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**Worship Services**

**Sunday 9:00 and 11:15 am, Sunday School 10:15 am**

**Hymn Sing the 1st Wednesday of each month.**

**Staff**

Rev. Katie Yahns, Pastor  
Kathy Piemonte, Church Administrator  
Marie Sayles, Sexton  
Anthony Dangler and Scott Stewart, Musicians  
Anthony Dangler, Choir Director  
Betty Browell, Christian Education Coordinator  
Linda Hartman, Nursery School Director

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| Nan Richard      | 315-337-7230 | Deacon for Worship, Mission Outreach, and Visitation     |

*St. Peter's deacons are people who have completed a course of theological training and are commissioned to perform specific tasks within our congregation's pastoral ministry. If you feel God is calling you to this type of service, please see Pastor Katie or any one of the deacons.*

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### **From the Pastor: Spirit Whispers**

*It is the Spirit that gives life. --John 6:63*

*Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit  
that has been given to us. --Romans 5:5*

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall  
back in fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. --Romans 8:14-15*

Dear friends in Christ,

One of my friends and colleagues, Pastor Hannah Benedict of St. Mark's in Baldwinsville, reflected recently on the closeness of Mothers' Day and Pentecost in the calendar. This year they are separated by only a week, and the two days have more in common than we might realize.

Mothers' Day is, of course, a day when we honor those who gave us life, as well as those who have given our lives a fullness beyond mere existence through their love and guidance. (It can also be a complicated day, filled with tumultuous emotions, as I'm sure some of you know). And of course, motherhood is more than candy and flowers and sweet sentiments. It's hard, tough work that is not for the faint of heart. Which is why we honor those who do it, and do it well.

Pentecost, on the other hand, is the day we remember when the Holy Spirit came to rest on the believers in Jerusalem and birthed them together as the Church for the first time. It's a day when we honor the Spirit, which ALSO loves and guides us (and sometimes keeps us in line with a little "tough love" ...like our mothers) in order to give us fullness of life.

Of the three persons of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is the one who has the most freedom to be whatever he/she/it needs to be in order to accomplish its purpose. Sometimes the Christian tradition has named or imagined the Holy Spirit as female, based on the gender of the Hebrew word for "spirit" which is *ruach*. Biblical images for the Spirit include feminine and maternal imagery. If you read *The Shack* a few years back, you may remember that in that book, the genders of the persons of the Trinity change in order to help them accomplish their tasks.

Just as our mothers gave us life, the Spirit gave birth to creation and to the church. In our lectionary readings this Easter season, we hear how the Holy Spirit took an unorthodox approach to parenting the new church. Pouring out the Spirit on anyone—from any land—even Gentiles! (Shocking!) Teaching outsiders about Israel's prophecies and the good news of Jesus! Empowering people to share their possessions and their livelihood so that all might flourish! Directing observant Jews to eat food that was previously off limits! Throwing categories out the window and baptizing anyone who wanted to be baptized!

Moms (and dads!) know that sometimes, to get the job done, you have to get creative. You have to set aside whatever previous plan there was and do what works best for your family and your children. Acts shows us that the Holy Spirit does the same thing. God takes the previous plan and draws the circle wider...improvising, expanding, doing what works best for the mission of healing and reconciling the whole world. Thanks be to God!

Together in Christ,  
Pastor Katie Yahns

## **Council Corner**

Here we share with you a simple list of the business conducted at the last Council meeting and notable things accomplished or adopted. **If you ever have questions about something noted here, feel free to ask any member of Council or request a copy of the minutes from the office.**

- Last month we decided to change the May Mission of the Month to the youth gathering service project. We will bump the Lutheran Charities Appeal (previously planned for May) to November instead.
- This year's Confirmation Camp will take place at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center (LCLC) rather than Vanderkamp due to a decision of the camp planning committee. They feel Confirmation camp's mission can be better carried out at LCLC this year. Dates will be July 8-13, 2018 and cost will be \$390 per camper and \$280 per adult. We still hope to assist campers with the cost of attendance, but our current financial state may make that difficult. Transportation to the farther away location will be provided so that all students who want to attend can do so.
- Thank you to White's Farm Supply for donating a new lawn mower to the church. Howard also reported that one of the sign covers blew off in the wind storm. He will repair it and replace it.
- We reviewed the printed proof for the new photo directory. The finish line is in sight!
- We are having some issues with the microphones used for worship (they were not replaced as part of the sound system overhaul last year as they were OK then). One has died completely and the two remaining are showing their age—they use frequencies that have been illegal to use for some time. We will consult with John Puleo of Professional Technologies about our options.
- Finances continue to be extremely tight—the month-end balance was only half of what we need for a month's worth of payroll. Sherri continues to monitor every expenditure.

## **New Member and First Communion Classes**

Pastor Katie is hoping to hold a short series of new member classes sometime this spring or summer, and she and Kathy Haldenwang are planning to hold four sessions of First Communion preparation for ages 8-9. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact the office so materials can be ordered and schedules consulted.

## May Mission of the Month

May's Mission of the Month is “**Blast Off For Books,**” a literacy project of the 2018 Youth Gathering this summer in Houston. Did you know:

- 3 in 5 Houston children lack reading readiness when they get to kindergarten
- 1 in 4 Houston children do not meet minimum literacy standards at grade 3
- 2 in 5 Houston youth fail reading and writing exams required for graduation on their first try
- 1 in 5 Houston adults are functionally illiterate
- Kids whose parents cannot or will not provide books in their home are at a HUGE disadvantage when it comes to reading skills.

The idea is simple: we **gather funds** in the Mission Jar to buy books for kids who don't have any. After the month is finished, we use the money to **buy books** from the Youth Gathering's wish list on Amazon. The books are **shipped directly** to Faith Lutheran Church in Bellaire, Texas, which is in charge of collecting the donated books. **(Look in this issue of the Chatter for the list of books in case you have gently used copies you would like to donate as well.)**

When our youth Kaylee-Ann Zimmerman and Meghan O'Dell travel to Houston late in June for the youth gathering (along with 30,000 other Lutheran youth), they will be sorting the books, taking them to book fairs throughout the city, teaching younger kids reading skills by playing educational games, and sending them home with books to read, all as part of their service component.

Please consider supporting the May Mission of the Month! Especially if reading has changed your life—you can help others to know the joy and the value of reading. Thank you.

