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SOUP SUPPER & BINGO YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER



Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 26 and will continue through March and into April. Lent is often described as a penitential season. The object of the season is for us to make amends for our sins. The whole idea of giving up something for Lent, fasting or doing good deeds for others, goes back to that idea of making amends.

In Biblical times, when men and women wanted to repent and also grieve, they would fast and pour ashes over their heads as a way of showing their remorse or sadness. We all sin; that is not even a question. We all need to repent. How we show God that we are sorry for our sins is a truly personal thing.

I hope that many of you will rededicate yourselves to prayer and the worship life of the church. Every Thursday in Lent (March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2) at 6 pm, a Lenten service with a soup supper is available in Fellowship Hall, offered in addition to our regular Sunday services. There are a number of opportunities to open yourselves to the Holy Spirit, to learn about Jesus and align yourselves with God's will. Please take advantage of Sunday School, Bible Study, outreach projects, property events and

please commit to the support of the church. These are all ways to bring your lives closer to the Lord. Lent is an excellent time to leave behind your guilt and sin and to start and expand your faith commitment.

I was asked by a member, "So, what do we have good going on at church?" I don't know that I gave a real good answer. I was looking for big things like the Youth Group fundraiser, a soup supper and Bingo. The youth are raising money to go to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2021.

As I thought about what is good that is happening here at St. Peter's, it struck me; almost everything that we are doing. Each Sunday after our service, the majority of our worshipping congregation goes downstairs to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy each other's company with a snack. Even the kids gather together, although after they eat, they go upstairs together to enjoy some fun.

Here at St. Peter's, Council & Executive Committee meet, committees meet and we have a lot of discussions. Every church does this, but while we don't agree on everything, we treat each other with respect and work out our differences. And, in spite of running a regular deficit, we continue to focus on how we can help others.

These are some good things that we have going on, and while not cheery or exciting, through Lent we have our soup supper services, regular worship opportunities, Holy Week services and our Good Friday vigil (Guarding at the Tomb). Joyful comes when we get to Easter. It is good for us to be humble but it is foolish for us to understate the realities of our congregational life and ministry. There is a lot that is good!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings Scheduled:

Alicia McGowan & Paul Wesemann	2-29-20
Alexandra K. Opsal & Luke Magolda	3-29-20
Christine Bealer & Tyler Land	9-12-20
Charlotte Jordan & Michel Marron	10-10-20

Funerals:

Virginia Jones	3-14-20
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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
 Glenn Allen
 Esther Altmann
 Midge Bates
 Stephanie Bilash
 Al & Marilyn Burk
 Peggy Burnley
 Lori Burnley
 Anthony Casperite
 Elizabeth Casperite
 Michael Cesario
 Jill Clark
 Calvin Clifford
 Harry Cornog
 Terri Crimi, Lewis Branin
 and Nicholas & Christopher
 Gary Derr
 Kenneth Dobson
 Sigi Eichinger
 Family of Debbie Francis
 Daniel Frey
 Wade Frey
 Shirley Harp
 Marjorie Kropp
 Peter & Jean Marchianco

Atea McArel
 Mike Mazoué
 Mulcahy Family
 Anthony Napolitano
 Debbie O'Hara
 Linda Patton
 Sally Peirson
 Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager
 Dennis Reed
 Schwartz family
 (Ethan, Martrese, Eric &
 Julianna)
 Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers
 Floyd Segner
 Gary Segner
 Dorothy Schmidt
 Amanda Smith
 Mary Lou Tate
 Family of Charlotte Twaddell
 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
 (610) 517-1147



Food to nourish our bodies and words to feed our souls.

Every Thursday evening, from March 5 to April 2, we will meet in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm for soup and a Lenten worship service.

IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING...



We sometimes overlook the work of our young teens. We complain about their noise and sometimes their fascination with their phones and video games. I want to thank some of these youth for their help here at church. Late in January, we had a rain/snow event that left our church parking lot icy and a little snow covered. Caden Reidy, Cole Young, Ethan Eckerdt and Anna Eckerdt cleared the church parking lot with shovels and a broom so that it was safe to walk on. Thank you.

