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“Alleluia! He is Risen!”

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Easter Sunday

April 1st

Easter Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 7:30 & 10:45 a.m. We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with Holy Communion, festive hymns and music, and the story of the empty tomb.

Easter Sunday Family Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with Holy Communion, festive hymns and music, and the story of the empty tomb, offered in an interactive way involving the congregation and our children.

New Day Worship in the Family Life Center at 10:45 a.m. The New Day Praise Band will help lead the community in festive music as we celebrate the Lord’s resurrection. Special music will enhance the morning as well as images and video. The focus will be toward the transformation of death into life and our Lord’s presence in our lives now and always.



Easter Season Sermon Series

In the season of Easter the pastoral staff will offer a six-week sermon series on the Six Core Values that have been the formative values in the crafting of the draft of the Mission Statement being proposed to the congregation for consideration. See page 5 for the details of the first four Sundays of the series.

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April Worship Schedule



Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m.

-- *Pastor Sarah Preaches*

Family Service of Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig Preaches*

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Sarah Preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig Preaches*

Sunday, April 8: *The Second Sunday of Easter*

New Day Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Traditional Service of the Word at 8:00 a.m., Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Vicar Pal preaches*

Sunday, April 15: *The Third Sunday of Easter*

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m., Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Sunday, April 22: *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

New Day Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Service of the Word at 8:00 a.m., Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Sunday, April 29: *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Senior High Recognition Sunday

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m., Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Sister Dottie preaches*

New Day Praise Service



New Day Praise service meets every Sunday at 10:45 in the Family Life Center. A service to take note:

April 1: Easter service will include musical leadership by the praise band who will lead you in several familiar praise songs and Pastor Sarah Teichmann will be leading the service and preaching that morning. We meet in the Family Life Center and we look forward to seeing you there!

Adult Christian Education

Weekdays

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — Pastor Ross' Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues its study of the Book of Mark this month, as we journey to Jerusalem with Jesus and his disciples. Please join us as we study the Bible in an engaged setting of discussion and presentation. This month's schedule is as follows:



April 4 – Mark 13:1-37 – Jesus' Holy Week teaching Ministry

April 11 – Mark 14:1-31 – The Plot Against Jesus Unfolds, the Last Supper

April 18 – Mark 14:32-72 – Jesus is Betrayed, Arrested, Convicted and Denied

April 25 – Mark 15:1-32 – Jesus is Handed Over to be Crucified

The class meets Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Café area. Bring a Bible and a friend. Modest snacks, coffee and tea are provided.

Elevate Bible Study — The meeting will now be twice a month (sometimes after church on Sunday for lunch) on an event basis rather than a set time. Contact Jim Moshos for more information at jimmymoshos@yahoo.com.



April Pub Theology — We will be having “BBQ Theology” on Wednesday, April 18th at Dickie's BBQ on Lincoln Highway East across from Rockvale Outlets at 6:30 pm – Adam Lefever Hughes will be leading a discussion on how music forms our faith – see his article for more information. RSVP to Sister Dottie if you plan on attending!

Sunday Morning Classes – 9:15-10:15 a.m.

St. Peter's offers three distinct classes for our adults during the Sunday School hour.

No classes on April 1st, Easter Sunday

Crosspoints (Conference Room)

The Crosspoints adult Sunday school class will meet each Sunday in April with interactive discussion and dialogue around the topics below, facilitated by those noted.



April 8: *To be announced*, led by Pastor Richard Geib

April 15: *The Prophets—Session 5, “The Grief of Loss as Divine Judgment”*, led by Pastor Craig Ross

April 22: No class - Town Hall Meeting

April 29: *“Meet Me at the Flagpole: How Educators of Faith Navigate Public Schools*, led by Jen Sassaman

Faith and Values (Room 100)

This month be sure to join us for conversations about new ministries at St. Peter's and for class discussions about how we search for happiness and joy and discover how spiritual and faithful habits can lead to a full life. ***Faith and Values meets on Sundays, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Room 100***

April 1: Easter. Christ is Risen! *Join us for one of our Easter services at 7:30 and 10:45 a.m. Traditional, 9:00 a.m. Family Service, & 10:45 a.m. New Day Praise.*

April 8: The Lover *When we talk about Jesus, can we explore a little about what love really looks like?*

April 15: The Presence *How do we experience the presence of Jesus in our lives?*

April 22: Town Hall—Join us in the Sanctuary *Please attend to hear updates and information about the ministries of St. Peter's!*

April 29: Current Events *A combined session with adults and youth taking on today's issues from a lens of faith.*

Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Pretz (Library)

Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Pretz will meet in the Library. Each Sunday this class will explore in depth the Gospel reading for that day.

Social Ministry



Lydia's Closet clothing bank at St. Peter's

Our Distribution Day is Saturday April 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Contact Molly Olmsted if you can help out (astaloo@me.com).

Community Meal Day

Our meal for April will take place at Grace Lutheran Church on North Queen Street on Wednesday, April 4th. Contact Jan Gigl or Sylvia Lashley if you can help!



Local Social Ministry Collections for April:

We are putting together food boxes for those who come in through our doors in need. We are in need of the following items:

- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna Fish
- Box of crackers
- Dry Milk
- Cereal
- Cans of soup
- Granola bars



Please place in the collection box in the narthex. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Health and Wellness Committee



In the United States, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). It is observed to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate on how to prevent it. We know that one month isn't enough to solve the serious issues of sexual violence, but we hope this generates prevention efforts.

Sexual violence is a broad term and includes: rape, incest, child sexual abuse, intimate partner violence, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, unwanted sexual contact, sexual harassment, exposure and voyeurism. It is a widespread problem, in that nearly 1 in 5 women in the U.S. have experienced it in their lives, and 1 in 67 American men have experienced it as well.

Anyone can experience sexual violence: children, teens, adults and seniors. Those who abuse or assault can be acquaintances, family, trusted individuals, or strangers. (Yes, the first 3 are the most common).

