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Breakfast with the Bunny & EASTER EGG HUNT!

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9 AM
 Cost \$5 per person. Maximum \$20 per family.
 No cost for children 2 and under.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group recently attended the Reading Royals hockey game and while the Royals didn't win the game, everyone had a wonderful time. The youth also have more fun activities coming up over the next several months. On April 13, they will be helping to host the Easter Bunny Breakfast and on April 19, they will attend the Guarding at the Tomb vigil with a sleepover. On May 3, they will be offering babysitting services (with adult chaperones) to give parents with younger children a chance to spend a night out.



Also coming up in May, the youth will be doing some community service by delivering May baskets. In June, they will be looking to raise some money with a chicken dinner and will appreciate everyone's support! Then just after school lets out, they will let their hair down and have fun camping out.

- Jay Eckerdt

While Lent challenges us to put ourselves right before the Lord our God, Holy Week calls us to feel the love of Jesus through his suffering and death.

It begins with Palm Sunday, a joyous day where Jesus receives the praises of his followers and friends. But the praises are short lived and they brought about criticism by the Jewish authorities who feared the Romans would shut the Temple down and believed that Jesus was not the Messiah. Still, Jesus went to and from the Temple, teaching and healing the sick throughout the week, until that night, the night we commemorate as Maundy Thursday, the night when Jesus instituted for us the sacrament of Holy Communion.

This year we will worship together with our UCC neighbors at their church at 7:30 pm. On that night, Jesus was betrayed by Judas. He was arrested, his disciples ran away and Peter denied Jesus. The ordeal of Jesus continued through that night and into the next day with Jesus' suffering and death.

What began with mistreatment and false accusations, a scourging, more ridicule and denial, finally ended with his crucifixion. Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins. All of this we remember in our worship on Good Friday, which will take place here with our UCC neighbors and with hour long devotions throughout Good Friday, Saturday and early Easter morning. We will go from sadness to joy on Easter morning as we worship outside by the picnic pavilion as the sun rises, again with our UCC neighbors, and later at 10 am in the church. These are great times for celebration and joy, with flowers, joyous hymns and words of the resurrection.

Lent puts us in the right frame of mind to live through Holy Week and enjoy Easter. But Lent is not just a season to put behind us. Rather, Lent, Holy Week and Easter all go together to help us appreciate Jesus' sacrifice and the wonderful gift of forgiveness and salvation.

IT SEEMS LIKE I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...



As a congregation, we all have different and diverging political beliefs and allegiances. This is because, as one might expect, we all come from different families, communities and educational experiences.

I am thankful for all of you who occasionally share your political beliefs and put up with my occasional messages with political implications. We need to be able to talk, agree, disagree, respect and care for each other even when our political positions oppose each other. I am thankful that as a congregation, we have not let politics interfere with the work and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Thank you.

PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings Scheduled:

- Elise Murray & Andrew Dykhuis 4-27-19
- Patricia Ortega & T.J. McCormick 5-19-19

To Be Received into Membership:

- The Philip Grant family (scheduled) 5-05-19
- Michael & Lisa Dausch (to be scheduled)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Rev. Ronald Wesemann	Pastor
Denise Rich	Parish Administrator
Gabriel Rebolla	Music Director
Jessica August	Nursery Attendant
Cheryl Smola	Newsletter Editor

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Please pray not only for your loved ones but also for the entire congregation, its leaders and those listed below as they cope with life's challenges.

Loving and caring God,

We know that you are with us in the times when we are struggling, sick on either an emotional or physical level and in our hour of need when we no longer believe in ourselves. Help us to recognize the depth of your love during those times so we do not feel alone. Open our hearts to feel the enormity of your presence, to feel your deep and unconditional love and to recognize your guidance. We ask that you might ease our burdens as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Dorothy Abrahamsen
 Esther Altmann
 Julie Barker
 Midge Bates
 Marilyn Burk
 Peggy & Mike Burnley
 Lori Burnley
 Jim & Stephanie Bylash
 Elizabeth Casperite
 Michael Cesario
 Jill Clark
 Calvin Clifford
 Harry Cornog
 Gary Derr
 Kenneth Dobson
 Sigi Eichinger
 Daniel Frey
 Shirley Harp
 Richard & Marjorie Kropp
 Peter & Jean Marchianco
 Atea McArel
 Mulcahy Family
 Anthony Napolitano
 Winnie Neiman

