

# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

April 2024 Newsletter



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## Our Mission Statement

To reach out with the WORD  
and LOVE of JESUS CHRIST to  
ALL people.

## John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and  
the life. He who believes in me will still live,  
even if he dies."

## Come Worship With Us



**Bible Study 9AM**  
Every Sunday



**April 7**

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.  
Communion

**April 21**

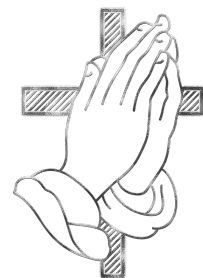
Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.  
Communion

**April 14**

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.

**April 28**

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.





## Pastor's Message: "Had been taken away"

"Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb."

(John 20:1 ESV)

Sometimes, the verb choice of a Gospel writer can make quite a difference. And sometimes the English translation doesn't always carry its full effect or deeper meaning. And sometimes, this missed point can be significant.

When the body of Jesus was placed into the tomb, Matthew 27:60 and Mark 15:46 use the verb phrase "to roll to." In these passages, a large stone was rolled to the opening of the tomb.

But now in John's resurrection scene, an unexpected word phrase is chosen. The stone had been taken away from the tomb. The verb phrase John chooses literally means "to raise, lift up." The word that follows is the preposition "from." Putting this together this may imply, as Leon Morris in his commentary on John suggests (p. 831), a sense of violence or some sort powerful "throwing" of the large stone away from the tomb. Perhaps an angel did this!? Actually, to add a little humor, any Angel worth his weight in wings could have quite easily done that!

But the form of this verb phrase is what Biblical Greek scholars call a perfect passive participle. I'll try to explain this. The stone didn't move itself; the Lord just may have lifted it up, raised it and placed it some distance from the tomb. The Amplified Bible reads "lifted out of the tomb." Also you would expect a simple past tense; instead, it's what is called a perfect tense. The perfect tense implies that it has moved and stayed there. An act that is now irreversible.

Here's how the New English Translation (NET) puts it: "Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance." The NET translation and English Standard Version (ESV) are considered a more literal word-for-word translation of the original Greek.

In short, this is a magnificent detail by John that illumines the literal, actual Resurrection event of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

Here's how I put it in my Easter sermon: "Imagine standing right there and seeing the stone removed. Can you imagine the rush of feelings going through you!? It's as if you have a fever and the goose bumps are all over your body. And your emotions are heightened by the fact that the stone was not just removed. The word that John uses strongly suggests some sort of violence. It's as if someone had clearly come along and lifted it with sheer force from where it had been placed in the groove of the tomb opening and placed it some distance away. John also implies a sense of finality about this whole process so that you couldn't put it back if you wanted to. It wouldn't fit, perhaps suggesting something violent had changed the original shape of the stone and it simply was not possible to put it back."

What a powerful Lord we have! All this to confirm our abundant and eternal life won through His death and resurrection! HE IS RISEN INDEED!



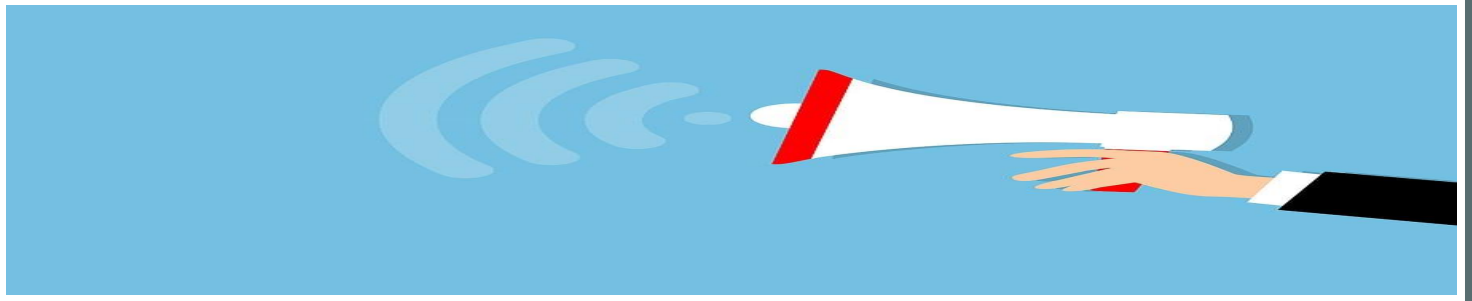
## Announcements

**Happy EASTER!!**  
**He is Risen**  
**He is Risen INDEED!**  
**Allelujah**



▶ We would like to start having breakfast at Bible Study once a month. Our first one will be Sunday, April 21st. Join us for breakfast and Bible Study starting at 8:40AM. Our first study will be Angels.

