

## WEEKLY PARISH PUBLISHER

March 17 – March 24, 2019

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NORWALK, OHIO

### THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

#### THE FLOWERS

- The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by The Gus & Karen Hoffman Family in honor of their son and brother, Kevin Hoffman's birthday on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The roses at the lectern are given to the glory of God by Ed McClendon in celebration of Kathy McClendon's birthday on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember Living in Faith Together (LIFT) Ecumenical Worshipping Community in Fremont and their pastor Scott Mauch.

### 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 Lenten prayer station will focus on the Sermon on the Mount. You are invited to use the prayer station whenever the building is open.

#### LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

This Wednesday's worship will focus on Matthew 5:17-48. Worship is at noon and 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served at noon and snacks at 7 p.m. Please join us!

#### LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP FOOD

We will need volunteers to prepare and serve lunch for the midday worship on April 3 & 10 and to prepare and serve snacks for the evening service on March 20, April 3 & 10. 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.

### 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

Today is the last day to order candy for the CDNS Malley's Chocolate Fundraiser. 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 to replace worn out and broken toys and equipment. Thank you for all your support.

#### SOUP & SILENT AUCTION

The Youth are gearing up to bring you our annual Soup and Silent Auction on March 31st! Tickets our \$6.00 and will be sold before and after church services leading up to the event! If you are able to provide a roaster of soup, please sign up at the Bulletin Board with the soup you can provide.

We already have some great items ready for the auction!  
Can't wait to see you all there!

### **NEW FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES**

The Fellowship Committee is considering a couple of new activities later this summer. 1. Murder Mystery Dinner Cruise. 2. The Escape Room. 3. Mansfield Playhouse. There is a signup sheet to see how many people would be interested in any of these events. There is no obligation by signing up, we are just trying to get an idea of interest. The cost and details for the events are posted with the sign-up sheet.

### **EASTER TULIP & LILY ORDERS**

We are now taking orders for Easter Tulip & Lilies. You can either purchase the flowers or make a donation to the Blessing Box or Lutheran World Hunger. Orders will be taken until April 1. Order forms can be found in the weekly bulletins and on the information table in the narthex.

### **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 1-DAY 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!

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Here is a list of upcoming Committee meetings. We welcome new participants.

April 4 @ 7 pm:

Concerns, Fellowship

April 4 @ 7:30 pm:

Finance, Parish Education, Property

April 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Youth

May 2 @ 7:00 pm:

Evangelism

### **CALENDAR**

#### **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

#### **MONDAY – MARCH 18**

4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting – Room 206  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

#### **TUESDAY – MARCH 19**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY – MARCH 20**

9:00 a.m. Christian Service Day – Fellowship Hall  
12:00 p.m. Lent Worship – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Christian Service Eve. – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Lent Worship – Fellowship Hall

#### **THURSDAY – MARCH 21**

#### **FRIDAY – MARCH 22**

4:30 p.m. Daisy Troop – Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

#### **SATURDAY – MARCH 23**

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Chapel

#### **NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 24**

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

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

**SAINT PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
243 BENEDICT AVE.  
NORWALK, OH 44857

**PASTOR ANN MARSHALL** (419) 602-9405  
**Church Office & CDNS:** (419) 668-2856  
**Fax:** (419) 663-8457  
**Email:** [stpeternorwalk@gmail.com](mailto:stpeternorwalk@gmail.com)  
**Website:** [www.stpeter-elca.org](http://www.stpeter-elca.org)

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Administrative Assistant:** Marty Horvatich

#### 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](http://wlkr.northcoastnow.com)*