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Waiting for the Resurrection

- Pastor Sorenson

This year Easter falls on April 17th. That day we will celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord. We will break out of our Lenten fast. We will sing with glad hearts and rejoice to hear again of our Lord's triumph over sin, death, and the devil.

The joy of Easter, however, is lessened if you don't take time to wait for the resurrection. That's a tough thing for us to hear in this day and age. We don't like to wait for anything. Our schedules are full and our time is precious. We want to keep things moving as quickly as we can so we can get to yet more things.

Yet, as Christians, we are called to wait. That is what Holy Week is all about. Beginning on Palm Sunday the entire Church Year slows way down. No longer do we move from one week to the next. During this week, we move day-to-day, even hour-to-hour. We walk with our Lord through every event of that week, not skipping around, not cutting things out, not being hasty to just get it over with.

Instead, we wait. We stop idolizing time and our schedules, and we devote our focus to Christ. On Thursday evening, we wait with our Lord in the upper room and in the Garden of Gethsemane. On Friday, we wait with our Lord through His trials and on Golgotha as He suffers and dies. On Saturday, we wait with our Lord in the tomb, as He rests from all of His work to make us a new creation.

Each of these services are more than mere reenactments of what happened almost 2000 years ago. Rather, each of these services are telling us who we are. They remind us of what it means to be a Christian. For each of these services unfold for us the history of salvation. How God created us, how He chose us in Christ, how He liberated us from the bondage of sin, how He planted us in His promised land, and how He brings this all to completion in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

And this is something which requires us to wait. To listen as God unfolds this marvelous salvation to us. And though we've heard it all before, God calls us to hear it again and again because the world is always telling us something different. The world is always telling us we are something other than what God says. The world is always trying to take more of our time so we devote less time to what God has to say.

If we give in to the world and its demands on our time, if we don't wait for our Lord's resurrection, we can be sure that the joy of that resurrection will be lessened for us. We may not realize it as we gather together on Easter morning, but that's exactly the point. We will smile and rejoice and think we experienced everything Easter has to offer, but we'll be wrong. We'll be missing out on the fullness of Christ's resurrection and all because we didn't wait.

This Holy Week, then, dear saints, I encourage you to wait. To come to each and every service that week. To not worship the idols of time or your schedules. Come to Palm Sunday, to Holy (Maundy) Thursday, to Good Friday, and to the Easter Vigil. Come to hear again what it means to be a Christian as God unfolds the fullness of His salvation. Come to wait with your brothers and sisters in Christ for the resurrection of Christ.

As you do, as you wait for Christ's resurrection by hearing His Word in each of these services, you'll see how the joy of Easter is magnified. As you wait, the wonders of Christ's resurrection will grow. As you wait, your gladness will increase. As you wait, you'll see how God and His triumph over sin, death, and the devil are even more profound than you could imagine.

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Worship Service Update: We are now back to having one service each Sunday at 9:00 AM. As we do so, we will continue to follow the state guidelines regarding social distancing and other safety measures. For each service, the radio transmitter will still be used and the sermon and readings will be posted on the website.

Bible Studies In-Person:

- **Sundays:** We are studying the minor prophets Sunday mornings after worship. This month we will continue studying the prophet Amos. Sunday School will also meet every week, beginning at 10:15 AM.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Currently on break until after Easter. We will begin again on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 PM.
- **Book of Concord Study:** Second Sunday of the month, April 10th, beginning at 5:00 PM. We will continue our study of the Smalcald Articles and we will have a pitch-in dinner following the study.

Online Bible Study: Resources, including full Bible studies and devotional videos are available on our church Youtube page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzA1mStTKU8Sb0ia1OjDrPg>).

Sermons and Devotional Resources:

- Weekly sermons will be posted on our church website (<http://www.stpeterwaymansville.com>) on the sermon page under the "At St. Peter" tab. (Direct link to that page - http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page_id=417)
- You can also find helpful resources for your home devotions on the "Devotional Resources" page under the "Resources" tab (http://www.stpeterwaymansville.org/?page_id=489). Now is a great time to begin, continue, and strengthen a home devotional pattern by yourself and with your family.
- Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex. You can drop by and pick one up or contact Pastor or the church office to have one delivered.

Lord's Supper: If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper during this time, please contact Pastor Sorenson via call, text, or email. His phone number is 812-371-1151 and his email is pastoresorenson@gmail.com. He would be happy to meet you at the church for this purpose or to bring it to your home, making sure at all times to take the necessary safety precautions.

May these resources assist you as you continue to hear the Word of God and cry out to Him in prayer.

150th ANNIVERSARY FOLLOW-UP

Cookbook: The 150th Anniversary Cookbooks are here! They are available for \$20 each. Proceeds will benefit the 150th anniversary celebration events and the general fund. Grab one for yourself, your family, and your friends! They also make great birthday and Christmas gifts!