▶ Summerfield Schools used the Fellowship Hall for an honors breakfast. They loved our facility and left it cleaner than ever. A note was sent thanking them for a great job and inviting them to work with us for future events.



## Announcements

- ▶ We will be scheduling a yard clean up in April. Please stay tuned to hear more from Tom S.
- ▶ March 15 our call to LCMS Seminaries goes active for graduating Seminarian LCMS Pastors and graduating LCMS Vicars. We received a new call list of 10 pastors. The call committee will be evaluating them. If our Seminary call is unsuccessful we can call a pastor from the list after April 15.
- ▶ We still have one open slot for Altar Guild. If you are interested in volunteering to set up communion on communion Sundays, please let Anita Leiter know. It is okay if you have never done it before, Anita would be happy to help and show you what needs to be done.
- ▶ There is a sign up sheet for a Toledo Mud Hens Game in June on the table. Please sign up if you are interested in attending - Tickets are \$14. Please see Jim Waterstradt for more information.
- ▶ If you would like to sing a particular hymn during worship service, please see Anita or Pastor Huner and let them know what hymn it is.
- ▶ New position for a Social Director - if interested see one of the Elders.
- ▶ We would like to update our prayer chain so if you would like to be included please see Carol Cilley.



## In our thoughts & prayers ...

Gary Brockman

Mary Bruce

Dee Golembieski

Pastor Flory & Cheryl

Becky Carroll

Blake Mason

Mike Buchhalter

Tony Puthoff

Linda & Tom Preston

Joan Marlow

Ruth Eigenheer

Clint White

Mike Woolin

Judy Straub

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Our Service Men: Larry Lloyd Jr, John Petcoff,  
Nicholas Hoover, Blake Mason, Noah Johnson, Ben  
Jensen, Jeff Keller, Tyler Dickerson



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## April Birthdays

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Evan Mehan

Lori Himburg

Judy Priebe

Julaynne MacDonald

Diane Saylor

Robert Larzelere

Jeff Winter

Travis Hunter

# Fellowship Hall Available



The Fellowship Hall is available to rent for graduation parties, family reunions, showers, etc. Contact Eudora Judit at 734-279-2229.



A HUGE thank you to everyone that helped make Holy Week and Easter a success. They made sure activities went smoothly and the church was decorated accordingly!

## Refreshments List for April/May/June 2024

*Each family is asked to please furnish 2 dozen cookies or some refreshment. Coffee pots will be ready to be plugged in. Please set up cups and napkins ahead of time, and clean up when everyone is done.*

**April 14** - Elders and Pastor

**April 28** - Doug Jennings, Renee Larzelere, Cheryl Harnica

**May 12** - No Refreshments - Mother's Day

**May 26** - Jeannine Pettcoff, Ken Mason, Jim Wright

**June 9** - Glen Diesing, Larry Wright, Leon Cilley, Andy Stahl

**June 23** - Julie Mens, Phyllis Sieler, Tyler Dickerson, Greg Heisler



# Servants of The Lord

## Altar Guild

April - Renee Burguard

May - Mary White

June - Diane Saylor

<b>Pastor</b>	Vacancy Pastor: Pastor Huner		
<b>Secretary</b>	Eudora Judit		
<b>Organist</b>	Anita Leiter & Mary Tomell		
<b>Fellowship Hall Rental</b>	Eudora Judit: 734-279-2229 Church: 734-279-1949		
<b>Church Council</b>			
<b>President</b>	Tom Stahl: 517-403-2601		
<b>Vice President</b>			
<b>Secretary</b>	Carrie Dickerson: 734-755-7405		
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Harnica: 734-735-7271		
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Andy Stahl: 517-605-5745		
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<b>Elders</b>			
Tom Stahl 517-403-2601	Jim Waterstradt 734-279-2065	Tom Preston 734-646-4612	Tyler Dickerson 734-755-7405



# What is going on this month?

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship service with communion 10:30AM	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship service 10:30AM	15	16 Elders Meeting 6:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00PM	17	18	19	20
21 Breakfast 8:40AM Bible Study 9:00AM Worship service with communion 10:30AM	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship service 10:30AM	29	30				

Date	Lector	Communion	Acolyte	Altar Flowers
7	Tom Preston	Tom Preston	Ben & Matt Winter	
14	Jim Waterstradt		Ben & Matt Winter	
21	Tom Stahl	Tom Stahl	Ben & Matt Winter	
28	Tom Preston		Ben & Matt Winter	



Go in peace and serve  
The Lord!