St. Peter's Luther Church

Good News Newsletter

Plainfield Township, Pennsylvania (610) 863-6859 April 2018

I don't think it's a coincidence that Easter arrives in the early spring. As I look around, I can see the rebirth of the earth all around me: trees are beginning to bud, flower bulbs are pushing up tender shoots from the ground and even a few crocuses are making an appearance. The winter wheat has awoken from its slumber during the coldest months of the year and has begun to grow steadily. And farmers and gardeners are ready to begin planting early crops, if they haven't already. It is into this time of year that the good news of Jesus' resurrection arrives. Dead. Dead and in the grave, for three days that was our reality. Hope was lost and the vision of the Messiah coming to save us was nothing but a faded memory. And then, early in the morning on Easter Sunday, some women went to the tomb to perform one final act of love towards the one they called their Lord, only to find the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. And what amazing news they received, that the one they knew had died just days earlier was no longer dead, but had arisen. It was too good to be true. How could they believe such a thing?

There are some who have the same attitude today, who ask the same question today. How could someone who was dead rise from the grave? How could something that happened 2000 years ago have relevance to my life today? Could it really make a difference? What if it does and what if it could? What if the rebirth that we see in the earth each spring is just a reminder of the rebirth that Jesus brings into our lives when we believe in him? What if the rebirth that Jesus gives to us leads to not just a *season* of life and growth, but to an *everlasting life* of growth in his love and the joy of the Lord? Our God is a God of new beginnings, a God of life and love for his people and a God who makes all things new. The God who cares about the little flower bulbs and each blade of wheat grass that grows cares for you and wants you to know that you are loved and you are made new in his love, not just in the spring, but each and every day. Praise God!

Pastor Chris

Please say a prayer for...

April 1 – Peter & Rosalyn Pennington
April 2 – Bob & Trudie Pepe
April 3 – George & Gerry Petrushka
April 4 – Lewis & Bernice Ponnett
April 5 – Allen Predmore family
April 6 – Barry Pysher
April 7 – Dean & Bonnie Pysher
April 8 – Glenn & Joan Pysher
April 9 – James Pysher family
April 10 – William & Karen Pysher
April 11 – Betty Ramaley
April 12 – Kevin Ramaley family
April 13 – Fae Randall
April 14 – David & Marlene Read
April 15 – Stephanie Reduzzi
April 16 – Ed & Carol Reid
April 17 – Blaine & Bev Reimer
April 18 – John & Kathy Repsher
April 19 – Carol Riley
April 20 – Nancy Riley
April 21 – Diana Riley family
April 22 – Phillip & Cindy Rissmiller
April 23 – Glenwood & Judith Rissmiller
April 24 – Marcia Roberts family
April 25 – Ryan Rotzell family
April 26 – Dolly Rufe family
April 27 – Charles Ruth
April 28 – Ben & Roxanne Rutt
April 29 – Inez Rutt family
April 30 – Robert & Patti Rutt

If your name has been omitted, please contact the church office.

Scholarship Committee Corner

Reminder...The Scholarship Applications are available on the community table in the overflow area of the church or on our church website at stpetersplainfield.com.

The completed application may be turned into the church office, or placed in the Scholarship Committee mailbox in the Friendship Room. **Deadline to submit your application is April 22. No applications will be accepted after this date.**

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Sunday School News

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped make the Annual Easter Egg Hunt a success. Special shout out to Kim Manieri for stuffing all those eggs!

If you have children in grades 1 through 12 and are interested in Bear Creek Camp, please contact Erin Curtolo for more information.

> > Mark your Calendars < <

Sunday, July 8 - Thursday July 12

Vacation Bible School

- Rolling River Rampage -

VBS will be here before you know it and we are always in need of River guides and helpers. If you'd like to be a part of the VBS Crew, please let Erin Curtolo know!
Organizational meetings will begin in May.

