



## From the Pastor:

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.  
<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. Psalm 51:1,12

Despite his popularity, I don't think that I've read more than one of the books that Nicholas Sparks has written. However, I have read at least a few of their Wikipedia pages and watched at least that many of the movies based on them, because they're interesting and well, truthfully, girls. Oh, I don't mean my girls now, Lily, Anna, and Kate, because this was before them. Years ago, Nicholas Sparks books and movies helped facilitate conversation with girls by an otherwise very shy and awkward younger version of me. Now, at least one of his books can help us to facilitate understanding the season of Lent better.

In *The Notebook*, which is one I saw in theaters, elderly Noah is reading the love story of a young couple to an Alzheimer's disease-stricken Allie. We come to learn (spoiler alert twenty years later) that they are married and the love story is theirs. Because of her terrible and too-common disease, Allie doesn't remember Noah or the life and love they shared. However, the "notebook" sparks (pun intended) her memory, if only fleetingly, which allows them a grace period of restored time.

Busyness, selfishness, and pride or depression and self-loathing can all lead to the terrible and too-common symptom of forgetting our relationship and love story with God. Lent serves as a "notebook" that draws out highlights from the wider salvation story that is told throughout the Bible. We return to it year after year, hoping that it cuts through the fog that clouds our hearts and minds, restoring the memory we hold of God's passion for us.

During the season of Lent, we are reminded that God has loved us and all humanity from the beginning, and yet we have spurned God's love and the many and various ways God sought throughout history to repair our relationship. Lent reminds us that we become self-absorbed and as a result, cut ourselves off from the only true source of life, God. This is sin and its devastating effects. However, God never gives up and so loved the world that he poured himself into humanity and poured himself out to us through death on the cross. In Jesus' death and resurrection, we have been given the means of salvation. Faith trusts this to be so, and through it we find peace with God (Romans 5:1). Far too frequently, we forgo this peace, forgetting it was won for us or that we ever needed it at all.

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## Pastor's Page (continued)

Peace is lived forgiveness. Jesus has given us this peace with God. Martin Luther's professor colleague and friend Philip Melancthon wrote in his Defense of the Augsburg Confession that peace with God equates to "consciences that are tranquil and joyful before God" (4.91). Being reminded about that in us which separates us from God doesn't need to terrify us, but rather allows us to more deeply appreciate the depth of love God has for us. Trusting in God's love, we live forgiven. The only thing that is fleeting about this peace, this tranquility and joy of our inmost selves, is our own living memory of it, because God has promised it as a gift to us forever.

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Remember that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Remember that the wages of sin is death. Remember that God saw all that he had made and called it very good. Remember that God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Remember that the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Remember, rejoice, and may the peace won for you by Christ through the cross be with you always.



Thank you to everyone who donated peanut butter and jelly for the food cupboard in February. We will be collecting mac-n-cheese in March.



Many thanks to St. Peter's combined youth group for their assistance with the monthly food pack up in February. A very packed church calendar on Sunday's meant that food pack up needed to happen at a time other than after worship and the youth group stepped right up to help! A special thank you to Pastor Johns for making sure this mission work got accomplished this month!

## Celebrating 175 Years



On Sunday, February 11th St. Peter's kicked off the much anticipated celebration of our 175th Anniversary! Special guests included: Rev. Randy Marburger, Bishop Kurt Kusserow, and Pastor Banyay introduced Betty Sue Shaulis Lehew who was invited to be the guest lector at worship. She is a daughter of our congregation and daughter of Pastor & Mrs. Shaulis who served our congregation during WWII until called as director of Camp Lutherlyn in the early 1950s. A special thank you to everyone who attended and to those who donated things to make our pot luck lunch "Lutheran Style" the smorgasbord that it was! Many St. Peter's family and friends were in attendance to kick off this year long celebration. We hope you can join us for upcoming events to honor St. Peter's and its many ministries in the upcoming year.