### **Our partners at the Houston Independent School District identified the following books for Gathering participants to bring to Houston.**

- *Bad Kitty (Series)* by Nick Bruel
- *Elephant and Piggie (Series)* by Mo Willems
- *Frog and Toad (Series)* by Arnold Lobel
- *It's Shoe Time* by Mo Willems and Brian Collier
- *Little Bear (Series)* by Elsa Holmelund Minarik
- *Mercy Watson (Series)* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Amulet (Series)* by Kazu Kibuisji
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
- *Ghost* by Raina Telgemeier
- *Mighty Jack* by Ben Hatke
- *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson
- *Secret Coders (Series)* by Gene Luen Yang
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Series)* by Jeff Kinney
- *Dog Man (Series)* by Dav Pilkey
- *Dragon Masters (Series)* by Tracey West
- *Eerie Elementary (Series)* by Jack Chabert
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *Frank Einstein (Series)* by Jon Scieszka
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *I Survived (Series)* by Lauren Tarshis
- *Laura Line* by Crystal Allen
- *Matilda* by Ronald Dahl
- *Nerds, Book 1: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society* by Michael Buckley
- *One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams Garcia
- *Origami Yoda (Series)* by Tom Angleberger
- *Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *The Cross Over* by Kwame Alexander
- *The Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine
- *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes
- *Wonder* by Raelael Palacio
- *Creepy Paid of Underwear* by Aaron Reyndolds
- *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubim
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena
- *Mango, Abuela and Me* by Meg Medina
- *Martina and the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale* by Carmen Agra Deedy
- *Pete the Cat (Series)* by James Dean
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt
- *Why Am I Me* by Paige Britt



**Please only bring the books that are listed above. All books must be new or gently used.**



## GRACE NOTES: OUR MUSIC COLUMN

By **Scott Stewart**



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*The purpose of the "Grace Notes" column is to increase and deepen the congregation's participation in music, especially in worship. This month Scott Stewart shows how God supports us through Bible Verses along with some related hymns.*

You Say....

God Says....

| <u>You Say</u>          | <u>God Says</u>             | <u>Bible Verses</u> | <u>Related Hymn</u>                  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| I can't figure it out.  | I will direct your steps.   | Proverbs 3:5-6      | "Each Step of the Way"               |
| I'm too tired.          | I will give you rest.       | Matthew 11:28-30    | "Haven of Rest"                      |
| It's impossible.        | All things are possible.    | Luke 18:27          | "Only Believe"                       |
| Nobody loves me.        | I love you.                 | John 3:16           | "God So Loved the World"             |
| I can't forgive myself. | I forgive you.              | Romans 8:1          | "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"     |
| It's not worth it.      | It will be worth it.        | Romans 8:28         | "In His Time"                        |
| I'm not smart enough    | I will give you wisdom      | 1 Corinthians 1:30  | "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" |
| I'm not able.           | I am able.                  | 2 Corinthians 9:8   | "Just As I Am, without One Plea"     |
| I can't go on.          | My grace is sufficient.     | 2 Corinthians 12:9  | "O Day Full of Grace"                |
| I can't do it.          | You can do all things.      | Philippians 4:13    | "Does Jesus Care"                    |
| I can't manage.         | I'll supply all your needs. | Philippians 4:19    | "I Need You"                         |
| I'm afraid.             | I have not given you fear.  | 2 Timothy 1:7       | "Have No Fear, Little Flock"         |
| I feel all alone.       | I will never leave you.     | Hebrews 13:5        | "How Firm a Foundation"              |

And like Bach who was to sign off his compositions with the notation: "All music is to the Glory Of God", please engage fully in your participation of our wonderful music ministries here at St. Peter's.

In Faith, Scott Stewart, 11:15 am Musician, Keyboard331@yahoo.com

## **Blessing Box Officially Open!**

The Boy Scouts have constructed a Blessing Box (also known as a “Little Free Pantry”) for installation at the Verona Fire Department. **What is a Blessing Box? It's a small box on a post with a door and shelves that empowers the community to directly help people in need.** The idea is that members of the community leave something inside—food items, toiletries, even school supplies. Anybody who needs it can come and take it at any time. It can be summed up with the phrase **“Give what you can—take what you need.”**

So! What can you do to help make the Blessing Box a success?

**Spread the word** that it exists by posting a flyer (found on the Welcome Table) in the community, or taking some of the smaller sheets with Blessing Box info to hand out as needed.

**Donate appropriate items in the box** as you are able. In freezing temperatures, the contents could include ramen noodles, granola bars, paper products, hygiene products, and similar items. As we move into non-freezing temperatures, cans and bottles that can withstand temperature changes are OK too.

**Check on the box** to make sure nothing dangerous, expired or inappropriate is in there, and if there is, take it out and throw it away (or give to the food pantry if that's the right place for it). The various churches of Verona will be taking turns checking on the box too, but volunteers are still welcome.

The Blessing Box is a cooperative effort of the Verona churches, Boy Scout Troop 25 Verona, and the Verona Fire Department. Thank you to all parties for making the box a success. For more info, please contact Pastor Katie or any member of the Community Relations Team (Paula Bishop, Marie Sayles, Linda Rogowski, or Deb Rafte). For more information about the concept itself, visit [littlefreepantry.org](http://littlefreepantry.org).

## **What's On Tap for Worship**

from the Worship and Music Team

To mark the different seasons of the church year, we have made plans to use some of the liturgical settings we already know this spring and summer, in addition to learning a new one.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, we marked the change of season by changing to **Setting 4** and returning to “This is the feast” for the Hymn of Praise. This was Setting 2 in the “old green book” and will be a familiar tune and words for many.

After the season of Easter concludes, we'll shift on Sunday, May 27 to use **Setting 3** for the first portion of the Season after Pentecost. This was Setting 1 in the green book and will also be familiar to many. **Setting 8** will also be returning during the summer months.

While 11:15 doesn't have a liturgical “setting” so to speak, the Scripture Song and prayer texts will continue shifting to mark the various seasons. For Easter we'll use one of our favorite Alleluias to celebrate singing the “song of the angels” again! Ancient Words will be returning as a Scripture song for the summer.

## **Upcoming 10:00 am Blended Worship Opportunities:**

**Sunday, July 1, 2018** (Sunday nearest Fourth of July)

**Sunday, September 2, 2018** (Sunday before Labor Day)

**Sunday, October 28, 2018** (Reformation Sunday)

**Sunday, December 16, 2018???** (Children's Christmas Pageant)

**Sunday, December 30, 2018** (Sunday after Christmas Day)

**Sunday, April 14, 2019** (Palm Sunday)

## **Special Worship Note for Sunday, May 20**

This is the Day of Pentecost, the day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is signified by the fiery color RED, so on this day we encourage everyone to wear red to church and bring red geraniums to decorate the altar. Please try to have your geraniums at church by Saturday morning, May 19 so they can be placed before Sunday morning. Thank you!

## **“Bring A Friend” Sunday Also May 20**

There's a lot going on at church on Sunday, May 20—it's Pentecost, there's an ice cream fundraiser between services, people are wearing red and bringing geraniums to decorate the altar, and oh yeah, the Holy Spirit is in the house! Why not bring a friend to see what it's all about? **We are declaring May 20<sup>th</sup> “Bring A Friend To Church” Sunday!** Friends and those who bring them will be entered into a drawing for a prize appropriate for spring. We'll add a few more touches to help make it a special day. If you need an excuse to invite a friend to church, this is your opportunity!