Red Geranium Sale
We will be selling beautiful red geraniums to decorate our sanctuary for Pentecost and Confirmation on May 20th. Order forms will be in bulletins after Easter!

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **8 & 10:15AM** Resurrection of Our Lord Holy Communion **9AM** Coffee Hour	**2** Church Office Closed Social Ministries **6:30PM**	**3** Praise Band **7:00PM**	**4** Finance **7:00PM**	**5** Choir Rehearsals **5:30PM** Children's **6:00PM** Youth **6:30PM** Bells **7:30PM** Adult	**6**	**7** Clean Up Playground **9:00AM**
8 **8 & 10:15AM** 2nd Sunday of Easter **9AM** Coffee Hour Sunday School Confirmation Class **2PM** Fellowship Hall Use	**9** Girl Scouts **6:30PM**	**10** LCW **11:30AM** Girl Scouts **6:30PM** Praise Band **7PM** Council **7:00PM**	**11**	**12** Choir Rehearsals **5:30PM** Children's **6:00PM** Youth **6:30PM** Bells **7:30PM** Adult	**13**	**14** LCW using Kitchen **8:30AM**
15 **8 & 10:15AM** 3rd Sunday of Easter Holy Communion **9AM** Coffee Hour Sunday School Confirmation Class	**16**	**17** Praise Band **7:00PM**	**18**	**19** Choir Rehearsals **5:30PM** Children's **6:00PM** Youth **6:30PM** Bells **7:30PM** Adult	**20**	**21**
22 **8 & 10:15AM** 4th Sunday of Easter **9AM** Coffee Hr./SS Confirmation Class New Member Mtg. **10:15AM** Holy Baptism Scholarship App. Due	**23** Girl Scouts **6:30PM**	**24** Scholarship **6:00PM** Girl Scouts **6:30PM** Praise Band **7:00PM**	**25**	**26** Choir Rehearsals **5:30PM** Children's **6:00PM** Youth **6:30PM** Bells **7:30PM** Adult	**27**	**28**
29 **8 & 10:15AM** 5th Sunday of Easter **9AM** Coffee Hour Sunday School Confirmation Class	**30** Property **6:00PM**					

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Georgette DiTaranto Zoee Edmunds Jacob Guthrie Kirsten Mamana Gavin Pysher	**2** Tara Faulkner Melissa Lychak	**3** Jennifer Morykin Suzy Walker	**4** Chad Gares Ciarrah Holmqvist Jessica Marascio	**5** John Groller	**6** Elaine Albert Jillian Hahn Deanna Keyser	**7** Amanda Rutt
8	**9** Ella Mamana Savanna Marsteller Taylor Schreck	**10** Betty Herd Dylan Pysher	**11** Greg Dawe Sally Dick Patty Ianni Steven Smith	**12** BarbaraJo Brewer Michele Fulmer Kathleen Kessler Amanda Szakacs	**13** Rachel Cornman Ralph Keyser	**14** Deborah Cornman Bob Gerstenberg Madison Toth
15 Sarah Brewer Alyssa Fiore Dave Hampton	**16** Karen Itterly James Sandt Stefany Schwartz	**17** Mark Bruch	**18** Ryan Rissmiller	**19** Lori Barry Louise Rapp	**20** Nate Curtolo Tricia Heller	**21** Lucille Hahn Royal Pritchard James Pysher
22 Doris Brewer Paul Katinis Megan Mellert Tom Miller	**23**	**24**	**25** Delaney Porter	**26** Louise Luecke Melissa Miller Barb Sanders	**27** Lisa Borger	**28** Jonathan Free Dave Ianni
29	**30**					

In Service of St. Peter's April 2018

Acolytes and Crucifers

April 1
8:00AM – Camron Dear, Jacob Conrad
10:15AM – OPEN
April 8
8:00AM – Paige Edelman
10:15AM – Alex Predmore
April 15
8:00AM – Reagan Heard
10:15AM – Abby Wilgus, Carter Moore
April 22
8:00AM –Camron Dear
10:15AM – OPEN
April 29
8:00AM – Emma Toth
10:15AM – OPEN

