

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

March 2024 Newsletter



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Our Mission Statement

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

1 Peter 1:3

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Come Worship With Us



Bible Study 9AM
Every Sunday



March 3

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Communion

March 17

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Communion

March 31

Sunrise Service 8:00 A.M.
Breakfast

March 10

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.

March 24

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.

Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Communion



Lent Services

Soup & Sandwich 6:00 PM

Service 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 6th

Wednesday, March 13th

Wednesday, March 20th



Pastor's Message: Title

Several years ago, when I was serving as an Aid Association For Lutherans (AAL) representative, I struck up a friendship connection with a Lutheran Pastor, who was also a client of mine. He was a very personable, caring individual and pastor. I remember visiting his church for worship on either the first or second Sunday after Easter. Everything was going well up to the time of his sermon. In fact, his sermon seemed to have a solid Gospel message up until the end. At that point, he spoke some words that left me aghast! He basically said: "Now did Jesus really rise from the dead? That we're not sure of, but His spirit of love and his teachings live on" - or something to that effect. I was sitting there absolutely shocked and dismayed.

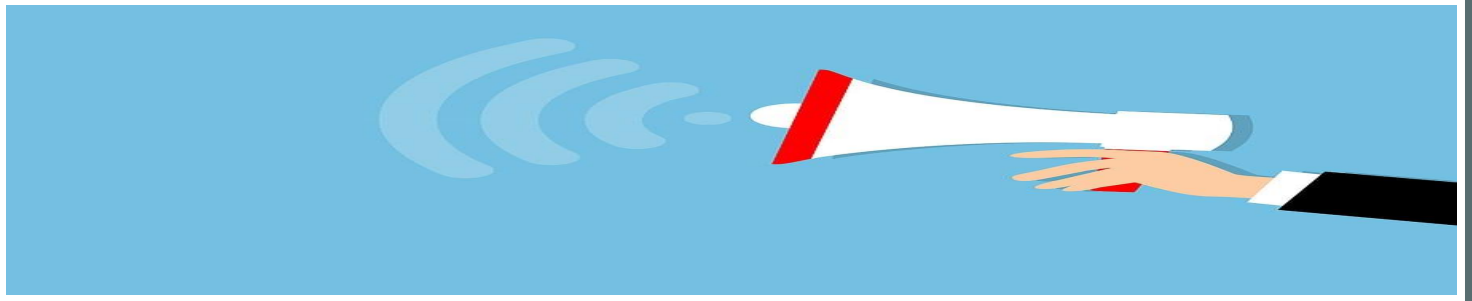
With all due respect to the pastor, he was most definitely **wrong**. Christianity is a historical religion. For me, this means our Lord is the Lord of history and He works in and through history, historical facts, to bring about His perfect plan for our lives. And that includes the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ physically, actually rose on Easter morning from the dead! Not just His spirit, but His body, His flesh as well. That is what we proclaim as Christians. As one scholar put it, "Christianity stands or falls with the truth of the Resurrection. Once disprove it, then you have disposed of Christianity once and for all."

But you cannot disprove it, because **it actually happened!** C.S. Lewis once said that to “preach Christianity meant primarily to preach the Resurrection.” Again, New Testament scholar Craig Blomberg has maintained that since the first three Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, “were composed within about thirty years of Christ’s death ... and well within the period of time when people could check on the accuracy of the facts they contain,” this makes a strong case for the actual physical Resurrection of Christ.

Once supporting evidence that would suggest the actuality of the Resurrection is the Crucifixion event itself. Because of the sheer cruelty and brutality of the 39 lashes of scourging, and then agonizing asphyxiation of one dying on a cross, no one could expect or even begin to postulate a Resurrected Savior. But Christ jarred the whole world with His unforeseen, unanticipated glorious rise from the grave and tomb! We can also look at the numerous post resurrection appearance of Jesus, the total transformation of the eyewitnesses, the fact the people were willing to die for this belief, and the absolute centrality of the dual teaching of the Cross-Resurrection events in the writings of the early church. In short, the assumption that Christ rose from the dead permeated everything!

