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ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

NORWALK, OHIO

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Today is the Palm Sunday. The beginning of Holy Week. Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friend. Today's 10:30 am service is broadcast on Facebook and on WLKR 95.3.

TODAY'S BULLETIN

An all-inclusive bulletin for the Sunday service is available on the St. Peter webpage (stpeter-elca.org). Click on Worship at the top, then Bulletin, then the date.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember our Zion Lutheran Church in Republic.

ALTAR FLOWERS

As we prepare to have a full worship schedule please consider signing up to give altar flowers. The 2021 flower calendar is up on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may sign up by calling Kathy or writing your name on the chart. This year the price is \$40.00. You may pick the flowers up before noon on Sundays or on Monday during office hours.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday (April 1) worship will be broadcast on the radio and Facebook at 7 pm. There will be no in-person, in-building worship.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is April 2. Our Tenebrae service will be broadcast on the radio and Facebook at 7 pm. There will be no in-person, in-building worship.

There WILL be an in-person **Community Good Friday** service at noon at The Foundation Church. Masks and physical distancing will be required.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Sunday will be a parking lot worship at 9 am, in cars and outside; and broadcast only at 10:30 am. In the event of rain, we will still have the parking lot service, but will move the 'chancel wagon' under the portico. There will be no in-person, in-building worship on Easter. **Arrive early on Easter** Sunday and be treated to pastries, coffee, and juice, served by our youth. We will bring them to your car or you can come get your own under the portico. There will also be an **Easter Egg Hunt** following the parking lot service, weather permitting.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We are resuming our regular worship schedule the weekend of April 17-18. Masks and physical distancing are still required.

HOLY WEEK VIDEO DEVOTIONS

There will be a video devotion posted on our Facebook page each day of Holy Week.

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Youth Group will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt in the field after the outdoor Easter service at 9am. This is open to all kids. Come celebrate Easter with us and have a little fun!

VOLUNTEER YOUTH LEADER

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as youth director. We hope to make this a paid position in the near future, but for now we are seeking a volunteer to serve as the primary leader of our youth ministry. If you are interested or have questions, contact Pastor Ann or President Nick Wenzel.

WORSHIP LEADERS

We will be resuming our full weekend worship schedule on April 17-18. If you have NOT been serving as an assisting minister or lector in the past few months, please contact the office to be put back into the rotation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into our St. Peter family Larry and Carol McCoy and Heather, Camden and Kelsey Welch, who recently transferred their membership to our congregation. Due to COVID concerns and family schedules, we did not do a formal rite of welcome, but we are certainly glad to have new members in our family.

WANT TO JOIN?

If you are interested in joining our St. Peter family, please speak with Pastor Ann.

WALK TO JERUSALEM

This Thursday, April 1 will be our last day! Please call/email your mileage to Kathy by 3 p.m. Thursday. Thank You!

GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK

This Friday, April 2 we are going to host "Cross Walk" from 2 – 3 p.m. Everyone is invited! Get your friends and walking buddies and we will meet here at the church between 1:45 – 2 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL POSTPONED

In-person Sunday school for children and adults will be postponed until at least **Easter**. New take home bags are available in the narthex. Check out the St. Peter Facebook page for online lessons for children. Zoom Sunday school for youth will continue.

MINDFULNESS THROUGH MOVEMENT

Experience Qi Gong, an ancient practice of movement, breath, and awareness. Qi Gong class includes gentle warm-ups, stretches, and flows. We learn simple exercises to lower our stress and elevate our energy. Qi Gong is for all ages and abilities. It can be done seated in a chair if necessary. Class will include a silent prayer at the beginning and a brief devotion at the end of practice. Plan on an hour of calm and relaxation. We will connect with God, nature, and our energy outdoors on the

St. Peter grounds. These classes will be taught by St. Peter member Pat Jones, certified Holden Qi Gong instructor. There is no cost for the classes and both St. Peter and community members are invited. Days and times to be determined, depending on the weather. If you are interested or have questions, contact Pat at emeraldsandqiqong@gmail.com.

UPDATED GUIDELINES/MEETINGS AT CHURCH

Groups are allowed to meet as long as masks are worn, and physical distancing is practiced. Contact Kathy to schedule your meetings. ***During Level 3 (red), there are no children's activities.*** The latest information on building usage and worship practices can be found at: stpeter-elca.org.

OUTREACH NEWS

FREE COMMUNITY DRIVE-THRU EASTER DINNER

We will be hosting a free community Easter dinner for anyone in the Norwalk community Saturday, April 3 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm or until all 240 dinners are served. This dinner is offered as an outreach mission, regardless of financial situation. Dinner will include a slice of ham, potato casserole, green beans, dinner roll, and a cookie. Simply drive up under the portico and a dinner will be brought out to your car. Homebound members can request delivery by calling the church office at 419-668-2856 by Thursday, April 1.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DRIVE-THRU DINNER

We need a small group of volunteers to help set-up, dish up, deliver meals, and clean up on April 3. Please call Vickie Hemenway at 419-663-4011 (after 4:00 pm) to volunteer. We do NOT need any donations of food. All supplies will be purchased using FOOD MINISTRY funds. If you would like to contribute towards this meal, you can make a donation. Mark it for FOOD MINISTRY.

FUND FOR NEW MISSION PROJECTS

This year we have again set aside \$3000 from the Endowment Fund for St. Peter members to use to engage in local mission projects. Specifically, the funds are to be used by our congregation members to engage directly in outreach activities in the community. Last year, we bought school supplies for local teachers, purchased food for a neighbor in need, rented a trailer to help someone clean junk out of their yard, funded the COVID meal program during the early days of the pandemic, and purchased items for Blessing Bags for local homeless. Do you see somewhere/someone you can help? You can apply for up to \$100 for a one-time mission and \$250 to start a new outreach ministry/program. Remember—the goal is for you to be directly involved in the mission work. Forms are on the table in the narthex.

EGG YOUR YARD

St. Peter's Boy Scout Troop 208 is hosting "Egg Your Yard." Order your candy filled eggs to be delivered and scattered in your yard (or surprise a friend or neighbor) in time for Easter morning! 25 eggs filled with candy (min. \$20 donation) or 50 eggs filled with candy (min. \$30 donation). Lawns must be in Norwalk city limits. Call 419-706-0987 for more details.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY— March 28: Palm Sunday

9:00 am Holy Communion-Parking Lot
10:30 am Holy Communion-On line, Radio
11:30 am Homecooked/Homebound-Kitchen
1:00 pm NA – Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm Confirmation-Fellowship Hall

MONDAY—March 29

6:30 pm BSA Troop 208-Shelter
7:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY— March 30

6:00 pm BSA Pack 208-Shelter

WEDNESDAY- March 31

No scheduled Activities.

THURSDAY— April 1: Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Holy Communion- On Line, WLKR 95.3

FRIDAY— April 2: Good Friday

8:00 am Easter Dinner Prep-Kitchen
1:45 pm Cross Walk-Outside (step off 2 pm)
7:00 pm Tenebrae Worship-On Line, WLKR 95.3
7:00 pm NA – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY- April 3

8:00 am Easter Dinner Prep-Kitchen
11:30 am Easter Dinner Drive Thru-Portico

SUNDAY— April 4: Resurrection of Our Lord

9:00 am Holy Communion-Parking Lot
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt-Field
10:30 am Holy Communion-On line, Radio WLKR 95.3
1:00 pm NA – Fellowship Hall

*A line through an activity denotes that they are not meeting in the building while at a COVID Red level.

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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm — Holy Communion-Sanctuary
Sunday 8:00 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.