

**ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Second Sunday of Lent – “O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate!”**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**March 15-16, 2025**

**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

Confession and Forgiveness  
 Gathering Song #831  
 Greeting  
 Litany (5:30)  
 Kyrie (Sun) p. 138  
 Prayer of the Day  
 Children’s Message (Sun)

**WORD**

First Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
 Psalm (5:30 & 8:00) Psalm 27  
 Senior Choir Anthem (10:30)  
 Second Reading (Sun) Philippians 3:17-4:1  
 Gospel Acclamation (Sun) p. 142  
 Gospel Luke 13:31-35  
 Sermon Pastor Cathy Schibler  
 Hymn of the Day #727  
 Apostles’ Creed (5:30/8:00) p. 105  
 Dedication of the Digital Piano (10:30)

Announcements  
 Prayers of Intercession  
 Peace

**MEAL**

Offering  
 Offertory  
 Offering Song #188  
 Offering Prayer  
 Great Thanksgiving p. 144  
 Sanctus (Sun) p. 144  
 Eucharistic Prayer

Lord’s Prayer  
 Distribution (5:30)  
 Communion Hymns (Sun) p.146, #468,#768  
 Table Blessing  
 Post Communion Canticle #200  
 Prayer After Communion

**SENDING**

Benediction  
 Sending Song #705  
 Dismissal

**Postlude**

**CALENDAR – Week of Mar. 16, 2025**

**SUNDAY-Mar. 16 – Second Sunday of Lent**

8:00am - Holy Communion - Sanctuary  
 9:15am – Sunday School  
 10:30am - Holy Communion – Sanctuary  
 Dedication of Digital Piano  
 1:00pm – NA – FH  
 1:00pm – Youth Grant Committee – RM206  
 6:00pm – Girl Scouts - FH  
 6:30pm – Troop 208 Committee – RM 208

**Monday – Mar. 17 – St. Patrick’s Day**

11:30am – Chair Aerobics – FH  
 5:00pm – Evangelism Committee - Narthex  
 6:30pm – CDNS Meeting - Narthex  
 7:00pm – Boy Scouts - FH

**Tuesday – Mar. 18**

5:00pm – Parent Café - FH  
 6:15pm – Bell Choir – RM 206  
 6:30pm – Cub Scouts – FH & RM 104  
 7:00pm – Transition Team – RM 206  
 7:30pm – Senior Choir

**Wednesday – Mar. 19**

9:30am – Christian Service - FH  
 11:30am – Chair Aerobics – FH  
 6:00pm – Lenten Midweek Wayside Table - FH

**Thursday – Mar. 20**

6:30pm – Restaurant Takeover at Fathead’s  
 7:00pm – Eagle Scouts – RM 206

**Friday – Mar. 21 - Church Office Closed**

5:00pm – NA – FH (Coming in early at 5:00pm)

**Saturday - Mar. 22**

10:00am – 4:00pm – Private Party - FH  
 5:30pm – Holy Communion – Sanctuary

**Sunday - Mar. 23 – Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00am – Holy Communion – Sanctuary  
 9:15am – Sunday School  
 9:15am – 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team – RM 206  
 10:30am – Holy Communion – Sanctuary  
 11:30am – Homebound/Homecook  
 1:00pm – NA – Fellowship Hall  
 4:00pm – Confirmation - FH  
 6:00pm – Girl Scouts - FH  
 6:30pm – Troop 208 Committee – RM 206

**Our Mission:** Making Christ known by loving and serving others.  
**Our Vision:** A community where faith is formed and all people are loved, cared for, and valued as children of God.  
**Our Core Values:** Teaching, Learning, & Sharing Jesus:  
Children, Youth, Families; Quality Worship; Sharing Our Resources.

### **\*\*\* INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY \*\*\***

If Huron County is under a Level 2 Snow Advisory, church services will be cancelled. A notice will be posted on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/stpeternorwalk](https://facebook.com/stpeternorwalk) which is automatically updated to the homepage of our website at [www.stpeter-elca.org](http://www.stpeter-elca.org). If you are still in doubt, please call our Church Council President, Gloria Setzler at 567-424-6899 (landline) or 843-368-9427 (cell).

If you would like to receive message alerts from Huron County Emergency Management Agency, go to [www.huroncountyema.com](http://www.huroncountyema.com) and click on "Alerts". Enter your name, phone number, email address and how you wish to be alerted.

### **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP**

#### **TODAY'S WORSHIP NOTES**

Welcome Pastor Cathy Schibler! This weekend, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. The 10:30am service is broadcast on WLKR 95.3 and can be viewed on our Facebook page.

#### **LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES**

We have learned that Yvonne Claus was "under the weather" last weekend and was unable to attend her reception as a returning member of the congregation. We hope she is feeling better!

#### **From our Interim Pastors, Pastor Cathy Schibler and Pastor Phil Gardner:**

Please bear with us as we work through some changes to the liturgy that will be taking place during this transition period. We will do our best to communicate any major changes to the Congregation. We appreciate everyone's patience during this time. May our worship always please our loving and merciful God. Thank you!

