

The
Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

April, 2017

From the Pastor

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A Final Lenten Thought

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.” Romans 5:6

That’s the depth of Christ’s love for you: ‘while you were still powerless,’ which is to say, ‘While you were still dead in your trespasses and sins,’ Christ died for you. He laid down His life to make you alive. Jesus didn’t look for some minutia of goodness which would encourage Him to act. Apart from any goodness or mercy in you, Jesus gave (and gives) His life for you.

We call that grace – undeserved, God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense. That’s why we have joy during the sorrowful season of Lent. In fact, that’s why we have joy every day of every year, even when there are tears in our eyes. Without any merit or worthiness in us, Jesus embraced the cross so that our heavenly Father would embrace us.

Father Robert Capon reflects on this when He looks back at the Reformation and the effect that it had on people. He writes:

The Reformation was a time when men went blind, staggering drunk because they had discovered, in the dusty basement of late medievalism, a whole cellar full of fifteen-hundred-year-old, two-hundred proof Grace – of bottle after bottle of pure distillate of Scripture, one sip of which would convince anyone that God saves us single-handedly. The word of the Gospel – after all those centuries of trying to lift yourself into heaven by worrying about the perfection of your bootstraps – suddenly turned out to be a flat announcement that the saved were home before they started... Grace has to be drunk straight: no water,

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no ice, and certainly no ginger ale; neither goodness, nor badness, not the flowers that bloom in the spring of super spirituality could be allowed to enter into the case.

Now, during Lent, our eyes are rightfully turned to the cross, so that we may repent of our own self-serving love and be turned to Christ's sacrificial love for us. Now, especially during Lent, our eyes are turned to the cross, for salvation and grace is found in no one else. Rejoice when you behold the cross, for it is God's proclamation that salvation is finished: you do not need to pick yourself up by the bootstraps and work for forgiveness or the kingdom of heaven. In Jesus, it's all done.

That's grace, 200-proof grace, grace so stout that one sip of it brings joy and gladness to the heart of whoever partakes of God's grace. Dear friends, let us bring this good news of 200-proof grace to our friends, our neighbors, our family, that they too would be giddy with the salvation won by Jesus, that they too would rejoice, having drunk deeply from the Well of Salvation.

Pastor Lorenz

News and Notes of St. Peter



Congregational Christian Care

Please pray for, phone, visit, and or send a card or note to the following:

Dorothy Davis (heart), friend of Norman Kochensparger; Steven Spear (stroke), nephew of Donna Smith; Kathy Neumann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Jay Beekman; Brandon Trlak (cancer); Christy Trlak (under treatment); Gina Walker (cancer), friend of Sandy Gast; Denis Miller (heart & stroke), friend of Ruth Moon; Pam Hite (terminally ill with breast cancer), friend of Pam Wertemberger; Jimmy Barnhart (cancer), relative of Laurie Trlak; Niki Boswell (stroke), niece of Diana Mason; Dolly (Ahlschwede) Kikuchi (cancer), relative of Diana Mason; Bertie Brooks (cancer), aunt of Leah Hiers; Geneva Stetzel (stroke), aunt of Leah Hiers; Don Fox (health concerns), brother of

Barba Eickhoff; Allen Couch (healing from heart surgery); Frank Cozzen (healing from brain surgery), brother-in-law of Dewayne Anderson; Nancy Cozzen (healing from heart attack), sister of Dewayne Anderson; Mark Mason (cancer), friend of Larry & Susie Baade; Steve Welker (stroke), son-in-law of Donna Dennis.

Heritage of Huntington – Maxine Stetzel
Heritage, Warren – Edward Campbell, Jr.
(Room 277)

Miller's Merry Manor – Charles Weicht
(Room 54); Shirley Powell (Room 70); Neil Stonebraker

Markle Health & Rehabilitation – Jean Simmons
Norwood – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee
Hickory Creek – Martin Winkelman
Home – Jason Cozad; Pete Weicht (heart); Robert Gernand.

If you discover that the information has changed, please call the Church office so we can update this list.

Tape Ministry

If you are unable to attend the worship services for any reason, including short-term recoveries, we would be happy to drop off a copy of the sermon or tape of the service which includes a bulletin. Please call Pam and Jack Wertenberger at 356-8139 or Pam's cell phone: 260-388-2507 to arrange for delivery. If you have received and listened to previous tapes, please place in a bag on your door to be picked up when a new tape is delivered. Thanks for your help.

Jack & Pam Wertenberger

Monthly	Progress	Report
Date	Attendance	Offering
2/26	101	\$4,013.45
3/5	98	\$4,388.50
3/12	87	\$2,779.50
3/19	102	\$3,679.35
3/26		



Greeters

Greeters for the following months are:

MAY

Sat 5:00 Donna Dennis

Sun 10:15 Sue Holtz and Gabe

JUNE

Sat 5:00 Bob and Kristin McFarland

Sun 10:15 Jack and Sandy Slusser

JULY

Sat 5:00 Georgianna Bischoff

Sun 10:15 George and Barba Eickhoff



A Little Heavenly Humor

Did you hear about the man from the IRS who phoned a certain Baptist minister to say, "We're checking the tax return of a member of your church? Mr. Smith lists a donation to your building fund of \$5000. Is that correct?"

