

St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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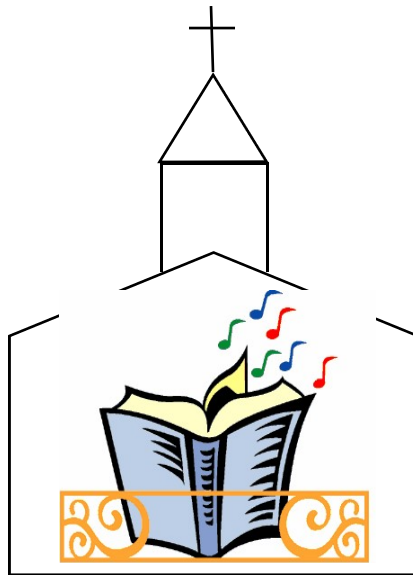
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St. Peter's Church West Penn



where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn.

St. Peter's Church Mission Statement

"St. Peter's Church is committed to providing a family atmosphere for people of all ages. We are a people who sincerely care about each other and the community. We strive to be one people, bonded by Christ's love.

We look to the future for the continued vitality that we share today. Through worship, preaching, fellowship, and servanthood, may we reach out to all people as a witness to the living God."

Cliff's Notes

I am writing this newsletter article the day after Ash Wednesday. It has already been a very eventful week with the Super Bowl being played on Sunday, a heavy snowstorm, which caused wide spread power outages, and an ecumenical and inspiring Ash Wednesday service. (And, it is only Thursday)

By the time you read this, it may seem like old news or even ancient history. For most of us, we will have forgotten these events and moved on. Do you even remember who won the Super Bowl? (Kansas City Chiefs).

In the same manner, I wonder if our celebrations of Lent, Good Friday, and Easter are thought of in the same way. We prepare and look forward to them, but once they are over, we move on to the next thing, possibly even forgetting any significance that they hold for us.

This is especially true of the Crucifixion of Christ. A dark day which we would rather forget. when Jesus, God's Beloved Son, suffered and died for us and for the redemption of all humanity. It is so much easier to remember and celebrate Easter, the time of Resurrection, new hope, and new life.

Yet the celebration of Easter is only the result of Christ's death. It is only natural for us to move from the sadness of death to the joy of new life. But the death of Christ is also a reminder of Christ's call for us to sacrifice our time and talents for the benefit of others. For me, one key to understanding our faith is to remember Jesus calls us to give of ourselves out of love for ourselves, our family, our church, our community, and even our world.

Remember the words of our Savior, "If anyone wants to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it and those who lose their lives for my sake and for the sake of the gospel will save it. (Mark 8: 34-35)

As we journey through this season of Lent moving toward Easter, let us consider these words and how they apply to our lives every day.

Pastor Cliff



Lenten Series
of
Shared Worship

The Lenten Season Services for this year will again be shared with our sister churches as the pastors will be collaborating in the leadership of the worship services. The remaining schedule is as follows:

Midweek Lenten Worship at 7:00 PM on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighon, PA
Pastor Russ Campbell, Preaching

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

St. Peter's Church, 184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua, PA
Pastor Randy Lentz, Preaching

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, 1825 Dinkey Road, Lehighon, PA
Pastor Russ Campbell, Preaching

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024, Communion

7:00PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, 826 Mahoning Drive West,
Lehighon, PA
Pastor Tony Pagotto, Preaching

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

6:00 PM Confirmation Class presents 'stations' in the Sanctuary
7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church, Tamaqua
Pastor Randy Lentz, Preaching

*Refreshments and fellowship to follow at each church after the mid-week
Lenten services*



Lenten Offering Envelopes

Lenten envelopes can be found at each entrance to the sanctuary or you can mail your special Lenten offerings to the church office or place the envelopes in the offering plate on a Sunday morning.

No problem is too great to place in God's hands.



March 24th through March 31st

Sunday, March 24th *Passion/Palm Sunday, 9:00 a.m.*

Morning worship service with the distribution of Palms.

“Come and celebrate Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem!”



Thursday, March 28th *Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.*

at St. John’s LC, Mahoning



Experience the Last Supper with Jesus when he gave the new commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you”

Friday, March 29th *Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.*

Good Friday Service at St. Peter’s

Confirmation Class “stations” *begin at 6:00 p.m.*

in the Sanctuary



Sunday, March 31st ~ *Easter Sunday*

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service and 9:00 a.m. Service
Celebration of Communion at both services.

“Celebrate new life in Christ as we worship with
gratitude and praise the risen Lord!”

(Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.)

ST. PETER'S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

The current account balance is **\$21,100.00**

Belgian Waffle Fund Raiser – March 17th following the church service. Enjoy a waffle topped with vanilla ice cream, strawberries, & whipped topping. Looking forward to seeing you for a delicious treat and a time of fellowship. Half waffle~ \$7.00; Whole waffle ~ \$10.00

The *Kitchen Krew* will be busy the next few months.

March 17th we will be selling soups ~ Chicken & rice, ham and navy bean, ham and string bean, potato, and split pea. You can purchase these for \$12/qt. or \$6/half quart. Preorders will not be taken at this time. This will be after church in the Social Hall. Also, we will be selling the spices to make dips again...these must be pre-ordered. Pick up for the spices will be *March 15th* at the South Entrance (drive by) from 4:00-6:00 pm. Please plan to attend. And as always, we welcome any help that is available.

We will also be making filling for Easter. Order by *March 17th* with pickup Good Friday, *March 29th* at the South Entrance between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Cost is \$8/qt.

The *Kitchen Krew* will also be making the take out meals for the Pre-School on April 17th ~ make sure to check your newsletter and website for updates.

And, we will once again be preparing the meals for the Dinner Theatre in May.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,

No hands but yours,

No feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world.

Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good.

Yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now.

~Teresa of Avila

ST. PETER'S DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS

The Real Housewives of Cricket County



Welcome to Cricket County – the land that cool forgot. With characters named Bodean and Chigger, what's not to love? The gals think being a housewife is the highest callin' there is. They're happy with their cookin', gardenin', cleanin' lifestyle, with neighbor-spyin' and coon-huntin' on the side – until "richer'n clabbered cream" Monica Northcutt crashes their quilting bee with her women's rights spiel. Discontent brews faster'n a jar of sun tea, and suddenly cookin' frog legs don't look so appealing. Though the gals say if you offered their husbands a penny for their thoughts, you'd get back change, the good ol' boys have the last word as they show their wives the true meaning of beauty: contentment!

SHOW TIMES: (includes dinner & show)

Friday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Friday (Meatloaf)

Sunday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday (Chicken)

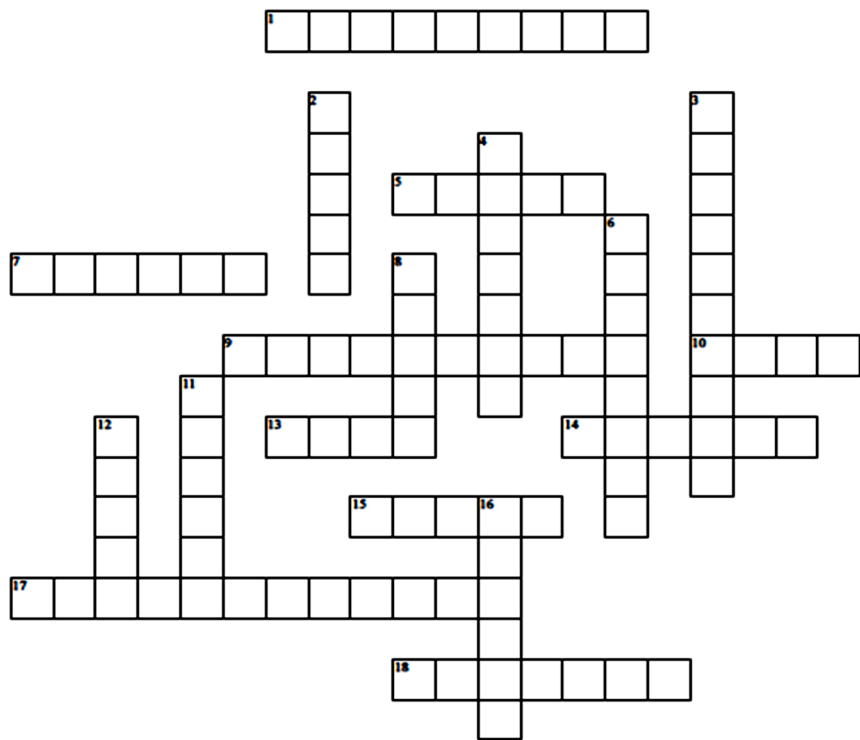
Tickets: \$20.00 adults \$15.00 children 5-10

Ticket deadline April 14, 2024

For Tickets call the Church Office at 570-386-4388

The church is located on St. Peter's Road just off of route 443.