Additionally, Kira Young, Ethan Eckerdt and Cole Young help out in the kitchen most Sundays, making the coffee and setting up the juice cups, filling the sugar and sweetener containers and heating the water for tea. Thank you.

One more thank you for a couple of our grown-up kids. Thank you to Doris Sterner and Cheryl Smola for agreeing to lead the March 5th Lenten soup supper service.

- Pastor Wesemann

Pastor has decided to combine the two monthly bible studies into one. They will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm, going forward.

MOVIES & FAITH GROUP

invites you to view a movie in Fellowship Hall

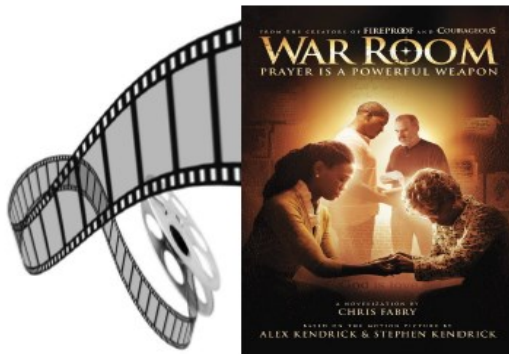
WAR ROOM

Saturday, March 21, 2020, at 5:30 pm

Discussion follows at 7:30 pm

PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee



STILL NEEDED

On Maundy Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 pm, with St. Peter's UCC we will re-enact the Last Supper. Each church is asked to provide eight people to read parts during the service. We currently have four volunteers. Please let Pastor know if you would be willing to participate.

Property Committee Chairperson: We usually have an heir apparent waiting in the wings when we lose a church leader. Not this time. We are looking for someone to take the leadership position of our Property Committee. Maintaining the property of the church is handled by a number of men and women, but having someone to organize the care of the church and property is important. Please talk to Chris Reidy or Pastor if you are interested.

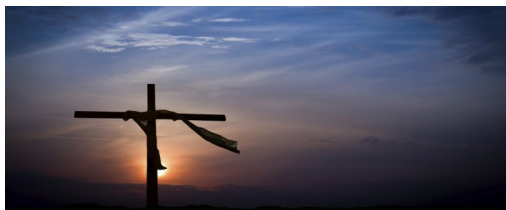
Audit Committee: Each year we enlist members with some financial experience to help with the audit of the church finances. If you are interested in helping out this year, please talk with Pastor or Al Burk.

No Longer needed

Proofreader: Thank you to Elaine Stromberg for volunteering. Elaine was actually the first one to volunteer. Doris Sterner and Carm Venezia also offered. A time may come when they will all be needed.

- Pastor Wesemann

LENTEN SCHEDULE



Mid-Week	3/05	6:00 pm
Mid-Week	3/12	6:00 pm
Mid-Week	3/19	6:00 pm
Mid-Week	3/26	6:00 pm
Mid-Week	4/02	6:00 pm
Palm Sunday	4/05	10:00 am
Maundy Thursday	4/09	7:30 pm UCC
Good Friday	4/10	7:30 pm here
Easter Sunday Sunrise	4/12	6:30 am
Easter Sunday	4/12	10:00 am

THRIVENT UPDATE

Due to the installation of a new granting system, the January and February Thrivent Choice payouts have been delayed.

They were targeting to have the grants paid out by the end of February and they thank us for our patience until they are properly functioning again.



WELCOME SPRING

BREAKFAST

SUNDAY

MARCH 22, 2020

AFTER WORSHIP

NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER



“...the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”

Revelation 22:2

Medications are used to maintain a certain level of health, prevent an illness or cure a physical condition. For example, when your doctor orders a drug for blood pressure or diabetes, a specific level of that drug needs to be in your system to attain the desired outcome. Therefore, in order to reap the most benefit, it is important to understand why you need the medication, how to take it, how to store it and what to expect from it.

Don't be afraid to ask questions because the more you know, the more compliant you will be with your treatment. Consider some of these questions: Why are you taking the drug? How will it affect you? Are there any side effects? Should you drive when you are taking the medication? How quickly will you see results? Do you need to take the entire prescription? Can you take the pill with something other than water? If you have difficulty taking pills, you might even ask if it comes in another form.