Altar Flower Committee

Fran Eckert & Doris Brewer

Altar Flower Sponsors

April 1 – Scott & Karen Sandt
April 8 – Judy Koopman
April 15 – Bob & Debbie Cornman
April 22 – Jill Ott
April 29 – Joe & Carol Free

Altar Guild

April 1 **Easter**
8:00AM – Randa Barabas, Vivian Dawe, Sue Irwin, Pat Voigt
10:15AM – Sarah Brewer, Micki Houser, Linda Heller, Barb Sanders
April 15
8:00AM – Barb Hampton, Robin Hahn, Cindy Witkowski, Kelly Woolley
10:15AM – Kathleen Campbell, Tammy Lawson, Patti Williams

Announcements

April 1
8:00AM – Buddy Batha
10:15AM – Erin Curtolo
April 8
8:00AM – Erin Fraser
10:15AM – Kathleen Campbell
April 15
8:00AM – OPEN
10:15AM – Buddy Batha
April 22
8:00AM – Debbie Sandt
10:15AM – OPEN
April 29
8:00AM – Buddy Batha
10:15AM – Kathleen Campbell

Bulletin Sponsors

April 1 – Linda Paynter
April 8 – OPEN
April 15 – Bob & Debbie Cornman
April 22 – Doris Faulds
April 29 – OPEN

Coffee Hour Set-Up/Bakers

April 1 – Joe Free
Baker Harry Erhardt
April 8 – Joe Barabas
Baker Jean Temos
April 15 – Earl Brewer
Baker Susan Long
April 22 – Jim & Eileen Sandt
Baker – Randa Barabas
April 29 – Roger & Laura Brunner
Baker – Kerri Tollinger

Church Office Volunteers

April 6 – Kim Manieri
April 13 – Linda Paynter
April 20 – Jennie Schank
April 27 – Gladys Wagner
Girl Friday – Judy Kessler

Communion Bread

April 1 – Pat Voigt
April 15 – Jean Temos

Communion Team

April 1 Easter
8:00AM – Terry Albert, Joe Barabas, Debbie Cornman, Mary DeHaven, John & Lynn Fairall
10:15AM – Rhonda Beckage, Micki Houser, Jill Ott, Karen Pysher, Ryan & Amy Rotzell, Barb Sanders, Dean Sanders, Scott Sandt, Dave & Ann Super
April 15
8:00AM – Susan Blasco, Mary Dehaven, Christine Larsen, Earl Brewer
10:15AM – Karen Pysher, Bill Kessler, Dave & Ann Super

Counting Team

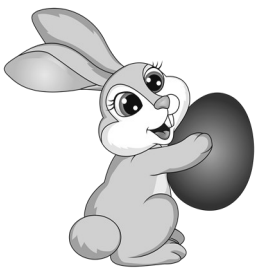
Trudie Pepe (captain)
Pete & Rosalyn Pennington

Greeters

April 1 Easter
8:00AM – Ken & Vivian Dawe
10:15AM – Matt Miller family
April 8
8:00AM – Kelly DeHaven family
10:15AM – Leon & Linda Heller
April 15
8:00AM – Joe & Carol Free
10:15AM – Scott & Karen Sandt
April 22
8:00AM – Dave & Barb Hampton
10:15AM – Jason Koehler family
April 29
8:00AM – Patti Bickert, Marilyn Hart
10:15AM – Pete & Rosalyn Pennington

Hospital Visitations

April 1 – 7 – OPEN
April 8 – 14 – OPEN
April 15 – 21 – OPEN
April 22 – 28 – OPEN



Head Ushers

April 1 Easter
8:00AM – Jim Sandt
10:15AM – Dave & Jill Ott
April 8
8:00AM – Joe Barabas
10:15AM – Leon & Linda Heller
April 15
8:00AM – Blaine & Bev Reimer
10:15AM – Scott Sandt
April 22
8:00AM – Lynn Fairall & Terry Albert
10:15AM – Erin Curtolo
April 29
8:00AM – Marty Eichner
10:15AM – Terry & Lori Barry

