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ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH NORWALK, OHIO

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

THE FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Dick and Michelle Schaffer in honor of their 36th wedding anniversary on March 11th. Happy Anniversary!!

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hessville and their pastor, Dennis Wansettler.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Consider choosing a spiritual discipline for this Lent season. Copies of *A Guide to the Discipline of Lent* are on the table in the narthex. Pick one up to help you decide how you might grow in your commitment to Christ this Lent.

LITURGICAL THEME FOR LENT

Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and cleaning of our spiritual houses. Therefore the Liturgical Arts Team has chosen "barrenness" as the environmental theme for the Lent season. Simplicity and starkness will characterize our decorative efforts this year.

LENT PRAYER STATION

This year's Lent Prayer Station will focus on the Sermon on the Mount. You can use the Prayer Station whenever the building is open.

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

The theme for our midweek worship in Lent will be the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Our service format will be "lunch church" and "snack church," as it has been the past two years. The first midweek services will be March 13 at noon and 7 pm. We will worship in the fellowship hall, incorporating lunch at midday and snacks in the evening.

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP FOOD

Lent midweek worship will be held on March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 & 10 at noon and 7 pm. We will need volunteers to prepare and serve lunch for the midday worship and to prepare and serve snacks for the evening service. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the office.

LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The theme for our Lent Wednesdays will revolve around the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Devotional books for the Lent season will be based on the Sermon on the Mount and are available on the table in the narthex.

2019 YEAR OF SCRIPTURE

Northwestern Ohio Bishop Daniel Beaudoin has designated 2019 as the Year of Scripture. He is encouraging all members of our synod to join together in a Read Through the Bible in a Year initiative.

Our memory verse is Psalm 119:105 *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

OUTREACH NEWS

HOMECOOKED FOR THE HOMEBOUND

On February 24, we made our first delivery to homebound members. We delivered around 10 meals each to 13 members. That's over 130 meals! It's not too late to join our group of meal-makers. Vickie Hemenway will be in the gathering space following both Sunday services to present the program's information. These meetings are for anyone who couldn't make the initial meetings. Can't cook but would still like to help? We need some help on the 4th Sunday of each month to deliver the meals (all in Norwalk). See Vickie if you would like to help.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Once again, we are in need of hand towels, bars of soap, and baby socks for our baby kits. Please place the items in the basket by the elevator. Thank you for all your support!

CHURCH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP

The fifteenth chapter of book of Luke contains the well-known story of the Prodigal Son. As you read it do you feel some frustration and conflicted feelings as the older brother has? Shouldn't good behavior be rewarded? Why should callous behavior be dismissed without consequences? In verse 20 as soon as the father sees his son approaching, he is moved to complete compassion. He does not judge, require repayment or apology. He is moved solely by his son's return. He doles out grace as lavishly as his son squandered his wealth. He lets go of his measuring his son's worth as a "good" steward and cultivates worth rooted in unconditional love. What would happen in our homes, our church, ourselves if we let go of our fear of not being enough and cultivated the grace shown in this chapter of the book of Luke? How might your stewardship practices become expression of abundant generosity?

CDNS MALLEY'S CANDY

It is Malley's Easter Candy Time. Orders can be made now thru March 17th. Forms are in the narthex or you can order on line at:

<https://malleys.com/fundraising/campaign/christian-day-nursery-25>. This is a Christian Day Nursery School Fundraiser. The profits help us purchase worn out and broken toys and equipment. Thank you for all your support.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

If you would like to receive the monthly Youth Group newsletter in the mail, please contact Leslie at leslie.spettel@gmail.com

We are officially preparing for the Soup and Silent Auction on March 31st. If you are a youth and are planning on going to the 2021 Youth Gathering, please be ready to participate. The sign-up sheet for soup, cake, and baskets are located on the Youth Board.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want the pastor to visit you, call the church office or the pastor's cell phone (419-602-9405). Please do not rely on the hospital to notify her.

MONTHLY REPORTS

You will find all the year-to-date monthly reports in the narthex. This will include committees, council, CDNS and financial reports.

SIGN UPDATE

We are presently waiting for the city zoning board to approve the construction of our electronic sign. When approval is received, we will begin soliciting donations and pledges from the congregation and construction on the sign will begin.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme for this VBS this year is "Miraculous Mission, The Creation, God's Promise Christmas Story Resurrection." We are looking for teachers and anyone who might be willing to help this year. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Silcox, Sandy Reitzel or the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S SPRING RETREAT

MEN! Set your calendars to April 13, 2019 for our inaugural Men's Day at St. Pete. We are planning on a day's worth of information, prayer and Christian brotherhood for all who attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you there!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – MARCH 10

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Sr. Youth Group – Youth Room

MONDAY – MARCH 11

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Executive Committee – Room 206
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

TUESDAY – MARCH 12

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Bells – Room 206
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir – Balcony

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 13

12:00 p.m. Lent Worship – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Lent – Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY – MARCH 14

7:00 p.m. Church Council – Room 206

FRIDAY – MARCH 15

4:30 p.m. Daisy Troop – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

SATURDAY – MARCH 16

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 17

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
4:30 p.m. Northside 4H – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Committee – Room 206

*Announcements are due by noon on Wednesday.
Room assignments are made by Pastor Ann and Marty*

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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The 10:30 Sunday Service is always broadcast live on WLKR 95.3 or livestream at wlkr.northcoastnow.com