Linda Patton
 Sally Peirson
 Debbie Phillips
 Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager
 James Rendi
 Schwartz family
 (Ethan, Martrese, Eric & Julianna)
 Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers
 Floyd Segner
 Gary Segner
 Dorothy Schmidt
 Amanda Smith
 Cheryl Smola (Larry's sister)
 Alexander Steel
 Mary Lou Tate
 Paul Theisen
 Charlotte Twaddell
 Dee Vaughn
 Family of Alan Walter
 Bernd Warner
 Fred Wesemann
 Rita Wesler
 Jo Ann Willenbrock
 Irene Williams

Please keep the church informed about the continued need for prayer of those listed on the prayer list. You can submit names for the prayer list to the office. To initiate the prayer chain for immediate prayer needs, contact:

Pastor Wesemann
 (610) 933-9611

Marilyn Burk
 (484) 341-8463 or
 (610) 517-1147

Debbie Francis
 (610) 495-6585

SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday, June 19, at 7:30 pm, the Wesley Bell Ringers will again be performing at St. Peter's as part of their summer concert tour. The group consists of 16 high school and college freshmen, together with their adult leaders and chaperones.

We will be providing dinner for the group on Wednesday evening at the church before the concert and will need to house the group on Wednesday night. If you are willing to have any of the group stay at your house, please let us know how many you are able to accommodate. You will need to provide a light breakfast on Thursday morning and bring them back to the church.

Please contact Marilyn Burk at 484-341-8463 or Robert Phillips at 610-458-2110.



WHAT IS YOUR GIFT?

God has given each of us talents and time. As Peter writes, "like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4:10).

We each have unique gifts and talents that we can use. God has also blessed us with time. We lead very busy lives, but we seldom reflect on how we are using this time. How might God be calling us, both as individuals and as a congregation, to use our time and our unique gifts to love God and our neighbors? Ask yourself: What are the gifts that God has entrusted to my care? How and where am I using my gifts? How am I using my time?



FEED YOUR SOUL

Midweek Lenten services are being held every Thursday evening at 6 pm throughout Lent until April 11.

A soup supper is shared followed by Lenten devotions.

Volunteers are making the soups. Sign-up sheets are located in Fellowship Hall.

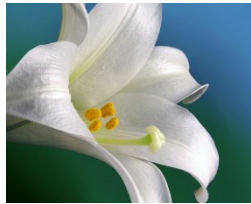


LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES

Ash Wednesday	3/06	12:00 pm UCC
Ash Wednesday	3/06	7:30 pm here
Mid-week	3/14	6:00 pm
Mid-week	3/21	6:00 pm
Mid-week	3/28	6:00 pm
Mid-week	4/04	6:00 pm
Mid-week	4/11	6:00 pm
Palm Sunday	4/14	10:00 am
Maundy Thursday	4/18	7:30 pm UCC
Good Friday	4/19	7:30 pm here
Easter Sunrise	4/21	6:30 am
Easter Sunday	4/21	10:00 am

Easter is almost here.

Help to beautify the Sanctuary with Easter Flowers for Easter Sunday morning.



Potted flowers are just \$9.00 each and you have a choice of daffodils, hyacinths, lilies and/or tulips.

Please refer to the order form at right to place your order and denote your tribute/memorial.

Orders (including mailed orders) must be received no later than **April 7, 2019**. Your **payment must accompany order** and check checks can be made payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

For questions, contact Carmella Venezia at 610-587-8642.

Please note:

All plants must remain in the Sanctuary until the 10:00 am service ends. Plants may be picked up at this time.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Your Name: _____

Phone No.: _____ ENV. NO.: _____

Daffodils	# _____	x \$9.00	= \$ _____
Hyacinths	# _____	x \$9.00	= \$ _____
Lilies	# _____	x \$9.00	= \$ _____
Tulips	# _____	x \$9.00	= \$ _____
TOTAL			= \$ _____

Please indicate individual(s) for memorial or honorarium

In loving memory of (deceased):

In honor of (living):

Flowers are presented by:

- I WILL PICK UP MY FLOWERS AFTER THE LAST SERVICE.
 I WILL NOT PICK UP MY FLOWERS AFTER THE LAST SERVICE.