LENTEN CROSSWORD



Across

1. ASH _____
 5. The Christian holy book
 7. Jesus entered Jerusalem on this animal
 9. Day in Lent recalling Jesus' death (2 words)
 10. Branches waved at Jesus upon his entry into Jerusalem
 13. Was with Jesus at the cross

14. Jesus prayed for 40 days here
 15. What Jesus died upon
 17. We spend Lent preparing for Jesus death and _____

Down

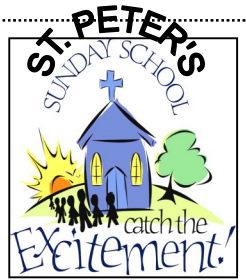
2. What Jesus shed for our sins

3. Holy Communion started after this
 4. To go without
 6. The final week of Lent (2 words)
 8. Number of days in LENT
 11. Season after Lent
 12. Disciple who betrayed Jesus
 16. PALM _____

Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Every Sunday

⇒ 3/30 ~ **Easter Egg Hunt**

Grab your baskets! The Annual St. Peter's Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, March 30th at 1:00 p.m. at SHARP**. There will be egg hunt categories and prizes for all ages. Bring your camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny. Join us for an afternoon of fun!



Catch the excitement and join a Sunday School class today. Teachers and helpers are also always welcome. Anyone willing to be part of this great educational experience should see Samantha Kistler or Josh Hunsicker. Just remember, you can't ask "What would Jesus do?" until you know "What Jesus did and said!"

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD!

Daylight Savings Time begins on **March 10th** at 2:00 AM.
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



The first day of Spring is March 19th.

FUTURE BUS TRIPS

On **Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00pm** a presentation of the June 2025 Ireland/Scotland trip will be held in the church social hall.

Also planned is a trip on **Friday, August 2nd** to see *Daniel* at Sight & Sound.

And, there are some seats available for **Tuesday, August 27th** to Dutch Apple Theatre to see *Jersey Boys*.

Also...there are still seats available for **Thursday, May 23rd** to Dutch Apple Theatre to see *The Full Monty*.

For information and reservations contact:
Sue Conner @ 570-778-5367



FROM THE CHURCH BOARD

It's been warm and then cold and then warm and then cold.....

BUT, it's still "Heating season" and costs have increased.

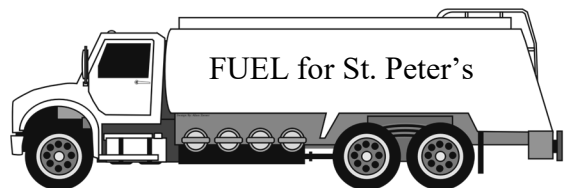
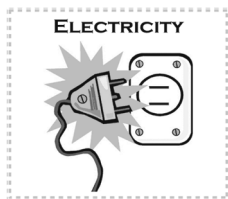
And we utilize electricity all year long. Would you please consider making a contribution, in addition to your regular offering, to help us defray the cost of heating fuel and electricity.

Elevator maintenance envelopes are available on the table in the church parlor. We hope you can also give this some consideration.

Please use the enclosed envelope to help defray the cost of our energy bill, or BETTER yet, bring the envelope with you when you worship with us on Sunday.

Thank you for your contribution and we'll see you in church!

St Peter's Church Board



TIME TO REMOVE FLOWERS

THE CEMETERY BOARD REQUESTS THAT ALL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS (AND OLDER) BE REMOVED FROM THE CEMETERY BY **MARCH 31ST** TO GET READY FOR OUR SPRING CLEANUP.

In case of inclement weather, please listen to WMGH/WLSH Radio Station, watch TV Channel 13 or the Channel 69 website (www.wfmz.com) for any change in the time or cancellation of St. Peter's Church worship schedule.

W. A. S. P. News



The next meeting of the Women's Association of St. Peter's will be on **Tuesday, March 19th** (subject to change) at 7:00 PM. Becky Zehbner will lead the ladies in worship. Karen Diehl and Nancy Neff will provide refreshments.

WASP usually meets in the fellowship hall the third Tuesday of every month, unless a special event is planned. All women are invited to join them.



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

The Joyous Noise totaled \$224.44 and the designee for February was for a fund for 2 families in McAdoo that has basement flooding and need to replace their furnaces. McAdoo sits on the border on PNEC. This offering will be combined with funds from the Schuylkill Association Disaster Fund.

