

WEEKLY PARISH PUBLISHER

April 7 – April 14, 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 Gus and Karen Hoffman in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary on April 7th. Happy Anniversary!

WELCOME TO OUR CDNS FAMILIES

We welcome our CDNS families and staff, who will be worshipping with us at the 10:30 service this weekend. The students will be singing in worship as a thank you to St. Peter for supporting this important ministry.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember our Christian Day Nursery School, the staff, students, and parents.

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 7:13-29. Worship is at noon and 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served at noon and snacks at 7 p.m. This will be our final Wednesday worship. Please join us!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP

Palm Sunday	Apr 13	5:30 pm
	Apr 14	8:00 & 10:30 am
Maundy Thursday	Apr 18	Noon & 7:00 pm
Good Friday	Apr 19	Noon @ 1 st Methodist 7 pm @ St. Peter
Easter	Apr 20	5:30 pm
	Apr 21	6:30, 8:00, 10:30 am Breakfast 7:30 – 9:30

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."*

COME TO CHURCH

Come to Church weekend is April 27-28. We are encouraging you to bring unchurched friends or family members to worship with you. There are invitation cards on the table in the narthex and you can view (or re-watch) our publicity video on the St. Peter website. There will be refreshments after all the services and a gift for our guests. Take this opportunity to invite someone to Come to Church with you!

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.

LED SIGN UPDATE

Our new LED sign (authorized at the congregational meeting on November 11, 2018) has been approved by the Norwalk Zoning Board. The cost of the sign is \$48,000 and work will begin soon. The Council is requesting donations and pledges toward the cost of the sign. Blue pledge cards can be found on the table in the narthex and can be placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office. We already have in hand about 25% of the needed funds. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this project over and above your normal giving to St. Peter. THANK YOU!

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

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry meets on Saturday, April 13 at 10 am in the library (Room 206). All knitters and crocheters are welcome!

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!

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Join other local volunteers to build wheelchair ramps for area residents. ACT (Answering the Call Together) is holding a work day on Saturday, April 13, 8 am – noon. The location is 131 North Pleasant Street in Norwalk. You bring your own tools or ACT will provide them.

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.

YOUTH GROUP EASTER BREAKFAST

The Youth Group will be leading the 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service and will be hosting a breakfast following the service. All are welcome to attend!

TO THE YOUTH GROUP

You will be running our Easter Sunrise service and breakfast. If you are in 6th-12th, please sign up to bring a breakfast item (hot dishes are preferred) Sr. High will be meeting Saturday April 20th at 10 a.m. to go over parts. Please plan on attending. If you cannot be there, let Leslie know.

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 – 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

MONDAY – APRIL 8

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 9

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

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 10

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

THURSDAY – APRIL 11

7:00 p.m. Church Council – Room 206

FRIDAY – APRIL 12

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

SATURDAY – APRIL 13

8:00 a.m. Men's Retreat – Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. First Communion Class – Room 206
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Narthex
5:30 p.m. Holy Communion - Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 14

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
1:00 p.m. Youth Grantmaking – Room 204
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Committee – Room 206

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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