Good news! Prevention is possible and is happening. Just having conversations, attending programs and using tools to promote safety, respect and equality are helping. So, "Embrace Your Voice" and speak up - to promote awareness, but also to report the assault if it happens to you or a loved one.

The Tanzania Mission Committee

Thank you for supporting our S. Clyde Weaver sub coupon sale held in March. The TMC members hope you enjoy the convenience of having coupons on hand for these delicious sandwiches. The coupons are good through November 17, 2018 (S. Clyde Weaver Stores are closed on Sundays.) We will let you know in next month's Herald the profits from the sale that will be sent to Busoka Lutheran Church and the orphans. The TMC also thanks Thrivent Lutheran for providing \$250 to help defray the costs.



New Members

We give thanks for the new members who have joined the St. Peter's family this Spring. We welcome several families who took part in our Spring New Member class. Please take a look at their pictures on the kiosk in the Narthex and Family Life Center and be sure to say hello. In fact, invite them to something—Sunday School, an Easter service or an upcoming youth event. Everyone was new at one time, and needs a friendly “hello!”

Robert & Abigail Brestensky - 215 Black Oak Drive, Lancaster, PA 17602; 717-435-8866

Bob & Abby were attracted to St. Peter's because of the multiple pastors and services and all of the activities. Bob is transferring from St. Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Annville, PA and is an accountant at Lebanon Valley College. Abby is transferring from Trinity Lutheran Church, Robesonia, PA and is employed as an ELD Program Specialist at Oxford Area School District.

Lauren Hoffman - 530 Candlewyck Road, Lancaster, PA 17601; Email: lauren4517@gmail.com

Lauren is employed as a Speech Language Pathologist with Premier Therapy - Conestoga View and has a Lutheran background.

Peter & Elizabeth Koffler - 438 Butler Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601; Email: petekoff47@gmail.com

Pete and Elizabeth heard about St. Peter's from our website and driving past the church. Peter is transferring from St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Severna Park, MD and is a Manufacturing Engineer with Photonis USA PA Inc. Elizabeth is transferring from Trinity Lutheran Church, Steelton, PA and is a Family Physician at Lancaster General Hospital.

Todd McDonald - 530 Candlewyck Road, Lancaster, PA 17601; Email: flyguy222@gmail.com

Todd comes from a Catholic background and is employed as a Warehouse Worker at 4Wall Entertainment, Lititz.

Marissa Miles (Lily) - 1661 Clearview Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601

Marissa heard about St. Peter's through family members (the Edelman family) and was attracted to the welcoming environment of St. Peter's and also a positive place to be. She works as a Landscape Designer at Fernhill Landscapes. Marissa's daughter, Lily, is in Pre-Kindergarten.

Richard & Jill Mowery - 438 Allegiance Dr., Lititz, PA 17543; Email: jillmowery@windstream.net

Dick & Jill Mowery were attracted to St. Peter's by the friendliness to strangers, the service and pastors. The connection with friends and hopefully new ones are important to them in a faith community, along with a meaningful service and relevant sermon/message. Dick & Jill are retired and Jill is a former Elementary Teacher.

Russell & Kristi Pronovost (Colin & Aydan) - Email: rkpros@live.com

Russell & Kristi are transferring from Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA. They were attracted to St. Peter's by the size of the church, pastors and youth program. Russell & Kristi have two sons: Colin, a senior at University of Rochester and Aydan, in 6th grade at Mountville Elementary School. Russell is employed as an Int. Logistic Analyst at Enersys and Kristi is the Director of Marketing & Communications at Associated Builders & Contractors—Keystone Chapter (ABC).

Wally & Mary Wanzong - 847 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Willow Street, PA 17584

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Wally & Mary are transferring from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Catawba, NC and were attracted to St. Peter's by the music and sermons. They heard about St. Peter's from a church member, Art Grimm.

Finance Committee

February Financial Report

	Month	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$78,434	\$154,649	\$157,798
General Fund Expenses	\$88,647	\$180,745	\$174,859
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(10,213)	\$(26,096)	
Debt Reduction Receipts	\$11,678	\$25,067	\$26,042
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$13,397	\$26,588	\$26,042
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(1,719)	\$(1,521)	
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$(11,932)	\$(27,617)	



Tithe.ly: A New Way To Give



Beginning this Easter, St. Peter's has a new way to give charitably. It's called Tithe.ly -- as in tithing your income as a way to give back to God for all God has given you. You know about traditional giving -- you see it first hand every time we pass the offering plate. Tithe.ly lets you give whenever you feel called -- easily, securely, and faithfully.

Simply visit stpeterslutheran.org/give on your phone, tablet, or computer to give a gift immediately, or take a moment to set up a recurring gift on a schedule that works for you. You can give whenever and wherever as a way to faithfully respond as God's stewards. You can easily control how much you want to give and when, and change your recurring gift at any time. Your contributions will be recorded on your church giving statement.

Digital giving is a great tool for supporting the everyday ministries of the church, and a timely one for when we need to respond quickly to a need in our greater community.

After a thorough search of digital giving platforms, our Stewardship Committee recommended Tithe.ly, which was endorsed by our Finance Committee, and blessed by the Church Council. Tithe.ly has also been endorsed by the ELCA as a preferred vendor for digital giving.

If you have signed up to use Simply Giving for your recurring donations, those donations will continue to be processed. If you'd like to switch your giving over to Tithe.ly, you will need to contact the church office to cancel your Simply Giving payments.

You can visit stpeterslutheran.org/give and sign up to give with your credit or debit card, or electronic funds transfer.

God is active here and now in this place, and we're called to faithfully respond to God's call in the 21st century. Tithe.ly helps us give and serve with 21st century means. Visit stpeterslutheran.org/give and give it a try today!

Prayer Chain Ministry

From Your Prayer Chain.....

