

The

Messenger

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

March 2018

“Pastor! What’s with all the changes in the church?”

We continue in the Lenten season, and there are indeed a number of changes that we see within the church during this time of year.

While most of us are familiar with the colors of the season and even a number of the symbols (such as the crown of thorns, hammer & nails, 30 pieces of silver, etc...), I would like to point out one fairly major change you may have noticed within the church: the use of veils.

We have two veils in church at this time of year: one covers the processional cross, and one covers the base of the altar cross.

Why? Well, it’s an old church tradition. Some churches follow it, some don’t. The custom of covering ornate pictures and objects during Lent adds to the solemnity of the season by hiding the colorful and festive things. Our joy is muted this time of year, especially as we recall what was demanded by Jesus by His passion and death. And so, many brass fixtures are veiled (if the church has the ability), along with pictures of the resurrection and Christ’s victory over death.

This is also why many churches veil the altar cross. However, our altar cross remains unveiled except for the base because ours is a crucifix, holding the death of Jesus before our eyes throughout this season. But for those whose altar cross has no corpus upon it, a veil covers the emptiness. Likewise for our processional cross: our processional cross shows the triumphant Jesus, risen and ascending. So for this time of Lent, the victory is muted and veiled, and all we see is the outline of Jesus upon the cross.

So the next time you see veiled images in church during Lent, “Now,” as Paul Harvey would say, “you know the rest of the story.”



-- 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; Jay Beekman; 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; Linda Manchy (cancer), friend of Sue Holtz; Richard Mann; Dennis Miller (heart & stroke), friend of Ruth Moon; 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; 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:

APRIL

Sat 5:00	Richard and Ellen Prange
Sun 10:15	Harold and Janet Bennett

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

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?

Did you know that there is a group playing pickle ball on Monday and Thursday evenings and Tuesday morning during the winter months in our gym?

Last year they replaced 22 bulbs in the gym to the high efficiency light bulbs for us at a cost of approximately \$700.00. They did the work of getting up to the lights and replacing them. This did NOT cost St. Peter anything.

This year they have contributed \$300.00 cash to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

St. Peter thanks them for their contributions.

Welcome

Welcome to our new members:
Mr. & Mrs. Mark (Marg) Cozad
Mr. & Mrs. Roger (Becky) Hitzfield
Please introduce yourself to these new members if you have not already done so.



A Little Heavenly Humor

Sunday school teacher: "Do you remember your memory verse?"

Sunday school student: "I sure do, I even remember the zip code – John 3:16"

Organizations

Ladies' Guild: will meet on **Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30 pm** in the lower level of the education building. Please note this change of day and time.

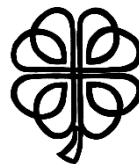
Choir: Is continuing to practice on Wednesday evenings before Lenten Services at 6:00 pm. See you there.

St. Peter Association of Retired Keenagers (SPARKS) – The lucky winner of the drawing at the February meeting was Nancy Ashbaugh. The March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14th at Pizza Hut .

Dorcas Circle: Will meet March 21st at noon with Sandy Slusser and Shirley Baker as hostess. We will meet in the reception room of the education building. Please RSVP regrets only to Sandy (356-4755).

LYF: Will meet on Sunday, March 25 at 5 p.m. to go over last minutes details for the breakfast – See special article about Easter Breakfast.
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: Will NOT meet the Wednesday of Holy Week.



Don't Forget to get your ticket to attend the SHAMROCK LUNCH on MARCH 16



Epiphany 2018

Epiphany greetings from the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Thank you for your caring and gifts for the Co-op Marketplace this past year. Our students are truly blessed by the love and care that is shown by you as they are formed into the pastors and deaconesses of tomorrow. For many of our students, the Co-op is their only source for their food and household items while they are here on campus. As a former student wife, I can tell you firsthand what it means to my family when we were benefactors of the love and gifts given by people like you.

