



# THE SHINING SON

**September 2018**

**PETERSTOWN TEC**

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It's a mystery to me how sometimes I can let a little thing ruin my whole day. I was with a group of friends having a pleasant conversation, and I was in a good mood and happy to be there. But then someone made a comment that I thought was hurtful. It probably was not meant to be taken that way, but I couldn't get it out of my mind. I was getting a little paranoid, and could feel those doors closing in my mind, as I subconsciously tried to protect myself by shutting everyone out. My mind kept going back to that moment in the conversation, as I wallowed in my negativity.

After a few days, with time and prayer, a healthier mental perspective returned. Those doors reopened and metanoia (that change of heart) replaced my paranoia.

Paranoia has us feeling that we always need to protect ourselves, that others will hurt us if we show any weakness, and that we need to show off our strength and talents to impress others. Paranoia quickly turns warmth into cold, understanding into suspicion and generosity into self-protection. But we can have a change of heart, a metanoia, and rise above that pettiness and have a spirit of forgiveness and love. The image comes to mind of the cross we received on our TEC weekend, with Christ on the cross with his arms outstretched, showing how much he loves us.

Some of the early church leaders suggested that all of us have two minds and two hearts. For them, each of us has a big mind and a big heart. That's the saint in us, the image and likeness of God inside us, the warm and loving part of us. All of us have that true greatness within. But we also have a petty mind and a petty heart. That's the self-centered part, the paranoid part that turns self-protective and immediately closes those doors of warmth and trust whenever we feel threatened. That's the battle within us. We are both big-hearted and petty, open-minded and bigoted, trusting and suspicious. Everything depends upon which heart and which mind we are using at any given moment.

Jesus invites us to that metanoia, that change of heart, to move toward and stay within our big minds and big hearts, so that in the face of a stinging remark our inner doors of warmth and trust do not close.

**Kim Santman, Assistant Spiritual Director**

# LEAD ME LORD

ROBIN SANTMAN

We meet new friends when we come to Peterstown for a TEC Weekend and meet even more friends when we return to be on a TEC Team or Wheat Team. Perhaps it was some of those friends that encouraged you to make your first TEC to begin with? Some of these friendships may last a lifetime as long as you make the time and commitment to grow that friendship. Friendship, as defined by dictionaries is a relationship of mutual affection, a bond richer than mere association. Friends enjoy each other's company, they express their feelings to each other, and make mistakes without fear of judgement from the other. Whatever friendship experiences we have in life we expect a mutual show of kindness, love, sympathy, empathy, honesty, loyalty, compassion, comfort, and especially trust! Friendship, says St. Augustine, is the beauty of the soul. Deep, long lasting friendships can be rare and difficult to maintain because we are all different from each other and cautious about who we let enter into our soul. Longtime friendships take hard commitment and time in this fast and forever changing world we belong to.

TEC Weekends are also the place we go to start a new friendship with Jesus. Jesus is always there for us, waiting with open arms, for us to make that time commitment to HIM, to be HIS friend. The first Girls TEC Weekend #210 is Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1st. Christ is counting on all of us to "be a friend and bring a friend" to meet Jesus, our forever friend! Applications are available online at [peterstowntec.com](http://peterstowntec.com) and you may print out a copy or use the online version and email the app following directions. Make sure you get a reference email too.

Julie Mahoney Krzyzek is the Lay Leader and God helped her put together a great TEC Team. Please write some WHEAT Letters for the team and candidates. Bake some cookies and bring them to the kitchen Friday night or Saturday. Consider working in the kitchen during the weekend. Call Jill Ross (815-866-6889) and let her know what meal you are able to help with. Attend the Hoot Mass at 5:30 on the 30th followed by the Hoot at 7:00 and Candlelight.

Be a friend, bring a friend...Christ is Counting on YOU!

# TEC COUNCIL

If you have checked out the Peterstown TEC Council page on this website you will notice some new Peterstown TEC Council Chairpersons. The Peterstown Community would like to thank all of the outgoing Chairpersons from the past year(s) as you continue on with your “faith journey” and welcome the new Chairpersons to TEC Council!