## **Remembering Our Past—Mothers and Fathers of the Church**

To help remember our connections with prior generations, you are invited to bring your own photos of St. Peter's “church mothers” on Mothers' Day, May 13, and St. Peter's “church fathers” on Fathers' Day, June 17. These can be your mother and/or father, or someone from St. Peter's who was like a mother or father to you in some way.

To prepare, find the photos you would like to bring and write down the person's name and date of birth (as well as date of death if you wish, plus any other pertinent information) on a piece of paper. Bring the “mothers” to church May 13 and the “fathers” June 17. We'll lay the photos and vital statistics out on a table in the narthex to create a display not only of mothers and fathers, but also of role models of faith, and to give thanks for their life among us.

## **Save the Date—Coming this Spring and Beyond**

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday, May 2               | Hymn Sing 7:00 pm  |
| Sunday, May 20                 | Day of Pentecost / “Bring A Friend” Sunday<br>Ice Cream Sundae Fundraiser between services |
| Wednesday, May 30              | Nursery School Graduation 7:00 pm  |
| Sunday, June 3-Tuesday, June 5 | Synod Assembly in Rochester  |
| Sunday, June 10                | Graduate Recognition Sunday  |
| Sunday, July 1                 | Blended Worship Service 10:00 am   |
| Sunday, July 8-Friday, July 13 | Confirmation Camp at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center                                       |
| Monday, July 23-27             | VACC Vacation Bible School at Verona Seventh Day Baptist                                   |
| Monday, August 13-17           | St. Peter's Vacation Bible School  |
| Sunday, September 9            | “God's Work, Our Hands” Sunday / Rally Day   |

## **Monday Ministry Needs Help for JamFest**

WE'RE IN A JAM! Or at least we plan to be on **June 16th at 10:00 am** in the church kitchen. We would like to make some strawberry jam for visitors (instead of the bread we have been giving). Come join the deacons for a couple of hours of fun and fellowship. If you've always wanted to learn the art of jam making this is your chance. If you are a seasoned pro we can really use your help. Donations of strawberries, sugar, canning lids and jam sized canning jars are welcome. If the strawberries aren't ripe yet, look for a change of date.



## ***When the English Fall***

by David Williams

### **Book review written by Kathy Haldenwang**

I admit it. I am a fan of hard science fiction and also of dystopian fiction. *When the English Fall* by David Williams falls under both genres. I am fascinated by the different ways in which humans can react to "end of the world" scenarios. In this novel there is some type of huge solar event which leaves all the United States at least without any type of electrical power. Solar panels are destroyed and electrical and magnetic parts of machinery are destroyed as well.

The narrator of the tale is an Amish man writing in his journal. The language is simple - befitting the source. Within this book you will get a glimpse of two quite different Amish communities which I thought was interesting in and of itself. But the main points of interest for me involved how people of faith react to an overwhelming crisis. What do Christians do when society falls apart and they are forced to make difficult decisions which test their faith?

*When the English Fall* is a quick read of only 225 pages. It was published in 2017 by Algonquin Books. It is widely available. I read the Kindle edition so there is not a copy in the church library. But if you have a compatible device I am allowed to share each book once and to each email address once. Let me know if you are interested.

### **WANTED: Volunteers for Funeral Dinners**

Our coordinator is Betty Browell, ably assisted by Sandy Spies. Janet Zimmerman makes the calls to request dishes when they are needed. We could really use a few more volunteers both to cook or bake something and to work in the kitchen. Janet tries to rotate her requests so that nobody is asked over and over again. This ministry only works when we take turns and help each other out.

If you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers, please contact Betty Browell (315) 420-1657. Thank you!

### **ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Altar Guild needs a few more volunteers for altar preparation. Man or Woman! Help is really needed. Just one month a year and only takes 30-60 minutes to set up. Can't you give an hour a week for a month to God? Please call or talk to Sandy Spies or Marie Sayles as soon as possible.

Thank you and God Bless.

## **Sign Up for Weekly Emails!**

We hope that you love the Chatter. But let's face it...sometimes it's easy to lose your copy of the Chatter, or misplace it during the month. Sometimes it's daunting to read everything and you get behind. Well, we now have a weekly mini-newsletter that is sent out only by email, reminding you of what's coming up this week, who's serving at church the following Sunday, any major news, and any other tidbits about happenings at church.

If you are not already receiving this email weekly and would like to, please contact Pastor Katie (pastor@stpetersverona.org) to be put on the list.

## **Printer For Sale**

Color inkjet Epson printer, formerly used in the office, now for sale. \$10 for the printer and the ink cartridges are available in the office. Please see Pastor Katie if you are interested.

## **Attention Graduating Seniors (and their families)**

- High school seniors: Don't forget to apply for the Janet Grimm Memorial Scholarship by **June 1st**. Please contact Pastor Katie if you did not get an invitation to apply and think you should have. We also sponsor the Freda Scheifele Memorial Award through VVS, although the school committee is the one who decides the award. That will be given out at VVS Awards Night on Wednesday, May 30.
- Families: If you are hoping to hold a graduation party at the church OR borrow tables and chairs, PLEASE call the office to reserve what you need by filling out the building use form. Weekends book quickly in the spring and summer and tables and chairs cannot be used by more than one family at a time. We need to be able to plan ahead so everyone has a fair shot at using the items. Thank you!
- **Do you know someone from St. Peter's graduating from college or graduate school this year?** Please notify the office of that person's name, degree, and school so that we can recognize them for their achievements. Graduate Recognition Sunday for all diplomas and degrees is Sunday, June 10 at both services.

## **Changes to St. Peter's "Farmer's Market"**

As you may remember, this year we will not have a garden planted at St. Peter's. However, we will still host a "farmer's market" on Sunday mornings where you can bring produce and purchase whatever is there. You choose the amount you are able to give and all money is donated to global mission. (All leftover food is donated to a local food pantry or nursing home.) Stay tuned to find out what particular mission project is planned for this year.

So! **As you plan and plant your own gardens for 2018, please consider planting an extra row or an extra patch for St. Peter's and for global mission.** We hope this will help you share the bounty of your garden with your neighbors here and around the world.

P.S. We still have a few bags of Farmer Bob's dried beans available in the narthex to kick off this year's sales!

## **SISTERS OF THE FAITH**

Please note that Sisters of the Faith generally meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. However, the group is checking in to decide if they are meeting. So before venturing out, please call or text either Sherri Brown at 315-264-6042 or Linda Rogowski at 315-796-5152 to see if they are meeting.