Because of you, our students received gift cards from various retailers, restaurants and gas stations. Each of our off-campus students also received a 10-meal lunch ticket for the dining hall. The total given to each pastoral ministry and deaconess student was \$330.00. This is in addition to the beautiful quilts that were lovingly hand-crafted by ladies from all over the country. In addition to this, we held 20 gift drawings for items ranging from an Alb, cincture and vestment bag to game night. We also awarded 10 door prizes for an evening out. What a tremendous blessing to be able to do this for the students!

Jesus provides us more gifts than our hearts and minds could ever imagine. You truly are a gift to the students who are preparing for a life of full-time church work. Thank you.

In His service and yours,
Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth
Dean of Students
Katherine Rittner
Director, Food & Clothing Co-op

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.



Easter Breakfast

The Youth Group will be hosting the Easter Breakfast on April 1, 2018, at 8:30 am. We will be setting up on Saturday, March 31 @ 10 am. If you are a youth in grades 5-12, you are a member of the youth group. Look for an insert in the bulletin in March for ways you can donate/help.

March Anniversaries

Beginning with February issue, only milestone anniversaries will be recognized.



COOK-OFF

The 2nd annual soup and dessert cook-off held on February 11th was very successful even though the weather was not great, the food certainly was. There were 10 soups to taste and vote for and the winner was Bailey Al-Khateeb with “White Chicken Chili”. There was 4 desserts to taste and vote for and the winner was Ian Crider with “Pretzel Torte”.

Sorry, no pictures from the event. If you happened to take pictures, please sent to the church office so we have on file. Thanks.

Bailey and Ian have agreed to have their recipe published, so enjoy.



White Chicken Chili (Crock pot)

2 - Chicken Breast (shred after cooked)
 1 – can corn (do not drain)
 1 - can black beans (drain)
 1 pk cream cheese
 1 can rotel (mild w/chilis)
 1 pk Ranch mix
 1T cumin
 1T chili powder
 Top chicken with corn, beans, rotel, chili powder, cumin, ranch mix.
 Mix well, top with cream cheese
 Cook on low 6-8 hours

Pretzel Torte

2 C. Pretzels (rolled & broken – not too fine, like nut meats)

$\frac{3}{4}$ C. Sugar

1 C. Butter or oleo melted

Mix all together – reserve 1 cup for top.

Spread in 9 x 13 pan. (Do this first & put in freezer while mixing the rest of the recipe)

Mix 8 oz. Cream Cheese into 1 Cup Powdered Sugar

Prepare 2 envelopes Dream Whip according to the package directions.

With the electric mixer, blend the Cream Cheese mixture into the Dream Whip mixture.

Spread $\frac{1}{2}$ of the mixed cream mixture over pretzel base.

Then spread 2 Cans of Pie Filling (Cherry, but can use Blueberry, Strawberry, etc.)

Cover with foil and freeze 4-5 hours or overnight.

Remove for at least an hour before cutting and serving. Enjoy

Note from Ian: “Mom says that the 3 large bowls we have in the cupboard, we will get all 3 plus 50 more dirty when making this wonderful dessert”.





Shamrock Luncheon

Lenten Series:

“The Seven Words of Suffering”

All services are held Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted

Lent II, February 28 – “Behold Your Son”

Lent III, March 7 – “I Thirst”

Lent IV, March 14 – “My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

Lent V, March 21 – “It Is Finished”

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 25

Maundy Thursday, March 29 – 7 pm

Good Friday , March 30 (Noon) “Father, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit”

Good Friday (Evening), March 30 – 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, March 31 (5 pm)

Easter Sunday, April 1 – 10:15 am

The Shamrock Luncheon will be held on March 16, 2018. Please call Pam Wertemberger 356-8139 or Cell 260-388-2507 to let her know what dish you plan to donate to the luncheon. Cash donations are also welcome (Please make checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran Ladies Guild and in the memo line mark for Shamrock Luncheon).

