

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES**IN OUR PRAYERS**

In our prayers today we remember Faith Lutheran Church in Bellevue and their pastor Tim Miller.

THE FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by Michelle and Dick Schaffer in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary on March 11.

UPCOMING WORSHIP**LENT THEME**

Our theme for Lent 2020 is **Change**. Midweek worship services and Sunday gospels will focus on the ways that lives change and how God is present and active in those changes – whether such changes are joyful or painful.

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Lent midweek worship continues this week on Wednesday March 11 at noon and 7 pm. Services will be held in the Fellowship Hall, using a “dinner church” format. “Dinner Church” is a casual form of worship that incorporates worship, eating, and table conversations. This week’s theme is **Change of Habit**.

LENT LUNCH/SNACK VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to prepare or help prepare a lunch or evening snacks for Wednesday’s in Lent, please sign up on the lilac-colored sheets posted on the bulletin board. Thank you.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

It’s not too late to start a Lent Discipline. There is still some devotional books on the table in the narthex.

YOUTH GROUP**YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS**

During the Month of March, the Middle School and High School youth groups will be filling the worship leaders’ roles during the 8 am and 10:30 am church services. Youth: there is a signup sheet on the youth bulletin board, and you can see Nick Wenzel if you have any questions. This is our turn to give back to our church, so please make sure you sign up.

RUMMAGE SALE

As Spring is approaching, it is that time of year to do a little spring cleaning. Of course, that means having a place to take all of your stuff. The Youth Group would love to help you out with that. On April 3rd and 4th, the Youth Group will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale. We are looking for all kinds of items from clothes to furniture to household items to tools. Please no outdated electronics or fabric covered furniture. Items can be put on the stage in the Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, March 29. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Wenzel (937) 422-8317

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP

On March 15th the Middle School Youth Group members are invited for Mall and a Movie. We will be leaving the church at 1 pm and heading to Great Northern Mall. We will spend some time at the mall and then go catch a movie together at the theater there. This is a great bonding time for our middle school youth. You can even bring a friend. Please let Amanda Hass (419) 706-2959 know if you are coming and if you plan on bringing someone with you. All we ask is that you bring money for food.

WOMEN'S NEWS**THE WOMEN OF ELCA PUBLICATIONS**

Ladies of St. Peter, The Women of the ELCA have several publications for our use and enjoyment. They publish an award-winning magazine called the *Gather*. The magazine not only has good stories relevant to the times but great bible studies that groups can use. They have a special going on right now for first time subscribers, you can order a year’s subscription for \$9.95. All you have to do is go to www.gathermagazine.org and subscribe. There is also the Café (monthly online magazine for young adult women) and Bold Connections (an email newsletter). These are both online publications and you can subscribe to these by going to the Women of the ELCA web page www.womenoftheELCA.org and click on publications.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on Thursday March 26 at 6:30 pm at Vickie Hemenway’s. Vickie’s address is 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. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING

Mark your calendar, the Eastern Conference of the Women’s of the ELCA will have their Spring Gathering April 25 at St. John Lutheran Church in Fremont. The theme for the day is “Just Love”. More information is coming.

SOUP AND SILENT AUCTION

This year’s Soup Lunch is March 22 from 11:00-1:00 pm. The Women of St. Peter are hosting. The proceeds will be used for Quilt batting, LWR kits, and other women’s projects. We are in need of volunteers to make homemade soup (roasters or crockpot) and 9x13 cakes (1 more needed). We are need volunteers to help with set-up on Saturday, March 21 10:00-12:00 and Sunday (various shifts). Donations to the Silent Auction would be greatly appreciated. Look for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space by the Women’s table.

The menu will include All you can eat homemade soup, assorted breads, cake buffet, and drink. Tickets will be \$5.00, children under 5 are free. Tickets will be on sale March 14 & 15 after services and at the door. Please contact Vickie Hemenway 419-663-4011 for any questions.

CHURCH NEWS**MARCH IS YOUTH MONTH**

The Church Council has approved March to be “Youth Month,” when we are inviting congregation members to make special donations to the youth ministry of our church. “Youth Month” is in lieu of multiple fund-raisers that we have often done in the past. Your donations to the youth will be used for a variety of activities, including the annual Lakeside trip and next year’s ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. THANK YOU for your generous support to our youth! Be sure to mark your donation “Youth.”

CDNS

Thank you, St. Peter, for supporting Christian Day Nurse School. This week we celebrated Lutheran School’s week with many Lutheran schools across the nation. We invite you to roam the halls and enjoy the children’s artwork. Our theme this year was *Blessed to be a Blessing*. We are so blessed here at St. Peter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The prayer shawl ministry meets this coming Saturday, March 14 at 10 am in Room 206. All knitter and crocheters are welcome. And if you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, we will teach you!

FELLOWSHIP

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

Anyone is welcome to join our Standing Committees. Just come to the next meeting!

March 23 @ 6:30 pm: Evangelism

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a special congregational meeting THIS Sunday, March 8 at noon. The sole agenda item for discussion will be the updated constitution. Please plan to attend and participate in the discussion.

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.

LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

The most recent edition of Living Lutheran is available on the table in the narthex. Pick up your copy before they are all gone! Also available in the narthex are copies of the Christ in Our Home, Portals of Prayer, and The Lutheran Message.

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). Do not rely on the hospital to notify her.

PASTOR ANN'S BLOG

Check out Pastor Ann's blog on St. Peter's website: <https://www.stpeter-elca.org>. You can sign up to follow the blog and new articles will be delivered to your email as soon as they are posted.

MONTHLY REPORTS

You will find all the year-to-date monthly reports in a binder on the table in the narthex.

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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 and Facebook Live.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – March 8

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Congregation Constitution Meeting – Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
1:00 p.m. Youth Gathering Committee- RM 206
2:00 p.m. Northside Country kids 4H- Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts PAL- Rm 206

MONDAY – March 9

11:00 a.m. Huron Co. Heath Dept Meeting – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Women of St. Peter – RM 204
7:00 p.m. Executive Committee – RM 206
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
7:30 p.m. Dart Ball – @ Groton

TUESDAY – March 10

6:15 p.m. Bell Choir – RM 206
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir - Balcony

WEDNESDAY – March 11

12:00 p.m. Lent Service
7:00 p.m. Lent Service

THURSDAY – March 12

7:00 p.m. Church Council – RM 206

FRIDAY – March 13

4:30 p.m. Daisy Troop – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. NA- Youth Room

SATURDAY – March 14

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Narthex
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – RM 206
5:30 p.m. Holy Communion – Chapel

SUNDAY – March 15

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
2:00 p.m. Kathy Smith 4H group – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Committee – RM 206