DID YOU KNOW your Prayer Chain averages 10+ requests a week? These can be anything from “safe travel and protection” for someone that is traveling (especially long distance), to “good results” for a medical procedure/test, to “comfort for a family/person for an unexpected illness or even death”, to prayers for discernment for an “issue known only to that person” to anything else someone would like brought before God in prayer. While the Prayer Chain does appreciate updates on how someone is doing, it isn't necessary. ALL requests, no matter what they are, are treated confidentially and with respect. April is also the month the Prayer Chain lost one of it's first co-leaders, Joan Ralston, whom we honor each month with her favorite scripture “Be Still and know that I am God”. Psalm 46:10



Poem Prayer for April 2018

By: Janice Riegel,

St. Peter's Prayer Chain



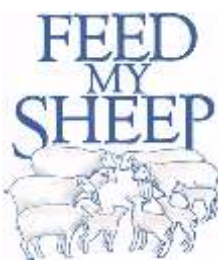
My Special Spring

As I walk along that garden path
Where I played once as a child
I see remnants of the melting snow
I think I'll sit and rest awhile.

The glistening rays of sunlight
Fall gently on my face
They envelop my whole body
Like God's comforting embrace.
I must sit and think awhile.

The blooms of new borne flowers
Poke their heads above the ground
They usher in the early Spring
With a sweet scent all around.
I think I'll sit and pray awhile.

Throughout our harried lives, dear Lord,
where we're pressed to meet our needs,
May we find that secret somewhere
That is quiet and so serene
To come and lay our sorrows, our burdens, and our cares
At the feet of Christ, our Savior,
who with us is always there.



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in April: *Peanut butter; jellies and jams; canned fruits; canned pasta; canned tomato products; spaghetti sauce; boxed macaroni and cheese; instant stuffing & potatoes; canned yams; complete pancake mix & syrup; canned tuna and chicken; tuna, beef & chicken helper; cereal; instant oatmeal.* Food Carts are in the Narthex. Items go to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank. ***Thanks for your donations!***

Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Special Music Opportunities

Opportunities for special music include April 22, 8:00 a.m.; and April 29, 8:00 a.m.; May 13, 8:00 a.m.; and May 20, 8:00 a.m. Other services are available, but these listed here have an acute need. Contact Adam to determine details. Accompaniment and/or pieces to play can be provided!

Barbecue Theology

On April 18th at 6:30 p.m., in a special edition of Pub Theology, we'll be meeting at Dickey's Barbecue Pit on Lincoln Highway for Barbecue Theology. Our topic of discussion will be Food for the Soul: Music and Faith Formation. Take a look at the note from the Director of Music and bring your thoughts and an appetite for a good discussion over some great soul food!

Musical Arts Concert – Saturday, April 28, 7:00 p. m. – Mennonite Children's Choirs

The next Musical Arts concert will be Saturday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. The Mennonite Children's Choirs, a longstanding musical institution in Lancaster, PA present an evening of beautiful choral music. Our very own Kayla Bush has been singing with the group for years and lends her voice to the group. Ten percent of the free-will offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief in response to the weather disasters last summer.



ST. PETER'S LIBRARY IS FOR YOUR BENEFIT!

10 Benefits of Reading: Why You Should Read Every Day*

1. Mental Stimulation – Studies have shown that mental stimulation can slow the progress (or even prevent) Alzheimer's and Dementia.
2. Stress Reduction – No matter how much stress you have in your daily life, stress disappears when you lose yourself in a great story.
3. Knowledge – The more knowledge you have, the better equipped you are to tackle any challenge you may face.
4. Vocabulary Expansion – Being articulate and well-spoken is of great benefit for any stage in life.
5. Memory Improvement – Every new memory you create creates new synapses (brain pathways) and strengthens existing ones which assists in short-term memory recall as well as stabilizing moods!
6. Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills – Have you ever been able to solve a mystery novel before finishing the book? If so, you were able to put critical and analytical thinking to work by taking note of all the details provided and sorting them out to determine "whodunit."
7. Improved Focus and Concentration - In our internet-crazed world, attention is drawn in a million different directions at once as we multi-task through every day. When you read a book, all your attention is focused on the story—the rest of the world just falls away, and you can immerse yourself in every fine detail you are absorbing!
8. Better Writing Skills – Exposure to published, well-written works has a noted effect on one's own writing, as observing the cadence, fluidity, and writing styles of other authors will invariably influence your own work.
9. Tranquility – In addition to the relaxation that accompanies reading a good book, it's possible that the subject you read about can bring immense inner peace and tranquility. Reading spiritual texts can lower blood pressure and bring a great sense of calm, while reading self-help books have shown to help people suffering from certain mood disorders or mild mental illness.
10. Free Entertainment – Though many of us like to buy books, they can be quite pricey. Use your local or **church library** and bask in the glory of the countless books available to you for free!

*From article by Lana Winter-Hebert

Communications Committee: The Website Is Your Friend!

April is a rather busy month at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and you don't want to miss out on a program, a worship service, a devotional, or any other faith formational event. Why not make it easy on yourself and go to our website www.stpeterslutheran.org to find out the latest schedules and calendar events. Check out blog posts to help you plan or to engage your faithful preparations this season. Be sure to check out our Facebook page as well (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster>) for posts about upcoming events or to catch the beauty and joy of a past event. If you have questions about events and schedules that you can't find on the website, don't hesitate to call the church office at 717-569-9211. The office staff will love to hear from you.

Facebook has announced major policy changes, and posts from pages like ours might be suppressed from your newsfeed. Help us get St. Peter's message to you! You may need to check in directly with the church page or edit your newsfeed preferences to make St Peter's a "see first" choice. You can also go to our website and find other ways to subscribe to our content. Thanks for following our page and being part of the St Peter's community!



Groups and Events



ST. PETER'S BOOK CLUB

ST. PETER'S BOOK CLUB's next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. The book to be discussed will be determined at the March meeting. Watch for more information. Our group is growing! Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Mary Ann Frontz if you have any questions.

