

# Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

## From the Pastor

April 2018

Easter Morn at the Cemetery

Ten acres of refrigerated rural soil,  
Thickly frosted in Easter's pre-dawn;  
Subterranean saints, quilted in earth,  
Smile warmly at the band of believers,  
Huddled above to catcall verses of victory,  
Into the mocking mien of chiseled stones;  
The rocky trophies of mortality's coup,  
North, south, west and east of Eden.

Wizened hags, pimpled teens, snotty-nosed kids,  
All dust to dust, prey of the funeral broom,  
Swept beneath this rug of grass and weeds.  
Most forgotten by man, yet all remembered,  
By him whose lungs breathed mud into man;  
Each fruit of a womb, the apple of his eye.  
Each soul, a priceless pearl, purchased  
With crimson coinage minted in divinity's veins.

These wooden suitcases of rotting raiment,  
Sepulchered beneath the worshipper's feet,  
Travel on, transported by time not space,  
From the hour of death to the day of judgment,  
Ever ready to spill their contents upward,  
No longer as bags of bones and soiled flesh,  
But resculptured clay pulsating with life;  
Lazaruses wiping graveyard dust from their feet.

Like champagne corks, grave-stones shall pop,  
As unbottled bodies after long fermentation,  
Bubble upward with fresh blood and skin,  
Ready for their vintage soul waiting above;  
And joined by that ragtag band of believers,  
Who awoke early to go to the place of sleepers,  
Defying death and mocking mortality,  
Early one Easter morn.



*This poem was written by Chad Bird, who also wrote 2 hymns in our hymnal (challenge: can you find which two?). His poems often draw on the imagery of hymns we know, while others are completely original. This poem, along with others, may be found in the book, 'The Infant Priest: Hymns and Poems' by Chad Bird.*

-- Pastor Lorenz

# News and Notes of St. Peter



## Christian Care

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

Jimmy Barnhart (cancer) relative of Laurie Trlak; Niki Boswell (stroke), niece of Diana Mason; Peggy Broderick (cancer treatments) friend of Larry Baade; Bertie Brooks (cancer), aunt of Leah Hiers; Gary Brown: John Canvin Sr.; Frank & Nancy Cozzen, brother-in-law & sister of Dewayne Anderson; David Dimond: Marcea Dimond; Terry Fields, (brain tumor), cousin of Bruce & Sue Holtz; Don Fox (health concerns), brother of Barba Eickhoff; Ronald Gamble (hospitalized) nephew of Ruth Guy; Janice Hencken; Pam Hite (terminally ill breast cancer), friend of Pam Wertenberger; Hazel Jackson, (back problems) sister of Ruth Guy; Dolly (Ahlschwede) Kikuchi (cancer), relative of Diana Mason; Richard Mann; Linda Manchy (cancer), friend of Sue Holtz; Adam Neumann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Steven Spear (stroke), nephew of Donna Smith; Susie Sprowl (cancer), friend of Jeff Derr; Geneva Stetzel (stroke), aunt of Leah Hiers; Brent Trlak (health problems), brother-in-law of Laurie Trlak; Brandon Trlak (cancer); Christy Trlak (treatment); Dan Ulrich, brother to Larry Baade; Don Webb; Steven Welker (stroke), son-in-law of Donna Dennis; April (Kirkpatrick) Wing (cancer, cousin of Marjorie Richardson); Kathryn Whitesell.

**Englewood Health & Rehabilitation** – Mildred Craig

**Heritage of Huntington** – Maxine Stetzel; Robert Gernand

**Heritage, Warren** – Edward Campbell, Jr.

**Miller's Merry Manor** – Neil & Sandy Stonebraker; Charles Weicht

**Markle Health & Rehabilitation** – Jean Simmons

**Norwood** – Wilbur & Ginger Van der Zee

**Home** – Jason Cozad; Shirley Powell; Pete Weicht

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.



## Greeters

Greeters for the following months are:

### MAY

Sat 5:00 Richard and Audra Herber  
Sun 10:15 Sue Holtz and Gabe

### JUNE

Sat 5:00 Diana Mason  
Sun 10:15 Anita Prout

### JULY

Sat 5:00 Georgianna Bischoff  
Sun 10:15 Kristi Thomas Family

## Hospitalization

Should you find it necessary to be admitted to a hospital, please be sure to list Pastor Lorenz on your information list. Because of HIPPA, hospital staff have turned pastor away even when family have let the church office know about your hospitalization.

## Did you Know?

### *Today In History - April 1*

**1828** [Christian Hochstetter](#), Missouri Synod historian, was born at Lorch, Wuerttemberg (d. 12 June 1905).

**1880** [Henry Dietrich Mensing](#) was born in Landesbergen, Germany (d. 17 December 1940, Baltimore, Maryland). He graduated from Concordia Seminary (Saint Louis) in 1903 and served as a pastor in Australia (1903–1915); Wentzville, Missouri (1915–1920); and Fort Smith, Arkansas (1920–1923). He was a professor of Latin, English and religion at Concordia College (Fort Wayne, Indiana) from 1923 to 1927 where he also organized Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and aided in the movement to obtain Valparaiso University as a Lutheran institution. From 1928 until his death he performed institutional mission work for the Baltimore City Mission Board.

**1894** [Albert H. Beck](#), professor and composer, was born in Baltimore, Maryland (d. 30 May 1962, River Forest, Illinois).

