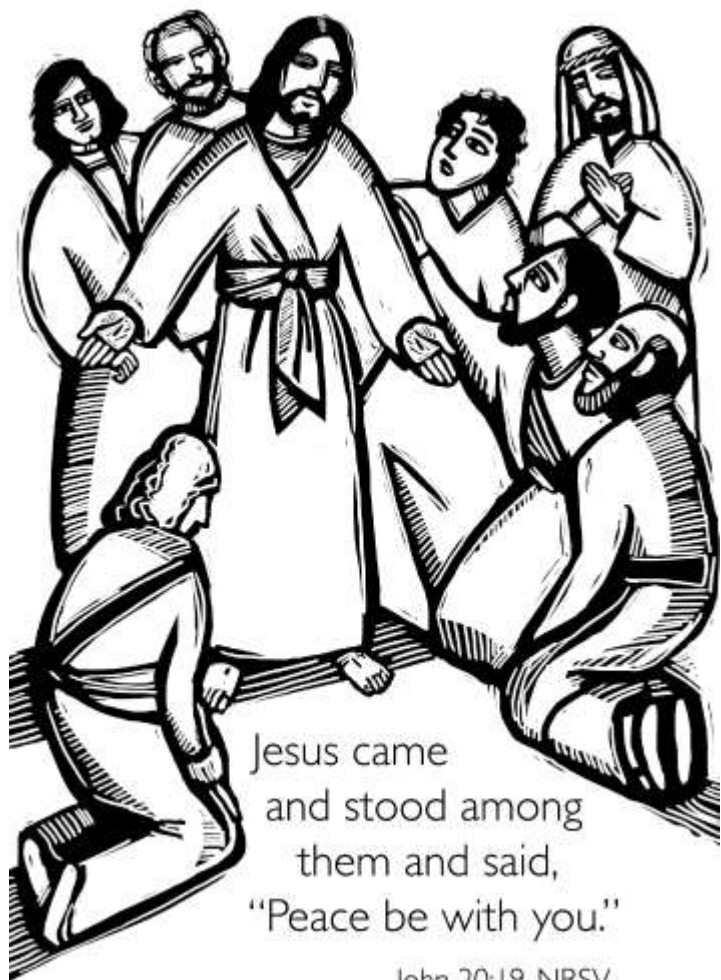




OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Jesus came
and stood among
them and said,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19, NRSV

WELCOME

We welcome you to the house of our triumphant Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as our celebration of his resurrection from the dead continues this Third Sunday of Easter. Today's hymns, prayers, and Scripture readings proclaim how the risen Lord gives his disciples proof of his resurrection, peace by the assurance of the forgiveness of sins, and the Spirit's power to confidently share the gospel's treasure with others. May the Lord Jesus be among us through his Word and bless our worship!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Risen Lord Jesus, "You have died for my transgression, all my sins on you were laid. You have won for me salvation, on the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise and shall meet you in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory". Amen. (CW #470 v. 3)

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we express unity with our Savior and those who share our faith and stand on the teachings of God's Word. Therefore, we invite to our altar those who are members of Our Savior's or members of the WELS/ELS. Visitors who wish to commune are asked to speak to Pastor Mahnke before the service begins.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Minister ~ Pastor Jeff Mahnke
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Tim & Ellen Heil

Next week ~ Brost, Kurth

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Theme: RESURRECTION REALITY

The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

CW 438 sts. 1–2

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!

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In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed!

Confession

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Absolution

(The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners? [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.)

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

The Easter Te Deum Laudamus

Since the 6th century A.D. Christians have adored the risen Christ in a song of praise and confession entitled Te Deum Laudamus (We Praise You, O God). After the minister speaks the words of the majestic song, the congregation sings Easter hymns that reflect the song's teachings and exultation.

Lord, you are God. We praise you. We acclaim you. You are the eternal Father. All creation worships you.

Easter Hymn

CW 438 st. 4

- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: “Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory.”

Easter Hymn

CW 455 st. 2

2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; praise him, ran-somed ones of earth.
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
Praise the Vic - tor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.

Text: tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.; Karl B. Garve, 1763–1841, abr.
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The glorious company of the apostles praise you; the noble fellowship of the prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you.

Easter Hymn

CW 445 sts. 1, 5



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



he o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
pro - claim the blest ti - dings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



and earth, sea, and moun - tain, the prais - es pro - long.
with Fa - ther and Spir - it he ev - er shall reign.

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Father, of majesty unbounded; your true and only Son, worthy of all worship; and the Holy Spirit, Advocate and Guide. You, Christ, are the King of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

Easter Hymn

CW 469 sts. 2

2 Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
God from heav'n beholding human nature's fall,
of the Father's Godhead you, the only Son,
mankind to deliver manhood did put on.
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished; heav'n is won today!"