WELCA will meet on Thursday, April 12th in Room 124. A light breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. with Vicar Pal beginning his program, **Influential Women of the Reformation**, at 9:15 a.m. and ending at 10:30 a.m. All women are welcome. Our April item for the Personal Care Kits is bath-size soap, 4 or 5 ounces, in original wrapping. Also at our April meeting we will have the signup sheet for the Make Your Own Salad Bar which we will have at our May meeting. The signup sheet will also be posted on the Parish Life Bulletin Board located in the Narthex by the Nursery Room door. All women are welcome. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 569-9959.

50 PLUS — Please join us for good food and fellowship on Thursday, April 5 at 11:45 in the Café. Toni Brandenburger will be sharing her Leaded Glass Creations with us. Please bring your own place setting, beverage, sandwich and A SNACK TO SHARE. In May, Alan and Bev Swanson will be sharing their experiences in Kuala Lumpur with us. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 569-7740.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! — The Strawberry Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Janene Oehme at 717-626-6995 or janeneocc@yahoo.com.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE will meet on the following Mondays at 6:30 p.m. — March 19th, April 16th and May 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Janene Oehme at 717-626-6995 or janeneocc@yahoo.com.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION — We will be collecting new items for donation for the Silent Auction at the Strawberry Festival. Items to donate could be gift cards, baskets with themes or an unwanted gift you received that is sitting in a closet. If you have a crafty hobby or skill you would be willing to donate, we will gladly accept. Items can be dropped off in the church office with Cathy Graver's name written on the item. All proceeds are earmarked for the youth trip this summer. The deadline for all items is June 2nd.

Prayers Requested **for United Lutheran Seminary**

St. Peter's rostered leadership requests your prayers for our United Lutheran Seminary (formerly Gettysburg Seminary and Philadelphia Seminary) community. In the month of February, a leadership conflict arose around the seminary president, the Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini, and her past involvement more than fifteen years ago as the executive director of a Presbyterian Church organization called OneByOne. This organization encouraged gay persons to change their identity or resist same-gendered relationships. Dr. Latini's past connection with this OneByOne organization was not revealed to the Board of Directors as part of the call process for President Latini, but has come to light in recent months. In more recent years, Dr. Latini has been a strong supporter of the LGBTQIA+ community and has renounced the reparative/conversion therapy OneByOne practiced. Dr. Latini's involvement in OneByOne predated the ELCA's 2009 decision to fully endorse candidates and pastors in "committed, accountable same-gender relationships." This situation raised questions and concerns about the viability of the current seminary leadership. United Lutheran Seminary (ULS) is a Reconciling in Christ seminary which embraces full support for LGBTQIA+ individuals in seminary education and in rostered ministry.

During the early days of the month of March, the United Lutheran Seminary Board of Trustees gathered to hear the concerns about Dr. Theresa Latini's past work and concerns over communication and transparency within the seminary community. During this time the board underwent a series of listening sessions with various seminary community groups including staff, alumni, current students, and voices from the LGBTQIA+ community.

On March 14 the United Lutheran Seminary Board of Trustees met and made a number of commitments that they see as integral to moving forward. With a concern for the health of the seminary several initial steps will take place including the involvement of pastoral and behavioral health services available to the community, hiring a specialist focused on community reconciliation, and bringing an outside audit focused on diversity, equity and inclusion. During the March 14 meeting the Board voted to end Dr. Theresa Latini's position as President of the United Lutheran Seminary. At this time Bishop James Dunlop has been named as Acting President. His responsibilities as the Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod will be adjusted and shared with staff in order for him to take on this role. A search for an interim president for United Lutheran Seminary will begin in the near future.

For more detailed information about the United Lutheran Seminary's recent decisions we encourage you to go to the United Lutheran Seminary's webpage. The following links will send you to official releases from the board <https://unitedlutheranseminary.edu/uls-board-letter-march-14th/> and a response from Acting President Bishop James Dunlop <https://unitedlutheranseminary.edu/pastoral-letter-dunlop/>

The news about the seminary and leadership changes is hitting the wider news cycle, and we have found this story by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette to be a helpful resource. <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2018/03/06/Lutheran-seminary-faces-leadership-crisis-over-president-s-past-LGBTQ-beliefs/stories/201803060124>
Currently there is a high level of anxiety, grief, and in some places, conflict, among faculty, staff, students, alumni and rostered leaders. Your rostered leadership here at St. Peter's requests prayers for healing, trust, repentance and forgiveness for the seminary community.

-- Pastor Craig, Pastor Sarah & Sister Dottie



Pastor's Letter

“Core studies” is a body of courses that form a foundation upon which specific degree programs may be built. “Core muscles” are those muscles that support your spine, the structural center of your body. “Core competencies” are those key skills that allow someone to fully engage the various responsibilities of a job or task. “Core values” are those fundamental beliefs and principles that guide behavior, practice and policies in an organization. One year ago we dipped our congregational toe into a consideration of the core values that defined us as a congregation. More than 300 of you completed a Palm Sunday survey to identify the core values you saw as essential for life here at St. Peter's. This was the first collective step we took in beginning the process of crafting a new mission statement and vision statement.

Since that time, we scored and summarized the 300+ Core Values surveys that were returned. We had a series of congregational gatherings to allow some information discussion around what those values looked like from a biblical perspective. We formed a Mission Statement Draft Team (MSDT). That team studied strategies for conceptualizing a congregational mission statement, and then created a first draft of a potential statement based on the top six core values that the congregation identified in the core values survey we took. That statement was then shared with church members who gathered for a fall Town Hall Meeting, with break out groups offering critique, affirmation and suggested amendments to the statement. The MSDT then re-gathered to review all the Town Hall data, identify broadly supported amendments, and amend the statement as needed. The current statement that is the product of this nine-month process is:



Building a Community of Faith by God's Grace

The next stage in the process is to start work on the Vision Statement which will begin to flesh out what that core statement of mission will look like in practical and concrete terms here at St. Peter's. Our Vision Statement will seek to inspire our congregation to pursue unique and present ministry challenges which grow out of our mission statement and core values. We have enlisted the help of our church committees to reflect on the ministries they champion, and begin feeding those ministry hopes and dreams to the MSDT for use in the formation of a first draft vision statement.