The Joyous Noise Designee for the Month of March is Phoebe Ministries. Phoebe Ministries is guided by its mission to provide compassionate care to residents of its communities, regardless of their ability to pay. Over fifty-six percent of their skilled nursing population, and a smaller percentage in other living situations, rely on Phoebe's charitable care program. The elderly and the poor – often forgotten in our society – are at the heart of their mission and ministry. This United Church of Christ organization serves the elderly of the greater Lehigh Valley at its 4 campuses in Allentown, Richland, Wernersville and Wyncote. by providing over \$18 million in charitable care annually. Please consider donating to support Phoebe's mission to be "A community of faith, called by God, to enrich the lives of our seniors, their families, and the communities we serve."

Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School and may be mailed to the church office. If you know of an organization or individual that could benefit from St. Peter's Joyous Noise Offering, please contact Samantha Kistler or Nicole Hunsicker. Thank you for your support!

After Church Fellowship

Fellowship will once again be held the first Sunday of each month in the social hall immediately following worship. The Church Board will host fellowship on **Sunday, March 3rd**. Other organizations are invited to host the first Sunday in the months thereafter. Please let a member of the Board know of your willingness to serve.

NEW CHURCH BOARD MEMBER & ELECTION OFFICERS

The Church Board has appointed Hannah Miller to serve out the 1-year term of Chester Snyder. Election of Board Officers was held: Denise Moyer, President; Lori Hoppes, Vice-President; Niki Hunsicker, Secretary; and Michael Kistler, Treasurer.

ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING

During the month of March, we will be receiving our offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing. These gifts help aid families and communities throughout the world. An informational sheet will be included in a future bulletin and envelopes have been placed on the table in the church parlor and at both entrances to the sanctuary. Or, you can mail your donation to the church or contribute through [Tithe.ly Found](https://www.tithe.ly) on our website.



NEWSLETTER SPONSORS NEEDED

*Sponsors are always welcome because it defrays our mailing costs. **Our postage has increased due to the Post Office raising prices.** You can be a sponsor for as little as \$75.00, or you can choose to sponsor the entire newsletter for \$150.00. Send your sponsorship or contact the office at 570-386-4388.*



**The deadline for the April issue of the “Cornerstone” is
Tuesday, March 12th
Deadline for articles/information is always the 2nd Tuesday of the month.**

To the Congregation of St. Peter's,

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls that I received during my recovery from knee surgery. Also, thanks to Pastor Glenn for his visit.

I feel very blessed to be a part of this church family.

Charlene Miller



To Everyone,

We were so thankful for all the cards, flowers and visits for the death of our loving brother C. Chester Snyder. His love for his church family really came through by all of the support we received from the St. Peter's family. We are so blessed by your comfort and care.



Nancy & Richard Knadler and family.

Dear St. Peter's,

Thank you for all the loving thoughts, cards, flowers, meals for the family.

The generosity and love for the family in the loss of our Dad Chester.

Cathy, Charlene, Cheryl and Families



Dear St. Peter's Family,

The family of Helen A. Frey gratefully acknowledge all who expressed sympathy and compassion to us.

All of the cards, phone calls, memorial gifts and flowers honored her and helped to ease our sorrow.

Thank you and God Bless You!



There's Always Spring in God's Love ~ by Deborah Ann Belka

*There are many blessings,
that each new Spring brings
you can see it bloom about
and hear the song it sings.*

*With winters bleakness over,
and brighter days ahead
comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread.*



*As God unfolds the flowers,
and their buds begin to show
He gives to us the assurance
grace in our hearts will grow.*

*He sends us the robin's song,
with the promise to provide
a shelter under His mighty wing
where in His love we can abide.*

*He melts the snowy covers,
and sends the refreshing rain
sprinkling us with His mercies
to heal winter's ache and pain.*

*God's given to all His Son,
to shed upon us a new light
and the real blessing of
Spring . . .
is keeping Jesus in our sight!*



Song of Solomon 2: 11-12

King James Version

“For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;”

Say a Prayer for:

Loved Ones of
June Williams
Loved Ones of
Helen Frey
Ruth Miller
Tracy Smith
Mike Canty
Jeff Fogel
Brett Neifert
Althea Zehner
Marge Hallman
Pat Conner
Charlene Miller
Hazel Arner
Anne Scott
Bonnie Miller
Kenneth Breiner
Ralph Fisher
Paul David
Jim Koons
Dan Myers
Matt Brickler
Warren Steigerwalt
Rita Yarmell
Dr. Harry Berger
Rose Marek
Tim Phillips
Diane Serfass
Cassie Wolfe
Evor "Butch" Williams
Erlin Moyer
Teresa Fowler
Gregory Slivka
Mary Lou McGowan
Barbara Kershner
Rev. James Seifert

