

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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April 3, 2022



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

SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 am

(Communion celebrated every Sunday)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Ages 3 - 8th Grade)

September - May, 10:00 am

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

(9th - 12th Grades)

September - May, 10:00 am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

10:00 am

MESSENGER

Making the Best of It

There are times in our personal lives or in the life of the church when it seems like the best thing to do is just stop, take a breath, and get things sorted out. Some of those times are when things are difficult or when things seem to be going wrong. But God doesn't see it that way.

When the Israelites were exiles in Babylon, God told them, "Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD. For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:4-11 ESV).

God didn't say, "Things are bad, so take a break. Wait until things get better. Take time to heal and recuperate. Then when you're feeling better and things are back to normal, you can get back to doing my business." No, God told them to carry on with business as usual.

Isn't that true of us, too? During a time of waiting, many of us think we should do nothing, even though there's still plenty to do. In those times we become concerned about one person only: ourselves. When things get messy, the only person we tend to see is ourselves.

But the lesson is this: During times of waiting for God to move, He still wants—needs!—us to be as productive as possible, by serving others. By blessing others, you open up the channel for God to come through and bless you. That's the way it works. That's the way HE works!

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choosing God's direction,
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uncertain and impossible.*

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Prayer Requests



Those who are ill

Pamela Andrews, Donna Austin (Dave & Carol Bahr's daughter, had shoulder replacement), Gloria Bagleman, Kristy Bartels, Jean Brewer, Jim Butt (at Avondale), Don Dorwaldt, Judy & Les Herman, Jim Hulke (Joe's brother), Wynn Howard (Sonja Sporleder's father, broken hip), Ernst Kohn, Linda Mandell, Angela Paleothodorous (Sonja Sporleder's family member, heart surgery recovery), Dennis Roush, Robert Schneller (Marilyn's cousin, cancer), Dolores Schuring, Ginny Schuring, Norm Schuring, Squita (Nakaila Slaughter's mother, COVID), Marilyn Thompson, John Wieg, and Stacy (Jim Hulke's daughter, COVID).

Members residing in healthcare centers

Dave Bahr (Highland Oaks), Meta Meyer and Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

Members experiencing difficulties in mobility

Doris Meilahn and Betty Roush.



Attendance



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| March 2: | 35 |
| March 6: | 47 |
| March 9: | 26 |
| March 13: | 57 |
| March 16: | 33 |
| March 20: | 46 |
| March 23: | 22 |
| March 27: | 44 |
| March 30: | 26 |

TRUE PRACTICE OF FAITH

Tithing is a question not of reason or convenience or what God will do for us but of faith in God as our Creator and Owner. Tithing involves complete trust in His providential promises.

Altar Guild



Altar Flowers are always, first and foremost, given for the glory of God.

April 10

Given in honor of Charles & Christy Petersen's wedding anniversary (April 13).

April 17

Given in honor of Steve & Sonja Sporleder's wedding anniversary (today).

April 24

Given in honor of Sandy Dorwaldt's and Cindy Kuschel's birthdays (April 25 and 29, respectively).

Food Pantry Update



In March, we served 17 families (52 people).

Items Needed:

variety crackers
pasta sauces
dish soap
kidney beans
facial tissues
paper towels
breakfast bars
grape jelly
canned pastas
juices

+ Easter Flowers +



Order your flowers to decorate the chancel for Easter Sunday **BY** Wednesday, April 6.

Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Available Flowers:

6" single stem Lily, \$15
8" double, \$27.50
10" triple-stemmed, \$45
6" pot of daffodil bulbs, \$15
6" pot of tulip bulbs, \$15
4 blooms of hydrangeas, \$27.50

Yes, every church has its ups and downs, and it's easy during the down times to think we need to take a break, get things back to the way they should be. But that's not God's way. God says to press on, because He has work for us to do. Which usually means change.

We live in a world that is constantly changing, and oftentimes God allows us to be in a situation that forces change, change that means doing something different and not looing back to what was "tried and true," or familiar and comfortable.

When we find ourselves at a crossroads, we can choose to take the direction in which God is pushing us (which will likely cause anxiety), or we can try to go back to that which was comfortable. But that is not faith. Faith, my friends, means choosing God's direction, even when it seems uncertain and impossible.

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

Walcamp Outdoor Ministries & Retreat Center

(815)784-5141 ~ office@walcamp.org

Walcamp is a year-round Christian ministry in Kingston, IL offering camp programs for youth, families, and groups. We have something for everybody youth camps, day camps, weekend family camping, and programs for persons with special needs. Walcamp is a great place to experience fun camp activities, build new friendships, grow stronger in your faith and go into the outdoors!