## CHURCH FAITH LIBRARY

The church Faith Library is good to go! If you have a book that you feel would be a benefit to our faith journey and would like to donate it there is a basket for that. When you borrow a book and then return it, there is a basket for that, too. Here is just a sampling of what is available: *Christ the Lord, All of the Women of the Bible, Fire Gospel, Great Lion of God, Sarah, Martha, Delilah, My Heart for His Glory, Cup of Comfort for Christmas, The Beginner's Guide to Intercession, The Desire of Ages, God's Solutions for Your Life* and many books by Max Lucado. There are also quite a few DVDs which will soon be organized and shelved.

### Techies Welcome

Do you enjoy fiddling with technology and gadgets? Are you looking for a new way to give back to the church and help out in worship? Do you prefer serving behind the scenes?

If any of these are true, you might be interested in learning how to run the sound system at church for either the 9:00 or 11:15 worship services. The upgrades to our system are being installed (new speakers and a new processor). Once everything is installed and calibrated, we could really use a few more people to help out with running the sound system during worship. John Puleo of Professional Technologies will be holding an orientation to the new system. This is a great opportunity to learn how to do this job. (Previously we have not had someone running sound at 11:15—but if we did, that would be wonderful!)

If you are interested, please let Pastor Katie know so she can set up a date and time with John that works. This might be just right for you!

**Are you looking to sell some real estate?** We have become aware of a woman originally from this area who is looking to move back after a brief retirement in North Carolina. Her children live in this area and her husband passed away suddenly after they moved there for retirement a few years ago. She is searching for a small home on an acre of land (or perhaps land where she could put a home). If you know of anyone who might be a good connection for this person, please let Pastor Katie know and she will pass the information along.

**WANTED: Small freezer in good working condition.** Please contact the Community Relations Team (Pastor Katie, Paula Bishop, Marie Sayles, Linda Rogowski, Deb Rafte) if you have one you would like to donate.

### Changes to Announcements for 9:00 am Worship

**YOU CAN PLEASE SOME OF THE PEOPLE SOME OF THE TIME...**Some people didn't like announcements at the beginning of the service. Some people don't like the announcements at the end of the service. Some people don't like the announcements to be anywhere within the service since it seems to disrupt the flow of worship. Some people just don't like announcements at all. Some people don't read the bulletin insert and would rather hear the announcements.

Now you will see a new clipboard next to the one where you write the names of people you would like included in the prayers that Sunday. It will be clearly marked : ANNOUNCEMENTS. Write your announcement on the sheet and include the name of the contact person where appropriate. The assisting deacon for that day will read all the announcements beginning at 8:55. The service will then begin at 9:00 and continue without interruption. We're going to keep working on this issue until we please most of the people most of the time!

Please note that Announcements will continue to be in the same place for the **11:15 am** worship, immediately after the gathering songs.

## Reminder about Worship on Facebook Live

from the Worship and Music Team

A number of you have already discovered that when weather or sickness keep you from getting to church, you can tune into our Facebook page at approximately 9:30-9:40 and hear that morning's sermon. Thank you for listening! The feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

Remember, in recognition of privacy concerns, we have decided to limit the streaming of worship to the sermon only. This way we do not need to worry about copyright permissions for music or for showing children during the children's sermon.

The camera (Russ' phone) is mounted on the pole that you see in the sound booth. Russ zooms in from that location on the pulpit for the sermon. So while there is a tiny chance that the back of your head may be shown briefly on Facebook, we will not be broadcasting anybody's face.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to know more, please speak to Julie Steele, chair of Worship and Music, Russ Brookins, Pastor Katie, or anybody on the team.

## Youth Corner

### 2018 Youth Gathering

It's almost here! "This Changes Everything," the 2018 Youth Gathering, will start in Houston on Wednesday, June 27 in Houston, Texas. Kaylee-Ann Zimmerman and Meghan O'Dell (along with adult chaperone Christine O'Dell) will be traveling to Houston with youth and adults from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fayetteville, where they will join with 30,000 others from around the ELCA. Worship, learning, hanging out, service, and most importantly growing in faith are on the agenda. We will be sending them off in worship on Sunday, June 24. You can learn more about the gathering at [www.elca.org/YouthGathering](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering).

Look for an article in this issue of the Chatter on the May Mission of the Month. This offering of books is one of the special offerings that will be received at the Gathering. There will also be an offering for the ELCA Global Farm Challenge, supporting the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger. So if you would like to support that offering, please make a note on your check and we will gladly take your donations with us to Houston.

Thanks to your continued generosity and support, we have almost reached our fundraising goal! To help us get to the finish line, you are invited to come enjoy **ice cream sundaes between services on Sunday, May 20**. We'll be scooping, sprinkling and pouring ice cream and all the toppings as our final fundraiser. Please come and support our youth!



## Get to Know the Body of Christ—by the Confirmation Class

### **Interview with Jeff White**

**by Jack Makarchuk**

I had to interview Jeff White, who has been a member of our church since he was baptized there. He has been the president and secretary of the church council and he also sings in the choir. To help other people, he plows the church's parking lot, helps with the church garden, he writes letters and calls people who are ill and can't go to church, he volunteers for boy scouts, and he participates in the walkathon. He runs White's Farm Supply as his job. Some of his hobbies are hiking, camping, skiing, and gardening. His favorite part about church is the singing, cake and ice cream after and talking with others. I really enjoyed talking with him and he clearly is a very good person.

## **Confirmation News Bulletin**

Our Confirmation classes are wrapping up for the year—our final class for the school year is scheduled for early June. We have had a fabulous class this year of eight students: Caleb Decker, Carissa Klepadlo, Jack Makarchuk, Peter Makarchuk, Konrad Thurston, Dylan DePasquale, Liesl Froschauer, and Matthew Rossi. The Rite of Confirmation will be held for several of them on Sunday, October 28 this fall (Reformation Sunday).

As part of our final unit, we are planning a field trip to another house of worship. This year we are hoping to attend an Iftar Dinner at a local mosque. This is the meal just after sundown that breaks the daily fast during Ramadan (which runs from May 15 to June 14 this year). If we are not able to attend a dinner, we will plan another field trip to the Islamic Society of Central New York in Syracuse (we have gone there multiple times and always been welcomed graciously).

**This field trip is also open to the congregation!** If anyone would like to learn more about the Muslim faith and its practices, please consider joining us. You can let Pastor Katie or Kathy Haldenwang know of your interest and we will let you know once we have a date and location finalized. This is a golden opportunity to learn about our neighbors.

## **Ongoing Can and Bottle Drive**

Thank you to a handful of devoted volunteers, the cans and bottles left in our shed are redeemed on a regular basis and the proceeds go into the youth account. These funds go to help our youth attend Youth Gatherings as well as give seed money for fundraisers and funds for fun activities. THANK YOU everyone for kindly separating your cans and bottles and bringing them to St. Peter's. We appreciate your support and those nickels really add up!