To help re-stir the pot of missional and visionary thinking in our congregational life, your pastoral staff will host an Easter Sermon Series on the six core values that were the top six identified by the congregation. Our hope is to give you some food for thought around each of these values, in an attempt to stimulate your thinking around what defines our congregational life as “Easter people” ... people defined by the resurrection of Jesus. The schedule looks like this:

April 8 – How we “Love God” by WORSHIPING (using John 20:19-31)

April 15 – How we “Love God” by FOLLOWING (using Luke 24:13-35)

April 22 – How God “Makes Disciples” in our GATHERING (using John 10:11-18)

April 29 – How God “Makes Disciples” in our LEARNING (using John 15:1-8)

May 6 – How we “Love Our Neighbor” by SERVING (using John 15:9-17)

May 13 – How we “Love Our Neighbor” by INVITING (using John 17:6-11,15-19)

We hope to see you often in April and May as we explore together who we are as the people of God in this place and at this time. Until then, I'll ...

See you in Church ...

Pastor Craig

craig@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org



Pastor Sarah's Message

Happy Easter!

The other day I was humming to myself a contemporary Christian tune. The lyrics include the verse:

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

This is part of our Easter promise—God promises that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus somehow all of our junk is wiped clean. Jesus takes away our sin, our places of death, and our shame. With each new day we can rise again with the blessed assurance of Jesus' promise that God is with us, and will be with us now to eternity.

Remember that one of the great gifts that Jesus gives to us is the Holy Spirit, which fills us up and gives us the strength, the light, and the will to follow Jesus' path in our world. How do you experience the promise of God in your life? How do you experience it at St. Peter's?

Mission Statement and Core Values

I hope that you have heard some conversation about a new mission statement for our church's ministries. The Mission Statement Draft Team and the pastors thank you for the ways that you have been part of the conversation—particularly at the Town Hall meeting last Fall. The proposed mission statement is:

Building a community of faith by God's grace

There are core values that are foundational to the truth of this statement and point to the vision of the church. The core values include:

Worshipping Following Learning Gathering Serving Inviting

These six core values speak to how we witness God's presence in the many ministries of St. Peter's and point to the ways Christ is leading us into the future. Recently, the Mission Statement Draft Team reached out to our 24 standing committees and asked them to weigh in on where they see their ministries functioning under the six core values. The committees are also providing input to where they see God's work in their ministry and where they hope to grow in faith.

During the month of April we'll begin a sermon series featuring the six core values proposed for our congregation. Here's a sampler of questions to think about before the series begins on April 8th.

Why do we **worship**? What part of worship most strongly connects you to God's presence?

What does **following** Jesus look like in your life?

What are the ways that God **gathers** us and why is community so important at St. Peter's?

In what areas are you **learning** something new about your relationship with God?

In your experience, how is **serving** an important part of your faith?

What are some ways that God invites you to have faith? Are we **inviting** to others?

It's our hope that this mission and vision work will direct us and lead us to answer God's call in our community. We are excited to see how God's Easter promise finds new life and creates new ways for God's work to be realized through you, me, and our family of faith.

In Christ's light,

Pastor Sarah

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Letter From the Vicar

Erős vár a mi Istenünk! [A Mighty Fortress is our God!]

During the Easter Vigil the Alleluias will be brought back and we will be rejoicing on Easter Sunday that Christ is risen! We have so much to be thankful for in that it is through Christ that our sins are forgiven, not just one time, but for eternity! What a gift! But think back to the actual time of events over 2,000 years ago, and how the death and crucifixion of Christ was first perceived by his loved ones, disciples, and other followers. Even though Jesus had told his disciples that he would defeat death and rise in three days, they initially did not believe it would happen after Jesus was executed (John 20:9). Instead, they were in shock, confused, and afraid in addition to being in grief. We also have Mary Magdalene crying at the open tomb of Jesus, thinking that his lifeless body had been stolen (John 20:11-15). How often did we read in Scripture that Jesus scolded his disciples for not having enough faith and not comprehending his foretelling of his own death and resurrection? Had all of them completely understood Jesus and had complete faith that he would indeed defeat death, they instead would have been happy and praising God upon seeing the open and empty tomb. As we all know from Scripture, they were not. Eventually, after the appearances of Jesus shortly after his resurrection, they all did come around to seeing that Jesus indeed defeated death. Thomas in particular was hesitant to believe in the resurrection unless he was given concrete proof by seeing and touching Jesus' wounds himself (John 20:24-29). How often are we sometimes skeptical like "doubting Thomas?" Are there folks who will only believe with concrete evidence like Thomas demanded?



As we approach Easter Sunday, we will go through Holy Week—the most sacred time of the year for Christianity—to commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on earth. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. Although Thomas did get his concrete evidence, we today rely on eyewitness accounts seen in Scripture, historical records, and our faith, as well as Jesus' own words as recorded in the gospels. Let us all re-examine our faith as the Lenten season ends and Easter approaches so that we can erase whatever doubts we may have. Jesus himself says, according to John 20:29, that *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*

Intern Project

The series of four Crosspoints classes, under the umbrella title *Co-Existing with World Beliefs*, was held during late February and early March. I sincerely hope that those who attended all or some of the sessions found the classes useful and enlightening. I especially want to thank all of the folks who volunteered to partake in an online survey of my project.

Blessings to you all!

Vicar Pal



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From the Director of Music

Feeding the Soul

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

It's that time of year when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and triumph over death. In Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands, one of our great Easter hymns, Martin Luther writes: *Die Schrift hat verkuendigt das, Wie ein Tod den andern frass*. This literally translates to: Scripture has proclaimed how one death ate the other. What an image! Furthermore, the word *frass* is used to describe how animals eat. So, Christ's death on the cross and subsequent resurrection was so powerful, that all sin and death in the world have been gobbled up. Talk about table manners!

