

The

Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

April 2019

Imagine the following situation:

A girl crushes hard on a boy – he’s so cute; he’s a star athlete in school; he’s going to college on scholarship... he is an absolute DREAM. So she asks him out on a date. “I can’t,” he says. “I have other plans that day.” Maybe it was just bad timing. It happens. So, over the next couple months she tries again (and not in a creepy, stalker-type way). Each and every time, there are other things to do that he can’t get away from. Other times, he just didn’t respond to her texts or calls at all.

What is the girl to assume, when her crush (a) never has time to see her; or (b) doesn’t even acknowledge her? What is your advice to her?

If you can see this so clearly for the girl in the above situation, do you wear blinders when you do the same? What is Christ to think when “there is always something on your schedule” that prevents you from coming into His presence and receiving His love and gifts in Word and Sacrament? Or when His calls to “do not give up meeting together” or “do this often in remembrance of Me” go unacknowledged or unanswered? What is He to think when weeks and months go by and your prayers falter and you have stayed away from the Lord’s Table?

I know: the things scheduled over the Lord’s Day are important; they *always* are important. Friends: sometimes things happen; sometimes life gets in the way and we cannot help but be apart from the Lord’s house due to health or emergencies. But let us be very frightened when our conscience is no longer pricked when we are away from the Lord, when the excuses come so easily to explain why we are away. And when we must be away, let us hastily return to the Lord with joy to be in His merciful and forgiving presence.

Repent, and put to death your old man and rise to newness of life, even as Paul instructs, “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus Christ from the dead is living in you, He who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation – but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live” (Romans 8:11-13). Repent, for by your baptism you are God’s child. You were redeemed from death and forgiven of all your sin. Repent, and joyfully receive absolution and reconciliation with your God, who shed His blood and was raised from the dead on the third day so that you would live with Him in His kingdom forevermore. Repent, and receive His gifts, for He gives them freely and lovingly.

“As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? ⁴These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. ⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation.” (Psalm 42:1-2, 4-5)

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:

Auston Arnett (cancer), friend of Sharon Anderson; Brandon Baker, (healing), grandson of Shirley Baker: 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; Amy Brunner (healing), friend of Sandy Gast; Frank & Nancy Cozzen, brother-in-law & sister of Dewayne Anderson; Adam Cuttriss(Kidney); Marcea Dimond; Dalton Emley (accident), friend of Peggy & Jim Hoch; Cecilia Fogo (healing) relative of Teresa Pinkerton; Don Fox (health concerns), brother of Barba Eickhoff; Ronald Gamble, nephew of Ruth Guy; Jerome & Pat Herber, father & mother of Richard Herber; Margaret Howard, friend of Max Heffelfinger; Hazel Jackson (back problems), sister of Ruth Guy; Vicki Oden Kimmel (healing), friend of Karen Smith; Richard Mann; Hilda Mitten, friend of Betty Pike; Adam Neumann, friend of Laurie Trlak; Betty Riggers (healing); Jake Rieff, friend of Peggy & Jim Hoch; Bea Schmalzried (healing); 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); Steven Welker (stroke), son-in-law of Donna Dennis; Dan Winkelman (cancer) brother of Dick Winkelman, Judy Turgeson & Sue Kellam; Chris Worsham (healing) brother of Chad Worsham

Englewood Health & Rehabilitation – Mildred Craig
Heritage of Huntington – Dick Christ; Maxine Stetzel; Robert Gernand
Heritage, Warren – Edward Campbell, Jr.
Lutheran Life Village – Rev. Donald Fischer; Ruth Guhl
Miller's Merry Manor – Neil & Sandy Stonebraker;
Markle Health & Rehabilitation – Jean Simmons
Tipton Place - Charles Weicht
Home – Wayne & Nancy Ashbaugh; Jim Bowland; Jason Cozad; David Dimond; Janice Hencken; Bradley Heideman; Shirley Powell; Laurie Trlak; 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 Wertemberger 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 Wertemberger



Graduates High School or College

High School or college graduates, please send a picture and your information (accomplishments and future plans) to the church office no later than April 19th so that we may recognize you in the May newsletter. If late, we will not publish in any other newsletters.



Happy Anniversary

A Little Heavenly Humor

Inherit the Mirth by Cuyler Black



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4/20 Lawrence & Susie Baade 45 years

Lent 2019 “Unbroken”

Please join us each week as we search the Scriptures and find that they present an Unbroken testimony of God’s love for us in Jesus Christ.

*April 14: Palm Sunday - 10:15 am
“Branches of Victory”*

*April 18: Maundy Thursday - 7 pm
“Take, and Eat”*

*April 19: Good Friday
“The Tree of Life”
Noon Service - 12:15 pm
Evening Service - 7:00 pm*

April 20: Easter Vigil - Saturday, 5:00 pm

April 21: Easter -

Easter Breakfast (served by LYF)- 8:30 am

*Easter Service - “Angelic Messengers”-
10:15 am*

Congratulations!

