

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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Palm Sunday

Live Stream Worship Sunday at 10:30

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Text requests to

260-468-5816

April 9-10, 2022

In-Person Worship
Communion Weekend

Sermon

"Your King Has Come"

Text: *John 12:12-19*

Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer

Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Gospel Reading: *John 12:12-19*





Letter from the Pastors



Blessings in the Crucified Lord,

This weekend is the celebration of Palm Sunday and after Sunday we are led into Holy Week. Holy Week is the culmination of both the season of Lent and the Gospel story of Christ and His ministry on Earth. We journey through the last few hours of Jesus' life starting with the final meal with His disciples. Next, we are brought face to face with the reality of Christ's arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Then, just like the disciples, we gather in anticipation as Jesus rests in the tomb. Finally, we are filled with joy and hope at the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ victor over sin, death, and the devil. Here is how the Holy Week journey will be scheduled:

Mundy Thursday

Christ's last supper with the disciples and the institution of communion.

Please Note: We will be returning to the altar rail for communion during this service. The first pews are reserved for those who will be taking communion at their seats.

- Thursday 4/14
 - Noon service with Communion at the rail
 - 7:00 PM service (live stream)
 - Communion at the rail
 - Stripping of the altar

Good Friday

The arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus.

- Friday 4/15
 - Noon Service
 - 7:00 PM Service (live stream)

Holy Saturday

The time of Christ in the tomb and now our anticipation of the resurrection.

- Saturday 4/16
 - 5:00 PM Service
 - Continuous communion

Easter

The joyous celebration of Jesus Christ's victory over death.

- Sunday 4/17
 - 6:30 AM sunrise service with continuous communion
 - 8:00 AM service with continuous communion
 - 10:30 AM service (live stream) with continuous communion

We look forward to worshipping with you and your guests on this journey of Christ's mission to the cross and resurrection Easter morning. May this time and journey embolden your faith to the comfort found in Christ our Lord.

The Lord's blessings to you and your family this Holy Week,

Pastors

Rev. Steve Ahlersmeyer & Rev. Adam McDowell



Music Ministry

Adult Choir - Handbell Choir - Brass Band - and MORE

UPDATED

We have arrived at Holy Week, the most important week in the life of a Christian. We are blessed to have the privilege each year to remember and observe the events of our Lord's death and resurrection. For me personally, this journey through Holy Week is one that I savor each year, as each service is very meaningful in different ways. In order to fully experience the joy and celebration of our Risen Lord, we must travel with our Lord through this week. St. Peter's Music Ministry has been working hard to get ready for this week, and we pray that the music offered at each of the services this week will reflect the mood and events of the day.

- On Palm Sunday, we welcome our Lord into Jerusalem with Palm Branches waving. At both Sunday services, our Adult Choir and Brass Band will lead us in traditional hymns and anthems of this day. We will also begin the service with a Palm Sunday procession. In addition, Holly Enustun and I will play a piano/organ duet on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" for Prelude at all services.
- On Maundy Thursday, as we commemorate the institution of the first Lord's Supper, our Junior Choir will sing at the 12:00pm service, and Alicia Rodenbeck will sing at the 7:00pm service. The 7:00pm service will conclude with the stripping of the altar.
- On Good Friday, as we go to the Garden of Gethsemane and observe our Lord's death and burial, Debbie Haenftling will sing at the 12:00pm service, and our Adult Choir will sing at the 7:00pm service.
- On Holy Saturday, we remember and observe the night when our Lord passed from death to life, as the events of Good Friday unfold to the glories of Easter Sunday. We will sing several hymns in this service that transition us from the grave to the resurrection.
- On Easter Sunday, we celebrate our Lord's victory and triumphant resurrection from the dead! At all three services, our Adult Choir and Brass Band will lead us in traditional Easter hymns and anthems. We will also begin the service with the Easter Sunday procession. In addition, I will play the traditional "Toccata", by the French composer Charles-Marie Widor, as Postlude.

As we go through this week, be sure to savor each moment so that you may truly experience the glories of our Risen Lord on Easter!

Tim Degen
Director of Music & Worship and Organist

GROW IN HIS GRACE WITH US

Pastor Steve's Bible Study

Pastor Steve's Thursday Bible Study continues every Thursday at noon in the Large Conference Room.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 am

Large Conference Room

We will meet this Tuesday, April 5th as normal. Just a reminder, there will be no class meeting on Tuesday, April 12th.

High School Youth Group (HSYG)

Next meeting is this Sunday, April 10th from 6-8 pm at the Parish House.

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

Middle School Youth Group is starting back up after Spring Break every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 pm in the School Cafeteria. This group is open to all 6th-8th graders. Next meeting is April 12th unless you're one of our 8th grade Confirmants who will be attending Testimony Night instead.

Confirmation

Testimony Night is coming up! April 12th gather in the Sanctuary at 6:30 to begin the evening.

Sunday Bible Study

Creation, was it "big bang", "chaos", or "on purpose with a plan by a Power that always was, is and will be?" Join the Sunday Adult Bible Class at 9:15 am.

Ladies Aid Meeting

Attention members or those interested in becoming members of the Ladies Aid: Our monthly meeting will be April 14th at 1:30 in the Cornerstone Room.

LWML Fort Wayne Spring Rally

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Christ Lutheran Church, 4412 Park St., Woodburn
\$6 Registration at the door - 9:00 am - 11:30 am
"Using the Hymnal in the Home"

Dr. Jon Eifert, Director of Parish Music at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Richville, MI - *Using the Hymnal as a Guide for Personal and Family Devotions*. He will also share his musical gifts during a short hymn sing.