The minister answered without hesitation, "I haven't got my records available, but I'll promise you one thing: If he hasn't, he will".



Change of Address

Please remember to let the church know when you have a change of address. We pay for any mail returned to us, when the mail is not deliverable as addressed.



Mission Envelopes

Please prayerfully consider using your mission envelopes each month. Mission envelopes are in your pledge envelope box at the beginning of each month.



Lenten Series: “Sayings of the Enemies of Jesus”

Lent V, March 29 – 7:00 PM
Matthew 27:42 – “He saved others; Himself He cannot save!”

Lent VI, April 5 – 7:00 PM
Matthew 27:25 – “His blood be upon us and upon our children.”

Holy Week

Palm Sunday W/Communion, April 9 – 10:15 AM

Holy Thursday W/Communion, April 13 – 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 14 – 12:15 PM

Good Friday, April 14 – 7:00 PM

Saturday Easter Vigil W/Communion, April 15 – 5:00 PM (*A unique service, different from Easter Morning*)

Easter Sunday W/Communion (Sunrise), April 16 – 7:30 AM

Easter Breakfast, April 16 – 8:45 AM

Easter Sunday W/Communion (Late), April 16 – 10:15 AM

Sunday School/Bible Class

“Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path,” says the Psalmist. God’s Word chases away the darkness of sin and guides our lives as Christians; in this, we rejoice! In our Adult Bible Class, we are currently

studying the 10 commandments, seeking to answer the question, “What does God mean by these commands?” Please seriously consider joining us for Adult Bible Study (Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 9 am). We would love to grow with you in God’s Word!



Easter Choral Vespers at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Ft. Wayne, Sunday, April 23 at 4:00 p.m. Join the Seminary community in Kramer Chapel for this special service. The Seminary Schola Cantorum is directed by Kantor Matthew Machemer. For more information, please visit www.ctsfw.edu/MusicEvents or call 260-452-2224.



“Thank you to everyone for the prayers and cards during my recent surgery and healing.”
Diane Mason

“Thank You to all the people who have sent cards expressing condolences on the passing of my mother. Norma and I are doing fine. We thank the congregation very much for the concern and we love all of you and wish the very best for all. Thanks again for the concern.” Pastor Lofgren

“Thank you to all who purchased coffee, tea, cookie dough for my fund raiser for the Children’s Choir of Huntington County. Because of your generosity, I was surprised with being one of the top sellers of the group. Thank you so much”.
Ian Crider

Organizations

Ladies' Guild – Will meet on Monday, April 6th at 1:30 in the lower level of the education building. Report of **Shamrock Luncheon**: 113 People were served. The ladies were able to pay the rest of the church awning with the approximate \$1,100.00 profit.

LWML – 3-Zone Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 8:30am at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Helping Hand will be the speaker. Helping Hand received a national grant from LWML in 2015

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) – Meeting at noon on April 12th at Moe's Restaurant, 2990 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN

Dorcas Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, April 19th at the home of Barba Eickhoff. If unable to attend, please call Barba at 356-4138.

Quilters The quilters meet each Wednesday from 9 o'clock to 12 noon. We'd like to invite anyone interested to join us or contact Anita Prout (356-3627) for further information. Quilters are always thankful for donations of cotton fabric, new or slightly used flat sheets and pillowcases.

LYF will once again sponsor the Easter Breakfast with the help from their parents. Please use the reservation form in the bulletins or call the church office with the number attending. Cost of the breakfast: Free will offering to the Youth Group. They are also looking for the following donations:

Eggs	Butter
Sausage (Ground)	Ham
Cheese Shredded	Green Onions
Coffee Cakes/rolls	
Frozen Hash Brown Potatoes	

Red & Green Peppers
Orange or Apple Juice
Please let Jill Dorsett (260-358-9320) know if you can provide one of the above items.



80 Plus Birthdays this month! *APRIL*

4/14	Dick Christ	90
4/27	Jack Guy	91



Camp Lutherhaven

It's that time of the year again! There are a number of camps being offered this year for a youth of all ages, from Kindergarten through High School. Camps begin in late May and continue through early August. If you are interested in attending, (or would just like to find dates/costs of specific camps), please contact the church office.

Happy Anniversary

April Anniversaries

Date		# Years
4/5	Dick & Roseanne Christ	70
4/6	John & Janet Canvin	43
4/8	James & Nancy Bowland	45
4/16	Robert & Kristin McFarland	46
4/20	Matthew & Tamara Weicht	16
4/20	Lawrence & Susie Baade	43
4/26	Tia & Randy Jackson	3
4/29	Michael & Brenda Lintz	22

Cross Connections

St. Peter is a member congregation of the Cross Connections counseling service/ministry.

Grief Support Group:

"Cross Connections' Grief Support Group will be starting back up Thursday March 23rd and going through May 4th. This support group is for people going through any type of grief such as loss of loved ones, divorce, job loss, relocation, etc. The group will meet each Thursday for 6 weeks at Cross Connections' main office at 4618 E. State Blvd, Suite 300, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. The meetings will start at 5pm and go until 6:30pm. If interested, please contact Cross Connections at [260.373.0213](tel:260.373.0213) to register for this group. You will be provided with materials and the cost when registering is \$20 per person."