We are excited to announce that thanks to Lance Comfort, we now have an account at **Cash for Cans in the Northside Shopping Center in Oneida**. You can take your cans and bottles there and tell them to put the funds in the account for St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The value goes up to 6 cents per item (with no limit on items) and you've done your good deed for the day! We thank you for your generosity.



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## PRAYER VENTURES

### MAY 2018

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*These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

**1** We give thanks to God for the diverse cultures, languages and heritages of our Asian and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters in Christ and pray for the leaders, growth and vibrancy of Asian congregations, ministries and multicultural congregations throughout the ELCA.

**2** Continue to pray for the people and communities in Puerto Rico and other areas of the Caribbean involved in long-term hurricane recovery work, especially restoring safe housing, power and clean water; give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners to bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

**3** Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Rocky Mountain and Southeastern Pennsylvania synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

**4** Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Northeastern Minnesota, Minneapolis Area and Southeastern Minnesota synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

**5** Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Arkansas-Oklahoma, Southwestern Texas and South-Central Synod of Wisconsin synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

**6** Pray for God's forgiveness and patience – for ourselves, our church and society – in these times when, too often and easily, we allow differences of opinion and life experience, hostility and vengeance to create rifts in our relationships and communities, that the Spirit will help recenter our lives in Jesus' commandment to love each other as God has loved us.

**7** Pray for the service and witness of the 11 young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program;

the Rev. Rachel Eskesen and Zachary Courter, YAGM country coordinators for Central Europe; and the Rev. Anne Morawski serving with our companions in Hungary and Serbia.

**8** Give thanks for the rich partnership and relationship we have with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for their church and ask God to further our respect for one another and work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**9** The call to believe and be baptized is for all people, without exception or favoritism. We ask God to help us see the Spirit at work in the people around us and to be welcoming, encouraging, bold witnesses to the gospel.

**10** *Ascension of Our Lord* We were not left alone and helpless when Jesus ascended into heaven; we are assured of God's blessings and the power of the Holy Spirit stirring and equipping us to share the good news of the gospel, grow the church and care for our neighbors in need.

**11** Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Southeast Michigan, New Jersey and Metropolitan New York synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

**12** The ELCA Guardian Angels program, with its welcoming congregations, synods and volunteers, physically and spiritually accompanies migrant children, single-parent families and adults through their immigration court processes. Pray for migrants who often navigate confusing and complex situations, that they find hope, confidence and companionship for moving forward, resettling and discovering welcoming faith communities.

**13** Pray we grow – throughout life – in faith and understanding of that to which we give witness and testimony: God's love for us and the eternal life we have received through Jesus Christ.

**14** Pray the Spirit is with us and in us as we live our faith together and embrace our church's values of forgiveness and reconciliation; dignity, compassion and justice; inclusion and diversity; courage and openness to change; and faithful stewardship of God's creation and gifts – values grounded in faith, our biblical and Lutheran confessional sources and our love of God and neighbor.

**15** Pray for those who are doing God's work in the world in partnership with the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay: the seven young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program; Krystle Moraska and Ignacio Madrussan, YAGM country coordinators; and Alberto (Gustavo) Driau, regional representative for South America.

**16** Pray our church takes to heart the invitation to discuss and share input to the draft of the women and justice social statement to create a statement that reflects the word of God, our theology, the values of our church and concern for gender-based equality and equity in the world.

**17** Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast, Northern Great Lakes, Pacifica and Saint Paul Area synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

**18** We ask God to help us support and reassure students who are experiencing anxiety, weariness or self-doubt while preparing for and taking exams and finals, that they will know they are not alone in life and that our true identity and value is wrapped up in God's unconditional love.

**19** Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Southeastern Iowa, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Oregon synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

**20** *Day of Pentecost* Pray we are all filled with the Holy Spirit to speak and act boldly in the world giving witness to God's love and the good news of Jesus Christ – a gift to people of every nation, culture and circumstance.

**21** Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

**22** Lift up in prayer ELCA rostered women of color, women who serve faithfully throughout the church; give thanks for the families, mentors and supporters who journeyed with them, and pray other women of color – of all ages – are also surrounded by people who invite, inspire, encourage and equip them for lives of service and ministry.

**23** Give thanks for the thousands of young adults beginning their training and service at ELCA camps and retreat centers across the country; pray their faith, enthusiasm and care inspire the lives and stir the faith of children, youth, adults and families.

**24** Ask God to grant us wisdom, curiosity and discernment in our conversations about science and technology issues in our society and world and to further the work of the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology to expand awareness and promote conversation about the implications of science and technology for Christian faith and life.

**25** Pray for young adults who are finishing their formal education and discerning their vocation and future, that the Spirit will inspire them to use their faith, gifts and passions for the well-being and benefit of our neighbors, communities and world.

**26** Give thanks for the gift of the Spirit present and at work in the world and our lives – helping, renewing, energizing and guiding us revealing God's truth, will and wisdom.

**27** *The Holy Trinity* We profess through our creeds and teachings our belief in the triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever; at the same time, we confess we have questions about the mystery of the Trinity. Pray our wondering, curiosity and even uncertainty drive us to prayer, studying Scripture and conversation with one another while still trusting that we are children of God – loved just as we are, questions and all.

**28** *Memorial Day* Remember and give thanks for women and men who have served in the military and sacrificed their lives for the sake of justice, peace, freedom and the well-being of our country, other nations and people who suffer oppression and injustice in the world.

**29** We are a church active with doing God's work in the world. Pray that congregations, youth and adults involved in summer service-learning experiences, volunteerism and community projects are guided by God's vision of peace, justice and compassion in the world, a spirit of accompaniment and long-term partnership, mutual respect and hope.

**30** Pray for the service and witness of ELCA missionary Jeffrey Martin working in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Great Britain and the 12 young adults in the Young Adults in Global Mission program serving in Scotland and England with the ecumenical program Time for God.