#### **TODAY'S SCRIPT AND BULLETIN**

Today's script and bulletin are available on the St. Peter webpage ([stpeter-elca.org](http://stpeter-elca.org)). Click on "Script" or "Bulletin" on our homepage under "Quick Links".

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Today we pray for St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Fremont and Maureen Pump (S.A.M.). We also pray for our church during this time of transition, as we search for a new pastor.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers were given by Richard & Michelle Schaffer in honor of their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the 2025 calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are interested in dedicating the altar flowers and please note the occasion. The price is \$40.00. Flowers may be picked up before noon on Sunday or Monday during office hours.

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

This month's Altar Guild servants are Cindy Thayer and Shirley Silcox.

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

During the 40 days of Lent, the Liturgical Arts displays will be simpler and starker. The color for the season is purple. You may also see subtle signs of our Lenten theme: Compassion.

## **CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

Please help yourself to the Lenten Devotionals and "Lent in a Bag" on the table in the narthex by the main entrance. One per family, please.

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

There will be a First Communion class on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon for children in Grades 3-4. If your child is ready to take this class, please call the office with your child's information.

### **UPCOMING RESTAURANT TAKEOVERS**

Be sure to take a peek at the upcoming dates and restaurants on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

The next Women's Daytime Bible Study will meet Thurs., April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the library.

The next Men's Bible Study will meet Sat., April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am in the narthex.

The next Women's Evening Bible Study will be Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Jana Fehlan's home located at 20270 State Route 511 in Wellington. Anyone who would like to carpool from Norwalk should meet at the church at 5:30pm. Please bring a side dish to share. We will study Session 2: Rebekah.

### **EASTERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING**

The Women's Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Fremont. Registration fee is \$10 at the door. Please RSVP to Annette Moore at 419-680-4381 or [j88a62m60@aol.com](mailto:j88a62m60@aol.com). See the flyers in the narthex for more information.

### **125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has created "Save the Dates" cards for our 2026 year of celebration. These are available on the table in the narthex. Please read over the dates and mark your calendars! *Also, this weekend March 15-16, we will have a Noisy/Silent Bucket Collection. The funds will help finance our preparations for the celebrations in 2026.*

### **YOUTH GRANTMAKING COUNCIL**

Domino's Pizza in Norwalk has generously offered to sponsor the VOLUNTEEN! Youth Grantmaking Council of Huron County for a "Dough Night", the second Wednesday of the month for 4 consecutive months. The remaining dates are April 9, and May 14. Please use coupon code DN6 when placing the order and we will receive 20% of the order. The proceeds will be used for our local community needs to award grant funding in June 2025. We would appreciate your support!

### **GUARDIANS GAME vs. MINNESOTA TWINS**

Our annual trip to watch the Guardians will be Saturday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:10pm. Ticket prices have increased this year to \$40/each. Please complete the insert in the bulletin if you are interested in attending this year and place it in the basket in the narthex. We need a minimum of 20 people to commit, so we will need to make a decision soon. Thank you!

## **OUTREACH**

### **LENTEN MISSION: COMPASSIONATE GIVING**

The Concerns Committee's Lenten Mission project will be packing Meal and Hygiene Kits for the Blessing Box. We had such a successful response last year, that we felt it was worthy to repeat this

mission. At the display in the narthex, you will find bags and instructions. Once you have packed a kit, return it to the totes under the table. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Vickie Hemenway, Joyce Stevens or Jana Fehlan.

### SPLW

During the Lenten season, SPLC will be collecting items for LWR Personal Care Kits. Please see the display in the narthex for the items we are collecting. These items will help those arriving into a refugee camp or to a safe place after a crisis. Please place items in the basket by the elevator or if you wish to make a monetary donation, please mark an envelope "LWR Care Kits" and place in the offering basket and we will do the shopping for you! Thank you for your continued support!

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Anyone who knits or crochets is welcome to join us on the second Saturday of the month from 10am-11am in room 206. Our main focus is making prayer shawls and lap blankets, but other projects are welcome as well. ***We currently have an excess of prayer shawls. We would rather they be wrapped around someone than sitting on a shelf. Do you know someone who could use some comfort from one of our shawls? We have all colors and sizes as well as some lap blankets. Please contact the church office, Vickie Hemenway or Joyce Stevens to make arrangement to pick out a shawl.***

### Report through February 2025 Month End /Year to Date

Total Income for Budgeted Expenses	\$52,607.27
Total Expenses for Budgeted Expenses	\$46,758.64
Income <b>above</b> Expenses	\$ 5,848.63

February was a perfect storm, so to speak, for us financially. We cancelled services for a good part of two weeks, so our giving was down. We had extra expenses for snow removal/salting, boiler repair, and tree removal. This all resulted in us spending \$4,759.32 more than we received in February. For the year though, we have still spent \$5,848.63 less than we have received. Please continue with your generous giving so we can continue to prepare and handle our future needs.

### ATTENDANCE FOR MAR. 8-9

(26) 5:30 (33) 8:00 (82) 10:30 and 0 views on Facebook. (Livestream was down.)

***Newsletter articles are due by 9am on Wednesdays. Please contact the office to schedule any activities. Thank you!***

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<b>Worship Schedule</b>	
Saturday	5:30pm
Sunday	8:00am & 10:30pm
Sunday School	9:15am September—May

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