## Bulletin of Reports & Talent Show



St. Peter's annual congregational bulletin of reports was held on Sunday, February 4th immediately following the worship service. A special thank you to the fellowship committee for organizing and planning a luncheon to feed the congregation. If you did not receive a copy of the report they are available on the reading table in Luther Hall or a digital copy can be requested by contacting the church office. Thank you to the many committee chairpersons that submitted reports reflecting the importance of the work they do here at St. Peters!



## THE TALENT SHOW

It was lights, cameras, action on Tuesday, February 13th at St. Peter's. Many wonderful, funny, and fun talents were shared by St. Peter's family and friends! We heard special musical talents using voices and instrumental pieces to jokes, riddles, and story telling and dancing. St. Peter's Rocks appeared in a "stomp style" routine much to

the enjoyment of the audience. The smiling faces of the kitchen and clean up crew pictured to the left seem to express the fun that was had by all. A special thank you to everyone who helped to make the evening an enjoyable one! The evening concluded with the burning of the palms.



## Shrove Tuesday and Pancake & Sausage Dinner



 It's *Shrove Tuesday!*

A special thank you to the many hands that helped to make this evening a huge success.

Many of St. Peter's friends and family enjoyed homemade pancakes, sausage, syrup, and beverages.



## Announcements



A poster to donate items for the fish dinner is located on the reading table if you would like to contribute food or other items needed for the dinner. Also, please see Debbie Merrison if you are able to volunteer the night of the dinner.

Funeral Dinner Volunteers– Eilene Budisky is updating the volunteer list for funeral dinners. See Eilene to sign up.

Food item donations include: cake, pie, Jello salad, rolls, green beans, mushroom soup, and cole slaw.

Other items include: cash to purchase main dish on the menu and plastic table cloths.

Physically helping includes: serve, clean up, kitchen help, and washing dishes.

\*Volunteers are put on a rotating schedule. You may not be called for every dinner as Eilene tries her best to give everyone a turn to volunteer. Many thanks to everyone who has helped with funeral dinners over the years. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and needed.

### Game Night

Join us on March 16th for the fun & fellowship of game night at 6:30 pm. We have enjoyed trivia time, cards, games, and more. The evening is fun, and you can bring and share drinks, snacks, & friends to participate!



500 Card Club – will meet the Friday, March 1st at noon.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to learn to play you are welcome to join in the fun. It's a pot luck event so bring whatever you would like to share.



**Lunch Bunch**- If you enjoy a good meal and good people, please consider being a part of this month's Lunch Bunch. The next Lunch Bunch will be **Wednesday, March 13th** at 12:00 PM at **Luciano's outside of Mars**. Please let Pastor know ahead of time so we can reserve the right number of seats. We order from the menu & lunch is Dutch treat.

## Announcements

**Fasting for Change** - Please consider again this Lent not just the discipline of giving something up, but also giving something toward, what we call Fasting for Change. As part of your Lenten journey, you are invited to donate the money you would have spent on what you have given up (eating out, sweets or your morning latte) to Lutherlyn's Building for the Future capital campaign, which has allowed for them to renovate the Amphitheater and will next add new cabins. Coin boxes are on tables in Luther Hall or you are welcome to mark the Other line on your contribution envelope. You may choose to donate weekly, or give the sum of your savings at the end of Lent. This is a great individual or family project to take on this Lenten season. Please also note, offerings given in the contribution envelopes designated to Lent will help us to bring the President of the Toliara Synod of Madagascar to our congregation and synod for a fellowship-building visit.



**Meager Meals** – will be held again this Lent. On Thursday evenings at 6 pm, we will gather before worship to eat soup and bread together. If you would like to provide either for a night or multiple nights, there is a sign-up in Luther Hall. Plan to stay for the 7 pm weekly Lent worship service as well!

