

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Founded 1856*  
*1343 Penniman Avenue*  
*Plymouth, MI 48170*  
*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*



*Sunday, January 29, 2017*  
*The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

## **Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

**OPENING HYMN: #221** “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

**STAND**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

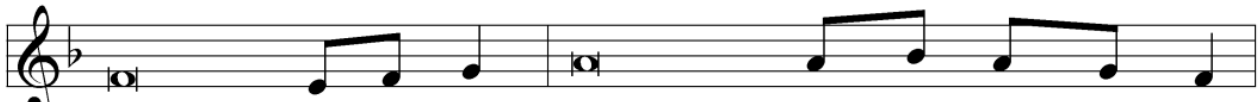
C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Father al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



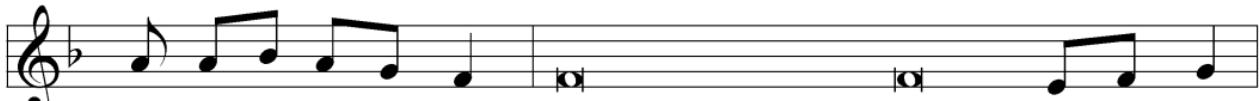
**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



**sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**



**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**



**you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,**



**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON:** Micah 6:1-8

**6** Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,

and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab  
devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 1

### *Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

### *Psalm tone*



Blessed is the man

who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked\*  
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season\*  
and whose leaf does not wither.  
Whatever he does prospers.

### ***Refrain***

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,\*  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***



and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## ***Refrain***

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## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia! (Luke 4:18)

**STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12

**5** Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

**2** And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

**3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**4** “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

**5** “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

**6** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

**7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

**8** “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

**9** “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

**10** “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11** “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you

falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only  
Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down  
from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is**

**worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **GOSPEL RESPONSE: "Jesus Sat with His Disciples"**

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Jesus sat with His disciples on a mountainside one day. As the crowds of people gathered, He began to teach and say:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, heaven’s kingdom they will share.

Blessed are the sad and mourning, joy and comfort will be theirs.

“Blessed are the meek and humble, all the earth to them is willed.

Those who hunger to be holy, they are bless’d and will be filled.

Yes, the merciful are blessed, mercy will to them be shown.

And the pure in heart are blessed, they have eyes for God alone.

“Blessed are God’s sons and daughters, making peace where there is strife.

Blessed are the persecuted, who for righteousness lose life;

Their reward is great in heaven, in the kingdom up above.

So be glad to share My suffering and rejoice to know My love.”

***BE SEATED***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #395 “Seek Where You May to Find a Way”**

**SERMON**

**STAND**

**PSALM 51 RESPONSE** (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**OFFERING**

**STAND**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON**

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

**C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

**M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

**M:** Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**C: Amen.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**



## **THE SACRAMENT**

## **PREFACE**



**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

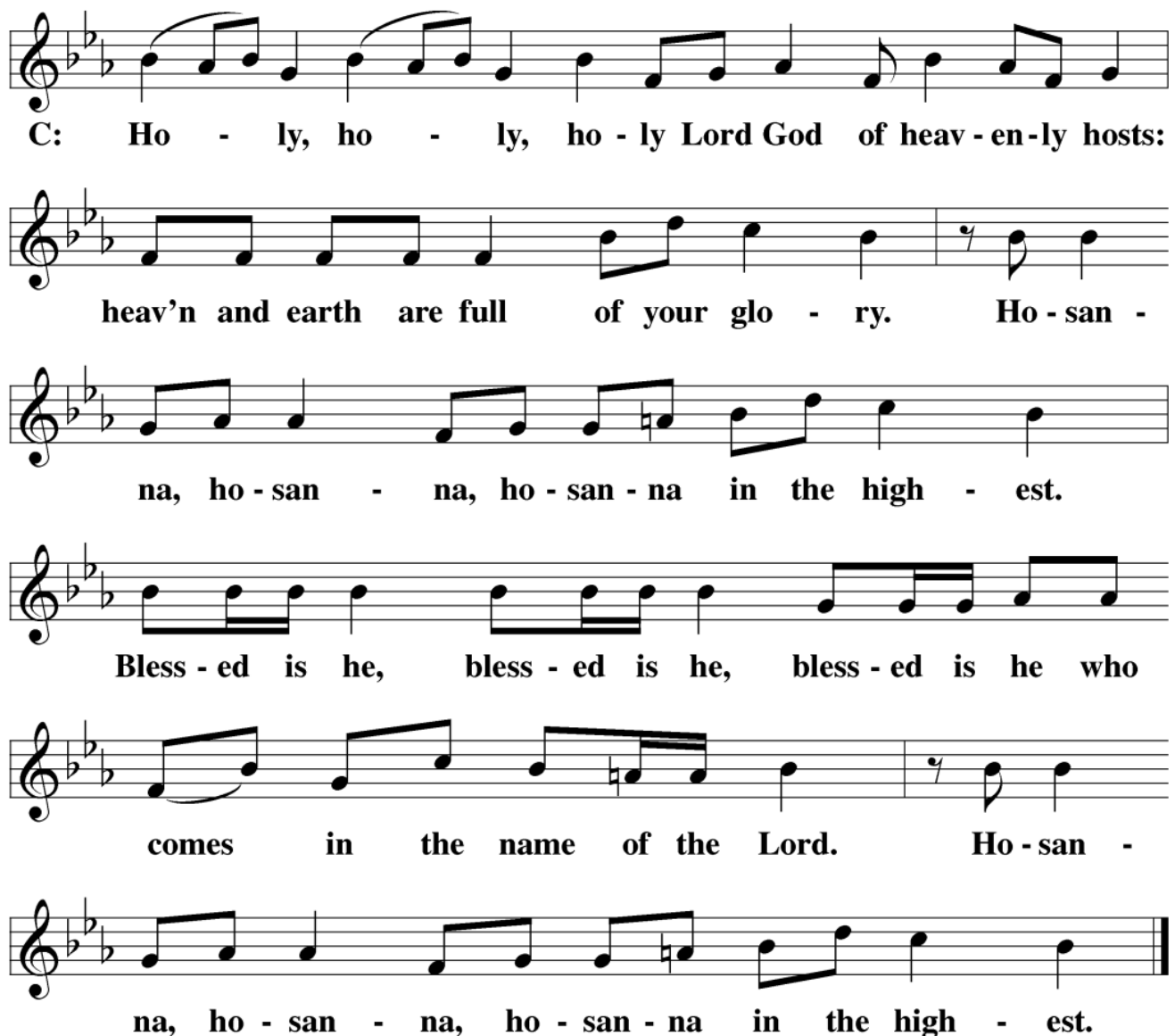
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you