Medications do not last forever, so take them as directed and if the prescription is not to be completed, ask about an expiration date. Over-the-counter medications will have an expiration date printed on the box and bottle so check the cough medicine you bought last year before taking any this year. Out-of-date medicine will have lost its strength to combat your illness so check your cupboards regularly and dispose of old medications.

Also be aware of possible interactions that can occur between some foods and other drugs. Taking medication with hot drinks may change its chemical structure while alcohol will change its absorption. With certain cholesterol, blood pressure, or cardiac medications, you should never eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice as it will increase the blood level of the drug and cause adverse side effects. To be sure you do not create potentially harmful interactions, talk with your pharmacist about any items you should avoid.

Medications are to be helpful not hurtful. Learn as much as you can to get the greatest benefit from them.

(Source: US Food and Drug Administration)

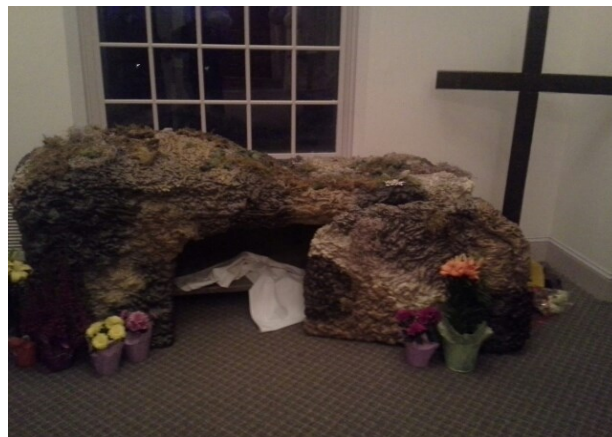
GUARDING AT THE TOMB

Every year, St. Peter's provides a worship opportunity to the congregation in the way of an Easter vigil we call "Guarding at the Tomb". The vigil begins at 1 pm on Good Friday and the church is then occupied all the way until Easter Sunday morning. Participants sign up for one hour increments to be alone in the church and are given the opportunity to walk through various stations set up throughout the sanctuary or to sit and be prayerful and meditative.

If you have attended in the past, the event will be run the same, with one exception. This year, Shaina Hlavac, Erin Johnson, Sarah Schreier, Doris Sterner and Cathy Wesemann and the Youth Group will be helping to create the stations.

We will also be coordinating a sleep-over for the youth in Holman House on Good Friday, who will take turns attending the vigil throughout that evening.

This event is offered as a way to re-connect with the Holy Spirit. If you haven't attended in the past, are unsure about what to do, or if you have any questions, please speak with any of the ladies mentioned above or with Cheryl or Larry Smola.



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday in Lent 8:45 am Music & Worship 10:00 am Worship – Communion – Rev. Karen Sease 11:30 am Outreach Committee	2	3	4	5 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper/ Devotions	6	7
8 2nd Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship – Sunday School 11:30 am Chris. Ed. Committee Evangelism Committee Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10 6:00 pm Executive Committee	11	12 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper/ Devotions	13	14 10:00 am Virginia Jones funeral
15 3rd Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship – Communion Sunday School 11:30 am Property Committee	16	17 1:30 pm Bible study 6:30 pm Council St. Patrick's Day	18 1:30 pm Bible Study	19 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper/ Devotions Spring Begins	20	21 5:30 pm Movies & Faith "War Room"
22 4th Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship – Sunday School 11:30 am Fellowship Committee Welcome Spring Breakfast	23	24	25	26 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper/ Devotions	27	28
29 5th Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship – Communion – Rev. Marcia Bell Sunday School	30	31	1	2	3	4

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Eric Burnley	Nathanael Grant	Sally Peirson
Xaiver Dangler	Steven Hartman	Scott Schneider
Meagan Foster	Shaina Hlavac	Ewan Sharpless
Mark Foster	Ian Kull	Cathy Wesemann
Jodie Frey	Jenna Lacey	Thomas Wright
Mason Frey	Tyler Lacey	