For sure, this central belief about Christ's saving death on the cross is of the utmost importance. After all, we do spend 7 out of 52 Sundays celebrating this victory. Lately, I've also been thinking about another kind of eating that happens on Sunday morning, the food we feed our souls with the hymns we sing. Our Lutheran heritage places strong symbolism in the act of singing on Sunday morning. Similarly, we Lutherans tend to give great thought to what we sing on Sunday morning. How can the words and melodies we sing shape our beliefs? Below are some thoughts excerpted from an article by John Witvliet entitled, "Soul Food for the People of God."

Music as Spiritual Nourishment

Singing together acts in protest of the solitary moments in life. Whether physical or emotional suffering, dealing with the death of a loved one, or other moments of despair or lament, singing together sends the message that the community builds each other up. Singing good music together also inoculates us from spiritual disease, for example, religious experience as a candy-coated happiness and bliss. The mental imagination, physical exertion, and sculpting of emotional space that occurs when we sing all play a part in providing our souls with the nutrients they need to tackle the difficulties of life.

Liturgical-musical Diets

We have a limited number of songs we can sing in a given year and a limited number of songs we can collectively remember. Of course, we've been told that a varied diet is the key to being healthy; the same is true of music. We should sing our thanksgivings, supplications, and laments. We should narrate the Christian story: creation, fall, Christ's birth, teaching, suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, the sending of the Spirit and the coming of the kingdom of God. We should sing about a range of Christian teachings: social justice, evangelistic witness, and prayer. We should sing from a range of cultural locations and ethnic communities (in both time and space), to form us in the native language of the many parts of the holy, catholic church. We should sing the songs that form our own cultural identity.

Feeding as an Event

Eating is social and so is singing on Sunday morning. The point of eating together is the relationship, not the food. Similarly, the point of worship is God. The point of liturgy is to enact the relationship we have with God in Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit. The date doesn't exist for the food, and worship doesn't exist for the music.

Liturgical-musical Taste, Liturgical-musical Etiquette

Appropriating food well requires skills, cultivating table etiquette and good taste. We need to try new things, make judgments about theological soundness, and have discipline to avoid simple self-gratification. Frank Burch Brown describes four aesthetic sins that apply to food and congregational song:

The Aesthete – All that matters is that the music be from the masters

The Philistine – All that matters is the translation into practical, moral, or religious terms

The Intolerant – All that matters is what I think is the best

The Indiscriminate – All is good regardless of lasting value or superficial appeal

The Eater and a Community for Eating

Music forges first-person plural experiences. Bonhoeffer writes, "It is the voice of the Church that is heard in singing together. It is not you that sings, it is the Church that is singing, and you, as a member of the Church, may share in its song. Concert music values the proficiency and virtuosity of the soloist; in the context of church and liturgy, the highest value is enabling a group of musical amateurs to make music together.

In this Easter season, I pray that we may benefit from the great victory Jesus accomplished for us when his death ended death. I also pray that we may endeavor to share the feast of God's reign with all of God's children. God sets the feast and feeds us with soul food to last a lifetime and more.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Adam Lefever Hughes

ST. PETER'S KIDS!

Congratulations to the following children for completing the **Communion Awareness Class** on **February 18th**! They were welcomed to the Lord's Table for the first time on February 25th and March 4th.

Sam Gokey
Azhalie Rotz
Kurt Ruch
Roman Kroesen
Madelyn Miller
Helaina Hollinger

Nate Resnick
Grayson Rotz
Rosie Smith
Ella Pfursich
Alyssa Shreiner



Reminder: There will be **no Sunday School** on **April 1st**. We will resume our normal schedule on April 8th.

Mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School!** This year it will be held **July 15-19** and the theme will be **Rolling River Rampage!** Please note, VBS will run Sunday through Thursday this year and the time will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. each night. We are also looking for volunteers for the week Please email Samantha at scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org if you are willing to help!



Sunday School Format Reminder:

Our Junior Explorer (preschool and kindergarten) **Sunday school classes** follow a traditional format. You may take your child to his/her classroom at 9:15 am, and then at 10:15 am, pick up your child in the same classroom.

Age 2/3 - Nursery

Age 4 & Kindergarten - Room #114 (Frog Room)

Bible Explorers (Rotation Sunday school) is for children in grades 1 through grade 4. All Bible Explorers meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:15am every Sunday for an opening. From there, guides (adult volunteers) will lead them to their rotation activity. Because your child will be doing a different activity each week, their pick up room changes each Sunday. Check the Children's Ministries' bulletin board to see where you should pick up your child each week.

If you have any questions, contact Samantha Cuascut, Director of Children's Ministries at scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org or 717-586-0330.



Youth & Family Ministry News...

April 8th – Youth Group Event –CHOPPED! This event is based on the food network's cooking show! We will form teams to create a dessert based on mystery ingredients! We will begin with dinner. Visit the sign up genius site to bring items for dinner.



REMINDER – NO Sunday School on April 1st due to Easter Sunday.



High School Senior Recognition – Sunday April 29th at all services – you will be receiving a form in the mail to fill out and return by Wednesday April 15th. Contact Sister Dottie if you don't receive one.

2018 Summer Confirmation Camp (grades 6 thru 9) – June 24 thru June 30th Camp Kirchenwald- We will join youth from Grace Lutheran and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches!



If you have any questions, please contact Sister Dottie Almoney, Parish Deaconess at dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org

St. Peter's Preschool

Well, the winter weather finally seems to be behind us and we are once again able to get our preschoolers outside on the Playground and on the fields for Soccer Shots! It's a beautiful sign of Spring to see the kiddos practicing teamwork and fair play while sharpening their very early soccer skills. Soccer Shots sessions are held on Friday afternoon, so be on the lookout for the children and their coaches outside. Use extreme caution while driving through the parking lot as children may be crossing to the fields with their coaches.