Outgoing Secretary - Lauryn Zinke  
New Secretary - Justin Wiggins

Outgoing Liturgy - Brianna Legner  
New Liturgy - Sophia Suarez will be working with Preston Lewis (1 remaining year)

Outgoing Follow-Up - Emily Santman and Anthony Schneider  
New Follow-Up - Madison Brown, Haley Lunn, Dash Burgess

Outgoing Hoot - Sophia Suarez and Sam Becker  
New Hoot - Anthony Schneider and Dariyn Fergus

Outgoing Public Relations - Maria Biagioni and Lauren Maggi  
New PR - Angie Heiser and Lainey Koncor

Outgoing Wheat - Cindy Miller  
New Wheat - Emily Santman and Karen Brandner

Assistant to Jill in Kitchen - Barb Hill

## THANK YOU!

Steve and Mary Kunkel have been doing some extra WHEAT for the Peterstown TEC Program this summer by offering to clean the shower curtains once again. They have been doing this act of WHEAT for several years and we are so thankful for their kindness. In addition to cleaning the shower curtains they have made a generous donation by replacing the old shower mats with new ones for this upcoming TEC season!  
Thank you so much Steve and Mary!

## **TEC WEEKENDS AND TEAM 210**

We have been preparing for this new TEC season and look forward to all the new candidates that will be coming for a TEC Weekend at Peterstown. In preparation for each TEC Weekend the presenting team meets for five Wednesday evenings prior to the weekend. A community is formed as we pray, preview meditations, form friendships, and enjoy some snacks too. All of this preparation will help the presenting team be ready for the candidates on the upcoming weekend.

**The members of Girls TEC Team #210 include:**

**Lay Leader - Julie Mahoney Krzyzek**

**Assistant Leaders - Beth Super, Cindy Becker**

**Assistant Spiritual Directors - Brenda Barnickel, Kim Santman;**

**Other team members - Sr. Victoria Oleka, Alyssa Brooke, Madison Brown, Deb Funfsinn, Hannah Henderson, Dria Kuntz, Haley Lunn, Linda McCabe, Roger McCabe, Bailey Mekley, Alli Stielow, Margaret Vaessen, and Libby Wittenauer.**

**Please keep these TECites in your daily prayers as well as all potential candidates for this first TEC weekend!**



## **LIBRARY HELP**

Deacon Vince's family was thoughtful in donating many of his religious books and memoirs to Peterstown TEC. We hope to set up a small library at Peterstown that includes these books for TECites to be able to check out and read. At this time Peterstown TEC is asking anyone that would have a used or new, small, dark wooden bookcase (2-3 shelf) and would like to donate it let Brenda Barnickel or Robin Santman know. We would like to get this done in the next month or two.



## NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN

Apparently when Jesus answered the crowd's question, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" by telling them that God's work is God's work, they were not satisfied. They wanted to know what to do. Jesus continued, "Believe." (John 6:28-29)

If it were that easy... Doing works of God is an every day routine for us, as Christians. Being an example of God's love can be extremely difficult when dealing with every day challenges.

We invite you to do some of God's work here at TEC. Be a team member, council member, work in the kitchen. We have many opportunities here at Peterstown for you to be a part of something great and wonderful.

The kitchen is looking for help with anything from cracking eggs to sweeping floors. There is always something that needs to be done. No experience needed. If you are not a baker/cooker, there are other things you can help with. Contact me at 815.866.6889 or [rossranch92@gmail.com](mailto:rossranch92@gmail.com) to help out in the kitchen.

Peace,  
Jill Ross  
TEC Kitchen Gal

## CLIP AND SAVE IMPORTANT TEC DATES



Please make sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out on all the fun we have at the TEC Hilton, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Sept. 19- TEC Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 29, 30, and Oct. 1- Girls TEC #210

Oct. 3rd- First TEC team Meeting for TEC #211 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 7- Follow-Up-5:30 p.m. in lounge

Oct. 24- TEC Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 31- First TEC Team Meeting TEC #212 6:30 p.m.

Fifth TEC Team Meeting TEC #211 (pot luck) 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 3 - 5- Boys TEC #211 Weekend

Nov. 11- Follow-Up 5:30 p.m. in the lounge

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## **KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU**

Pray for the team of TEC#210 as they prepare for the girls TEC weekend to be held September 29,30 and Oct. 1st.

Pray for all TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, loss of jobs, and other stressors of life. May God grace them with his healing touch and give their caregivers strength and faith.

Remember all prayer requests may also be submitted on the Peterstown TEC website at <https://www.peterstowntec.com>.

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