Lectors

April 1 Easter
8:00AM – Fred Broadbent
10:15AM – Ann Super
April 8
8:00AM – Mary DeHaven
10:15AM – Karin Gallagher
April 15
8:00AM – Carol Free
10:15AM – Fran Eckert
April 22
8:00AM – Audrey McAbee
10:15AM – Debbie Sandt
April 29
8:00AM – Kerri Tollinger
10:15AM – Linda Oswald

Prayers of the Church

April 1 Easter
8:00AM – Kerri Tollinger
10:15AM – Karin Gallagher
April 8
8:00AM – Carol Free
10:15AM – Micki Houser
April 15
8:00AM – Mary DeHaven
10:15AM – Debbie Sandt
April 22
8:00AM – Eleanor Wentzell
10:15AM – Pete & Rosalyn Pennington
April 29
8:00AM – Gerri Itterly
10:15AM – Ann Super

Dear God's Garden of Grace:

Hope UCC Food Pantry would like to thank each and everyone of God's helpers at the garden. We are so thankful for the fresh vegetables and fruits to feed our hungry people. May god Bless each and everyone f you.

Hope UCC Food Pantry,

Caroline, Glenn and Kyle

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your generous donation of $300 donation that we received. You gift will go to help us to reach out to veterans in need and active duty military serving overseas.

Thanks Again,

Andrea Gimbar, Secretary,

Blue Star Mothers

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church:

Thank you for generously donating clothing, blankets, and the other miscellaneous items. We greatly appreciate your effort and all that you have done to ensure that more homeless individuals will get the help that they need to change their lives forever. Ongoing community support such as yours enables us to continue in our efforts to assist the homeless at Safe Harbor Easton.

Once again, thank you for your kindness and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rychnovsky

Director of Finance,

Safe Harbor, Easton

Safe Harbor
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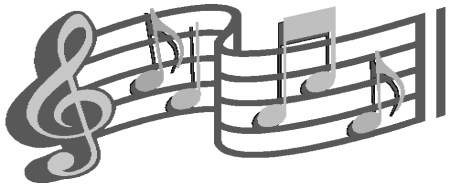
The deadline date for the articles for the "Good News" Newsletter is the 1st of the month. Articles must be received in the church office by that date.
Any item received after that date will be held for the following month.



Thursday Night Choir Practice

Children's Choir 5:30PM
Youth Choir 6:00PM
Bells Choir 6:30PM
Adult Choir 7:30PM

GOOD NEWS

The Monthly Newsletter of
St. Peter's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Plainfield Township, Pennsylvania
Web site: StPetersPlainfield.com
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E-Mail: stpetersplainfield@ptd.net

The Rev. Chris Druckenmiller, Pastor
Kelly Woolley, Parish Administrator
Erin Curtolo, Director of Christian Ed
Linda Kern, Organist, Director of Music
Stacy Hageman, Director of Bell Choir/Youth Music
Ken & Vivian Dawe, Sextons

Council Officers
President: Mary DeHaven
Vice President: Brian Olzinski
Secretary: Ann Super
Treasurer: John Campbell
Financial Secretary: Debbie Sandt

Sunday Church School
9:00AM
Good News Newsletter
Kelly Woolley, layout
Worship Services
8:00AM & 10:15AM

Please Join Us!

HOMEMADE BACON DRESSING

The LCW has decided to sell homemade bacon dressing on April 15th as a fundraiser to replace our annual dandelion dinner. The money raised will be used for kitchen improvements and supplies.

