

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church and Preschool Newsletter  
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A New (Old) Cherished Tradition

- Pastor Sorenson

This year, it is our great joy at St. Peter to take part in the Easter Vigil. This special service will take place on Holy Saturday (April 20 this year) at 8:00 PM as it brings the Triduum to an end. This Triduum (literally "three-days") begins on Maundy Thursday, continues through Good Friday, and ends with the Easter Vigil. You will notice that Maundy Thursday begins, as normal, with the Invocation, but it does not conclude with a Benediction. Likewise, Good Friday has no Invocation and has no Benediction. This is because they are two parts of this three-day service. The Easter Vigil will finally provide a conclusion to this one service as it ends with a Benediction.

Let us then consider what happens in the Easter Vigil, especially since this will be a service new to so many of us. The first thing you will notice with the Vigil is a unique starting place. When you come at 8:00 PM on Saturday, you will not immediately go to your pew. First, we will gather outside (weather permitting) around a fire as the sun is setting. The service will begin with a proclamation and a prayer. Following the prayer, the Paschal (Christ) candle will be lit from this fire. This connects us back to Friday night as the light in the church continued to lessen. The Vigil picks up from this point with the lighting of this one candle.

We will then join in a prayer which captures our hope for the resurrection. Following the prayer, everyone will have a candle and will light it directly from the Paschal candle. With candles lit, the entire congregation will process into the sanctuary, led by the Paschal candle. Once the Paschal candle has reached the front of the sanctuary and everyone is in place, the Easter Proclamation (the *Exsultet*, Latin for "rejoice") is chanted, along with a special Preface. This concludes the first part of the service known as the Service of Light. The congregation will extinguish their candles at this time.

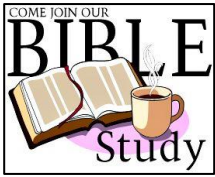
The Service of Readings then begins. A series of readings will be proclaimed which focus us on the promise of salvation found throughout Scripture. We will hear familiar texts like creation, the flood, the Exodus, the fiery furnace, among others. This will be a long part of the service, but a most joyous part as God's Word of forgiveness and salvation through Christ is proclaimed. These readings give hope to us who the night before saw Jesus nailed to a cross. These readings also give a joyful anticipation to us who keep watch (vigil) for our Lord's resurrection. The Service of Readings ends with a hymn recounting the works of God (LSB 930 – All You Works of God, Bless the Lord).

Next comes the Service of Holy Baptism. This is a time where we hear again those comforting words from our baptism. We join together renouncing the devil, his works, and ways. We then join together in confessing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, just as we did for the first time in our baptism. What better time to remember our baptism, which joined us into Christ's death and resurrection, than on the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday!

The fourth part of the Vigil is the Service of Prayer. In this portion we pray the Litany of the Resurrection, which takes us through all of the works of Christ in His passion and ends with the joy of the resurrected Lamb of God who has taken away our sin.

Finally, the service concludes with the Service of the Word. At this point in the service the Easter Acclamation is proclaimed in all of its joy and celebration as our fasting comes to an end. "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" At that moment the sanctuary lights come on in full, the candles on the altar are lit, and we see the sanctuary fully dressed for Easter morning. The Hymn of Praise is sung, a collect is prayed, and a reading from one of the Gospels is read. The service concludes with a brief sermon, prayer, and the Benediction.

This is what you can expect as we join together on April 20 for the Easter Vigil. It is a service which moves us from the sorrow of Christ's death to the joy of Christ's resurrection. It is a service which begins with one small light and ends with the full brightness of Christ. It is a service which ends our three-day journey through Christ's passion. It is a service which so beautifully teaches us the joy of the salvation accomplished by Christ. It is a service which may be new to us this year, but which I pray will quickly become a cherished favorite as part of Holy Week.



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** From 10:15-11:15 a.m. following our worship service,

**BOOK OF CONCORD:** Pastor's study on the Book of Concord will meet on Sunday, April 14th, at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share for a light supper following our study.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:**  
Breaking for Lent.

### Why come to Bible Study?

For many, the biggest impediment to attending a Bible study is time. We are so busy with work and activities that we are not willing to make Bible study a priority. However, Jesus tells us, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Our Savior would remind us that just as we need physical nourishment, so do we need spiritual nourishment from His Word.

God invites us to read and study His Word. God doesn't require us to understand everything, nor does He promise that the Scriptures will solve all our problems. God invites us into a relationship through the words of the Bible with His Son, Jesus, Whom we call the Living Word.

In addition to growing in our relationship with our Savior, Bible studies give us the opportunity to have fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. A bonding often takes place as people share their faith, joys, and challenges.