St. Peter's Compassionate Care Collection this month is part of a larger district ingathering. We are asked to collect burp cloths. Collection baskets in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.

Please pre-register to Elise Koenemann by Sunday, April 17 at celerysoup@frontier.com or 493-3923

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." - Colossians 3:16

Senior Saints

Monday, April 11, 11:30 am

Cornerstone Room

Senior Saints will meet Jared, a Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Dog. Comfort Dogs bring compassion during times of tragedies and crisis, to people in the hospital and nursing homes and to veterans and active military in a variety of ways. Join us **Monday, April 11th at 11:30 am** for lunch and to learn more about this ministry of care. Lunch will be \$10 and include turkey tetrazzini, salad, bread, a drink, and sugar cream pie for dessert. You can sign up in the Ministry Center and give payment to the Church Office.





"Others feel, think and have many of the same feelings I do."

"I learned that I am not alone and we all have things we are going through."



"...yummy meals, conversations, class time, & fellowship with others"



"I felt very connected with my group."



"Connecting with others like me."



"The chance to sit with people, eat food with them and also talk to them about God."

"I learned the truth of God's grace."

**Coming
Soon...
Next
HOPE
Sessions
begins
Tuesday,
April 19th**

SHARE HIM WITH OTHERS

Upcoming Quarterly Awareness Event Sunday, May 1st @ 5 pm

Speaker: Toni Lovell



Toni Lovell is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Licensed Addiction Counselor with over 22 years of experience in the fields of social work, mental health and addiction. She specializes in the areas of trauma, anxiety, depression, addiction, chronic homelessness, and relationship issues.

She has spent 21 years working at The Rescue Mission working with the homeless population before transitioning to LSSI in August of 2019. She was the Vice President of Programs and was responsible for all of the programs that were offered for men, women and children.

Currently, Toni serves as the Director of Clinical Services for LSSI and oversees the Balance Works Program, which is their mental health initiative and includes office-based therapy. Toni has been happily married for almost 22 years and has two children, ages 14 and 16.

Join us May 1st at 5 pm to listen to Toni going into a deeper dive with ways family members, loved ones, and friends can be helpful and supportive to someone dealing with substance abuse.

Compassionate Care Collection: LWML Ingathering

St. Peter's Compassionate Care Collection this month is part of a larger district ingathering. We are asked to collect **burp cloths** for Chris' Cupboard, the Burmese Ministry. Collection baskets in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.

Easter Lily Sign Up

The EASTER LILY sign up sheet is in the ministry center. Help decorate the church with flowers Easter weekend by placing an order. You may take the Easter Lily home after the 10:30 service on Easter or leave it for a donation to a member in need. A thank you Easter treat is waiting for those who sign up!

Cemetery Clean Up

Cemetery clean up time. Seasonal decorations in the cemetery will be removed before Easter weekend unless they are new ones for the spring season.

Mental Health Focus: Self-Harm

Self-harm is best defined as causing intentional damage to your body tissue without intending to die by suicide. Self-injury serves as a coping skill to get immediate relief from uncomfortable feelings, whether that's feeling too much, too little or feeling overstimulated by a difficult situation and not knowing what to do. Though many who self-injure live with a mental illness, not everyone who self-harms has a mental health diagnosis.

Prevalence

Self-harm may be underreported because there is still a lot of stigma and misunderstanding among the general public and even medical and mental health professionals. However, the best numbers we have about how many people self-harm include:

- About 5.5% of adults are estimated to self-harm
- 17.2% of adolescents self-injure
- 13.4% of young adults up to age 24 self-harm
- Recently, experts suggest the number of people between the ages of 10 and 14 who self-harm may be increasing
- About 1.3% of children ages 5 to 10 self-injure



TITHES & OFFERINGS

Stewardship Corner as of 3/20/2022

God certainly gives us what is good; let us return a portion to him!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u> <small>Thru February</small>
Total Giving	\$ 86,391	\$ 905,197	\$ 13,610
Budget	\$ 116,835	\$ 899,457	\$ 20,984
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 30,444)	\$ 5,740	(\$ 7,374)
Loan Balance	\$1,407,365		

There will be no special monthly offering in April.

St. Peter's collected \$592 for the February Special Offering going to the CLHS Performing Arts.

LORD'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, April 9

5:00 pm - Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday

8:00 am - Worship (Sanctuary)

9:15 am - Adult Information Class (AIC) (Staff Conference Room)

9:15 am - Adult Bible Study (Cornerstone)

9:15 am - Public School Confirmation (Large Conference Room)

10:30 am - Worship (Sanctuary) *KOTK Available*

11:30 am - FB Online Greeter Meeting (Large Conference Room)

6:00 pm - HSYG (Parish House)

6:00 pm - Pickleball (Church Gym)

Monday, April 11

9:00 am - Knotters (Parish House)

11:30 am - Senior Saints: Jared the Comfort Dog (Cornerstone Room)

12:00 pm – Calling: Bob Bruick (Sanctuary)

2:00 pm – Funeral: Bob Bruick (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, April 12

6:30 pm - Confirmation Testimony Night (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm - MSYG (for those not being confirmed - School Cafeteria)

Wednesday, April 13

5:00 pm - Nominating Team Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

6:00 pm - PTL Meeting (School Cafeteria)

6:00 pm - Support Group (Staff Conference Room)

6:30 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Cornerstone Room)

8:00 pm - Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary Balcony)

Thursday, April 7 Maundy Thursday

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Cornerstone Room)

9:00 am - Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Room)

12:00 pm - Worship Service w/ Junior Choir (Sanctuary)

1:30 pm - Ladies Aid Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

7:00 pm - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 8 Good Friday

12:00 pm - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm - Worship Service (Sanctuary)