Please return all order forms with payment by **April 7, 2019**.
 Make checks payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church and mail to:

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
 ATTN: Easter Flower Order
 1239 Clover Mill Rd.
 Chester Springs, PA 19425

Mark your calendar for our FREE SHRED EVENT because we'd love to have you join us.

It is that time of year again to get rid of old documents and more. Please bring your papers to be shredded in bags or boxes and watch them be securely destroyed. **Please note our new location this year is at St. Pauls Lutheran Church.**

EVENT DETAILS:

Saturday, May 4, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH
104 S Village Ave
Exton, PA

HOSTED BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Richard A Henricks, ChFC®, CLU®, CASL®
Phillip A Leshock, FIC

Refreshments will be served.

Drop by at your convenience.

This is free and open to the public, please share the news with family and friends!

NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER



“It is true that we share the same Father with Jesus. And it is true that we share the same kind of flesh and blood because Jesus became a man like us. He died, as we must die. Through His death he destroyed the power of the devil who has the power of death.” Hebrews 2:14-15

April 16 is National Healthcare Decisions Day. A day to educate and empower the public about the importance of advance care planning and to provide the information and resources to communicate and document their future healthcare decisions.

Advance care planning starts with talking with your loved ones, your healthcare providers, and even your friends – all are important steps to making your wishes known. These conversations will relieve loved ones and healthcare providers of the need to guess what you would want if you are ever facing a healthcare or medical crisis. The following resources can help guide your discussions: http://www.caringinfo.org/files/public/brochures/Conversations_booklet.pdf and <http://www.caringinfo.org/files/public/brochures/asktoughquestions.pdf>.

Advance Directives are legal documents that allow you to plan and make your own end-of-life wishes known in the event that you are unable to communicate. Pennsylvania's Advance Directive is available at: <http://www.caringinfo.org/files/public/ad/Pennsylvania.pdf>

Completing an advance directive is an important step toward having your healthcare preferences honored. The following document lists the next steps you should take: http://www.caringinfo.org/files/public/brochures/cc_now_what.pdf

(taken from Caringinfo.org)

CALLING ALL SINGERS

St. John's Lutheran Church, 355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville invites singers to join in the 29th annual "St. John's Choir & Friends" concert on Sunday, May 5, at 7 pm. Spirituals to be sung include *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, There is a Balm in Gilead, Give Me Jesus, This Little Light of Mine, Ain't Got Time to Die* and *Take Me to the Water*.

Rehearsals are scheduled at St. John's from 7 to 9 pm on Sundays March 24, 31, April 7, 14 and 28; and Sunday, May 5, from 3 to 5:30 pm. A light supper will follow the May 5 rehearsal. Music will be provided for the singers.

For additional information, contact Tom Snyder, St. John's Director of Music, at ftsiii@gmail.com.

THRIVENT CHOICE \$\$\$

In March, we received \$15 from Thrivent Financial for a total of \$196 in 2019. We thank Rod & Dotty Frey, as well as Thrivent, for their generosity.

Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars periodically. All designations to our church through Thrivent are very much appreciated.

On Thrivent's website, St. Peter's is listed as "St. Peter". If you have a hard time finding it, Al Burk or John Young are willing to help.

Thanks again for your support.

- Pastor Wesemann

PHOTO WALL


Many of you seem resistant to having your pictures displayed on the church photo wall.

I think I will begin snapping pictures and finding cartoon images that may fit you like I did for Orville March and Richard Kropp.

I would like all of you to be represented on our church photo wall.

- Pastor Wesemann

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4 6 pm Lenten Vespers Soup Supper	5	6 9:00 am WELCA Women's Retreat 6:00 pm Mom's House Beer & Beef
7th Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship-Communion 11:30 am Outreach Committee	8	9 6:00 pm Executive Committee	10	11 6 pm Lenten Vespers Soup Supper	12	13 9:00 am Easter Bunny Breakfast
14 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship-Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Christian Education Evangelism Committee Property Committee	15	16 6:30 pm Council	17	18 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service UCC Maundy Thursday	19 1:00 pm Guarding at the Tomb Vigil begins 7:30 pm Good Friday Service 8:30 pm Youth Group Sleepover Good Friday	20 Guarding at the Tomb Vigil continues Passover begins
21 Our Lord's Resurrection/Easter 6:30 am Sunrise Service 10:00 am Worship-Communion 	22 Earth Day	23 7:30 pm Evening Bible Study	24 12:00 pm Bible Study/Bag Lunch Administrative Professionals Day	25	26	27 3:00 pm Murray/Dykhuis Wedding
28 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Fellowship Committee	29	30	1	2	3	4