This historical fact means so much for us today. Because of His actual Resurrection, we are assured of our resurrection. We are guaranteed total victory over sin, death, and the devil. In fact, we are living eternally right now precisely because of the Resurrection of Christ. As Jesus Himself said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life” (John 6:47).

The last thing we want to do is to keep it to ourselves. This Easter (indeed every day), we joyfully broadcast His Resurrection to others. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Have a blessed Easter celebration in every way!



Announcements

- ▶ Easter breakfast supplies need to be purchased, we need baked breakfast treats, and kitchen help.
- ▶ Make sure to join us for our Easter Breakfast on March 31st! We will eat after our first service and before the second service starts.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ There are soup and sandwich sign up sheets on the table for the Wednesday Lent Services.
- ▶ 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 ping pong table in the garage that needs a new home and a metal shelving until in the garage/basement. Please let Tom know if you would like it. We will be accepting a donation for it.
- ▶ 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.

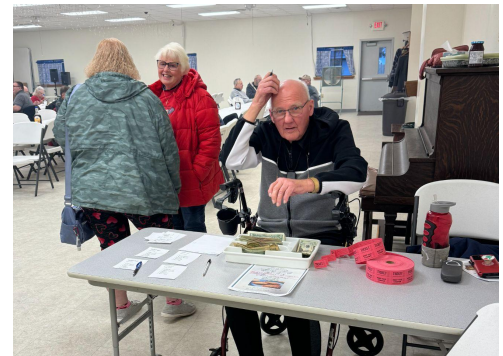


Announcements

▶ LOOKING FOR A GREAT “HELP MY CHURCH” PROJECT?

The old (seldom used) stairway to the basement (below the traditional main front entrance to the sanctuary) needs a “clean up, scrub down, and painting. It could be and was the storage area for the storage “totes”. This would add storage space for current basement “stacked” items.

Pancake Supper





In our thoughts & prayers ...

The family of Bill Saylor who was called to his
Heavenly Home.

Gary Brockman
Mary Bruce
Dee Golembieski
Pastor Flory
Cheryl Flory
Becky Carroll

Blake Mason
Mike Buchhalter
Tony Puthoff
Linda & Tom Preston
Derrick Miller Family
Clint White
Judy Straub

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



March Birthdays

Nancy Hunter

Doug Jennings

Judy Mason

Seth Saylor

Carrie Dickerson

Miranda Dickerson

Clint White

Ryan Harris

Larry Wright

Katharine Leiter

Matt Winter

Fellowship Hall Available



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



Thank you to everyone that helped with the Pancake Supper! It was a huge success!

Refreshments List for March/April/May 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.

March 10 - Dory Judit, Tyler Dickerson, Jerry Myers

March 24 - Howard Hunter, Tom Preston, Julayne MacDonald

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

Servants of The Lord

Altar Guild

March - Nancy Hunter
 April - Renee Burguard
 May - Mary White

Pastor	Vacancy Pastor: Pastor Huner		
Secretary	Eudora Judit		
Organist	Anita Leiter & Mary Tomell		
Fellowship Hall Rental	Eudora Judit: 734-279-2229 Church: 734-279-1949		
Church Council			
President	Tom Stahl: 517-403-2601		
Vice President			
Secretary	Carrie Dickerson: 734-755-7405		
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Financial Secretary	Andy Stahl: 517-605-5745		
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Elders			
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
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3 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship service with communion 10:30AM	4	5	6 Soup & Sandwich 6:00PM Lent Service 7:00PM	7	8	9
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24 Bible Study 9:00AM Worship service 10:30AM	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Sunrise Easter Service 8:00AM Easter Breakfast Worship service with communion 10:30AM						

Date	Lector	Communion	Acolyte	Altar Flowers
3	Jim Waterstradt	Jim Waterstradt	Ben & Matt Winter	
10	Tom Stahl		Ben & Matt Winter	
17	Tom Preston	Tom Preston	Ben & Matt Winter	Larry Wright Birthday
24	Tom Stahl		Ben & Matt Winter	
31	Jim Waterstradt	Jim Waterstradt	Ben & Matt Winter	Easter



Go in peace and serve
The Lord!