We uphold the doctrines of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

Our Mission: Providing outdoor ministry where Creation is explored, Christ is exalted, and Christians are equipped for service back home and beyond.

Walcamp is accredited by the American Camp Association and upholds the highest standard of excellence concerning safety and organization.

Walcamp Facts:

- Walcamp was established in 1963 by high-school-age Walther League members.
- Walcamp is a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, but not owned by the Synod, district or any other organization.
- Walcamp is incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.
- Walcamp is supported by usage fees and contributions by individuals and congregations.
- Walcamp's facilities include the main lodge; two cabins; the Thiel Center, an adult retreat and nature center; and a 34-site campground with six camping cabins.
- Each summer, Walcamp hires college students, many of whom are training for teaching or other church-work professions, to lead its summer camp programs.

Northern IL District LWML Convention

**September 23 & 24
Holiday Inn, Carol Stream**

*Celebrating 85 years
of mission work*

Theme:

"Take Heart" (John 16:33)

Keynote speaker:

Deb Burma, author of various Bible studies and devotionals

National LWML president, Debbie Larsen, will also be attending. Book your hotel by 9/2/2022 at the special rate of \$109.00 per night, plus tax, using code **LHM** at holiday-inn.com/chi-carol, or call 630.665.3000 and say Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Using this code will help reduce the cost for guests.

Worship Assistants

| | ELDER | USHER | GREETERS | READER | ALTAR GUILD |
|------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 4/3 | Steve Sporleder | Nancy Heine | Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier | Marilyn Eaves | Cindy Kuschel |
| 4/10 | Jeff Pergande | Christy Petersen | Dave & Pam Neisendorf | Carol Wieg | Cindy Kuschel |
| 4/17 | Bob Felbinger | Fern Petersen | Bette Wine | Dennis Sunderlage | Cindy Kuschel |
| 4/24 | Steve Sporleder | Christy Petersen | Beth Jack & Betty Kurtz | Bob Felbinger | Cindy Kuschel |

| Birthdays | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 4/4 | Lois Tyndall |
| 4/6 | Susan Felbinger |
| 4/7 | Joy Sunderlage |
| Baptism Anniversary | |
| 4/4 | Dave Trupp |

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
2023 LWML
NATIONAL CONVENTION**
*June 22-25, 2023
Milwaukee, WI*

Contact Anne Hartman,
Host Committee Chair,
715-450-0681
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For more information
or to volunteer, go to
<https://lwmlnid.org/2023-lwml-convention-in-milwaukee-wi/>

**ELLA'S FRIENDS RED
GERANIUM SALE**

6" pots = \$13 each
Pre-paid orders due: April 25
(checks payable to Ella's Friends)

Pick-up: April 30, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
@ Prairie View Garden Center
Parking Lot,
48W130 IL Route 72, Hampshire

Order forms available at:
Ella Johns Memorial
Library District
109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL

| THIS WEEK | | |
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| Sunday, 4/3 | Worship <i>Donut & LWML Mites Sunday</i> Adult Bible Study Children's Sunday School Dartball Tournament Island Lake, IL | 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm |
| Wednesday, 4/6 | Lenten Services Soup & Bread Supper | 1:30 pm, 7:00 pm 6:00 pm |
| Thursday, 4/7 | Ladies Aid Mtg. Bible Study Elders Mtg. Choir Practice | 12:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, 4/9 | Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Pew Sisters Bible Study | 7:30 am 10:00 am |
| LOOKING AHEAD | | |
| Sunday, 4/10 | Worship Adult Bible Study Children's Sunday School | 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am |
| Wednesday, 4/13 | LSP Chapel | 11:45 am |
| Thursday, 4/14 | LSP Chapel Maundy Thursday Services | 11:15 am 1:30 pm, 7:00 pm |
| Friday, 4/15 | Good Friday Services NO PRESCHOOL | 1:30 pm, 7:00 pm |
| Sunday, 4/17 | Easter Services <i>Fill The Pews</i> Breakfast ** Last day to place order for LSP Fundraiser | 6:00 am, 9:00 am 7:00 am |
| Monday, 4/18 | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| Thursday, 4/21 | Pinochle Bible Study Preschool Board Mtg. | 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday, 4/26 | Congregational Assembly | 6:30 pm |

!! LITTLE SAINTS PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER !!!

Now thru April 17, Delivery May 5 (or make arrangements with Christy Petersen)
Puffins, Braids, Fannie Mae candies, & candles

Order forms are on the credenza in the narthex. Please fill out the form and return it to the church office

Livestream St. Peter's Sunday Worship at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY-0ZhtspZkK7vIpJ7DEY1Q>

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