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Doug Beck	Arlene Reynolds	Paul Wesemann
Paul Curtiss	Carolyn Schlosser	Pastor Ron Wesemann
Brad Lacey	Michael Twaddell	Donald Wesler
Linda March	Hannah Weicheld	Nevin Woodland
Karil Abrahamsen		

Anniversaries

Kerry & Denise Burnley	36	Frank & Diann Riepen	34
Thomas & Dorothy Kerrigan	41	Kenneth & Joanna Sheffer	28

COMING UP IN MAY

2	6:15 pm	Music & Worship Committee
3	5:30 pm	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
4	9:00 am	Babysitting Services/Youth Group
		Thrivent Paper Shredding Event
		Men Who Cook/Guys Who Grill
5	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
	7:00 pm	St. John's Choir & Friends Concert
14	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
12		MOTHER'S DAY
	11:30 am	Christian Education Committee
	11:30 am	Evangelism Committee
18		ARMED FORCES DAY
19	11:30 am	Property Committee
21	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
26	11:30 am	Fellowship Committee
27		MEMORIAL DAY
28	7:30 pm	Evening Bible Study
29	12:00 pm	Bible Study/Bag Lunch
30		ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Adult Choir: 7:15 pm Thursdays & 9:15 am Sundays
Youth Choir: 11:30 am Sundays
Hand Bell Choir: 12:00 pm Sundays
Confirmation Classes: 7:30 pm Wednesdays

April 2019	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>					
	7	14 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	19 <i>Good Friday</i>	21		28
				<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
				6:30 am	10:00 am	
Greeters	Carm Venezia	Peggy Burnley	Cam Cloeter	Carm Venezia	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Larry Smola
Ushers	Cole Young Kira Young	Christine Reidy Dave Sterner	Carm Venezia	Carm Venezia	Larry Smola John Young	Walter Supplee Steven Hartman
Lector	Mary Eckerdt	Jay Eckerdt	Tom Grant	Doris Sterner	Bruce Hartman	Kathy Hartman
Cantor	Debbie Phillips	Frank Riepen	Doris Sterner	--	Cheryl Smola	Ted & Sue Weicheld
Communion Assistants	Cam Cloeter Karen Cannizzaro	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Karen Cannizzaro Dave Sterner	--	Luanne Skurka Michael Derr	--
Acolytes	Anna Eckerdt	Ethan Eckerdt	Karen Cannizzaro	--	Cross Bearer: Ethan Eckerdt Torch Bearers: Cole Young, Kira Young Acolyte: Rodger Grant	Gary Segner
Altar Flowers	Wesemann	Weicheld Burk (Palms)	--	Church Family		Riepen
Bulletins	Un-sponsored	Supplee	Maholland	Un-sponsored		Un-sponsored
Fellowship	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	--		Un-sponsored
Altar Team	Cathy Wesemann		Carm Venezia		Marilyn Burk	Kristy Young
Counters	Carmella Venezia & Jay Eckerdt					
Bread/Wine	Bread: Burk Wine: Riepen					
Paper Goods	Supplee					

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

*THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF FINANCES
JANUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019:*

Total Income: \$19,362
 Total Expenses: \$27,398
 Total Surplus (**Deficit**): **(\$8,036)**

***To disbelieve is easy;
to have faith is hard.***

- Louis L'Amour

ST. PETER'S MISSION is to fulfill our calling as the Body of Christ. We will be a worship center in the community. We will learn and teach the meaning of God's Word. We will share our Christian Faith with others. And we will support individuals in their time of personal need. As we accomplish these things, we will be faithful Stewards of God's Gifts.