for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

**#383** “Blessed Are They, Forever Blest”

**#325** “How Blest Are They Who Hear”

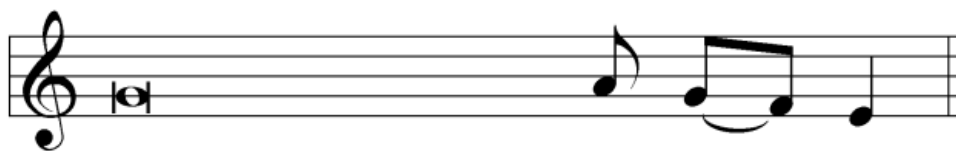
**STAND**

**SONG OF SIMEON** (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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### **OFFICIANTS:**

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistants: Jim Cutler, Ron Bude

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Doris Tomlin

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
- 3:00 PM Robert Obst--Jeannine Ash Wedding
- Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board of Elders meeting
- Wednesday - 9:00 AM Bible Class  
-4:00 PM Youth Catechism
- Thursday - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal  
-7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving next week: Altar Guild –Barbara Cutler; Ushering – Team 1

**Altar Flowers** were donated by Robert Obst and Jeannine Ash to the glory of God, on the occasion of their wedding (3 p.m. today).

### **“Helping My Friend Make the Right (Prolife) Decision”**

Presentation by **Pastor Jim Behringer**,  
Director, WELS Special Ministries

*When the moment comes to “let your light shine,” will you recognize what you can do? This presentation will give you the encouragement to trust the Lord and help your friend or family member to choose life.*

**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2017 **Time:** 3:00 PM

**Location:** St Paul's Lutheran Church (school multipurpose room)  
17810 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48152

Presentation sponsored by WELS Lutherans For Life Of Michigan (aka Redford Pregnancy Counseling Center) as part of their ANNUAL MEETING. If there are any questions please contact Jay Kempf (734 891 9719) or Art Naujock (734 522 7279).

**Join us for Information, Fellowship and Refreshments**

Pastor Schaefer with the support of the Board of Education and Stewardship is beginning a new initiative with the working title of

### ***Plymouth Interaction Committee***

The intent of this group is to explore appropriate ways to enable St. Peter's Congregation and Preschool to become more involved in our community. We desire to increase our visibility in our community and to coordinate events involving our congregation with our neighbors (e.g. downtown festivals, parade, advertising, trunk and treat, etc—let's be creative!). All members of the congregation are welcome to participate in this activity. The liaison for the Board of Education and Stewardship is Rick Carr.

We urge everyone to consider how they can serve by helping with ideas, information gathering, or putting together a task group to interact on an event. A date for our first meeting will be announced soon. Please contact Pastor Schaefer directly at [peschaef5@gmail.com](mailto:peschaef5@gmail.com) or text/call him at (734) 568-5735 if you would like more information or would like to be involved in anyway.

**Today's Christian Women's Retreat** registration has begun. Registration materials are available at church and also online at [www.tcwr.org](http://www.tcwr.org). The retreat will be held April 1 and 2 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Bay City Riverfront, Bay City, MI. Optional activities start on Friday, March 31. The theme for this year's retreat is "The Gift of God is Eternal Life Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord," (Romans 6:23). Our main presenter will be Pres. Paul Wendland, president of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon WI. The password for the online registration is the word **retreat**.

**Lenten Meals:** There is a signup sheet in the narthex, posted by the Board of Stewardship and Education, for groups to provide Lenten meals in 2017. Please consider sponsoring one of these dinners.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**--Please plan to attend these important events. We would like to have as many of the congregation involved as possible.

***SCHEDULE FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 19***

9:30 DIVINE SERVICE

10:45-11:30 BIBLE CLASS

11:30-12:10 CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE (Re: calling 2nd pastor)

12:10-1:00 PM POTLUCK AND FELLOWSHIP (Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share, chicken provided by the Board of Stewardship)

1:00 PM PRESIDENT SEIFERT (MICHIGAN DISTRICT PRESIDENT) RE: Questions about the calling process.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those who needs have been reported.

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