Cat's Meow: Cat's Meow cutouts of the church to celebrate the 150th anniversary are available for \$20 each. You can pick one up on Sunday mornings or during the week.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Throughout the year, this space will be used to encourage you to keep your brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. Peter in your prayers. As you pray for them, you may even ask them how you can pray for them. Families will be listed in alphabetical order throughout the year. During this month, you are encouraged to pray for:

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| • Andrew Chapple | • Ken DeLap | • Bill, Nikki, Amanda, & Nathan Finke |
| • John Cox III | • Chris & Adelea Dobbins | • Rick & Debbie Flohr |
| • Ron & Hannelore Cox | • John & Karen Dobrinski | • Paul & Jeanine Franke |
| • Louis & Bonnie Daab | | |

GENERAL INFORMATION

Book of the Month: The Book of the Month will be available in the Parish Hall library for you to look through and read. You may take the book home to read as well, but we ask that you please do not hold onto it for too long so other people can enjoy it as well. The April Book of the Month is *Eternal Anthems: The Story Behind Your Favorite Hymns*. Here is an excerpt from the book: "Christians love to sing. The hymns of the Church have provided centuries of believers with the means to sing the song of faith and proclaim Christ together as one Body in Christ. But where did these hymns come from, and why were they written? The hymn texts that we cherish today were often fashioned as a witness to the faith in response to tragic events, episodes of illness, or occasions of blessing and joy in the life of the hymnwriter. Alternatively, the need for a special hymn may have been the impetus for a new text. Today, Christians connect these experiences to their own lives by using the hymns to comfort one another and proclaim Christ through faithful witness as if the hymns were written just for them."

Make a Joyful Noise!

- **Easter Choir:** There is interest in forming a choir to celebrate the Easter season.
- **Handbell Choir:** If you are interested in ringing, please contact Debbie. No prior experience is needed – just a basic sense of rhythm and the desire to have a lot of fun!
- For either choir, please contact Debbie Flohr at 812-341-4724 if you have any questions.

Lent Midweek Snacks: Following each of our midweek services, everyone is invited to gather in the Parish Hall for snacks and fellowship. You are encouraged to bring a snack, if you desire, or just come and enjoy!

Easter Lilies: Easter lily order forms are available in the narthex. There is a suggested donation of \$8 per lily, which you can include in the offering plate or give to Camden or Pastor. After services on Easter, you may pick up your ordered lily/lilies.

Confirmation: Congratulations and God's blessings to our confirmands this year: Joe Acree, Jonah Sciano, and Laurie Schultz! Please keep them in your prayers and share an encouraging word with them as they come to this exciting time.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting: We will have our quarterly voters' meeting on April 24th following the worship service.

Butter Braid Thank You: Thank you to all who participated in the Butter Braid fundraiser. Donations and proceeds from our sale enabled us to contribute \$3694.75 to the Building Fund.

Weekly Communion Resources: There are some free resources on the topic of weekly communion in the narthex of the church. If you would like to learn more about this topic, feel free to pick up a book or the articles any time.

From Matt Riley: This past year we have been supporting seminarian Matt Riley. We will also be supporting him this year with our midweek Advent and Lent offerings. It is a wonderful thing for us to support a future pastor in Christ's Church! Each month he has been sending us a letter, which is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Be sure to check it out and keep Matt and his family in your prayers.

Usher & Communion Sign-Up Sheets: We are in need of volunteers for both of these roles. The 2022 sign-up sheets are up now on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. We are always looking for additional people interested in filling these roles. Please feel free to sign up even if you have never before helped in these ways. Someone will be happy to show you the ropes.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, there is a sign-up sheet in the hallway between Pastor's office and the church office. The cost to sponsor the flowers is \$20, and the payment can be put in the offering plate or in the mail rack outside the church office door. The flowers are yours for the taking after the worship service. Please contact Sue Anne Lee at (812) 717-0167 if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP & YOUTH CLASSES

Youth Group: The youth group will meet on Sunday, April 3rd, for our youth night. We will have a meal, time to study God's Word, and a fun activity. Feel free to bring a friend! If you would like to be added to the text group to receive youth group notifications, please let Pastor know.

Activity Bags: I have placed bags in the back of the church for your little ones replacing the old smaller bags. I will try to add to them or replace things in them every couple of weeks so the children can continue to enjoy them.