The price is $7 a quart and $4 a pint. Please place your orders along with the payment in the box on the community table. Thank you for your support.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY APRIL 8.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE LCW

Name:_____

Phone:_____

_____QTS. @ $7 each

_____PTS. @ $4 each

TOTAL:_____

Bus trip to

SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES

Details are being ironed out for a churchwide bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster to see a live showing of their new show *Jesus*. **"JESUS is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever"- sightandsound.com**

Currently looking at dates in mid-June for a chartered bus ride, lunch at one of Lancaster's finest smorgasbord's and the show. Please stay tuned for more details!

TREASURERS REPORT 02/28/2018 – 16.7% of YEAR

General Fund Contributions so far this year: $29,005

* 15% of our Annual Budget
* $1,711 or 6.3% above last year

General Fund Expenses so far this year: $33,014

* 14.4% of our Annual Budget
* $7,697 or 30.4% above last year

Average Weekly Attendance so far this year: 178

* 39 or 28% above last year

Weekly Giving Report:

We need $4,418 a week to meet our "general operations expenses"

* On Feb. 4 our offering was $4,184
* On Feb. 11 our offering was $3,175
* On Feb. 18 our offering was $1,502 (8am service cancelled)
* On Feb. 25 our offering was $5,543 (includes Ash Wed.)
    * Monthly Average per week $3,650
    * Year-to-Date Ave per week $3,602

Note: The offering we get from our envelopes (Initial, weekly, communion, & special days), along with our loose offering, Sunday school offering, and from bulletins is the money we use to operate the church on a day by day basis.

St. Peter's Social Ministry Annual Plant, Yard, Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 19, 2018
9:00AM – 1:00PM

Take advantage of this opportunity to set up a table and sell some of those "unwanted items". Crafters will be able to showcase their special talents and share with others.

There will be shared plants from our gardens as well as many plants and hanging baskets that we purchase at local nurseries.

When you are doing your spring cleaning and wish to get rid of those unwanted items you no longer have room for please consider joining our yard sale. We have a lot of fun and you will go home with less stuff and some extra cash.

The cost of a spot is $10 for 10 feet of space

Our bake sale is always a great success with lots of delicious pies, cakes and other goodies. Also available will be hot dogs, BBQ, chips, coffee, tea, and water.

Consider joining us for a good time, good food and lots of wonderful plants while helping us raise funds for our local food pantries.

For questions or to reserve a space, please contact Melissa Koehler at 610-498-2280

Application is due by May 18, 2018

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Yard Sale: _____ Craft Sale: _____

Payment of $10.00 is due with application.

Cash: _____ Check: _____

(Made out to St. Peter's Lutheran Church)

Please submit application and fee to

Melissa Koehler or turn in to the church office.

Do not place in the offering plate.

Linda Kern and Stacy Hageman assume new roles in St Peter's Music Program

The St Peter's Church Council recently approved the recommendation of the Worship & Music and Personnel Committees to reassign responsibilities in the Music Program. In an effort to better coordinate the music programs, the Personnel and Worship & Music Committees reviewed the needs of the music program created by the passing of Jean Pinto by extensively revising the Job (Position) Descriptions for Linda Kern and Stacy Hageman. They then made the recommendation to promote Linda to Music Director and Stacy to Bell Choir & Youth Music Director. The St Peter's Council unanimously approved these changes in their position descriptions and approved their promotions.

Linda will be responsible to oversee a comprehensive and integrated music program to include the Adult Choir, Children's & Youth Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Band, Christian Education Program and any special liturgical music. Linda will coordinate with Stacy the musical selections with the Bell Choir and Youth Music Director and the Praise Band Leader. She will work under direct supervision of Pastor Chris Druckenmiller in coordination with the Worship & Music Committee Chair, Amy Rotzell.

Stacy will be responsible for the Bell Choir music, Children's/Youth Choir music as well as the Christian Education music programs. She will work under direct supervision of the Pastor and the Worship and Music Chair and coordinates with the Director of Music.

Please join us in congratulating Linda and Stacy in their new roles to continue to bring music excellence to St Peter's Lutheran Church.