**31** Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Western North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Greater Milwaukee and Indiana-Kentucky synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church

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*This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

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# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

## May

- 2 Emily Hartman
- 5 Christina Todd
- 6 Deborah Joanis
- 6 Julie Steele
- 7 Martha Ano
- 8 Patricia Nestle
- 9 Christine O'Dell
- 10 Thomas Murling
- 11 Justin Kegebein
- 12 Matthew Murling
- 12 Harold Schon, Jr.
- 12 Colleen Zeller
- 15 Chuck Muth
- 18 Mackenzie Ano
- 19 Vicki Simons
- 20 Ryan Netzband
- 20 Margaret Streator
- 23 Neil Angell
- 25 Marge VanSlyke
- 26 Kimberly Carver
- 26 Freddy Scherz
- 27 Jeffrey Simons
- 28 Cody Schmalz
- 30 Jean Bennett
- 30 Matthew Zeller
- 31 Terry DePasquale

## June\*

- 2 Kathy Haldenwang
- 3 Shirley Netzband
- 3 Amanda Ross
- 6 Katherine Scherz
- 9 Rob Drake

(\*This is just a partial list of June)

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Anniversary List - please contact Kathy Piemonte at (315)  
363-5211 or email [office@stpetersverona.org](mailto:office@stpetersverona.org)

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## May

- 4 Willard & Pat Lewis
- 8 Randy & Amy Witzigman
- 14 Dean & Sherri Hilts
- 15 Tom & Karen Netzband
- 20 Don & Katie Timmermann
- 26 Gary & Bonnie Smith
- 28 Mike & Diane Graham

## June\*

- 5 James & Heather Pritchard
- 11 Gerry & Karen Austin

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## PRAYER



Dear Lord, help me to live today  
in easy quietness. Let me lean trustfully  
on you when I need strength. Help me to  
wait patiently and with serenity for your  
will to unfold. Guide me to meet others  
with peace and joy. I want to meet to-  
morrow with confidence and courage be-  
cause I know I can trust in you. All these  
things I dare to ask of you through your  
son, Jesus Christ , my Lord.

## Happenings Around the Area....

### National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 2—Verona

Everyone is invited to Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church for a prayer service in honor of National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 pm. (This will take the place of gathering at Verona Town Hall at noon as was done in previous years.) National Day of Prayer is always on the first Thursday in May and this year's theme is "Pray for America—UNITY" based on Ephesians 4:3.

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Helping Families  
Touching Lives



The  
Good News Center

### Separated & Divorced Support Group

Meets every other Sunday, 5:00-6:30 pm; upcoming meetings May 6th & May 20th at The Good News Center, 10475 Cosby Manor Rd., Utica. The group meets in a warm, caring, **confidential** environment designed to help you learn skills and practical information that will guide you in rebuilding your life after your separation or divorce. Free and open to all. For more information contact Judy at 315-735-6210, [judy@thegoodnewscenter.org](mailto:judy@thegoodnewscenter.org), or visit us at [www.thegoodnewscenter.org](http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org).

### The Third Option

Meets every other Sunday; upcoming meetings May 6th & May 20th, 6:30-8:30 pm at The Good News Center, 10475 Cosby Manor Rd., Utica. **WISH YOU HAD A BETTER MARRIAGE?** Learn to handle anger more constructively, resolve conflicts, and communicate better. Hear couples share how they overcame problems in their marriages. The Third Option support group for married couples. For more information and to register call 315-735-6210, [melissa@thegoodnewscenter.org](mailto:melissa@thegoodnewscenter.org) or visit us online [www.thegoodnewscenter.org](http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org).

**The National Day of Prayer** is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. This year's National Day of Prayer falls on **Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. A local observance will take place in the form of a breakfast at **Hart's Hill Inn** at 7:30 AM on that day. **The cost is \$14 in advance and \$15 at the door.** You may purchase tickets at Big Apple Music or the Good News Center or **by calling 315-735-6210**. You may also purchase tickets online at [www.thegoodnewscenter.org](http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org).

**Help Wanted:** The Good News Center is seeking a **Hospitality Coordinator** who would be responsible for the comfort of guests and visitors on site. Candidates should be organized, compassionate and have basic computer skills. This full time position includes a benefit package. A **Facilitator** is also being sought for our Third Option program. This paid position is open to compassionate persons who can lead a group discussion on communication skills. A manual is provided. **Volunteers** are also needed to help maintain landscaping and altar cloths in our chapel. Please contact [judy@thegoodnewscenter.org](mailto:judy@thegoodnewscenter.org) for more information or to receive an application.

## **News Around the ELCA / Upstate New York Synod**

### **Synod Assembly Coming in June**

This year's Synod Assembly will gather June 3-5 in Rochester at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center to engage with the theme Shine Your Light. It will include church business, but also speakers like the Rev. Ruben Duran from the ELCA evangelism office, workshops in all things from "nuts and bolts" information for congregations to advocacy and leadership qualities. Monday's 7 pm worship will feature a Celebration of Hymns of all types as well as Bishop John Macholz presiding at Communion. Fellowship, fighting hunger, and global mission are on the schedule as well. You do not have to be an official voting member for St. Peter's to attend however much you would like (registration fee for the whole assembly is \$110). Please see Pastor Katie if you are interested!

### **Synod Service Project: "Christmas At Sea" Satchels**

Seafarers International creates satchels that are given to seafarers for Christmas presents when they are at sea over the holidays. At this year's Synod Assembly, we are invited to bring items to put in the satchels and those at assembly will pack them. The goal is to pack at least 150 satchels. The satchels themselves are provided, but the following items are needed to pack one:

- One L or XL sweatshirt (hooded or not, either is fine)
- One M or L casual pullover T-shirt
- Three pairs of thermal or white gym socks
- One knitted winter cap (matching scarf optional)
- One can of nuts or large bar of chocolate
- A Christmas card from you

It is recommended to bring enough items to pack complete satchels whenever possible, but any extras will go to Seafarers International and they will pack additional satchels at other locations.

### **Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice available for review**

The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice has released a draft of a social statement that examines the big picture of sexism and patriarchy in church and society. The task force invites you to study the document and provide feedback. Hearing your input is an essential part of the process to ensure that the draft speaks for and to ELCA members. The comment period for the draft is open until Sept. 30, 2018. The social statement is available as a download (at [www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft](http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft)) or you may order a print copy.

**THIS JUST IN! Discussion sessions on this social statement will be happening at Atonement Lutheran Church in Syracuse this summer.** If you are interested, please contact Pastor Katie.

### **Draft Policy Statement on Interfaith Relations available for review**

From now until the end of June, individuals and groups across the ELCA are invited to participate in reading, reviewing and responding to the draft ELCA policy statement entitled, "A Declaration of Our Inter-Religious Commitment." The draft statement is available on the ELCA website at [www.elca.org/Faith/Ecumenical-and-Inter-Religious-Relations/Inter-Religious-Relations/Draft-Policy-Statement](http://www.elca.org/Faith/Ecumenical-and-Inter-Religious-Relations/Inter-Religious-Relations/Draft-Policy-Statement).

## **ELCA Publications Available at Church**

Curious about what churches across the ELCA are up to? The complimentary publications *Living Lutheran* and *Stories of Faith in Action* are available in the narthex, in the wall-mounted document rack. Other publications are there for the taking as well. Browse for a few minutes and see what you find. Exciting things are happening all across the church!