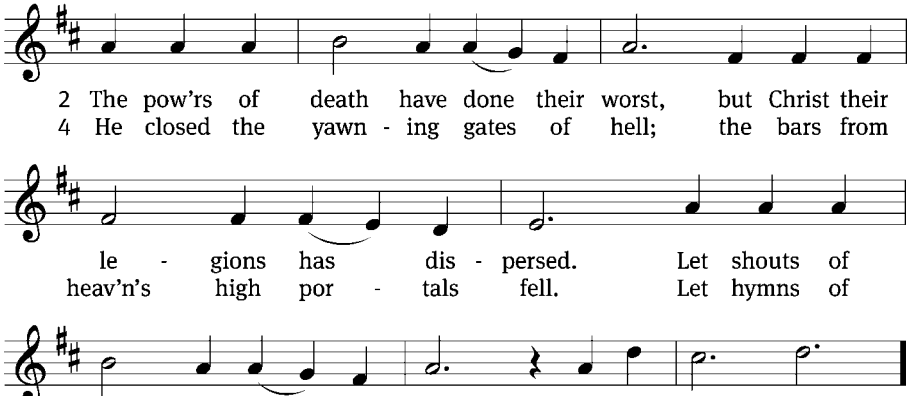
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When you became man to set us free, you did not spurn the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the Kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Easter Hymn

CW 452 sts. 2, 4



2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their
4 He closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from
le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of
heav'n's high por - tals fell. Let hymns of
ho - ly joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
praise his tri - umph tell: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909, alt.; Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum, Köln, 1695
Tune: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, c. 1525–1594, adapt.
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You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our Judge. Come, then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood. Bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

Easter Hymn

CW 442 st. 4

- 4 Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!
throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

Text: tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.; Latin, 11th cent., attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050, abr.
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Prayer of the Day

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Acts 18:1–11

The promised presence of the living Lord gave Paul the courage to keep speaking the gospel

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” ⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1–4

We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, Jesus!

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

Gospel Acclamation

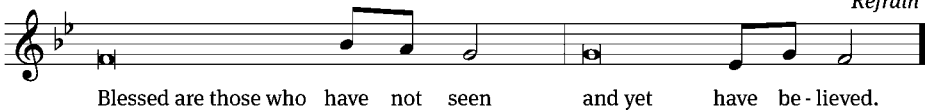
John 20:29



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Gospel

John 20:19–31

The Risen Savior offers proof and peace to his disciples

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Hymn of the Day

CW 457

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verses

1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, for

heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the
 faith - ful wom - en went their way to seek the
 thus he spoke un - to the three, “Your Lord will

grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia! v. 2
 tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia! v. 3
 go to Gal - i - lee.” Al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

- 4 That night th' apostles met in fear;
among them came their Lord most dear
and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas afterwards had heard
that Jesus had fulfilled his word,
he doubted that it was the Lord. Alleluia!
- 6 "Behold my hands, my feet," said he,
"my wounded side, O Thomas, see,
and doubt not but believe in me." Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they that have not seen
and yet whose faith has constant been;
in life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

John 20:19-23

The Risen Lord Brings Peace!

Confession of Faith

What is the use of the keys?

The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

The holy evangelist John writes in chapter 20, “Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’”

Thank Offering & Friendship Register

Members of Our Savior’s give generous and free will gifts to honor the Lord and support our ministry of the gospel. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.

As the offering is gathered, please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew.

Prayer of the Church

God of all grace, we thank you for the gift of eternal life in your Son. **By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the faithful testimony of the apostles, you have assured us that our faith stands on a sure and solid foundation.**

Though we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, help us see him with the eyes of faith. Through your Holy Spirit, breathe on your Church that it may faithfully proclaim the gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people.

Grant that we also may be illuminated by the heavenly light of your Word, and so keep us in the one and only true faith.

Preserve us from all assaults on our souls and deliver us from doubt and despair. Prevent us from being led astray by worldly wisdom and false teaching.

Forgive the sins of your people. Strengthen the doubting and faithless. Bring back the forgetful and wayward and comfort the anxious and the distressed.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

As we go from this holy place today, grant peace and rest to us all. We pray this in the name of Christ our risen Lord as we also join together and pray:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Sacrament

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Distribution

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

CW 444

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me.
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; this shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To him the throne high o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where he is gone, live and reign with him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to Jesus living,
pure in heart and act abide, praise to him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; this shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well nothing me from him shall sever.
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense; this shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death but the gate to life immortal;
this shall calm my trembling breath when I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

CW 464

- 1 I am content! My Jesus lives again, in whom my heart is pleased.
He has fulfilled the law of God for me, God's wrath he has appeased.
Since he in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever.
I am content! I am content!
- 2 I am content! My Jesus is my head; his member I will be.
He bowed his head when on the cross he died with cries of agony.
Now death is brought into subjection for me by Jesus' resurrection.
I am content! I am content!

