

WEEKLY PARISH PUBLISHER

March 24 – March 31, 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 Cathe Ritz in memory of her parents, John and Grace Lower.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember the Norwalk Area Churches, their pastors, and their ministry in our community.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

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 6:19-34. 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.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion weekend on April 13-14. Maundy Thursday is April 18, with Holy Communion at noon and 7 p.m. Good Friday is April 19, with a community worship service at noon at First Methodist Church in Norwalk. Our Good Friday Tenebrae worship will be at 7 p.m. There will be no Wednesday worship during Holy Week.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter is April 21. In addition to our normal weekend worship schedule, the youth will lead a sunrise service at 6:30 am, followed by breakfast. All services will include joyful Easter songs and Holy Communion.

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 spend time reading the Bible. Our memory verse is Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

OUTREACH NEWS

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

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!

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion class for all 4th graders (as well as older children who are not yet communing) will be Saturday, April 13 from 9 am – noon. 4th grade parents should have gotten a letter regarding this. If you did not, please contact the church office.

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

At their meeting on March 20, the city zoning board approved the installation of our electronic sign on Benedict Avenue. A fundraising campaign soliciting donations and pledges from the congregation will begin shortly. However, your gifts towards the purchase of the sign are welcome at any time. Thank you for your support of this new way to communicate with our community.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme for this VBS this year is "Miraculous Mission." 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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANDUSKY CHORAL SOCIETY

The Sandusky Choral Society will present their Spring concerts with their "The Lord Is My Shepherd" performance on April 5th and April 7th. The April 5th concert will be at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Bellevue at 7:30 p.m. The April 7th concert will at Grace Episcopal Church in Sandusky at 3:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. Tickets may be purchased from any chorus member or at the door.

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 1 @ 6:30 pm:

Evangelism

April 4 @ 7 pm:

Concerns, Fellowship

April 4 @ 7:30 pm:

Finance, Parish Education, Property

INDIANS GAME – SAVE THE DATE

It's that time of year again! Once again, we reserved tickets for the Indians game on August 2, 2019 at 7:10 p.m. The Indians will be playing the L.A. Angels. (*It's also Sugardale Hotdog Night*) Please mark your calendar and save the date. Go Tribe!!

CALENDAR

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

MONDAY – MARCH 25

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

TUESDAY – MARCH 26

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

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 27

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

THURSDAY – MARCH 28

FRIDAY – MARCH 29

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

SATURDAY – MARCH 30

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 31

Soup & Silent Auction

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Soup & Silent Auction – Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

*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