## **Follow us!**

Do you follow the ELCA on social media? Keep informed with church news, events, pictures and video across many platforms. We're on Facebook at [Facebook.com/Lutherans](https://www.facebook.com/Lutherans); [@ELCA on Twitter](https://twitter.com/ELCA); [@ELCA on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/ELCA) and [YouTube.com/ELCA](https://www.youtube.com/ELCA). Also, the Upstate New York Synod is on Facebook at [facebook.com/upstatenysynod](https://www.facebook.com/upstatenysynod) and sends out a bi-weekly email newsletter called the Upstate Update (visit [upstatenysynod.org](https://www.upstatenysynod.org) to sign up). Join the online community of Lutherans!



## **Don't forget the Verona Food Pantry!**

Open Tuesdays from 1 to 2:30 pm and  
Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 pm  
Located at the Verona Town Hall (water dept.  
building), 6600 Germany Road

**Donations especially needed: pasta, peanut butter,  
canned tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, soup, and  
canned pasta**

To volunteer, call Linda Finnerty at 315-813-3477  
Please put donations in the box in the narthex at  
St. Peter's

### **PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN:**

You or a family member is sick or in the hospital.  
You are planning a meeting or scheduling an event—to place it on  
the church calendar.

A baby is expected in your family.

You want to arrange for a baptism or wedding.

A family member has passed away.

Your telephone number or address has changed.

You are planning to move, locally or out of town.

You feel the church can help you in any way.

### **Church Chatter via Email**



Go Green: If you prefer to receive the church  
chatter via email, please email Kathy Piemonte  
at [office@stpetersverona.org](mailto:office@stpetersverona.org) and she will  
email you the Chatter.

## **Feeding Hummingbirds**

### **RECIPE FOR THE BEST HUMMINGBIRD NECTAR**

#### **Ingredients:**

1 cup of cane sugar

3 or 4 cups of spring water

#### **Directions & Tips**

Dissolve the sugar in the water. **No red food coloring!** Unused mixture can  
be stored in the refrigerator for up to a week.



- Cane sugar is highly recommended, although beet sugar is okay.
- Do not use any other sugar — not turbinado or brown sugar etc OR ORGANIC SUGAR — and *never* use honey or artificial sweeteners.
- Spring water is preferred, but most tap water is acceptable.
- If too many bees are being attracted, change the mixture to five cups of water for every one cup of sugar. But a bee problem is, in fact, a feeder design problem, and you need a different feeder—one which makes it impossible for the bees to access the mixture; usually this is by having an air gap between feeder port and the liquid below it.
- In the fall, wait until you haven't seen even one hummer for three weeks before taking your feeders down to reduce the risks to late migrants.

#### **TIPS FOR FEEDING HUMMINGBIRDS**

Hummingbirds do not live on sugar water and [nectar](#) alone. They eat insects and tiny spiders to supply protein and also feed on tree sap.

Source: <https://www.hummingbirdsociety.org/feeding-hummingbirds/>

## **Leave a Legacy**

Nobody likes to think about what will happen when they die, but one of the ways you can make an impact on generations to come and share the light of Christ with future generations is to make a legacy gift to the church.

There are several ways to do this. The ELCA church-wide organization has a campaign called “Always Being Made New” that supports efforts to fight malaria and hunger, launches new congregations, provides seminary scholarships, and reaches out to youth and people with disabilities. You can choose to make a one-time gift to that campaign or to any entity you want to support (i.e. the Upstate New York Synod, Vanderkamp, one or more of our seminaries, etc.). You also have the option of setting up a fund at St. Peter's to support future ministry in whatever capacity you desire.

Please speak with Pastor Katie or someone on the Investment Committee (Jeff White, Jeanette Burke, Kevin Angell) to find out more.



If you are a Facebook user and you haven't already “liked” our page, please do so! We currently have 263 likes and 267 people have checked in at St. Peter's (checking in on Sunday is an easy way to share your faith with others). Search for “St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Verona N.Y.” and click on “like” to add us to your news feed. We are now also on Twitter and you can follow us at @StPetersVerona. Remember, even if we don't show up in your news feed, we may be posting important information, so the best way to see what we're up to is to go directly to our Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who has RSVPed to an event, liked a post, or shared a post with your friends—you are helping make St. Peter's a wonderful and welcoming place!

## **KEEP IN TOUCH!**



Help us keep our mailing and phone contacts up to date.

### **MOVED? CHANGED A PHONE NUMBER? GONE OFF TO SCHOOL?**

Call, write, or email us your changes so we can keep the office records up to date.

315-363-5211

4897 Old Oneida Road, Verona, NY 13440  
[office@stpetersverona.org](mailto:office@stpetersverona.org)



## HOW DO I ASK FOR PRAYER?

We have several ways to request prayer:  
**For emergencies:** Contact Marie Sayles ([msayles2@twc.com](mailto:msayles2@twc.com), 315-337-8758) to

begin the Prayer Chain

**For ongoing prayer done privately:** Fill out a green form from the pew racks and put in the offering plate OR leave a note in the Prayer Ministry mailbox in the entryway

**For prayer in Sunday worship:** Write it on the clipboard in the narthex

**For a prayer shawl:** Contact Leigh Ann Gilladette at 315-280-4100



## MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

The purpose of the Mutual Ministry Team is to support the ministry of St. Peter's and deal with any concerns which may arise among the partners in ministry, i.e. the congregation, pastor, and staff. The team will meet quarterly or more often as the need arises.

Steps to be taken when there is a concern:

- A concern is brought to the attention of a team member.
- Discussion takes place within the team on how best to address the concern.
- The team will offer guidance and support to all parties involved in addressing the concern.

*Note: While all concerns will be shared with the entire team (including the pastor), confidentiality will be maintained within the team as appropriate.*

MMT Members:

Jerry Burke 361-1134(h); 339-2954(c)

Kathy Haldenwang 336-4698(h); 264-3419(c)

## ALTAR GUILD

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar or have the sanctuary candle lit on a particular Sunday in memory or honor of someone, please sign up for your desired Sunday on the bulletin board outside the sacristy and choir room (*same hallway as the restrooms*). For flowers, you are free to shop for flower arrangements or plants and bring them to the altar before 8:30 on Sunday morning. After the 11:15 service concludes, you may take them home or leave them to brighten the church space.

*For the candle, please speak to Diane Angell, Phone 315-363-6249, to make arrangements.*



Just a reminder! We collect can tabs YEAR ROUND! That includes tabs on soup cans, pet food cans, and tuna fish cans in addition to your standard soda can tabs. Place them in the plastic jar on the Welcome Table and we will bring them to Synod Assembly in the spring for that year's ministry opportunity.

## MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNITY INFORMATION...

### Swiss Steak Dinner May 5, 2018 Vernon United Methodist Church Route 5, Vernon, NY

Take Outs Available  
Call 315-829-3535



4:00-6:30PM

\$10.00 for adults  
\$5.00 for ages 6-12  
Free - age 5 and under

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes with gravy,  
vegetables, beverages and  
homemade pies for dessert

10% of proceeds will go to a mission



### PRAY WITH HANDS UNFOLDED

Church leader John Wesley once said, "Prayer is where the action is."

