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# ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

NORWALK OHIO

## THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

### TODAY'S WORSHIP

This is Reformation Sunday, when we celebrate the birthday of the Lutheran church. The paraments are bright red, a color associated with the Holy Spirit and the power of the Spirit in the lives of the saints, the people of God. October 31, 1517 was the day Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five Theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg. In the Lutheran church we celebrate the Reformation on the last Sunday of October.

### TODAY'S BULLETIN

An all-inclusive bulletin for the Sunday services is available on the St. Peter webpage (stpeter-elca.org). Click on Worship at the top, then Bulletin, then October 25. Feel free follow along on your device or print a copy.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today we remember all Lutheran Churches and especially the work of the Lutheran World Federation, a global communion of national and regional Lutheran denominations.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Eric & Pam Rickel in celebration of their 33<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast was sponsored by Irene Reitzel in memory of her son Doug Reitzel.

## 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

In-person Sunday school for children will be postponed 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 resumes on this Sunday, 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.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS SOUGHT

We are seeking persons who are interested in serving on the Church Council. The 3-year terms commence in January (at the Annual Meeting). In addition to a monthly meeting, Council members will also serve on a committee. Council meetings and most committee meetings are Thursday nights. If you are interested in serving, please speak with the pastor.

### FREE CALENDARS

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

### WALKING

Administrative assistant Kathy Thompson's walking group will resume on November 2 at 12 pm. Call the church office if you have questions.

### LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Want to help with disaster recovery efforts in our nation and throughout the world? 100% of donations to Lutheran Disaster Response for specific disasters will go to relief efforts. To make a donation, go to [www.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse](http://www.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse) or call 800-638-3522. You can also give through St. Peter. Be sure to mark your offering "Lutheran Disaster Response."

### 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 that time of the year...time to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Although this year has been challenged by the coronavirus, one thing has not changed. There are still millions of children in our world living in poverty and who have never heard the Good News of Jesus. You can change that by packing a shoebox (or several shoeboxes). You will find everything you need to pack a shoebox on the OCC display in the narthex. At the display you will find shoeboxes, informational pamphlets, prayer guides, and stickers. Remember, NO candy, gum, toothpaste, liquids or lotions, breakable items, or war-related items. **Shoeboxes need to be returned to church by Sunday, November 15.**

\*\*\*New this year\*\*\* The shoeboxes this year also came with "Tracking Labels". You will find them at the OCC display. "Tracking Labels" will send you an e-mail and let you know what country your shoebox was delivered to. Please follow the directions on these labels. You need to activate these labels and make your donation online. These labels are optional: you can still put your donation in an envelope. If you have any questions, information can be found at: [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) or contact Vickie Hemenway 419 663-4011.

## 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.

Below 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. I am looking at a Thursday evening.

## CALENDAR

### **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-Kitchen

1:00 pm NA – Fellowship Hall

4:00 pm Confirmation-Fellowship Hall

### **MONDAY—October 26**

6:30 pm Scout Troop 208-Library/Narthex

7:00 pm NA-Fellowship Hall

### **TUESDAY— October 27**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts—Fellowship Hall

### **WEDNESDAY- October 28**

No activities scheduled.

### **THURSDAY— October 29**

No activities scheduled.

### **FRIDAY— October 30**

7:00 pm NA – Fellowship Hall

### **SATURDAY- October 31**

5:30 pm Holy Communion-Sanctuary

### **SUNDAY— November 1 All Saints Sunday**

#### **Day Light Savings Time Ends**

8:00 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary

10:30 am Holy Communion-Sanctuary,  
Radio, & FB Live

1:00 pm NA – 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

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