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ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

NORWALK OHIO

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S WORSHIP

This is the 20th Sunday after Pentecost, also known as "ordinary time" because there are no major festivals during the season. The focus of this time is growing in our faith. Both services today will offer Holy Communion.

TODAY'S SERVICE SCRIPTS

A script for our services is available on the St. Peter webpage (stpeter-elca.org). Click on Worship at the top, then Bulletin, then October 18.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember our Northwestern Ohio Synod staff and our bishop Daniel Beaudoin.

HOLY BAPTISM

Through the Rite of Holy Baptism, we welcome into our St. Peter family Bowen Thomas Lark, infant son of Brook and Don Lark. Bowen will be baptized in a private service following the 10:30 worship. Bowen's baptismal sponsors are Carla Shaver and Mason Peters. We pray for Bowen and his family as he begins the journey of faith among the people of God.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jim & Diane Mongiardo in celebration of their 34th anniversary.

For those who have signed up for future altar flowers, the cost is now \$40. You may pick the flowers up before noon on Sundays or on Monday during office hours.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

IN-BUILDING WORSHIP

We have resumed our normal weekend worship schedule, with all services in the main sanctuary. Please wear a mask, sit only in the pews that are **not** roped off, and maintain appropriate physical distancing between non-familial people in the same pew. The 10:30 service will continue to be broadcast on WLKR 93.5 and on St. Peter's Facebook page.

UPDATED GUIDELINES

You can read the latest information on building usage and worship via our webpage: stpeter-elca.org. Or call the church office to have a copy sent to you.

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL POSTPONED

At the October meeting of the Council, it was decided to postpone the start of in-person Sunday school for children until January. We will continue to post on-line lessons on the St. Peter Facebook page. Zoom Sunday school for youth will continue and adults will meet in-person beginning October 25.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

In-person adult Sunday school will resume on October 25 at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall, where we can practice physical distancing. Masks will be required as well. We will be using the resource *Honoring our Neighbor's Faith* which explores other Christian and faith traditions in America. The workbook is \$14

for participants. If you wish to purchase a copy of the workbook but NOT attend Sunday school, contact the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

After many years of service, Shirley Silcox has relinquished her position as our Sunday school superintendent. We are seeking a new superintendent. If you are interested in serving our congregation in this role, contact the pastor. If you have questions about the position, talk with Shirley.

COUNCIL MINUTES & FINANCIALS

Just a reminder that copies of the Church Council minutes, the committee reports, and the financial reports are in the binder in the narthex. Feel free to take a look and if you have questions, talk with any council member.

FREE CALENDARS

Free wall calendars for 2021 are available on the table in the narthex.

WALKING

Walking with Kathy Thompson resumes Monday, November 2 at 12 pm.

WOMEN'S NEWS

GATHER MAGAZINE

The Gather offers a variety of stories monthly along with a Bible Study to follow alone or as a group. Here is what the *Gather* has to offer the remainder of this year and going into next year. A yearly subscription is only \$9.95. To subscribe you can go to the Women of the ELCA website and click subscriptions or there will be forms on the Women's bulletin board next to the elevator.

Gather offers three multi-session Bible studies per year in winter, summer and fall and two, one-month devotional studies in May and December. Summer studies are free to download and try via the links below. All others require a subscription to *Gather*. A selection of past Bible studies is also available for purchase.

You'll find the titles of all Bible studies *Gather* has scheduled. You can find out more about each study by clicking the "Upcoming Bible studies" link on the left. The titles of future studies will be posted here as they become available.

Fall 2020: *Holy Time* by the Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

December 2020: *Singing, Writing, Moving, Connecting: AdventRituals for Uncertain Times*

Winter 2021: *Journeys with Angels* by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin

May 2021: Annual intergenerational devotional, author TBD

Summer 2021: Just love, part 2 by the Rev. Angela Khabeb

Fall 2021: *"You Are a Leader Too!"* by the Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling

I would like to explore with others the December 2020 Study. This can be an in-person study, zoom or both. Please contact

Michelle Schaffer at 419-706-8732 if interested, looking at a Thursday evening.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF 2020

Saint Peter Lutheran Church Women are helping to fight poverty, injustice, and human suffering in our world. This year was a challenge for all of us due to the COVID pandemic. However, this past Saturday, Mike Osborn delivered:

- 73 Quilts
- 20 Baby Kits
- 55 School Kits
- 54 Personal Care Kits
- 6 Fabric Kits

to the pick-up church in Pemberville, Ohio. Last year our quilts and kits were given to those in need living in Honduras, the Bahamas, Lebanon, Zambia, and Chile.

Thank You to everyone who has helped in any way with donations of items for these kits or fabric for the quilts. We could not do this ministry without your support. Thank You to Thrivent Financial for a \$250 (Action Team) donation to help us complete the 54 Personal Care Kits.

At this time, we are not on our usual schedule of meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the morning. However, the evening group is meeting at 6 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please join us. You do not need to sew to help. Please come. Thank you! Christian Service Day/Evening Groups

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Want to help with disaster recovery efforts in Texas and Louisiana or the wildfire survivors out west? 100% of donations to Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane relief or wildfire survivors will go to relief efforts. To make a donation, call 800-638-3522 or go to www.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse. You can also give through St. Peter. Be sure to mark your offering "Hurricane Relief or Wildfire Survivors."

MEETINGS AT CHURCH

Groups are welcome to meet in Fellowship Hall, Room 206 (library), and the narthex. Masks should be worn and physical distancing should be practiced. Groups are responsible for cleaning the tables and chairs when finished. Cleaning supplies are available for St. Peter groups to use. Contact Kathy to schedule your meetings.

OFFICE HOURS/MASKS

The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. THANK YOU to everyone for wearing a mask when you come. This helps keep the staff (and you) safe as we continue to navigate this pandemic.

OUTREACH NEWS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's not too early to start thinking about packing shoeboxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child. Now is the best time to purchase school supplies for your shoeboxes. Crayons can be found for 25 cents. Colored pencils, regular pencils, sharpeners, and erasers for around 50 cents. Notebooks for 25 cents. These items plus rulers, solar calculators, markers, pencil pouches and other school supplies are great to include

in a shoebox. Now is the time to purchase these items while they are very reasonably priced. Remember, no liquids or anything with military symbols are allowed in the shoeboxes. Any questions, contact Vickie Hemenway 419-663-4011.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY— October 18

8:00 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary
10:30 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary,
Radio, & FB Live
12:00 pm Lark Baptism-Sanctuary
1:00 pm NA – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY—October 19

8:30 PM CDNS Picture Day-Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Scout Troop 208-Library/Narthex
7:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Nominating Committee-Sanctuary

TUESDAY— October 20

No activities scheduled.

WEDNESDAY- October 21

1:30 pm Norwalk Ministerial-Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Endowment Committee-Library

THURSDAY— October 22

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 611-Library

FRIDAY— October 23

7:00 pm NA – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY- October 24

5:30 pm Holy Communion-Sanctuary

SUNDAY— October 25 Reformation Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary
10:30 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary,
Radio, & FB Live
11:30 am Homebound/Homecooked-Kit
1:00 pm NA – Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm Confirmation-Fellowship Hall

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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm Holy Communion-Sanctuary
Sunday 9:00 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary
10:30 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary,
Radio, & FB Live

The 10:30 service is always broadcast on WLKR 95.3 FM and on Facebook Live.