When Christians see a need in the world, we pray. With hands folded in prayer we lift up to God people in distant lands as well as the needs we see in our local communities. And with hands unfolded, we dedicate ourselves to serving neighbors in need: providing meals for the hungry, tutoring the young, befriending the lonely. We give witness to our faith through our acts of service and the love we extend to "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40).

During a colder than normal winter, members of Holy Trinity Church in Reidsville, North Carolina, prayed with hands unfolded to address the needs in their neighborhood. As part of a Thrivent Action Team, church members put their prayer into action by assembling comfort soup mixes into quart bags and distributed the meals to families through their local Red Cross affiliate.



When we see a need, let us first pray.  
And then, let us pray with hands unfolded.

Do you know of a specific need in your community? Learn more about Thrivent Action Teams at [Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://Thrivent.com/actionteam).

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#### Attention Married Couples:

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Plants and grass need tending to grow healthy and strong, and so does your marriage!

Following are the scheduled Northeast US spring

Weekends:

\* **March 16-18, 2018** at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. A newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

\* **April 6-8, 2018** at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College PA. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.

Registrations are also being accepted for the fall Weekends: **September 14-16, 2018** at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA; **October 19-21, 2018** at Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA; and **November 9-11, 2018** at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish to help cover expenses and ensure the continuation of the program.

To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up TODAY. Simply go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org), choose the Weekend desired, and pay the \$100 registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, please contact Northeast US Contacts for Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).

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*Taught by Rev. Diane Wheatley*

*Saturday, May 19, 2018*

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*Luther Memorial Church*

*435 S. Main St.*

*North Syracuse*

*9:30 am – 2:30 pm*

*9 am—registration*

*Cost: \$20 includes lunch*

*Sign up by May 4:*

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## MAY 2018

### 9:00 am

| DATE   | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS   | MINISTER ASSISTING | GREETERS                          | LECTOR         | USHERS                      | ACOLYTES                          |
|--|--|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5/6/18*<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>of Easter | Anna Rossi, Meghan O'Dell, David Hyatt,<br><b>Volunteer Needed</b> | Kathy Haldenwang   | Deb Rafte,<br>David Hyatt         | Jennifer Rossi | Jerry Burke<br>Bob Bibik    | Kaitlyn O'Dell<br>Matt Rossi      |
| 5/13/18<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>of Easter |  |                    | Betty Browell,<br>Konrad Thurston | Jerry Burke    | Dean Hilts<br>William Hilts | Violetta Hilts<br>Konrad Thurston |
| 5/20/18*<br>Day of<br>Pentecost                | Jack Makarchuk,<br>MaryAnn Hilts,<br>Marie Sayles,<br>Wayne Wood   | Deb Rafte          | Susan Regner,<br>Wayne Wood       | Melanie Angell | Ken Regner<br>Aaron Dust    | Peter Makarchuk<br>Caleb Decker   |
| 5/27/18*<br>The Holy<br>Trinity                | Heather Pritchard,<br>Bonnie O'Dell, Julie Steele, Deb Rafte       | Janet Fiacco       | Matt Rossi,<br>Diane Angell       | Anna Welker    | Bob Fish<br>Marge VanSlyke  | Mikayla Coston<br>Kelsey Richmond |

### 11:15 am

| DATE  | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS           | MINISTER ASSISTING | GREETERS | LECTOR         | USHER           | ACOLYTE          |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 5/6/18<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>of Easter   |                                |                    |          | Terry Fike     | Marvin Perkosky | Liesl Froschauer |
| 5/13/18*<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>of Easter | Lisa Sandefer<br>Ellen Masi    |                    |          | Karry Comfort  | Lance Comfort   | Ashley Rogowski  |
| 5/20/18*<br>Day of<br>Pentecost                 | Chris Crill<br>Ashley Rogowski |                    |          | Linda Rogowski | Matt Klepadlo   | Carissa Klepadlo |
| 5/27/18*<br>The Holy<br>Trinity                 | Terry Fike<br>Linda Rogowski   |                    |          | Ellen Masi     | Marvin Perkosky | Grace Candee     |

\* Communion

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If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please make attempts to find a replacement.

If you are unsuccessful, please call or email the office. Thank you!

# May 2018

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  | <b>1</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>9:15 am Nursery School  | <b>2</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group<br>9:15 Nursery School<br>7:00 pm Hymn Sing                        | <b>3</b><br>9:15 am Nursery School<br>6:00 pm Sisters of the Faith  | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br>11:00 am – 5 pm Fellowship Hall in Use    |
| <b>6</b><br><b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br>9:00 am Worship with Communion<br>10:15 am Sunday School<br>11:15 am Worship<br>1:30 pm Confirmation Class         | <b>7</b><br>Pastor's Day Off<br>6:30 pm Boy Scouts   | <b>8</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>9:15 am Nursery School<br>7:00 pm Church Council  | <b>9</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group<br>9:15 Nursery School   | <b>10</b><br>9:15 am Nursery School                                 | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>9:30 am – 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use |
| <b>13</b><br><b>MOTHER'S DAY</b><br><b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Ascension</b><br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:15 am Sunday School<br>11:15 am Worship with Communion     | <b>14</b><br>Pastor's Day Off<br>6:30 pm Boy Scouts  | <b>15</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>9:15 am Nursery School<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study<br>7:00 pm Council Meeting         | <b>16</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group<br>9:15 Nursery School<br>1:00 pm Deacons Meeting                 | <b>17</b><br>9:15 am Nursery School<br>6:00 pm Sisters of the Faith | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>   |
| <b>20</b><br><b>Day of Pentecost</b><br>9:00 am Worship with Communion<br>10:15 am Ice Cream Fundraiser<br>11:15 am Worship with Communion<br>1:30 pm Confirmation Class | <b>21</b><br>Pastor's Day Off<br>6:30 pm Boy Scouts  | <b>22</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>9:15 am Nursery School<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study<br>6:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting | <b>23</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group<br>9:15 Nursery School  | <b>24</b><br>9:15 am Nursery School                                 | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>   |
| <b>27</b><br><b>The Holy Trinity</b><br>9:00 am Worship with Communion<br>10:15 am Sunday School<br>11:15 am Worship with Communion                                      | <b>28</b><br><b>Memorial Day</b><br>Pastor's Day Off<br><b>Church Office Closed</b><br> | <b>29</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>9:15 am Nursery School<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study                                    | <b>30</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group<br>9:15 Nursery School<br>7:00 pm Nursery School Year-End Program | <b>31</b>   | <b>Monday, May 21 at 7:00 pm VACC meeting at New London United Methodist Church</b><br><br><b>Sunday, June 3 Last Day of Sunday School; Synod Assembly Begins in Rochester</b> |   |