

THE
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From the Pastor:

We are now nearly to the end of another Lenten season, and on March 30th, we will again observe the sad and reflective day of Good Friday. On that first Good Friday, everything looked hopeless and lost. On that first Good Friday, death seemed to triumph over life and despair seemed to triumph over hope. On that first Good Friday, death seemed victorious. The hatred of the Jews and the cruel power of the Roman Empire seemed to triumph over God as Jesus died upon the cross.

But on April 1st we will once again celebrate the greatest festival day of the Church year – Easter Sunday. In the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb, God is victorious! In the resurrection, God triumphs over sin, death, and evil. In the resurrection, God brings life out of death. In the resurrection, God brings joy out of sorrow.

Through his resurrection, Jesus defeated death. Through his resurrection, Jesus brings us life. Through his resurrection, Jesus gives us joy. In the resurrection of Jesus, we receive new life as a precious gift from our Victorious God, and we feel the true joy of a divine love that can never be defeated!

So let us join together and celebrate the new life and joy of Easter!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Richard

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

In March, we continued our study of the Reformation period, with attention to the Scottish Reformation and to the Catholic Reformation (sometimes called “the Counter-Reformation”).

The sessions, which run from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, will return to their normal Wednesday evenings after Easter. The schedule for April is Wednesday April 4th and Wednesday April 25th. There will be no sessions on April 11th and April 18th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS

Our combined Middler (Eighth Graders) and Senior (Ninth Graders) class is continuing its study of the history of the Christian Church with sessions on the Reformation in England, the Puritans in Massachusetts, the Pietism movement in Germany, and the arrival of Lutherans in the USA.

The Middler-Senior Class will meet at 9:00 AM on April 7th, 21st, and 28th. There will be no class on April 14th.

The Junior Class (Seventh Grade) met on March 3rd for a lesson on the meaning of Lent and Holy Week. At the end of March, the seventh graders will attend one of the three Triduum Services. There will be no Junior Class meeting held in April.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Thursday – March 29

11:00 AM – Service of Holy Communion in Commemoration of the Last Supper

7:30 PM – Service of Holy Communion in Commemoration of the Last Supper

Good Friday – March 30

7:30 PM – Tenebrae Service in remembrance of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 31

7:00 PM – Easter Vigil Service with Holy Communion

Easter Sunday – April 1

6:00 AM – Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

7:15 AM – Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM – Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion

10:00 AM – Coffee Social

10:30 AM – Sunday School

SPONSORS

Some things are still available to be sponsored in April.

Altar Flowers are available for April 29th – cost is \$20.

Bulletins are available for April 8th, 22nd, & 29th – cost is \$15.

Newsletter is available for April or May – cost is \$35.

Candle oil is available for April – cost is \$15.

Sanctuary Candle oil is available for April or May – cost is \$35.

Call the church office (570-345-3306) or sign the charts in the hallway.

Vacation Bible School 2018

VBS is coming soon! It will be June 18-22nd this year. We'll begin at 9am and be done with our morning right at noon. You can participate by coming, donating anything, wishing us well, keeping VBS in your prayers, or by being aware of our week of learnings and activities. Snacks department always looks for donations of food.

Here is the list of things they need:

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| 2 – 16oz. Ranch Dressing | 1 – 28oz. jar Peanut Butter |
| 2 – 26oz. jars of Cheese Balls | 5 bags of Large Marshmallows |
| 3 boxes of Ritz Crackers | 1 Large box of Gold Fish |
| 1 – 500 pack of Napkins | 5 packs of 5oz. Cups |
| 4 packs of Orange Jello | 4 packs of Strawberry Jello |
| 4 packs of Lime Jello | 4 packs of Grape Jello |

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The next YMC meeting will be on April 8th at 11:30am. The next Jubilee and Spark group will be on April 15th at Noon.

On February 25th our Youth Group held their annual snow ball event. Our youth had a blast. If you missed our high energy annual snow ball event this year, you will need to attend next years.

There were 15+ children, teenagers and including parents participating.

On April 1st the Youth Ministry Committee will be holding its annual Easter breakfast. Food will be served starting after the sunrise service (approximately 7:15 -8:30am) and Pastries at 10:00am. A free will donation during breakfast and pastries will benefit the youth attending Bear Creek Camp or Camp Kirchenwald. Results will be in May's Newsletter Edition.



On May 20th YMC is taking a trip to Lake Tobias. We will be leaving from the Church Parking Lot at 11:45am and arrive at Lake Tobias between 12:45-1pm. We will depart from Lake Tobias at 6:50pm to arrive back at Church Parking Lot around 7:45pm. Permission slip will be required. Please hand permission slip to Jodi Derr Youth Ministry Chair at the beginning of the event.