Soup/Dessert Cook-off

The winner of the Soup cook-off in February was Jacqueline Krauskopf with Cheeseburger Soup.

The winner of the Dessert cook-off was Abby, Noel, and Oliver Lorenz with Blueberry cheesecake.

Congratulations to all. A fun time was had by everyone tasting and voting for favorite soup and dessert.

Organizations

Ladies' Guild: The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the education building.

The Shamrock Luncheon was successful, as we are able to give LOVE Inc \$500 and the Diaper Depot \$500. A BIG thanks to all that helped in any way for the success. We served 99 people and took the salads and casseroles that were left to the downtown Meal Ministry. We give thanks to God for the success.

St. Peter Association of Retired

Keenagers (SPARKS) – The lucky winner of the drawing at the March meeting was Jack Guy. The April meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, April 10th in the reception room of the education building. Bring your favorite carry out food (from your favorite restaurant) to eat or brown bag from home. Desserts will be furnished by Peggy Hoch, Janet Bennett and Shirley Baker. Drinks will be furnished.

Dorcas Circle: Will meet April 17th, at the home of hostess Barba Eickhoff. Please RSVP to Barba at 260-356-4138.

Quilters: Quilters continue to accept cotton material for making of quilts, as well as new full size sheets to be used as backing of the quilts.

LYF: Have you seen the thermometer in the hallway lately? Unlike the temperature outside, our thermometer is not moving much. We are about ¼ of the way to be being fully funded for 4 students and 2 adults to go to the Higher Things youth conference this summer. Watch the coming months for fundraisers from the youth group.

PEP: Next PEP Family night will be held on May 3rd at 5:30pm. Dinner will be provided. All members are welcome to attend

LYF – Easter Breakfast



Reminder – Mark your calendars for April 21. The youth will be holding our Annual Easter Breakfast. We will start serving at 8:30. Enjoy breakfast and fellowship before worshipping our Risen King. This is the BIG fund raiser for the youth so they can do small trips and fun things throughout the year.



80 Plus Birthdays this month!

April

4/12	Richard Prange	81
4/14	Dick Christ	92
4/27	Jack Guy	93
4/30	Eleanor Smith	80



Greeters

May	Saturday	Richard and Audra Herber
	Sunday	Mark and Marge Cozad
June	Saturday	Diana Mason
	Sunday	Ron and Cheryl Canvin
July	Saturday	Richard and Ellen Prange
	Sunday	Holly Cuttriss

SERVING THIS MONTH

APRIL 2019

ELDER

SATURDAY: GEORGE JUERGENS

SUNDAY: LARRY BAADE

GREETERS

SATURDAY: Allen Couch **SUNDAY:** Sue Holtz & Gabe

ALTAR CARE: Nancy Walter

WED, April 3	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Jase Gunn
SAT April 6	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ron Brown
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ted McElhaney
		ACOLYTE	Erika Brown
SUN, April 7	10:15: AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeff Derr
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chris Durham
		ACOLYTE	Brianna Thomas
WED, April 10	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Miranda Spitler
SAT, April 13	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Samantha Weicht
SUN, April 14	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Andrew Crider
THUR, April 18	7:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jim Hoch
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Randy Prange
		ACOLYTE	Jase Gunn
FRI, April 19	NOON		
	7:00 PM		
SAT, April 20	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chad Worsham
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ethan Stoppenhagen
		ACOLYTE	Jacob Worsham
SUN, April 21	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Richard Winkelman
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chris Durham
		ACOLYTE	Drew Dorsett
SAT, April 27	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Miranda Spitler
SUN, April 28	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Brianna 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 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:30 Elders	2 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store 7:00 General Guild	3 9:00 Quilters 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Choir	4 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	5	6 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
7 9:00 Adult Bible Class Only 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion	8 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	9 1:00 Chapel @ Millers	10 9:00 Quilters 12:00 SPARKS 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Choir	11 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 1:30 @ Heritage Communion Service 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	12	13 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
14 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service PALM SUNDAY	15 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	16 11:00-12:00 Diaper Store 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 5:00-6:00 Diaper Store 7:00 Stewardship	17 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Dorcas Circle 7:00 Choir	18 10:00 PEP 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	19 12:15 Good Friday Service 7:00 Good Friday Service 12:00 N Messenger Deadline	20 5:00 Easter Vigil w/Communion
21 8:30 Easter Breakfast 10:15 EASTER Service w/Communion	22 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:45 Evangelism Committee	23 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 7:00 BPLE	24 9:00 Quilters 7:00 Choir	25 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation CHURCH PICTURES	26 CHURCH PICTURES	27 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service CHURCH PICTURES
28 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service	29 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7PM Vicarage Placement Service * @CTSFW	30 1:00 Chapel @ Millers 7PM Call Service *@CTSFW				

NOTES

REMINDER: Friday is pastor's family day, please contact him in emergency only.

*Vicarage and Call Services are streamed live online at ctsfw.edu (follow the prompts for the service page)