OUR VISION is to be a center of activity and a welcoming congregation of worshipers growing in faith, while encouraging community outreach through various ministries.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE -
By BOB PATTON

Across

- 1. Alphabet start
- 4. Entertainment medium
- 6. Major electronics manufacturer
- 10. Nickname for "Margaret"
- 11. Rain, snow, wind, etc.
- 13. It holds many galaxies
- 15. Golfer Ernie ____
- 16. Make a sad noise
- 20. Steer quickly to avoid something
- 23. Flying saucer
- 24. Speak publicly
- 25. Fashion recalling the past
- 27. Midwest state (abbr.)
- 28. Family who founded Revlon
- 29. "That's one small ____"
- 31. Eggs
- 32. Went to
- 37. Bullfighter
- 40. Midwest state (abbr.)
- 41. "No ifs, ands or ____"
- 42. About, in a business letter
- 43. Period

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Down

- 1. Shopkeeper on the "Simpsons"
- 2. Mr. Franklin
- 3. Method to make movie animation (abbr.)
- 4. One dozen
- 5. Chapter and ____
- 6. Base of a flower
- 7. Expression of realization
- 8. Compass point
- 9. 12 mos.
- 12. Chemical symbol for Arsenic
- 14. ____ hold (control on old 2-across units) (abbr.)
- 17. Ins and ____
- 18. Bushy hair style
- 19. Midday
- 20. Female pigs
- 21. ____ of habeas corpus
- 22. Facility
- 25. Midnight rider in 1775
- 26. "____ Almighty" (movie about a modern day ark)
- 28. Helicopter blade
- 30. Easter egg dye manufacturer
- 33. Six points in football
- 34. Past of "do"
- 35. Brian ____ (English musician)
- 36. Pesticide banned in 1972
- 37. Board game manufacturer
- 38. Chemical symbol for Gold
- 39. Audi sports car model

Solution to this puzzle can be found in the next issue of The Herald.

Solution to the March puzzle below.

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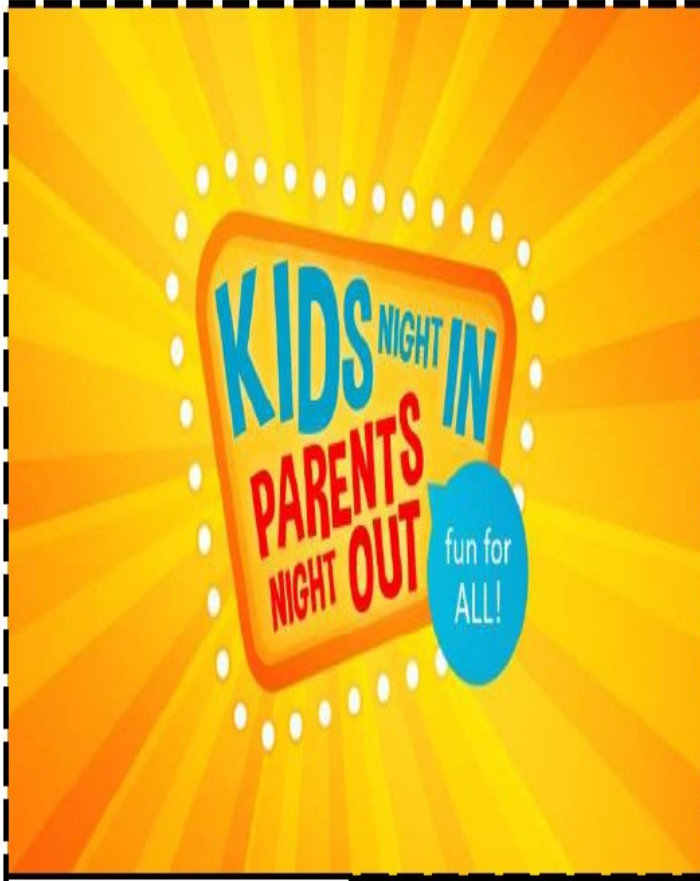
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What:
Babysitting service for children ages 2 – 9. Games, snacks & light refreshments offered. Please advise of any allergies.

Who:
St. Peter's Lutheran Youth Group along with adult volunteers.

Where:
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
1239 Clover Mill Rd.
Chester Springs, PA 19425
(610) 933-9611

When:
Friday, May 3, 2019, 5:30 – 9:30 pm


Cost:
\$10 per child. \$20 per family, maximum.

RSVP:
By Wednesday, May 1, to
office@stpeterschesterspring.org.
Space is limited.

Safe Place Policy adherence.
Handicapped accessible.

 St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Chester Springs, PA



 This is a handicap-accessible facility.