- 3 I am content! My Jesus is my light, my radiant sun of grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all:
sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter sun has brought salvation and everlasting exultation.
I am content! I am content!
- 4 I am content! Lord, set me ever free and wake me from the dead
that I may rise forevermore to be with you, my living head.
The chains that hold my body, sever; then shall my soul rejoice forever.
I am content! I am content!

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We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, because Jesus' tomb is empty go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the risen Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 449 sts. 1, 3

This Joyful Eastertide

- 1 This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!

- 3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!

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Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.
Alleluia!



Divine Call Update - Last week our voters extended a Divine Call to Pastor Darin Aden. They also extended a Call to his wife, Mrs. Karla Aden, to teach grades 5-8. They currently serve St. John St. James Lutheran Church and School in Reedsville, WI. We encourage you to pray for them as they deliberate where they can best serve our Lord. Please also reach out to them with words of encouragement.

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Serving the Pastoral Vacancy - Pastor Jeff Mahnke from St. Peter Lutheran Church is serving as Our Savior's vacancy pastor. Should you need his pastoral guidance and service, call / text him anytime at 715.297.0132. His email address is pastorm@mysaintpeter.org.

LWMS Spring Rally - St Peter (Schofield Campus) is privileged to host a spring rally of the Wisconsin River Valley circuit of Lutheran Women Missionary Society (LWMS) on Saturday, April 20. The rally theme will be "Gathering Sheep from Every Fold". Cathy Duncan will talk about her world missions experience and reaching out to Hindu and Muslim women. Registration starts at 8:00 am and the rally will begin 9:00 am. All members, including men, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Everyone Outreach - Our Savior's is participating in an exciting new program called Everyone Outreach. The program will help us build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is encouraged and equipped to reach the lost in our community.

Everyone Outreach kicks off with an interactive 2-day workshop on Saturday, April 27, 9:00-1:30 (lunch provided) and Sunday, April 28, 10:15-11:15 am at Our Savior's. Each participant will leave the workshop with sustainable ways to personally help build our congregation's outreach culture.

Register for the workshop by signing up in the narthex or calling the church office (845-3253). Questions? Visit everyoneoutreach.com or contact Tim Heil at 842-4573. We encourage every member of our congregation to attend the workshop and participate. In fact, the more members that attend, the more likely it is that our culture shift will be successful!

This Week at Our Savior's

Today	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship with Communion Sunday School & Bible Class
Saturday	9:00 AM	LWMS Spring Rally at St. Peter, Schofield campus
Sunday 4/21	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship / WELS Connection Sunday School & Bible Class

Growing Together

April 7, 2024

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Lent</u>	<u>M Thurs</u>	<u>Good Friday</u>
\$4,352.00	\$485.00	\$130.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
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Attendance: Sunday, April 7 - 74

WELS Youth Night - Our next youth night sponsored by WELS United of central Wisconsin will be Sunday, April 28th at Northland Lutheran High School from 5:45pm to 8:30pm. We will have pizza, music, devotion, and a *Nerf War* to remember (think paint ball without paint balls). Eyewear is encouraged, guns and ammo will be provided. Please sign up in advance on the website mysaintpeter.org (use the TEEN EVENT link).

Kronenwetter Mission News – The Core Group for the Kronenwetter mission will meet at Northland on Sunday, April 14th, at 6 pm for Bible study, fellowship, and ministry planning. Pastor Jacob Scott has declined the Divine Call to serve as the missionary. Another Call meeting will be scheduled soon.

Remember in Prayer – Ellen Fitzke, recovering at Rennes.

Teens! Your Help Is Needed - We need childcare help during our Everyone Outreach workshop on April 27-28. Please speak with Tim Heil or the church office if you can help.

Together We Shine – On April 21st NLHS will hold its Soup Cook-Off and Silent Auction. If you have any wonderful and valuable prizes for the auction, please bring them to the NLHS office. In the past, they have auctioned off prize items ranging from artwork to grills, gourmet baskets to quilts, Packer helmets to vacation cabin stays or attraction tickets. Also consider creating an award-winning soup for the cook-off! ***As of April 8, only five have signed up.*** Prizes will be awarded for best soups, and the first one to run out. The event goes from noon to 3 pm.

Open Forum –Northland delegates will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 16th. Prior to that, the board will hold an Open Forum at 6 pm for anyone interested. Discussions will include changes for the upcoming school year as well as other topics. We hope you can join us!

BLOOD DRIVE! Because their Blood Drive was canceled due to a snow day, NLHS will be holding it on Thursday, May 2. Would you like to give the gift of life? Email Miss Stelter at astelter@nlhs.org to participate.



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