Included in the Trip:

- Admission
- Petting Zoo, Pack of Animal Food (Choose between Carrots, Food Pellets, or Popcorn).
- Reptiles
- Safari Tour
- Reserved Tables
- Meal Provided by YMC (Sandwiches, Cheese, Chips, Pretzels, Fruit, Beverages)
- Transportation will be provided either by a Bus or Van depending on the amount of families with children that signs up under Bus/Van option.

Any children and their families that are interested please sign up by April 30th located at Youth Bulletin Board by water fountain. Or call Ben Moyer at 570-617-0703 to reserve a spot. A final action plan of Lake Tobias Trip will be in May Newsletter.

Youth Ministry Fund Balance as of 3-13-18 is 4,949.84.

Sincerely, Ben Moyer - Youth Ministry Committee

FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Technology & Finance Committee are working together to bring our members another "Option to Give"

Starting in April the Launch of Online Giving & Give+ Mobile Giving

St. Peter's is pleased to announce that you can manage your giving online and use your smartphone through Give+Mobile App. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or using your credit or debit card.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes and when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, and this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Our new giving programs offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Giving online and using Give+Mobile App allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the Church Website at (stpeterslutheranpinegrove.org)
2. Click on the (Give Online)
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your contributions.

Give+Mobile App

GivePlus Church is available through the App Store and Google Play. Search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app then be sure to allow access to location services if you'd like to use the app's Find Churches Near Me feature.

The app is free to download and you are not charged a fee to make donations using the app.

You can find out more information about Giving Online and Give+Mobile App on stpeterslutheranpinegrove.org under Tab "Giving". Also there will be information flyers available located within the church.

Should you have any questions or need assistance please contact Ben Moyer, Financial Secretary at 570-617-0703

Thank you, Ben Moyer

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

✠ Those who were hospitalized, recuperating, ill, or in any need in the months of March & April: Kay Potts, Jean Bender, Al Wertz, Nancy Miller, Kelly Weist, Julie Zimmerman, Dorothy Dower, and Allen Sattizahn.

✠ The Family of Chase Morgan, who passed away on February 20th.

✠ The Family of Ruby Thissen, who passed away on February 25th.

✠ Isabelle Ruth Stormont, the daughter of Ian and Emily (Stolarick) Stormont, who was baptized March 3rd.

✠ Talon Richard Zimmerman, the son of Rodney Zimmerman and Ashley Ziegler, who was born on March 2nd.

✠ The Family of Ruth Ann Reichert, who passed away on March 2nd.

✠ Joanna Leigh Gruber, the daughter of John and Janelle (Hoenich) Gruber, who was born on March 13th.

*The Prayer Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 4th @ 9:00AM.

Memorial Gifts... To the Glory of God

(Memorial Fund)

\$50 in memory of Mattie Sue Tobin by her Sister, Anna Wertz.

\$25 in memory of Mattie Tobin by R. Virginia and Vincent Witherow.

\$100 in memory of Mattie Tobin by The Ortiz Family – Abraham, Polly, Amanda, Austin, & Jake.

\$10 in memory of Mattie Tobin by Donald and Seray Moyer.

\$100 in memory of Mattie Tobin by David Gilbert Family.

\$100 in memory of my Sister, Mattie Tobin, by Mary Bohr.

(General Fund)

\$25 in memory of Mattie S. Tobin by Dion and Kay Boyer.

\$75 in memory of Mattie Tobin by Tim and Talitha Lemke.

\$50 in memory of Ryan Lemke by Robert and Sharon Lemke.

\$25 in memory of Mattie Tobin by Robert and Sharon Lemke.

\$20 in memory of Ruby Thissen by Marie Beck.

(Stew Zerbe Fund)

\$25 in memory of Mattie Tobin by Donna Zerbe.

(Oil Fund)

\$1,000 in memory of Wife, Mae Brommer by O.D. Brommer.

(Capital Improvement Fund)

\$20 in memory of Mattie Tobin by Betty Miller.

\$20 in memory of Mattie Tobin by Virginia Schwartz.

(Youth Ministry Fund)

\$100 in honor of Isabelle Ruth Stormont's Baptism by Grandparents, Ken & Sandy Stolarick.

-The **Candle Oil** for **March** was given to the Glory of God in honor of Harvey Hubler for his 85th Birthday by Family.

-**Bible Journaling** - Our new Bible Journaling Group, led by Nancy Reichelt, will meet on Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

