

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 the newsletter 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). It was also mailed to homebound people.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember Zion Lutheran Church in Sandusky, and their pastor Eric Bodenstab and deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt.

THE FLOWERS

Our florist is closed. Please check the flower chart to sign up for another date.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

WHAT'S NEXT

We don't know what the future holds, but here is the current situation.

NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP UNTIL AFTER PALM SUNDAY. Palm Sunday services will be broadcast online. We will re-evaluate the situation during after April 6, per the recommendations from the governor's office.

WE CONTINUE TO WORSHIP ONLINE.

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

ON-LINE DEVOTIONS. Pastor Ann and some of our leaders have been offering regular devotions on the St. Peter Facebook page. You can also link to them on the St. Peter webpage, using the "Video Devotions" on the right side of the home page.

AND WHAT ABOUT EASTER & HOLY WEEK?

We still don't know. Bishop Beaudoin has made the point that Easter is a "moveable feast" in the Christian calendar, meaning it does not have a fixed date. So 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, and thus we have "little Easters" every week.

AND PLEASE REMEMBER that even though we are not gathered 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 UNTIL AFTER APRIL 6.

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

The women's Bible study has been postponed.

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

DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY SOUP LUNCH

We will/did offer a second Drive Through Soup Lunch on March 29. We tentatively plan to do a third one on April 3. We are limiting participation and soup choices. Vickie Hemenway will be in touch if we need your help. You can also find information on our Facebook page. THANK YOU to everyone who contributed for this past Saturday's event.

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. ***Please wait to pick up your copy until after the stay-at-home order is lifted.***

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 4th 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 1st, 2nd, or 3rd 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.

FELLOWSHIP: INDIANS GAME

Take me out to the ballgame! We will be going to an Indian's game on Friday, July 31st. 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

Committee meetings scheduled for April 2 have **been cancelled**. We encourage committees to do virtual or email meetings as possible. Council members were sent copies of the blank committee report. If your committee "meets," complete the report as usual and send it to Jennifer.

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. You can sign up to follow the blog and new articles will be delivered to your email as soon as they are posted. The manuscripts of the most recent sermon is posted on the blog each Monday.

CALENDAR

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED. FOR THIS WEEK.

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| <u>Worship Schedule</u> Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. | |
| <i>The 10:30 Sunday Service is always broadcast live on WLKR 95.3 or livestream at wlkr.northcoastnow.com and Facebook Live.</i> | |