**Rummage Sale** - Reduce - Reuse - Recycle at St. Peter's with our Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 20th. Donations start to be accepted beginning on Monday, April 1st so we keep our space open for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Please no clothes, also large furniture items and electronics are acceptable as long as those who bring them are willing to take them back if they don't sell. Thank you!



### DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are looking forward to St. Peter's annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning at 9 am. If you are able to donate items for our children, things such as small prizes, and allergy safe candy (*individual serving size*): smarties, starburst, skittles, Swedish fish, nerds, and anything else you can think of would be much appreciated. We do not need plastic Easter eggs as we have been given many in previous years. Look for the box in Luther Hall soon!

**Softball**— If you are interested in playing on the St. Peter's softball team this season, please talk to Pastor Johns, who is the coach of our team. Games are held during the week at the Middle Lancaster Field mostly and occasionally in Slippery Rock this year, from May through the beginning of August, with spring training held in April. Everyone is welcome to participate or to be part of the best cheer squad in the league.



Please be on the lookout for our Lutherlyn campers selling candy. When you find them, then please help send them to camp!

## Lent 2024

### Keeping the Word Alive Vigil (March 29-31)

Holy Week is one of the most spiritually intense times of the whole year, and mirroring the way the Gospels slow down to follow Jesus' every move during his passion week provides us with rich ground for strengthening the roots of our faith. From the conclusion of our Good Friday evening service until the beginning of Easter service, we will be participating in Keeping the Word Alive at the Foot of the Cross. For about thirty-six hours, we will read continually through the Gospel of John, broken only by readers taking time for prayer or using other provided devotional material to reflect on the magnitude of Jesus' sacrificial love for us. Our thirty-six hour vigil represents the time Christ lay dead in the tomb, but giving audible voice to God's Word reminds us that death is not the victor in this battle. Also this time of incarnating the Word teaches us that we not only play a part in Jesus' death but in the on-going life of his Body. There will be a poster in Luther Hall where you can take a slot or slots to be a reader. If you would prefer not to be in the building alone, please consider asking someone to be a partner with you during your time slot. If you need help finding a person to keep watch with you, please reach out to Pastor.

Please consider this opportunity to live into Jesus' request of the disciples at Gethsemane to remain with him and stay awake with him (Mt 26:38), and if you have any questions please talk to Pastor or the Worship Committee. Although reading from the sanctuary offers some of the deepest spiritual benefits, we will again offer the opportunity to read from home through Zoom.



### Looking Ahead...Lent / Holy Week/Easter

Mar. 7	Meager Meal 6 pm Service 7 pm
Mar. 8	Fish Fry 4 pm
Mar. 14	Meager Meal 6 pm Service 7 pm
Mar. 21	Meager Meal 6 pm Service 7 pm
Mar. 24	Palm Sunday & First Holy Communion
Mar. 27	Silent Communion Service 6:45 pm
Mar. 28	Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm
Mar. 29	Good Friday: Community Cross Walk—noon (Starting at St. Peter's ending at Westminster UPC ) Worship Service 7 pm
Mar. 29-31	Keeping the Word Alive vigil
Mar. 31	Sunrise Service 7 am Easter Breakfast 8 am Sunday School & Egg Hunt 9 am Festal Worship 10:15 am





## Financial Facts

*St. Peter's Lutheran Church*  
**Funds Report**

Posted Contributions For Period: 01/01/2024 to 01/31/2024

Fund Description	Amount
211 Meals on Wheels	110.00
212 Food Cupboard	1,367.81
213 Synod Benevolence	918.50
215 ELCA Lutheran World Relief	25.00
242 EDCO Park	10.00
280 Window Coverings	956.00
400 Current Fund Income	10,266.50
405 Flower Income	160.00
407 Priority Project Income	120.00
408 After School Program Income	720.00
410 Campership Income	10.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14,663.81</b>

**A Financial Update** – in an effort to keep everyone informed about our current financial situation the reconciled treasurers report of our current fund **as of the end of January 2024** is as follows: Current Fund \$12,055.71, Memorial Fund \$6,164.74, Youth Fund \$9,170.17, Manna Fund \$4,336.51, Priority Project Fund \$15,386.19, After School Program \$9,628.32. Many thanks to those who continue to give to these funds which give us the ability to serve Christ and others.

### Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for March



Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for March will support Camp Lutherlyn (*This is not the same thing as St. Peter's Campers*). If you would like to support this cause please mark the other line on your contribution envelope **Camp Lutherlyn.**

### Giving To Synod Benevolence in 2024

Just a quick reminder that if you would like to give to Synod Benevolence in 2024 (giving to the greater church that reaches beyond the doors of St. Peter's) you can choose to mark your contribution envelope in the benevolence section.

**Just a reminder: if you do not mark your contribution envelope 10% of your entire donation will go to synod benevolence, as approved by church council. St. Peter's pledged \$14,500 to synod benevolence in 2024. Hopefully we reach our goal again this year.**



### HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

**Online**

1. Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice).
2. In the "GET STARTED" section on the right, click **Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®**.
3. Log in by entering your user ID and password. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click "Register for account access.")
4. Choose the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
  - a. To direct to a previous organization:
    - Click "**Direct Now**" next to the organization's name, or
    - Click on the "**View activity history**" link, scroll down and click on the **name of the desired organization**.
  - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click "**Search**."
5. Choose "**Direct All**" or **enter a specific number** and click "**Direct Now**." Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

**THRIVENT CHOICE  
DOLLARS... IT'S TIME  
TO DESIGNATE AGAIN!**

## Thoughts and Prayers

Cole Barkley  
 John, Summer, Timothy Barron & Family  
 Amanda Barron  
 Helen Barto  
 Herb Brittner  
 Steve Brittner  
 Dave Brockhoff  
 Tom Broeren  
 Jane Brown  
 Kay Burr  
 Cindy Caldwell (*breast cancer*)  
 Jane Carruth (*Colon Cancer - B.Barkley*)  
 Luke Clawson  
 Jimmy Dapper  
 David English (*Lung Cancer*)  
 Diane Fair  
 Bob & Joan Ferringer  
 Mary, Glenn, and David Fulghum  
 Lori Goodwin  
 Joan Gumpp  
 Bill Head  
 Casey Hogan  
 Ella Jason  
 Greg John  
 Carol Kerr



Diane Marburger  
 Jane Mashuda  
 Jenny Mashuda  
 Diamond McCracken  
 Matt & Kim Morris  
 Mark Phillips  
 Erin Price  
 Bill Puryear (*cancer*)  
 Barb Rader  
 Lori Rasp  
 Rick Reifenstein  
 Lynn Schweinegruber  
 Carol Smith (*Cancer*)  
 Judy Smith  
 Tammy Dauben Speck (*Breast Cancer*)  
 Carrie Sphar (*cancer – from: Cheryl Thomas*)  
 Jane Taylor  
 Cathy VanDyke (*Robin Van Dyke's Sister-In-Law*)  
 Liam Wahl (*infant in need of heart transplant*)  
 Glenn Walker  
 Mary Watson  
 Bob Wearing  
 Garrie Wearing  
 John & Kay Yuengert (*submitted by Karen Ferrari*)  
 Nancy & Butch Zattiero

### PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

*Please contact the church office as soon as possible to request additions or changes.*

Carol Green	Ruth Rasp
Norma Iman	Ginni Rinkus
Lucille Wingard	

### INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

**Members and friends who have entered the Church Triumphant in the previous 3 months:**

The family of John Reinhart  
 The family of Mary Belle McMillen  
 The family of Karen Marburger

## Thank You

*The Evans City Library would like to thank St. Peter's for their donations, support, and tireless help in fulfilling the library's missions as a community hub.*