Rev. Russell & Corrine
Heintzelman
Kathy Hoppel
Mark Wolfe
Shawn Phillips
Leonard Miller
Connie Heckman
Gail Thon
Patrick Pulanco
Bob Goerner
Bruce Miller
Rev. Russ Campbell
Chester Jones
Dan McMullen
Loretta Beers
David Schoch
Erin Coombe
Karen Lenhart
Billy James
Laurie Black
Darryl Moyer
Betty Breiner
Sherry Seip
Maggie Wehr
Nancy Domanski
Melinda Frey
Linda Agosti
Logan Pribila
Bruce Wolf
Lori Fairchild
Franklin Mackes
Mark Abrachinsky
Greg Blackall
Lana Kuehner
Zayden Mabey
John Kowlewski
Aiden Kreimendahl
Mike & Bernice Delp

Gino Lorady
Kim & Dave Carson
Louise Billman
Tony Masor
Sherry Walz
Darlene Kunkel
Erla Biasi
Carolyn Kunkle
Jillian Datchko
Russel Stull, Jr.
Donna Roderick
Jaden Leiby
Justin Klotz
Gene McCormik
William Shirar
Amy Meixsall
Jackson Delebar
Austin Klein
Melissa Drake
Lorna Hart
Carson Barron
Caroline Lantz
Nancy Barkus

**Those on Our
Visitation List:**

Buddy Arner, Jr.
Matt Brickler
Edith Coombe
Robert Coombe
Olga Faust
Lynn Gerber
Dorothy Miller
Larry Miller
Leonard Miller
Velma Schaeffer
Warren Steigerwalt
Doris Wolfe

Our Missionaries:

*Michael, Kay, Mikayla, Leilani, & Michael Killar
Maude, Valera, Zarina, Alexander, & Nicolas Motovilov*

Our Military Overseas:

*Deployed to Japan: John McGuire
Deployed to Africa: Jonathan & Michelle Liggitt*

Our Military ~ Active Not Deployed:

*Patrick Donahue, II
Mark Habel
Dustin Hoppes
LeRoy E. Kromer II
Timothy Kromer
Ezekiel Kuneck
Sean Kurtz
Antonio Lorenzo
Dominic Lorenzo*

*Amanda Miller
Lisa Miller
Austin Resch
Tyler Resch
Trevor Schilling
Andy Snyder
Chad Wehr
Mark West
Scott West*


**If you know of someone to be added or removed from the Prayer List, please contact
Pastor Cliff, Chris Miller or the church office.**

Our sympathies go to the families and friends of

Helen Frey
who passed into eternal life on
January 26, 2024

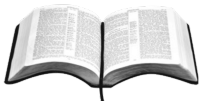
June Williams
who passed into eternal life on
February 11, 2024

Please remember these families in your prayers.



Daily Lectionary Readings for March 2024

Friday, March 1, 2024: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40
Saturday, March 2, 2024: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8
Sunday, March 3, 2024: Psalm 19 ;1 Corinthians 1:18-25 ;John 2:13-22
Monday, March 4, 2024: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Tuesday, March 5, 2024: Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28
Wednesday, March 6, 2024: Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19
Thursday, March 7, 2024: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6
Friday, March 8, 2024: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14
Saturday, March 9, 2024: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13
Sunday, March 10, 2024: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
Monday, March 11, 2024: Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6
Tuesday, March 12, 2024: Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13
Wednesday, March 13, 2024: Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20
Thursday, March 14, 2024: Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13
Friday, March 15, 2024: Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14-5:4
Saturday, March 16, 2024: Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11
Sunday, March 17, 2024: *Psalm 119:9-16*; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
Monday, March 18, 2024: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24
Wednesday, March 20, 2024: Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50
Thursday, March 21, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11
Friday, March 22, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18
Saturday, March 23, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52
Sunday, March 24, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11 *or John 12:12-16*
Monday, March 25, 2024: *Psalm 40:5-10*; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Monday, March 25, 2024: Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 26, 2024: Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
Wednesday, March 27, 2024: Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
Thursday, March 28, 2024: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31-35
Friday, March 29, 2024: Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, March 30, 2024: Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; *John 19:38-42*
Sunday, March 31, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 ;1 Corinthians 15:1-11; *Acts 10:34-43*;
John 20:1-18; *Mark 16:1-8*



Blessed are those who read and hear the Word of God and keep it.