St Peters Worship & Music and Personnel Committees

Calling all committees, organizations, and people of all ages:

A work crew is needed to help clean up the church playground on **Saturday, April 7** beginning at **9:00AM.** Please bring your rakes.

God's Love Preschool has openings for the 2018-2019 school year for both the 2-day and 3-day classes. Children need to be 3 years of age for the 2-day class and 4 years old for the 3-day class. Please call the church office at 610.863.6859 for more information.

Among the items that are appropriate for the column are announcements of births, deaths, engagements, marriages, milestone birthdays and anniversaries, interesting vacations, promotions, awards and relocations out of the area.

If you have an item you would like included in the May 2018 edition of the newsletter, please return the form below to the church office or place it in the collection plate.

Name:_____

Address:_____

_____

Phone: _____

I would like to recognize the following:
(Include date, if relevant.)

_____

_____

_____

Interested in

Membership?

Maybe NOW is the time!

New Members Welcome Meeting

If you are interested in joining St Peter's, or know of someone who might be interested in joining, there will be a **New Members Welcome meeting on Sunday, April 22.** The meeting will be held between the two worship services. This is an informal chance to gather and find out more about St Peter's, meet some of our church council members, and find out how you can become a member of St Peter's. Please see Pastor Chris or sign up on the sheet in the Information Area to indicate your interest. We will look to receive new members into membership on Sunday, May 6th during both Sunday morning services.

Cottage Meetings

To the Congregation of St Peter's:

I announced in church a few weeks ago that I would like to offer some brief, informal meetings to allow both the congregation and myself to get to know one another more personally. I hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to come out and share your thoughts on St Peter's, no matter how long or how short of a time you have been here, and to ask questions.

I can't promise I'll have answers for everything you ask, but I hope that, together, we can begin to forge a relationship that will help St Peter's to grow into the future. Please look for sign-up sheets in the Information Area and sign up today!

Pastor Chris

The ELCW will once again sponsor a special Mother's Day Bulletin. This special bulletin offers members and friends of the congregation the opportunity to remember and honor the special women in their lives. The cost is $1 an entry.
(We reserve the right to make minor changes to entries in order that they fit our established bulletin format.) The proceeds this year will be given to Angel 34 located in Nazareth.

The deadline for all entries is Sunday, April 30.

To alleviate some of the problems we have encountered in recent years, we ask the following:

All entries must be written or printed. "Just put my entries in just as they were last year" will no longer be accepted.

Payment must accompany all entries. Entries handed in without payment will not be printed.

1) Make all checks payable to St. Peter's ELCW; mail to 1422 Church Road, Pen Argyl, PA 18072

2) **Entries and payment should be given to:**

a) Linda Paynter

b) placed in the box on the community table, or in the mailbox in the Friendship Room.

Entries will no longer be accepted over the internet.

All questions concerning the Mother's Day Bulletin should be directed to Linda Paynter at 610.863-9316.

Please do not place order forms in offering plate

Contact name and phone number in case of any questions: _____

CATEGORY Mother, Daughter, Grandmother Sister, Aunt etc..	IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY	NAME OF PERSON TO BE HONORED OR REMEMBERED	PRESENTED BY

# of entries _____ Total Enclosed _____

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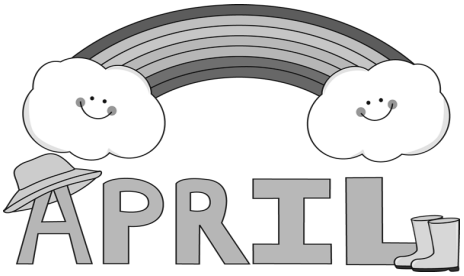

March 29, 2018
1:00PM & 7:00PM

March 30, 2018
7:00PM
Tenebrae Service

Easter Vigil
Saturday, March 31
5:00PM

Resurrection of Our Lord
Sunday, April 1
8:00AM & 10:15AM

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