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### Lent and Holy Week Schedule:

- Wed., 4/3: Lent Midweek, 7:00 PM
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- Sun., 4/14: Palm Sunday & Confirmation, 9:00 AM
- Thurs., 4/18: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM
- Fri., 4/19: Good Friday, 7:00 PM
- Sat., 4/20: Easter Vigil, 8:00 PM
- Sun., 4/21
  - Easter Sunrise, 6:30 AM
  - Easter Divine Service, 9:00 AM



### YOUTH GROUP EASTER EVENTS:

- Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>: The youth group will host our annual **EASTER EGGS HUNT**. Children may arrive at 9:45 a.m. for a short craft time and the egg hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m.
  - Plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt can be picked up in the narthex of the church. They should be filled with individually wrapped candy and returned to the youth room. Thank you for your help!
- Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: Easter breakfast will be provided by our Youth Group starting at 7:00 a.m. on Easter morning. The menu will include pancakes, egg casserole, biscuits & gravy, sausage links, fruit cups, and drinks. A free will offering can be made.



The youth group will also be holding their **ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE** in May.

- Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> at Hickory Hills golf course in Brownstown
- 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students invited to help
- Sponsors & teams are needed immediately.
- Please see Janice Acree if you are interested.



Our first annual **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** will be held Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 p.m. We will soon have fliers available for advertising, and sign-up sheets will be posted for workers. Much participation is needed and greatly appreciated! The proceeds from this event will benefit our Building Fund.



It's not too late to join other men in Christian fellowship on April 5-7 at Lakeview Villages in Seymour, IN for the 2019 **MEN'S GATHERING** as we explore the topic of "Man Up!" with Pr. Jeffrey Hemmer. Get away and enjoy God's great creation, eat like a king at our hog roast and join in the Medieval Challenge, Archery Tag, and much more. Visit [www.mensgathering.us](http://www.mensgathering.us) for info and registration. There is still room available in the cabins!

**TRINITY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** is seeking to fill the following positions:

- highly qualified Language Arts teacher to begin the 2019-2020 school year
  - If interested or would like to suggest a name, please reach out to Principal Darlage at [cdarlage@trinitycougars.org](mailto:cdarlage@trinitycougars.org) or 812-528-3082.
- families to host a variety of international students for single and multiple year programs beginning the 2019-2020 school year
  - We are offering a tuition adjustment for families of current students at TLHS, above the compensation from each respective International Exchange Company. If interested, please contact Principal Darlage at [cdarlage@trinitycougars.org](mailto:cdarlage@trinitycougars.org) or 812-528-3082. Thank you!
- Assistant Track Coach with knowledge of long jumping (Spring sport)
- Head Varsity Men's Tennis Coach (Fall 2019, 8-week season)
- Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach (Fall 2019, 9-week season)
  - Interested candidates should contact Andy Denny, Athletic Director at (812) 525-8731 or [adenny@trinitycougars.org](mailto:adenny@trinitycougars.org)

## St. Peter Lutheran Church & Preschool Calendar

**April 2019**

**Ushers:** Max Thomas & Kyle Thomas

**Acolytes:**

Wed., April 3 – Joe Acree

Sun., April 7 – Tristan Crowe

**Communion Set-Up:** 4/7, Lynnette May

Wed. April 10 – Mackenzie May

Sun., April 14 – Laurie Schultz

4/14, Amy Sciano

Thurs. April 18 – Gus Sciano

Fri., April 19 – Jonah Sciano

418, Michelle Sorenson

Sat., April 20 – Jenna Thomas

Sun. April 21 (Sunrise) – Danica Crowe

4/21, Amy Sciano

Sun, April 21 (Divine) – Ali Wooten

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> *Pastor at Circuit Meeting	<b>3</b> 7:00-Lent Midweek	<b>4</b> 6:00-Music Group 7:00-Elders' Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9 - Communion Service 10:15-11:15 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11: 15 - Confirmation Class	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30-Hand Bell Practice	<b>10</b> 7:00-Lent Midweek	<b>11</b> 6:00-Music Group 7:00-Church Board Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 – Palm Sunday & Confirmation 10:15-11:15 – Trevor Wiesehan Reception Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 5:00 p.m.-Book of Concord Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30-Hand Bell Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00-Music Group 7:00-Maundy Thursday	<b>19</b> 7:00-Good Friday	<b>20</b> 9:45 a.m.- Easter Craft 10:00 a.m.-Easter Egg Hunt 8:00-Easter Vigil
<b>21</b> 6:30 – Easter Sunrise 7:00 – Youth Group Breakfast 9:00 – Easter Divine Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30-Hand Bell Practice	<b>24</b> May Newsletter Deadline	<b>25</b> 6:00-Music Group	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 - Worship Service 10:15 – Voters' Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30-Hand Bell Practice			Upcoming Dates: 5/18: Strawberry Festival, 3:00-7:00 p.m.	