LGBTQ+ Support Group for Parents:

"Cross Connections recognizes the need for support for parents of adult children who have identified as LGBTQ. Parents need to know they are not alone.

Sharing mutual stories and prayers helps to strengthen and provide hope. Cross Connections is offering a support group for Christian parents of adult children identifying as LGBTQ. Parents are invited to come together in a confidential and safe atmosphere for hope and encouragement. Each month, Cross Connections will provide resources for parents to develop relationships with their sons and daughters. The next meeting will take place Monday April 10th, 6:30-7:30pm at Cross Connections, 4618 East State Blvd., Suite

300 (East State Professional Park). This group will continue to meet every 2nd Monday of each month. Those interested are asked to contact: Cross Connections at [260-373-0213, ext. 101](tel:260-373-0213) to register for this group."



Love In the Name of Christ
of Huntington County

Did you know that families who use SNAP can't use that benefit to purchase needed household items like toilet paper? Donating household supplies is a great way to love your neighbors in need!

Looking for ways to help? Here are some items that Love INC are in need of! Please place in the boxes in the back of church, and the volunteers from St. Peter Lutheran will take to LOVE on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Peaches	Mac'N'Cheese
Pears	Hamburger Helper
Mixed Fruit	Canned Beans
Green Beans	Salmon
Corn, Peas	Tuna
Mixed Vegetables	Peanut Butter
Cereal	Canned Chicken
Hot Cereal	Dish Soap
Plain Rice	Laundry Soap
Spaghetti Sauce	Toilet Paper
Spaghetti Noodles	Deodorant
Chicken Noodle Soup	Shampoo
Tomato Soup	Toothpaste
Vegetable Soup	Bar Soap

SERVING THIS MONTH

APRIL 2017

ELDER:

SATURDAY: GEORGE JUERGENS

SUNDAY: LARRY BAADE

GREETERS:

SATURDAY- JANICE HENCKEN

SUNDAY – BOB & RUTH WHITESELL

ALTAR CARE – NANCY WALTERS

SAT APRIL 1	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JIM HOCH
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JORDAN JONES
		ACOLYTE	JASE GUNN
SUN APRIL 2	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JOSH REBER
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RICHARD WINKELMAN
		ACOLYTE	ANDREW CRIDER
WED APRIL 5	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	IAN CRIDER
SAT APRIL 8	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	TED MCELHANEY
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	NORMAN KOCHENSPARGER
		ACOLYTE	SAMANTHA WEICHT
SUN APRIL 9 (PALM SUNDAY)	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JOSH REBER
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	HAROLD BENNETT
		ACOLYTE	JASE GUNN
THURSDAY APRIL 13	7:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JEFF DERR
(MAUNDAY THURSDAY)		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JIM HOCH
		ACOLYTE	BRIANNA THOMAS
FRIDAY APRIL 14	12:15 PM	ACOLYTE	NONE
	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	NONE
SAT APRIL 15 EASTER VIGIL	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RON BROWN
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ADRIAN BROWN
		ACOLYTE	ERIKA BROWN
SUN APRIL 16 EASTER	7:30 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JIM HOCH
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RICHARD WINKELMAN
		ACOLYTE	ANDREW CRIDER
	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RANDY PRANGE
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JORDAN JONES
		ACOLYTE	JASE GUNN
SAT APRIL 22	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	IAN CRIDER
SUN APRIL 23	10:05 AM	ACOLYTE	MIRANDA SPITLER
SAT APRIL 29	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	TED MCELHANEY
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	RON BROWN
		ACOLYTE	DREW DORSETT
SUN APRIL 30	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	JOSH REBER
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	HAROLD BENNETT
		ACOLYTE	SAMANTHA WEICHT

If you are scheduled at a time that does not work for you, please contact an acolyte or communion assistant listed to take your place and let the office know so changes to the bulletin can be made.

Thank you for your commitment to serve at St. Peter Church.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 Adult Confirmation 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
2 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service W/Communion	3 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 1:30 General Guild 6:30 Elders	4 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 Confirmation 1	5 9:00 Quilters 7:00 Lenten Service	6 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	7	8 10:00 Adult Confirmation 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
9 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	10 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	11 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood	12 9:00 Quilters 12:00 SPARKS	13 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion	14 12:15 Good Friday Service 7:00 Good Friday Service	15 10:00 Adult Confirmation 5:00 Easter Vigil Service w/Communion
16 EASTER 7:30 Easter Sunrise Service 8:45 Easter Breakfast 10:15 Divine Service W/Communion	17 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 12:00	18 9:00 Pastors Circuit Mtg. (Arcadia) 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 Confirmation 1	19 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Dorcas Circle	20 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	21	22 10:00 Adult Confirmation 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
23 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	24 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	25 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood 6:30 Confirmation 1	26 9:00 Quilters	27 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Confirmation 2	28	29 10:00 Adult Confirmation 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
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