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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 Johnna and Woody Dail in honor of Johnna's birthday on March 8. Happy Birthday Johnna!

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember St. John Lutheran Church in Fremont and their pastor, Matt Wheeler.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is March 6. There will be three opportunities for Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion: a brief service at 7 am; noon; and 7 pm. Pastor Ann encourages you to begin thinking about a Lenten discipline—perhaps something to do with reading Scripture.

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

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?

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAT TUESDAY DINNER

Celebrate Fat Tuesday (March 5) at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2211 West Perkins Avenue in Sandusky with a "Pancake & Sausage Breakfast" for Dinner. Sponsored by the Lions Club it is a fundraiser for helping purchase a wheelchair van and other projects. Serving from 5pm till 7pm. The cost is \$6 and kids under 5 are free.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

March 7 @ 7 pm:

Concerns, Fellowship, and Worship & Music

March 7 @ 7:30 pm:

Finance, Parish Education, Property, Youth

March 11 @ 7 pm:

Stewardship

April 1 @ 6:30 pm:

Evangelism

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!

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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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – MARCH 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. CDNS Chili Cook-Off – Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
5:00 p.m. Northside 4H – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY – MARCH 4

4:00 p.m. Setup for Lent
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
7:00 p.m. CDNS Open House - Sanctuary

TUESDAY – MARCH 5

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

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6

Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Worship – Chapel
12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship - Sanctuary

THURSDAY – MARCH 7

6:00 p.m. CDNS Board Meeting – Room 206
7:00 p.m. Committees – Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Committees – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY – MARCH 8

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 9

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Narthex
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Chapel

NEXT 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. Youth Group – Youth Room

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