*We are so grateful for the help we receive regularly, and we can't imagine ourselves serving any other town. Many, Many thanks as always.*

*~The ECPL Staff & board*



Dear St. Peter's Sunday School Class,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$40.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good gifts for the purpose of purchasing chicks and a water filter.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bible and blankets, you equip God's people—around the world and around the corner—with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind  
Executive for  
Development



*I want to thank you so much for thinking about*

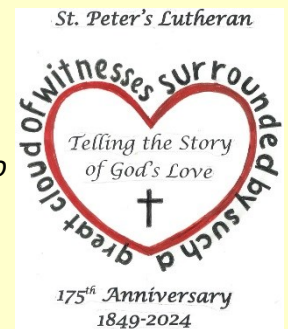
**From a note to Pastor Bev Banyay  
of the Anniversary Committee  
from Betty Sue Shaulis Lehw**

*my father and including me in your church service Sunday (Feb. 11).*

*I grew up there for a lot of years of my life and have so many fond memories of my youth in that beautiful church and all the people I knew while there.*

*It was good to be back and be a part of the service and see some people I grew up with.*

*Time goes by so fast and one doesn't always get to go back, so thank you for giving me a chance to worship once more in a beautiful church and a warm congregation.*



A special thank you to everyone who helped to make the hoagie fundraiser for our After School Program a success this year. We are grateful that we raised \$900. Thrivent Financial provided seed money in the amount of \$250 to get the fundraiser started. Funds raised will help us to provide tuition assistance to students and families in need as well as purchasing needed supplies for the program. Thank you again for all of your love and support! Heidi Beahm



## February Council Minutes

**Present:** Staci Bettencourt, Rob Burr, Marlene Domhoff, Patti Flach, Casey Guerriero, Pastor Johns, Adam Price, Rita Reifenstein, Linda Schmidt, Corey Walker

**Absent:** Dan Erin, Ted Lindgren III, Jane Taylor

**Reception of Visitors:** None

President Adam Price called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM, and Pastor shared a reading from *The Apology of the Augsburg Confession*, and led us in discussion and prayer.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and adjusted. Patti motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Rita. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary's Report:** Written reports were submitted and approved. The Food Cupboard funds have increased this month. We carried a positive balance for this report. Staci motioned to accept and it was seconded by Rob. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** A written report was submitted and discussed. It was another busy month as Pastor is continuing his work at Zion and St. Paul due to the unavailability of a local interim. The churches are gathering a call committee. An opportunity exists to receive into membership Jim Schrader and Nadine Daniels. Adam motioned to approve this; it was seconded by Corey, and the motion carried.

**Fellowship:** A written report was submitted. A fish dinner is planned for March 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:30. \$200.00 raised will go to EDCO Park and the remaining funds will go to the Priority Project. Since the committee recommended this, Marlene seconded it. Motion carried. Many attended the Shrove Tuesday event and the Bulletin of Reports session.

**Financial:** A written report was submitted. Funds from the Lenten offerings special envelopes and Meager Meal donations will go to the Capital Campaign for Lutherlyn. Fasting for Change will go to Madagascar Travel. The committee moved to approve this; it was seconded by Rita. Motion carried. It was suggested that the repair of the Good Shepherd stained glass window and the creation of a manageable, attic space in the garage both be considered for memorial funds. Rob seconded the motion. All approved.

**Learning Ministry/Youth:** No written report was submitted. April 20<sup>th</sup> was suggested as the date for the Spring Rummage Sale to benefit Lutherlyn camperships and Manna Night. Staci moved to accept; Corey seconded, and it was approved. An Easter Candy Sale benefitting the campers may also be held. Casey motioned to approve this and Rita seconded it. The After-school Program still has room to accept additional children.