In light of recent events involving schools and churches, we remain committed to ongoing security protocol that has been in place to consistently provide an atmosphere of security for all the children, families, staff and parishioners in our building on a daily basis. In addition to our scheduled fire drills, we have been conducting intruder drills for our preschoolers in a way that does not impact the innocent trust they have in their world. Our teachers have done an outstanding job in guiding children in a calm, loving, non-frightening manner, while still practicing the carefully implemented protocol which protects them. We ask you all support us in a very simple way: Please be sure to keep all doors to the building locked during preschool hours and Do Not open the door for anyone. It is the easiest and most basic step we can take to ensure the environment is safe and secure for all in the building. Be alert to any suspicious activity in the parking lot or building and report to the office anything that seems out of the ordinary. As a church community, it is imperative that we work together to ensure the well-being and safety of everyone in our St. Peter's family.

Our preschool classes for 2018/19 have again filled extremely quickly this year. We have 125 children already registered for the September, 2018 school year. It's a wonderful feeling to look ahead to a very successful year of enrollment. We have a few morning or afternoon spots still open, as well as some Tendercare openings (for 2 and 3 year olds) in the mornings. It will be an exciting upcoming year for us if we can fill every spot we have available (about 160) It's a compliment to our outstanding teaching staff who continue to do their great work with passion, creativity and dedication. I thank them every day!

Happy Spring everyone!

Lorraine DiBernardo,
Preschool Director
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Camp Corner

Summer camp registrations are happening right now! Pick up a camp brochure and see who is signed up for Nawakwa and Kirchenwald at the camp bulletin board outside of the Nursery. From Day Camp to Classic Camp to Adirondack Backpacking to Equestrian Week, there are numerous opportunities for kids to get outside and learn about God's magnificent creation this summer. Nawakwa and Kirchenwald will both be open Sunday, April 8, from 2:00-4:30 p.m. Take an afternoon to explore the camps! Joy and Lyle Hosler will be at Nawakwa if you want to join them. <https://www.lutherancamping.org/>

St. Peter's is offering \$75 to each kid camper from church and \$100 to each family attending a full week of Family Camp (\$50 for half week). Contact Joy & Lyle (joy@hoslerfamily.net; 717-560-4753) with any questions about camp programming or costs. Contact Sister Dottie for summer camp scholarships.

There are spring activities at camp too! The Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald, April 27-28, is a great fellowship opportunity. Get your hands dirty with on-site service projects, break a sweat with some athletic competition, test your mind though a team engineering challenge, and join in fellowship and Bible study in a faith-based environment. The retreat runs from 7pm on Friday until 4pm on Saturday. Talk with Lyle Hosler or Pastor Sarah if you're interested!



Upcoming Events:

- April 8: Open Houses (Nawakwa & Kirchenwald)
- April 22: Earth Day (Kirchenwald)
- April 27-28: Men's Retreat (Kirchenwald)
- April 28: Work Day (Nawakwa)
- May 5: Work Day (Kirchenwald & Wittel Farm)

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for April

	ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER *both Acolyte & Crossbearer	LECTORS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS
April 1 Easter Sunday 7:30 am	Nico Billoni	Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Randy & Debbie Shue	Dave Mullican, Tom Chever, Dennis Maurer, Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Larry Wilcox	Jenn & Sara Lehman
9:00 am	Ethan Groff	Thompson McConnell	Mary Jane Wilcox Shirley Gorner	Mark, Melanie & Mitchell Burkholder, Nancy Beauregard, Mark & Angela Moshos	Patti & Maurielle Courtois
10:45 am	Stephen Strausser	John Ford	Clint Frontz Janet Roberts	Bud Benton, Andy Hirko, Stephanie Palic, Scott & Kyle Trayer, Chris Shimer	TBA
April 8 8:00 am	Mitchell Burkholder	Ann Marie Steele		Bob Courtois, Gene Olson, Liz, Sean & Iain O'Brien, George Swan	
10:45 am	Jade Miller*	Mary Ann Frontz	Kenneth Benner Jeffrey Pretz	Brian Tolbert, Glen Hauck, Julie Tritch, Dan Beck, Jim & Jane Savidge	Bob & Pam Preston
April 15 8:00 am	Morgan Stuhltrager	Angela Moshos	Diane Gegg Susan Ketchum	Mark Brandenburger, Steve & Diane Gegg, Terry & Marianne Beasley, Ena Marie Banks	Mark & Melanie Burkholder
10:45 am	Nick Edelman*	Beth Glassford		Sharon & Evan Breeden, Joann & Jillian Gorner, Robert & Shirley Gorner	
April 22 8:00 a.m.	Ling-Ling Courtois	Larry Wilcox		Tom & Jean Haus, Jason, Carin, Julia & Nathan Leisure	
10:45 a.m.	David Wolf*	Jim Gotwald	Geoffrey Groff Joseph Weaver	Harry & Kelley Lutz, Thompson, Betsy, Rory & Niamh McConnell	Dave & Lis Wolf
April 29 8:00 am	Cole Troop	Margaret Stigelman	John Burke Bob Courtois	Greg & Sherry Moul, Tom Rothfus, Eric May, Ted Andrews, Brent Bearinger	Nancy Pokopec Linda Siems
10:45 am	Rory McConnell*	Kathy Groff	Carol Esbenshade Mary Ann Frontz	Alan & Beverly Swanson, Greg & Sylvia Lashley, Rich & Ann Larrick	Station Communion

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Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for April (continued)

