

WEEKLY PARISH PUBLISHER

March 31 – April 7, 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 John and Barb Wagner in memory of their parents.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember Grace Lutheran Church in Fremont and their pastor Jodi Rice.

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 7:1-12. 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 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

WATER FOR TANZANIA

St. Peter is collecting funds to support the installation and maintenance of water wells in Tanzania. All funds collected will be distributed to the Dodoma Diocese through the Northwest Ohio Synod Global Mission program. Donations can be made by marking a pew envelope with "Water Wells", on our website, or through the Tithely app. If you have any questions, please contact any Concerns Committee member. Thank you for your support!

CHURCH NEWS

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. You can pick up your banner materials in 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 sign-up 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

This is the final weekend to place your order for lilies and tulips for Easter Sunday. You can also make a donation to a food ministry in lieu of flowers. See the insert for more information.

LED SIGN UPDATE

On March 20th, the Norwalk Zoning Board approved the placement of our new LED sign. We will start the construction process as soon as the weather breaks and will need some physical along with financial power to accomplish this task. Church Council has approved asking for your financial support in the same format that was used for the new organ: pledges over a period of time. With donations already given and support from CDNS and Sunday School we have approximately 25% of our goal and with prayerful expectation we look to the congregation to fulfill our goal. Pledge cards will be available for those who wish to support this valuable ministry. Thank You for your consideration and support of this project.

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.

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.

INTERNET SAFETY SEMINAR

The Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force will present "Internet Safety Tips for Parents" on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Norwalk. All are welcome to this free seminar.

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!

EASTERN CONFERENCE WOMEN OF ELCA

The Eastern Conference Women of the ELCA will hold its Spring Assembly Saturday, April 13th at Zion Lutheran Church in Sandusky. Registration opens at 8:30, Worship will begin at 9:00 with Rev. Kristine Schroeder of Zion Lutheran Church in Huron officiating. Registration will be \$5.00 for the day, lunch will be served at noon. RSVP to Zion's office 419-625-2112 by April 8th at noon.

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. Save the date!!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – MARCH 31

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. – Room 206

MONDAY – APRIL 1

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

TUESDAY – APRIL 2

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

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 3

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

THURSDAY – APRIL 4

9:00 a.m. CDNS Grandparents Day
6:00 p.m. CDNS Board Meeting – Room 206
7:00 p.m. Committees Meeting – Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Committees Meeting – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY – APRIL 5

4:30 p.m. Daisy Troop – Room 206
5:00 p.m. N.A. Anniversary – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY – APRIL 6

8:30 a.m. Boy Scouts Leadership – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 7

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

*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*