**Memorial:** No report was submitted.

**Mutual Ministry:** No report submitted.

## February Council Minutes *(continued)*

**Property:** A written report was submitted. We do not have the plaster bid yet for the nave. Part one of a paint bid was received today. Dan Lynn Masonry provided a bid of \$5800 for the steps and walk from the upper parking lot to the lower lot. Three bids were received for this job. Patti moved to accept the Dan Lynn Masonry bid; it was seconded by Corey. Motion approved. Corey repaired the outdoor, electronic sign at no cost to us.

**Worship and Music:** A written report was submitted that addressed the Bulletin of Reports, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Thursday evenings during Lent, and the Cross Garden. A date for First Communion has not yet been determined. It will either be Palm Sunday (the best choice) or the third Sunday in April.

**Anniversary:** No written report was submitted; however, Rita shared the latest news. Sale of the ornaments continue. Research is continuing on the historical aspects of the church. A box containing bulletins, photographs and other memorabilia was recently received. Work is continuing on the cookbook. The outside banner came from the printer as a gift. Former members of St. Peter's Pipers will be reuniting and singing on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The elder church members (those 90 and above) will be honored at some time during the Anniversary year. Each weekly bulletin will contain a bit of historical information.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Outreach Committee: No update

Refugee Resettlement Project: Most members of the E.C. Ministerium, including St. John's, Gospel Life, St. Peter's and Crestview Churches have discussed the project. Mayor Gregg Hartung, the head of this committee, has suggested that we might assist a family who is already here on a temporary work permit. More information is needed.

Church Constitution: No update.

Lutherlyn Capital Campaign: Ted Lindgren II is leading our campaign. Patti has arranged a tour of the camp on Sunday afternoon, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.at 1:00 PM.

Quilters: The Evans City sewing group are continuing to use Luther Hall on Wednesdays from 10:00-3:00. Approximately 14-22 attendants are participating.

### **New Business/Miscellaneous:**

Questions were raised regarding how we might support Pastor in opening the church for services, for example, turning on the lights and unlocking the doors. Since each of the Council members have or will have keys, help can be provided.

Corey will service and tinker with the lawn mower and other yard equipment.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjournment with Prayer:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Flach

## Worship Volunteers Schedule

Date	03/03/2024	03/10/2024	03/17/2024	03/24/2024
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mark Zoelle	Gus Mossor	Alyssa Mossor	Rylee Taylor
<b>Altar Flowers (\$40)</b>	Bev Critchlow	Talea Merrison	Bea King	Karen Ferrari
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bev Critchlow	Bev Critchlow	Bev Critchlow	Bev Critchlow
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Troy Barkley	Karen Ferrari	Glenn Fulghum	Teresa O'Malley
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Davin Beahm	Joe Ludwik	Corey Walker	Troy Barkley
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Debbie Merrison	Robin Van Dyke	Teresa O'Malley	Ted Lindgren II
<b>Eternal Candle (\$15)</b>	Vic & Brenda Peffer	Vic & Brenda Peffer	Vic & Brenda Peffer	Vic & Brenda Peffer
<b>Greeters</b>	Becky Riddle & Pat Painter	Troy & Beverly Barkley	Dan & Casey Guerriero	Barb Graham & Donna Daugherty
<b>Lector</b>	Patti Flach	Teresa O'Malley	Tom Ayers	Emma Plank
<b>Nursery</b>	Emily Taylor	Beverly Barkley	Melissa Bonicky	Pat Capella
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Michael Bettencourt & Casey Guerriero	Michael Bettencourt & Casey Guerriero	Michael Bettencourt & Casey Guerriero	Michael Bettencourt & Casey Guerriero
<b>Tech Support</b>	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Ludwik & Dan Erin	Adam Price & Rob Burr	Cindy & Tom Ayers	Dan & Casey Guerriero