If you have not been contacted to help the day of the luncheon, call the church office (356-6528) to volunteer, this is only a short time as the luncheon is from 11am-1pm. For those needing to bring their dish early, the Polk Street door will be open at 6:30 a.m. and the ramp door will open at 9:00 a.m. The proceeds will go to repair the sinks in the classrooms that are used by Sunday School classes, VBS and the Youth Group. Tickets are \$7.00.

We will once again have the disposable pans for the hot dishes available for you to use, as these pans fit the chafing racks to keep the food hot.



80 Plus Birthdays this month! *March*

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SERVING THIS MONTH

MARCH 2018

ELDER

SATURDAY: GEORGE JUERGENS

SUNDAY: RANDY PRANGE

GREETERS

SATURDAY: Jim & Barbara Spreen

SUNDAY: John & Valerie Hughes Family

ALTAR CARE: Mary Ellen Fuller

COUNTERS: Jack & Pam Wertenberger

MARCH			
SAT MARCH 3	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Adrian Brown
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Norman Kochensparger
		ACOLYTE	Erika Brown
SUN MARCH 4	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeff Derr
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Larry Baade
		ACOLYTE	Nolan Hughes
WED MARCH 7	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Jase Gunn
SAT MARCH 10	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Brianna Thomas
SUN MARCH 11	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Andrew Crider
WED MARCH 14	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Ian Crider
SAT MARCH 17	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ted McElhaney
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chad Worsham
		ACOLYTE	Jase Gunn
SUN MARCH 18	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jim Hoch
		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chris Durham
		ACOLYTE	Nolan Hughes
WED MARCH 21	7:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Drew Dorsett
SAT MARCH 24	5:00 PM	ACOLYTE	Samantha Weicht
SUN MARCH 25	10:15 AM	ACOLYTE	Brianna Thomas
THUR MARCH 29	7:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Richard Winkelman Harold Bennett
		ACOLYTE	Andrew Crider
FRI MARCH 30	12:00 N		N/A
FRI MARCH 30	7:00 PM		N/A
SAT MARCH 31	5:00 PM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Adrian Brown
Easter Vigil		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chris Durham
		ACOLYTE	Erika Brown
SUN APRIL 1	10:15 AM	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeff Derr
EASTER		COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jim Hoch
		ACOLYTE	Jase Gunn
		Crucifer	Chris Durham
		Torch Bearer Torch Bearer	Samantha Weicht Brianna Thomas

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 9:00 PEP Meeting 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	2	3 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
4 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion 2:00 Adult Confirmation	5 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:30 Elders	6 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 6:00 BPLE 6:30 General Guild	7 9:00 Quilters 7:00 Lenten Service	8 10:00 PEP Gathering 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	9	10 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
11 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Divine Service 2:00 Adult Confirmation	12 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 7:00 Council	13 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood	14 9:00 Quilters 12:00 SPARKS 7:00 Lenten Service	15 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	16 11:00 Shamrock Luncheon	17 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
18 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service w/Communion 2:00 Adult Confirmation	19 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton	20 11:00-1:00 Diaper Store 4:00-6:00 Diaper Store 9:00 Pastor Circuit Mtg. 2:00 Messenger Deadline	21 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Dorcas Circle 7:00 Lenten Service	22 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Jr. Confirmation	23	24 4:00 Bible Class 5:00 Divine Service
25 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Divine Service 2:00 Adult Confirmation 5:00 LYF	26 9:00 Chapel @ Heritage 10:15 Chapel @ Tipton 6:00 Evangelism Committee	27 10:00 Chapel @ Norwood	28 9:00 Quilters	29 12:00 Bulletin Deadline 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	30 12:15 Good Friday Service 7:00 Good Friday Service	31 5:00 Divine Service w/Communion
April 1 EASTER 8:30 Easter Breakfast 10:15 Service w/Communion						

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