

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 26, 2020



*Sharing the
Truth of Christ's
Love by Caring
for the Needs
of Everyone!*

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 am
(Communion every
second and
fourth Sunday)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(ages 3 through 5th Grade)
10:20 am

CONFIRMATION CLASS

(6th-8th Grades)
10:20 am

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

(9th-12th Grades)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:20 am

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, 9:00 AM WORSHIP AND 10:20 AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. WE WILL ALERT YOU AS SOON AS THEY RESUME. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR EAVES AT 701.340.8324.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Change is something that bothers all of us to some extent. While the church is not exempt from change, God, Jesus, and the Gospel are.

We've all experienced change, and in some cases it vexed us severely. During my time in the Air Force and as a pastor, my family had to deal with the change of relocating several times. Relocating didn't bother me so much, but it was a tremendous burden on my wife and three daughters. For the daughters, changing schools was devastating at times.

During my vicarage, I had the pleasure of ministering to a woman who was 99-years-old when I got there. She turned 100 during my time on vicarage. As I got to know her, I learned that she was born the year the Wright Brothers made their famous first flight. We talked about all the various changes she'd seen in her 100 years of life. She'd experienced flight in its early stages, as well as all the changes in modes of flight up to and including flight into outer space.

The list of changes are not just limited to flight, however. In the church, we've experienced changes in hymnals, liturgies, worship styles, evangelism, and missions, to name a few. Now, we're facing maybe one of the greatest changes since the beginning of The Church in the book of Acts.

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Prayer Requests



St. Peter's Youth Group: Pray for the Youth Group, as they continue to raise money for the Higher Things Conference this summer, that God would provide the necessary funds.

Members who are seeking healing and comfort during a difficult time: Jean Brewer, John Wieg, Kristy Bartels, Dennis Roush, Rhonda Driver (Rose Harmon's daughter), Susan Felbinger.

Members who are residing at care centers: Dean Roby (Florence Nursing Home, Marengo), Fern Warfel (Tower Hill Care Center), Meta Meyer, and Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek).

Members experiencing increasing difficulties in getting out and about: Alta Dittman, Mary Jane Lindaas, Mabel Maas, Doris Meilahn, Eleanor Miller, Betty Roush, Dean Roby, Marnie Wesemann.

People among us and those around us who suffer from physical, emotional, economic, or coronavirus (COVID-19) pain.

St. Peter's Mission to be revealed by the Holy Spirit and inform us of God's intention to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors.



Giving

For those of you who are uncomfortable with giving online through the website, please know that you are welcome to mail your giving to the church office at:



St. Peter's Lutheran Church
43W301 Plank Road, Hampshire, IL 60140

Denise is making sure that Darlene Tegtmeier receives all tithing checks that come in. Darlene also continues to take care of the financial needs of St. Peter's during these times.

Sermons on DVDs

George Wine is graciously putting each Sunday's sermon on a DVD for the Shut-ins and for anyone who does not have access to a computer, in order to watch the Sermons on-line. If you know of anyone who would like a DVD, please contact George at 224-402-1971 and he will see that they get a copy each Sunday after the worship service (late am to early pm).

Sermons are on Facebook

After last week's mistake with the wrong sermon being uploaded onto the website, please know that Chuck Petersen is posting the sermons on St. Peter's Hampshire Facebook Page, as well. It is another alternative for watching.

Thank you for your patience and grace!
Denise Kohlmeier



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As someone once said, “We need to get used to different.” When we emerge on the other side of this pandemic, all of our lives, and how we live and interact with life will be changed. Worship and the part of our lives that is church and Christianity will be changed, as well. We need to start contemplating this and praying for guidance from the Holy Spirit about how we, as Christians, will face the new challenges that are being placed before us.

I grew up in the South and like some other cultures, we’re huggers, we shake hands, and we give a helping hand. We always washed our hands and practiced good hygiene, of course. Then, about the time I was going through seminary and later in my early days



as a pastor, more and more people were identifying as Germaphobes. This meant that some people refused to hug, shake hands, etc. Fast forward, and this has now been exacerbated because of COVID-19. There’s already talk of doing away with the shaking of hands and, I’m sure, hugging when we phase back into the next “norm” in life.

The church has always been a community that is close and caring. Science has proven that humans need touch and physical interaction. This is especially true with infants, the elderly, and the infirmed. So, how do we handle this?

Well, this is just the tip of the ice berg, unfortunately. Discipling has been hit or miss before all of this, but now it’s going to get even trickier. Our mission statement, “Showing the truth of Christ’s love by caring for the needs of everyone” will be greatly impacted by our perception of who we are and how we do Christianity in our changed and ever-changing world.

Our example and Savior, Jesus Christ, though, shows us time and time again that we are and should be different. He reaches out to the sick, the poor, the tax collector, the prostitute, the leper, and the spiritually dead, with no regard for Himself. Jesus was—and still is—all about touching people’s lives spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

How we reacted to those in critical need has even changed over the years. People used to willingly and readily help people, but now people are extending a helping hand less and less. In fact, Good Samaritan laws were enacted to protect those people who *were* willing to help. And this was drastically impacted with the arrival of HIV/AIDS.

So, what do we do during this pandemic?

We find our answer in Luke 10:25-37. “And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read it?’ And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’ And He said to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.’ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You go, and do likewise.’”

Jesus says to us, “**Go, and do likewise.**”

We need to get used to different in a lot of aspects of our lives now, including church. But, as children of Easter, people of the Empty Tomb, our trust is in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

So, if you find yourself in a situation where you can help, GO! Know that God has placed you there for that reason. Let everyone else be the ‘priest’ or the ‘Levite.’ You’ve been called to be the Good Samaritan.

Get used to different, yes; but don’t let it change who you are and what you are called to do as a baptized child of God.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Christ has died! Christ is risen! He will come again!

APRIL CALENDAR

Birthdays are in red
Anniversaries are in green

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Christopher Cangelosi Lynn Robertson Lois Tyndall
5 Worship (available on the Website and Facebook)	6 Susan Felbinger	7 Dr. Joy Sunderlage	8	9 Maundy Thursday Service (available on the Website and Facebook) Emily Jack	10 Good Friday Service (available on the Website and Facebook) Bill Mikesell	11 Marilyn Thompson
12 Easter Service (available on the Website and Facebook) Cadence Flatland	13 Chuck & Christy Petersen	14	15	16	17 Denny Sunderlage Steve & Sonja Sporleder	18
19 Worship (available on the Website and Facebook)	20	21 Elizabeth Cangelosi	22	23	24	25 Sandy Dorwaldt
26 Worship, (available on the Website and Facebook)	27 Paul Tegtmeier Marnie Wesemann	28 Carol Bahr	29 Cindy Kuschel	30		

**Confirmation, which was scheduled for May 10, will be postponed until a later date.
The date will be determined once we are allowed to resume worship and Confirmation Class.**

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Mon., Wed., Thurs.
10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tues., Fri.
10:00 am -12:30 pm