Sunday School Update: I would like to update everyone on Sunday School. We have two classes this year. Our younger class has four students ranging from age two and a half to age six. So far, we have learned about the creation, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, Abraham and Joseph's coat taking a break during Advent to learn about the birth of our Savior. Our lessons include a story, songs with sign language and art practicing fine motor skills for little hands. Our older class has six students ranging from age eight to age fourteen. They are learning about gory deaths in the Bible. Sunday School is for ANY age so if your child does not attend, and you have questions, please let me know. I would love our classes to grow. I would also love to have another teacher come aboard so that we can have a third class. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 812-371-2137 or email me at mreeneeschultz@gmail.com.



Sunday School is so much fun!!! We sing songs, play games, and do fun crafts! Most of all, we learn about Jesus!

EVENTS

Game Night: Game Night will be on Friday, April 1st beginning at 6:00 PM. For dinner, our theme will be your family favorites. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! Feel free to bring a dish to share, your favorite games, or a deck of cards. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come along as well!

Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 AM. We will meet in the shelter house (weather permitting). Eggs will be available in the narthex to pick up and fill with individually wrapped candy beginning on March 23rd. Please have the eggs returned by April 14th. Also, be sure to invite any children or grandchildren to be part of the hunt on April 16th.

Easter Breakfast: The Youth Group will serve an Easter breakfast this year between the sunrise and Divine Service on Easter (April 17th). We will be serving breakfast from 7:15-8:40 AM.

Golf Outing: The Youth Group will be hosting our annual Golf Outing on Saturday, April 30th at Hickory Hills Golf Course in Brownstown. If you would like to play or be a sponsor for the outing, please speak to Pastor Sorenson. Additional information can be found on the flyers on the bulletin boards.

Golf Outing Donations: The Youth Group is asking for donations of food items for lunch at the golf outing. If you would like to donate, please see the sign-up sheet on the conference room door. Thank you for your support towards our youth!

LCMS COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Trinity Job Postings: Trinity Lutheran High School is seeking a Science teacher starting the 2022-23 school year. Primary teaching responsibilities include Biology and Dual Credit or AP Biology. Standing alone, this is a part-time position; however, if combined with other teaching content areas or responsibilities it may become full-time. Trinity Lutheran High School is seeking a Special Education teacher starting the 2022-23 school year. This is a full-time

position. Additional details or job descriptions upon request. Positions will be posted until filled. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Principal Clayton Darlage at cdarlage@trinitycougars.org

White Creek Foundation: We are excited to share that a foundation has been established to provide for the long term financial stability of White Creek Lutheran school so that future generations can be raised in the truth of our Lord. This foundation is a stand alone 501(3c) nonprofit and your church has members on the board. A poster has been placed in the narthex with informational packets. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to support the foundation. If you have any questions Or would like to speak to your congregation’s representatives about the foundation please contact: Verna Vandercar momvandercar@yahoo.com or Kelly Thomas kmtho4@yahoo.com

FROM THE OFFICE

Contact Information: As the situation around us continues to change daily, we would like to be able to contact everyone in a quick and timely manner. If you could please contact Camden or Pastor to update your contact information, especially phone number and email, that would help us tremendously and be greatly appreciated. Keep an eye on the church Facebook page for the most up-to-date information. Thank you!

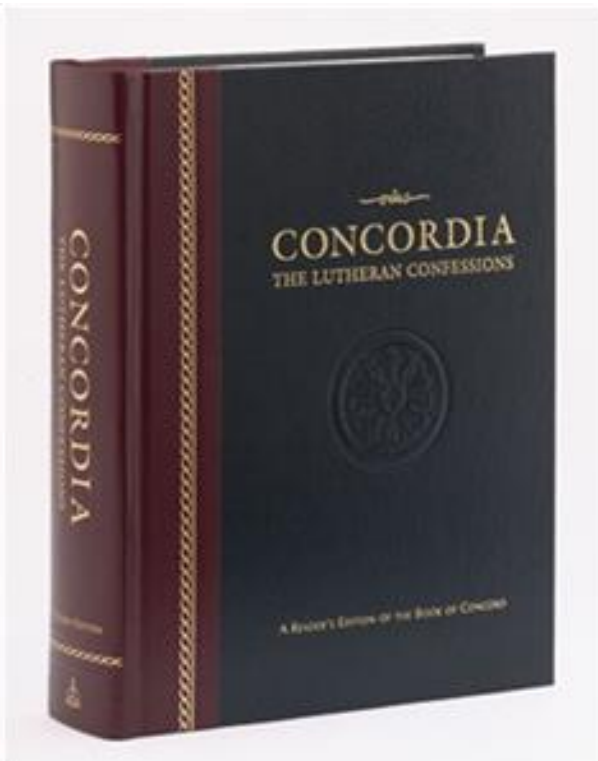
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Book of Concord Corner