**1964** Lutheran work among Nigerian Muslims was begun at Zaria, Nigeria.

**1968** The [Lutheran Synod of Mexico](#) was formed.

**1976** The [Japan Lutheran Church](#) became self-supporting.



## Spring Cleanup

Property Committee is planning a Spring Cleanup of the church grounds on April 21 at 9AM. Bring gloves, rake and broom. In event of rain, April 28 will be cleanup.

## Organizations

**Ladies' Guild:** will meet on **Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the lower level of the education building. Please note this day and time. **Shamrock Luncheon Report:** We served 118 people with a profit of about \$1,200.00. A BIG THANKS to everyone that helped to make this project a success.

**St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS)** – The lucky winner of the drawing at the March meeting was Janet Bennett. The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Wings Etc.

**Dorcas Circle:** Will meet April 18<sup>th</sup> at noon with Eleanor Smith as hostess. We will meet in the reception room of the education building. Please RSVP regrets only to Eleanor (356-1283).

**LYF:** The youth group will begin meeting quarterly after the Easter breakfast. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin for dates and times.

We are still collecting items for healthcare kits to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Kits include 2 towels (not fluffy); 2 bars of soap; 1 comb; 1 nail clipper; 1 toothbrush. Please donate only new items. If you are unclear of what to purchase, the youth will accept monetary donations to purchase on your behalf.

**Quilters:** The quilters have an oversize (72 ½ X 88 ½) quilt of many colors for sale. Price is \$85.00. To purchase or see, contact Barbara Spreen (358-8958) or Anita Prout (356-3527).



## Funeral Forms

Did you attend the Funeral Preparation workshop last October?  
Have you completed your forms and returned to the office?

If the answer to these two questions, is Yes to the first question and NO to the second question, please bring to the office, we will make a copy for you so that you have a copy and there is a copy in the office.

When the form is needed, your family will be pleased that there is a copy in the church office.

If the answer to both questions is NO, there are copies of the form at the entrance to the church for you to pick up, complete and bring to the office.



### FT. WAYNE SEMINARY SERVICES

The Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignment Service will be held April 24 at 7pm in Kramer Chapel.

The Candidate Call Service will be held on April 25 at 7pm in Kramer Chapel.

If you can't make it to Kramer Chapel, watch online on April 24 to see where Josh Reber will serve his Vicarage, and on April 25 to see what church Adam Debner will be serving.

If you can't make it to Kramer Chapel to see the placements, but would like to watch, they are available on the following web site:

[www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel](http://www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel) or  
[www.facebook.com/CTSFw](http://www.facebook.com/CTSFw) at the appropriate day and time.

## Unity Sunday

St. Peter will have a Unity Sunday on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. service. There will be no Saturday Service on April 28.

Plan to attend the potluck dinner immediately after the service, so bring your dish to church and put in the oven to keep warm, put in the refrigerator or plug in the crock pot. Table service (plates, cups and silverware) will be provided as well as drinks.

A short program is also being planned. Watch the weekly bulletin for further details.



### *A Little Heavenly Humor*

Maria came home from Sunday School on Palm Sunday and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly.

It took her mother a while before she realized that the hymn Maria had been singing was really: "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."



### **80 Plus Birthdays this month!** *April*

Date		
12	Richard Prange	80
14	Dick Christ	91
27	Jack Guy	92

# SERVING THIS MONTH

## APRIL 2018

### ELDER

**SATURDAY:** GEORGE JUERGENS

**SUNDAY:** LARRY BAADE

### GREETERS

**SATURDAY:** Richard and Ellen Prange

**SUNDAY:** Harold and Janet Bennett

**ALTAR CARE:** Nancy Walters

**COUNTERS:** Susie & Larry Baade

SAT APRIL 7	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Jase Gunn
SUN APRIL 8	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Ian Crider
SAT APRIL 14	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Adrian Brown
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chad Worsham
		ACOLYTE	Erika Brown
SUN APRIL 15	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Randy Prange
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Richard Winkelman
		ACOLYTE	Drew Dorsett
SAT APRIL 21	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Jacob Worsham
SUN APRIL 22	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Nolan Hughes
SAT APRIL 28		UNITY SUNDAY	
SUN APRIL 29	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Harold Bennett
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeff Derr
		ACOLYTE	Briana Thomas

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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Easter</b> 8:30 Easter Breakfast 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	<b>2</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:30 Elders	<b>3</b> 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:30 General Guild	<b>4</b> 9:00 Quilters	<b>5</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 9:00 PEP Meeting 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
<b>8</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Divine Service	<b>9</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	<b>10</b> 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood 7:00 BPLE	<b>11</b> 9:00 Quilters 12:00 SPARKS	<b>12</b> 10:00 PEP Gathering 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:00 Elders Bible Study 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
<b>15</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	<b>16</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	<b>17</b> 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 9:00 Pastor Circuit Mtg.	<b>18</b> 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Dorcas Circle	<b>19</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	<b>20</b> 2:00 Messenger Deadline	<b>21</b> 9:00 Spring Clean-Up 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
<b>22</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service 5:00 LYF	<b>23</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:00 Evangelism Committee	<b>24</b> 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood 7:00 Vicarage Assignment Service	<b>25</b> 9:00 Quilters 10:00 Pastor Chapel at Seminary* 7:00 Candidate Call Service	<b>26</b> 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	<b>30</b> 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton					

### NOTES

\* Each week the Seminary asks local pastors and congregations to host Communion Service at the seminary chapel. St. Peter was asked to host on April 25 and Pastor Lorenz will be the celebrant for this service.