

**THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES**

**A SCRIPT OF TODAY'S SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.** Along with this newsletter, we have emailed the script of the service to all those on our church distribution list. The script will include all hymns, readings, and the congregational parts—what is normally on the screens. This is intended as an aid for those who may find the FB Live broadcast difficult to see and for those listening on the radio. We will also make the script available on the St. Peter webpage (stpeter-elca.org) and we will mail it to our usual homebound people in place of a bulletin.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

In our prayers today we remember our mission partner congregation, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Toledo, and their pastor Lori Strang.

**THE FLOWERS**

The altar flowers are given in by Robin and Katie Innes with love, happiness and commitment today and always in celebration of their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

**WHAT'S NEXT**

*We don't know what the future holds, but here are some decisions that have been made and other things that are being discussed.*

**NO WORSHIP UNTIL AT LEAST PALM SUNDAY.**

We will re-evaluate the situation during after March 29.

**WE WILL BE WORSHIPPING ONLINE.**

The 10:30 worship service will be on Facebook Live (facebook.com/stpeternorwalk) and on WLKR 95.3 FM (also livestreamed on wlkr.northcoastradio.com).

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US.**

Gather your family around the computer or smart TV or radio and watch/listen to the service. Participate in the singing and congregational responses. Let us be as together as we can during this crisis.

**NO EASTER LILY ORDERS FOR NOW.**

We are going to suspend Easter lily orders for now.

**AND WHAT ABOUT EASTER & HOLY WEEK?**

We don't know. Bishop Beaudoin made the point yesterday (via a Zoom conference) that Easter is what we call a "moveable feast" in the Christian calendar. That is, unlike Christmas, the date of Easter changes. So if we do NOT have Holy Week and Easter services this year, we can "reschedule" our Easter celebrations for when we are able to gather together again. And remember this: **EVERY SUNDAY IS EASTER.** Even in Lent, every Sunday is considered a celebration of Christ's resurrection. So we have "little Easters" every week.

**ON-LINE DEVOTIONS.** Pastor Ann and some of our leaders are working on offering regular prayer and devotion time for our congregation via some form of social media/video platform.

**AND PLEASE REMEMBER** that even though we are not gathering in person, your offerings are needed to pay staff, utilities, and other expenses that are incurred regardless of whether we gather on Sundays. You can mail your offering in or give via the 'GIVE' button on the St. Peter webpage.

**YOUTH GROUP**

**ALL YOUTH MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.**

**THE RUMMAGE SALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED.** We will plan to hold it later in the spring. *Please do not bring your donations next week as originally planned.*

**MARCH IS YOUTH MONTH.** We still hope for special donations to our youth ministry this month in lieu of some of the fundraisers we have done in the past. You can send in a check or use the "give" button on the website and specify your gift for the youth.

**WOMEN'S NEWS**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

For now, the women's Bible study is still a go. Since it is a small group and in a private home, those who wish to attend are welcome to do so. We will meet on Thursday March 26 at 6:30 pm at Vickie Hemenway's home at 191 W. Main St, Norwalk. We will continue the Bible study from the February edition of the *Gather* magazine. Copies of the study are on the women's table by the elevator. All are welcome.

**WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING**

For now, the Spring Gathering of the Eastern Conference of the Women of the ELCA for our synod is still on the calendar. The date is April 25 at St. John Lutheran Church in Fremont. The theme for the day is "Just Love". More information is coming.

**THE SOUP AND SILENT AUCTION** has been postponed.

**CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ANOTHER DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY SOUP LUNCH??**

At press time, we do not have information regarding a repeat of our Drive Through Soup Lunch. If we choose to repeat it, we will be in touch via Facebook, the One Call, and phone calls to solicit donations and volunteers. THANK YOU to everyone who contributed for this past Saturday's event.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

*The First Communion class remains on the calendar for now.*

A class for first communicants will be held on Saturday, April 18 at 9am. First communion will be celebrated on Sunday April 19 at both services. All 4<sup>th</sup> graders should plan to attend, as well as any older children who are not yet communing. Please contact the church office to register for class.

In addition, Pastor Ann invites parents to consider if their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> grader might be ready to receive communion. Holy Communion, after all, is a gift from God (like baptism) and is taken in faith. Jesus commends the faith of children as a model for adults. Scripture tells us that God can act on our hearts at any age. Therefore, if parents feel that their child is ready to receive communion, they are also welcomed to send that child to the First Communion class on April 18. If parents have questions about "readiness," please talk with Pastor Ann. PLEASE contact the church office to register for the class so that we have sufficient materials for all.

## 2020 CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2020 Church Directory is now available! Copies are on the table in the narthex. If you had a photo taken, a directory is reserved for you and marked with your name. Extra copies are available on a first come, first serve basis.

## FELLOWSHIP: INDIANS GAME

*Take me out to the ballgame!* We will be going to an Indian's game on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Cleveland Indians vs. Chicago White Sox. The game starts at 7:10 pm and tickets are \$35.00 each. The seats are in section 558 between home plate and third base and will be close to the elevator. It is also Fireworks and dollar dog night! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

## UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*Upcoming committee meetings remain on the schedule for now, with the except of Evangelism which is postponed.*

March 23 @ 6:30 pm: Evangelism—**POSTPONED**

April 2 @ 7:00 pm: Concerns, Evangelism, Stewardship, Finance, and Worship & Music

April 2 @ 7:30 pm: Parish Ed & Property

April 13 @ 6:30 pm: The Women of St. Peter

## SCHEDULING

Remember that if you schedule a meeting or event at the church, check with Jennifer to get it on the calendar and get a room assignment.

## HOSPITAL VISITS

**Pastor Ann is still "on call,"** so 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). Do not rely on the hospital to notify her.

## PASTOR ANN'S BLOG

Check out Pastor Ann's blog via the St. Peter website. Or go to [pastorannmarshall.wordpress.com](http://pastorannmarshall.wordpress.com). You can sign up to follow the blog and new articles will be delivered to your email as soon as they are posted.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY – March 22

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion—**CANCELLED**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School—**CANCELLED**  
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion—**ON LINE/ON RADIO**  
1:00 p.m. N.A.—Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY – March 23

7:00 p.m. N.A.—Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY – March 24

**Bell choir & Senior Choir are cancelled.**

### WEDNESDAY – March 25

**Lent services cancelled**

### THURSDAY – March 26

### FRIDAY – March 27

5:30 p.m. NA—Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY – March 28

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion—**CANCELLED**

### SUNDAY – March 29

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion—**CANCELLED**  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School—**CANCELLED**  
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion—**ONLINE/ON RADIO**

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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](http://wlkr.northcoastnow.com) and Facebook Live.*