# E A S T E R

	03/28/2024	03/29/2024	03/31/2024	03/31/2024
Service	Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm	Good Friday 7:00 pm	Easter 7:00 am	Easter 10:15 am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Anna Johns	N/A	Lily Johns	Elsa Plank
<b>Altar Flowers (\$40)</b>	N/A	N/A	Bev Critchlow	Bev Critchlow
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bev Critchlow	N/A	Bev Critchlow	Bev Critchlow
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Troy Barkley	N/A	Robin Van Dyke	Ted Lindgren
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Jason Plank	N/A	Adam Price	Wes Schmidt
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Ted Lindgren III
<b>Eternal Candle (\$15)</b>	Vic & Brenda Peffer	Vic & Brenda Peffer	Vic & Brenda Peffer	Vic & Brenda Peffer
<b>Greeters</b>	volunteer	volunteer	Jim & Debbie Merrison	Jane Taylor & Margaret Clawson
<b>Lector</b>	Marsha Reedy	Troy Barkley	Patti Flach	Robin Plank
<b>Nursery</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Linda Schmidt
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Michael Bettencourt & Casey Guerriero	N/A	Michael Bettencourt & Casey Guerriero	Michael Bettencourt & Casey Guerriero
<b>Tech Support</b>	Adam Price	Johns Girls	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm
<b>Ushers</b>	Cindy & Tom Ayers	N/A	Troy Barkley & Dean Zinkhann	Casey Guerriero & Joe Ludwik

## March Calendar & Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1 12pm - 500 Club & Lunch 4pm - After School	2
3 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 12pm - Bell Choir	4 4pm - After School 6:30pm - Fellowship 7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts	5 9am - Pr. Cluster -Zellie. 4pm - After School 7pm - Property Mtg.	6 9am - E.C. Ministerium 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	7 9am - Quilters Group 1pm - Mary Circle 4pm - After School 6pm - Meager Meal 7pm - Lenten Service 8pm - Bible Study	8 4pm - After School 4pm - Fish Fry Dinner	9
10 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 11:45am - Pack Up Food 12pm - Bell Choir	11 4pm - After School 6:55pm - Anniversary 7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts	12 4pm - After School 7pm - Council Meeting	13 12pm - Lunch Bunch 4pm - After School 5:30pm - Manna Night 7pm - Choir Practice	14 9am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 6pm - Meager Meal 7pm - Lenten Service 8pm - Bible Study	15 4pm - After School	16 6:30pm - Game Night
17 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 12pm - Bell Choir	18 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts 7pm - Sowers	19 4pm - After School 7pm - WELCA General	20 4pm - After School 7pm - Choir Practice	21 9am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 6pm - Meager Meal 7pm - Lenten Service 8pm - Bible Study	22 4pm - After School	23
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 12pm - Bell Choir	25 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy/Cub Scouts	26 4pm - After School 7pm - Dorcas Circle	27 4pm - After School 6:45pm - Silent 7:15pm - Choir Practice	28 9am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 7pm - Maundy Thursday	29 <b>Good Friday</b> 12pm - Community 4pm - After School 7pm - Worship Service 8pm - Keeping the Word	30 Keeping the Word Alive
31 12am - Keeping the Word 7am - Sunrise Service 8am - Easter Breakfast 9am - Sunday School 10:15am - Festal Easter	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Daffodil Jars** – For those who bought daffodils, please bring your jars to church by Friday, March 22.

St. Johns UCC is hosting **Vacation Bible School** this summer! Mark your calendar for July 7-11. VBS will take place in the evenings this year from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Please see Pastor Johns if you are interested in volunteering for VBS this year!

**Manna Night** - Our Wednesday evening children's ministry will meet on Wednesdays in March, weather permitting, until we take our hiatus until fall. Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped out with this valuable ministry. Teens and adults are always welcome to come out and help!

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The Sunday Bulletin Deadline is  
Wednesdays at 10am

Monthly Newsletter Deadline is the  
3rd Sunday of each month

Sunday School = 9am

Weekly Worship Services = Sundays at 10:15am

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**Monday thru Friday 9am—noon**

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