	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER	AV/LIGHTING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD COORD.	ALTAR GUILD
April 1 Easter Sunday 7:30 am	TBA	Pamela Hoffmaster, Mary Ann Oberholtzer	TBA	Mary Ann Oberholtzer, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue	Nancy Miller Christine Ponti
9:00 am	TBA	Dave & Lis Wolf	TBA	Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue	Kathy Caldwell Jocelyn Kline
10:45 am	TBA	Mark & Darla Cardin	Bill Schlener	Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue	Suk Shuglie Nancy Shimer Lois Vollmer
April 8 8:00 am	TBA	Larry & Sylvia Miller	Tom Badorf	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Alyssa Kerper		
10:45 am	TBA	Dick & Loretta Chubb	David Wolf	Ed & Christina Borkenhagen, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue	Melanie Burkholder
April 15 8:00 am	TBA	Bob & Edee Bedford	Tom Chever	Erich & Allison Deutsch, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue	Judy Wenrich Cindy Blaney
10:45 am	TBA	James & Martha Fulmer	Joe Almoney	Andrea Bear, Alyssa Kerper		
April 22 8:00 a.m.	TBA	Shirley Dombach Susie Roderick	Angela Moshos	Julie Gotwald, Alyssa Kerper		
10:45 a.m.	TBA	Herb & Carolyn Galebachy	Bob Preston	Amy Smith, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue	Sharon Breeden Tricia Hough
April 29 8:00 am	TBA	Christine Ponti John & Kathy Burke	Terry McGuigan	Carolyn Ruch, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue	Station Communion Christine Ponti
10:45 am	TBA	Geoff & Kathy Groff	Dave Tilley	Judy Fulginiti, Alyssa Kerper	Debbie Shue	Station Communion Pam Preston

NURSERY 9:15 A.M.: April 8: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper; April 15: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper; April 22: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper; April 29: Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

Worship Leader Coordinators

Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer: Sylvia Lashley 872-4309
Altar Guild: Betsy Linn 618-9615
AV Room: Paul Berkebile 569-7209
Bread & Wine Presenter: Jennifer Lehman 519-8851
CD & Flower Delivery: Christine Smith 299-0949
Communion Assistants: Karen Peiffer 569-3643

Greeters: Leigh Trayer 271-9268
Lectors: Thom McConnell 581-0068
Nursery: Patti Courtois 898-1898
Ushers: Nancy Beauregard 295-9814
 & Beth Bigler 569-7843
Welcome Center: Mary Ann Oberholtzer 898-7823

April Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient	Date	Deliverer	Recipient
4/01	All Deliver	All Receive	4/22	John & Kathy Burke	Bob & Janet Kemp
4/08	None	None		Margy Stigelman	Mary Kammerer
4/15	JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller	4/29	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Velma Newcomer
	Laretta Stutzman	Anna Wetzler		Betz Lind	Ann Dowie

NARTHEX COFFEE BAR



April 1—Happy Easter! No Coffee Bar
April 8 - Helpers, Donna & Mark Aho - Bakers, Donna & Mark Aho
April 15 - Helpers, Lis & Ann Wolf - Baker, Ann Wolf
April 22 - Helpers, TBD - Bakers, TBD
April 29 - Helpers, TBD - Baker, Lois Vollmer



Thanks to all our faithful members who provide baked goods and serve coffee. **We are always looking for helpers and bakers!!** If you love to bake, we need you. As always, we thank Laretta Stutzman, Ann & Rich Larrick and Tim Fickes for picking up the donated baked goods from Giant. Have questions? Please feel free to send Lis Wolf an email at lcwolf01@hotmail.com

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — APRIL 2018

	April 1 Easter Sunday	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Lector	Henry Stover	Bob Preston	Ben Armitage	Sarah Bromirski	Joel Olmsted
Communion Assistant	Bill Sassaman	N/A	Sharon Schaefer	N/A	Molly Olmsted
Ushers	Scott & Brenna Fyfe	Brad & Karen Ayars	Dave Tilley Peter Murdock	Mark & Sharon Schaefer	Heath & Anna Edelman
Altar Guild	TBA	Morgan Stuhltrager	Robin Schmincke	Ann Fink	Emily & Sarah Bromirski
A/V Sound	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee Bar	Catherine Stover	Beth Soslow	Amanda Sprague	Beth Soslow	Beth Soslow



LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 1

7:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00 a.m. - Family Service & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)

Monday, April 2

Church Office Closed
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room) Al Alon (Room 102)

Tuesday, April 3

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
1:30 p.m. - Rostered Text Study (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. - Clothing Bank Preparation

Wednesday, April 4

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Cafe)
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran Church)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)
7:30 p.m. - Word of Life Bible Study (Room 100)

Thursday, April 5

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Café)
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, April 6

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Saturday, April 7

10:00 a.m. - Clothing Bank

Sunday, April 8

Name Tag Sunday
8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (FLC)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)
4:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)
6:00 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, April 9

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room 123)
7:00 p.m. - Church Council (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room) Al Alon (Room 102)

Tuesday, April 10

Herald Articles Due
1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Conference Room)
5:00 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 11

9:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Café)
1:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)
7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

Thursday, April 12

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Augsburg Alley, Room 123)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)

Friday, April 13

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Saturday, April 14

Just for Fun (Lombardo's)

Sunday, April 15

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

Monday, April 16

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room 123)
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Human Resources (Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. - Strawberry Festival Committee (Room 100)
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room) Al Alon (Room 102)

Tuesday, April 17

9:30 a.m. - Staff Calendar Review (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Intern Committee (Cry Room)
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)
7:30 p.m. - Long Range Planning (Cry Room)

Wednesday, April 18

9:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Café)
1:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)
6:00 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Room 127)
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

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APRIL CALENDAR

Thursday, April 19

6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, April 20

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Sunday, April 22

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center)

Monday, April 23

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room123)
6:30 p.m. - Exultate Ringers (Music Room)
6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (FLC)
7:00 p.m. - New Day Committee (Room 100)
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room), Al Anon (Room 102)

Tuesday, April 24

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

Wednesday, April 25

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
1:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, April 26

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, April 27

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Saturday, April 28

7:00 p.m. - Musical Arts Concert (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 29

High School Senior Recognition
8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)

Monday, April 30

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
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6:30 p.m. - Exultate Ringers (Music Room)
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (FLC)
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