Anniversaries

Dave & Doris Sterner	57
Douglas & Nicole Vaughn	23



COMING UP IN APRIL

2	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper/Devotions
5	8:45 am	Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday Music & Worship Committee
	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
9		Passover Begins
	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday/UCC
10	1:00 pm	Guarding at the Tomb Vigil
	7:30 pm	Good Friday/here
		Youth Group Sleep-over
12	6:30 am	Easter Sunday Service
	10:00 am	Easter Sunday Service
14	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
18	5:30 pm	Movies & Faith Group
19	11:30 am	Property Committee
21	1:30 pm	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
22		Holocaust Remembrance Day Earth Day
		Admin. Professionals Day
26	11:30 am	Fellowship Committee

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

<i>March</i> <i>2020</i>	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>				
	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>29</i>
Greeters	Anna Eckerdt Kayla Reidy	Cam Cloeter	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Larry Smola	Kira Young
Ushers	Luanne Skurka Michael Derr	Bob Patton Gary Segner	Larry Smola Cole Young	Dave Sterner Caden Reidy	John Young Walter Supplee
Lector	Bob Patton	Diann Reipen	Sara Schreier	Doris Sterner	Carm Venezia
Cantor	Jay Eckerdt	Erin Johnson	Cheryl Smola	Doris Sterner	Sue & Ted Weicheld
Communion Assistants	Marilyn Burk Betsy Burns	-	Cam Cloeter Doug Beck	-	Bruce & Kathy Hartman
Acolytes	Ethan Eckerdt	Anna Eckerdt	Kira Young	Gary Segner	Kayla Reidy
Altar Flowers	Wesemann	Walter Supplee	Cloeter	Un-sponsored	Schreier
Bulletins	Un-sponsored	Wesemann	Walter Supplee	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
Fellowship	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
Altar Team	Kristy Young		Kira Young		Carm Venezia
Counters	Carm Venezia & Joe Cannizzaro				
Bread/Wine	Bread: Walter Supplee		Wine: Un-sponsored		
Paper Goods	Walter Supplee				

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

*THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF FINANCES
JANUARY 1 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2020:*

Total Income: \$6,748
 Total Expenses: \$15,680
 Total Surplus (Deficit): **(\$8,932)**

***“If we have no peace,
it is because we have forgotten
that we belong to each other.”***

- Mother Teresa

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. Killer whales
6. Asian country
11. "It's just a ___ he's going through"
12. Wading bird
13. Reverse osmosis (abbr.)
14. Ishmael's mother
16. Chemical symbol for silver
17. Commercials
19. Unrated (abbr.)
20. Article
21. Small amount
24. Language for the deaf (abbr.)
25. Highest card in the deck
26. Course for many immigrants (abbr.)
28. Reagan's Ray Gun (abbr.)
30. All ___ are go
34. Up to
35. Chemical symbol for Tellurium
36. Drunkard
37. Switch position
38. He is ___ indeed
41. Brazil's continent (abbr.)
42. Desert in Israel
44. Tower of ___
46. Wear away
47. Like a quick walking pace

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Down

1. Ms. Winfrey
2. Valerie Harper character
3. West coast state (abbr.)
4. Lent begins on ___ Wednesday
5. Ocean
6. A prince in England
7. Belonging to that lady
8. Invisible light related to heat
9. ___ Ark
10. Gabriel or Michael
15. Wildebeest
18. ___ mail
20. Stories
22. Washington ___
23. Celebratory
27. ___ Peter
28. Rock
29. Small eatery
31. ___ or no
32. Main character in Exodus
33. Corn ___
38. Color of most fire engines
39. Outgoing tide
40. Real estate seller's group (abbr.)
43. Opposite of stop
45. Prefix meaning "two"

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

Solution to the February puzzle below.

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Flowers are \$9.00 each

(Choices are Florist Mums, Hyacinths, Lilies or Tulips)

Please use the order form on the reverse side and denote your tribute or memorial.

Orders (including mailed orders) must be received no later than **March 22, 2020**.

Payment must accompany order

(Please make checks payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church)

For questions, please contact Carmella Venezia at 610-323-0897.

Please note: All plants must remain in the Sanctuary until the last service ends. Plants may be picked up at this time.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

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Phone No.: _____ ENV. NO.: _____

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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:

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Please return all order forms with payment by **March 22, 2020**.
 Make checks payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church and mail to:

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 ATTN: Easter Flower Order
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