“Our adversaries object by accusing our teachers of being against discipline and the subduing of the flesh. Just the opposite is true, as can be learned from our teachers’ writings. They have always taught that Christians are to bear the cross (Matthew 16:24) by enduring afflictions. This is genuine and sincere subduing of the flesh (1 Peter 2:11), to be crucified with Christ through various afflictions. Furthermore, they teach that every Christian ought to train and subdue himself with bodily restraints, or bodily exercises and labors. Then neither overindulgence nor laziness may tempt him to sin. But they do not teach that we may merit grace or make satisfaction for sins by such exercises. Such outward discipline ought to be taught at all times, not only on a few set days. Christ commands, ‘Watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness’ (Luke 21:34). Also in Matthew 17:21, ‘This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.’ Paul also says, ‘I discipline my body and keep it under control’ (1 Corinthians 9:27). Here he clearly shows that he was keeping his body under control, not to merit forgiveness of sins by that discipline, but to keep his body in subjection and prepared for spiritual things, for carrying out the duties of his calling. Therefore, we do not condemn fasting in itself (Isaiah 58:3-7), but the traditions that require certain days and certain meats, with peril of conscience, as though such works were a necessary service.” (Augsburg Confession, XXVI, 30-39)



Lent and Holy Week Services

Lent is a special 40-day season during which the Church reflects on her sin and on her need for a Savior. It is a time for us to turn our focus away from the things of this world and toward Christ, our dear Lord. As such, it is most appropriate for the Church to gather together more often during this season as we wait with anticipation for the joy of Easter. It is my prayer that all of us here at St. Peter would join together during this special season as we repent of our sin and look for the death and resurrection of Christ.

The Start of Lent

Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday

The Midweek Services – O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

Wednesday, March 9 7:00 PM – Christ Suffers for Our Sin

Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 PM – Christ Takes Our Punishment

Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 PM – Christ Does It Out of Love

Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 PM – Christ Leads Us to Repentance

Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 PM – Christ Leads Us to Live a Christian Life

The Start of Holy Week

Sunday, April 10, 9:00 AM – Palm Sunday and Confirmation

The Triduum

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 15, 7:00 PM – Good Friday

Saturday, April 16, 8:00 PM – Easter Vigil

Easter

Sunday, April 17, 6:30 AM – Easter Sunrise

Sunday, April 17, 9:00 AM – Easter Divine Service



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16

At St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Waymansville



Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM
All are welcome and invite a friend too!

Annual Waymansville Open Golf Scramble



Prizes for:

Closest to the Pin

Longest Drive

Winning Team Members

Yardsticks will also be available!

Saturday, April 30th, 2022

Hickory Hills Golf Course
1509 SR 135
Brownstown, IN 47220
(812) 358-4529

8:00 AM - Registration
9:00 AM - Shotgun Start

\$50/player
4 players per team
Includes: 18 holes, cart,
food, drinks, prizes

Proceeds benefit the
missions of St. Peter
Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Waymansville
Youth Group

To register your team, sponsor a hole for \$50, or
for more information, contact Pastor Erik Sorenson
at (812) 371-1151 or pastoresorenson@gmail.com

St. Peter Lutheran Church Calendar

April 2022

Ushers: Robert Stiles (10th-30th)

Communion Set-up & Clean-up:

April 3 – Strassers

April 10 – Lynette May

April 14 & 17 – Kathy Rebber **April 24** – Open

Acolytes: **April 3** – Jonah Sciano

April 6 – Joe Acree

April 10 – Trevor Acree (cross) & Rayleigh Acton

April 14 – Anslee Hawkins **April 15** – Max Hoene **April 16** – Trevor Acree

April 17 (6:30) – Rayleigh Acton

April 17 (9:00) – Anslee Hawkins

April 24 – Max Hoene

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Dates:					1 6 PM – Game Night	2
3 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM – Youth Group	4	5 9 AM-2 PM – Pastor @ Circuit meeting 7 PM – Handbell Choir	6 7 PM – Lent Midweek Service	7 10 AM – Elders meeting	8	9
10 <i>Palm Sunday (Confirmation)</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Confirmation reception 5:00 PM – Book of Concord Study	11	12	13	14	15	16
	HOLY WEEK					
		7 PM – Handbell Choir		7 PM – Holy (Maundy) Thursday Divine Service	7 PM – Good Friday Service	10 AM – Easter Egg Hunt 8 PM – Easter Vigil
17 <i>The Resurrection of Our Lord</i> 6:30 AM – Easter Sunrise 7:15-8:40 AM – Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM – Easter Divine Service	18	19 7 PM – Handbell Choir	20	21 7 PM – Board meeting	22	23
24 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Voters’ Meeting & Sunday School (Pastor’s Bible Study to follow as time allows)	25	26 7 PM – Handbell Choir	27	28	29	30 8:00 AM – Youth Group Golf Scramble