt so our volunteers have an idea of numbers for this meal.

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## Lenten Acts of Love

This year for Lent, the Parish of Saint Peter encourages you to take on its acts of kindness challenge. Use this season of self-examination and reflection to make positive changes in yourself and in the Ripon community in Jesus' name. One challenge per day will be posted on Saint Peter's social media accounts (@StPetersRipon). Follow along or choose to go at your own pace by purchasing the Lent Acts of Love challenge decks available through the parish office for \$5 a piece. Included in this deck are 45 opportunities to take deliberate, positive action to change the community for the better!

- Choose one act of love to complete each day during the Lenten season.
- Upon completing your daily task, give that card to someone else and encourage them to complete that act of kindness.
- Share your experience completing your Lenten Acts of Love with us on social media.

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## Lenten Madness

Engage in Forward Movement's Lenten Madness celebration - a head-to-head competition to get to know the saints better. The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket, battling for the top slot which will earn them the Golden Halo! Follow the Parish of Saint Peter on social media to participate in this fun Lenten tradition.

The Episcopal Parish of Saint Peter, located at 217 Houston Street, was founded in 1860 and is a small but vibrant community that welcomes all to join them in the following of a Christian way of life. Please find out the latest ways that you can engage by visiting their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/stpetersripon](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersripon) and website at <https://www.stpetersripon.com>.













