



Praise on the Prairie

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Youth & Adult Bible Class 9 a.m. Worship, 10:00 a.m. Sundays

Dear St. Peter's,

We celebrate the Easter season for seven weeks this year. I remember being young and dumb college student, with an assignment to put together a service in the late end of the Easter season. In my explanation over why I made the choices I did, I said something like, "This many weeks in, I'm sure everyone has had enough hearing about the event of Jesus' Resurrection, so I'll focus on something else." Yikes!

We can never grow tired of, "*Alleluia, Christ is Risen!*" "**He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**" If we can't celebrate that, we can't celebrate anything. The goodness of everything hinges on Christ's Resurrection, and the promise that we will share in it by faith (Romans 6:4-5, Philippians 3:10-11, 1 Peter 3:21). Perhaps though, there's some truth to that thought from my younger years – an ugly truth. This applies to all of God's Word, but this one especially – if you're ever tired of hearing it, ask yourself why that is. You might be cut to the heart, but pulling that painful thread and keeping the Gospel flowing will help you grow.

But really, we delight in Christ's Resurrection. As much as people love singing the Advent and Christmas hymns, I think the Easter ones are even better. There are so good Easter hymns that we need seven weeks to sing them all! "He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart." Memories of singing this with the organ and small brass ensemble will never leave me, and I hope they lift you up as well.

In academic circles, they tend to pit the idea of Christ as victor and Christ as one in place of all against each other, as though they're two completely different ideas. The Resurrection shows that they are deeply intertwined – Jesus' Resurrection defeats death, for Him and for us. Jesus' Resurrection makes Him the first of many. Jesus' Resurrection gives us a path of victory to walk, but because Christ has already walked it for us, He pulls us along it, His actions making up for our missteps. It removes our fear, because all ills will be undone. It removes our guilt, because all the wounds we cause will be healed. Christ's virtue is ours to claim, now and forever. Our sins are His, and they died with Him.

Jesus gave us pledges to make us absolutely sure of this – we have the washing of water with His Word that makes us His. We receive His body and blood, crucified and risen into our very bodies for our forgiveness. We have the pledge that God's people can forgive us in His place – so that we can hear it with our own ears and be certain that we are His, now and forever. Though we die, yet, we shall live – Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life.

Peace to you in Christ,
- Pastor LaMie

Preparing For Worship



Sun. April 5
6:30 AM
Elder: Gary Burns
10:00 AM
Elder: Jerry Scheumann
Greeter: Terry & Barb Johnson
Organist: Jim Wiemers

Sun. April 19
10:00 AM
Elder: Don Wiemers
Greeter: Connie Schaefer
Organist: Jim Wiemers

Sun. April 12
10:00 AM
Elder: Keith Toenyes
Greeter: Ron & Janet Isenberg
Organist: Jim Wiemers

Sun. April 26
10:00 AM
Elder: Gary Burns
Greeter: Maxine Duncan
Organist: Jim Wiemers

THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS

Communion: Kathy Wiemers
Flowers: Connie Schaefer
Ushers: Rob Werden, Bobby Werden, Jim Franklin





CHURCH BUSINESS

March Attendance & Financial Report

| DATE | ATTENDEES | HOME | MISSION | BUILDING FUND | TUITION | METRO EAST |
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| 03/01 | 64 | \$2379.00 | \$170.00 | \$650.00 | \$1525.00 | - |
| 03/08 | 67 | \$2815.00 | \$135.00 | \$140.00 | \$725.00 | \$100.00 |
| 03/15 | 52 | \$3967.00 | \$105.00 | - | \$375.00 | - |
| 03/22 | 71 | \$3934.00 | \$130.00 | - | \$1452.93 | - |
| 03/29 | 104 | \$2964.00 | \$255.00 | \$600.00 | \$75.00 | - |



Lutheran Women *in Mission*

Ladies Aid meeting was held on March 11 with 12 members present. Secretary's report was read and approved. No treasurer's report was given. Card Committee will send cards to Fran and Marie. Entertainment committee had nothing. Human Care will have a drive in April for Beverly Farms. Old business: Discussion was held on what types of soup we want to have and a sign up sheet was passed around to let each member list what they intend to bring. Birthday party for Jean will be held on June 17. Location to be discussed at a later date. New business: LWML Prayer service was held at Zion Lutheran in Bunker Hill on March 14. We sang Happy Birthday to Maxine. Linda was hostess and no hostess was mentioned for April. Dues were collected. We assembled tableware for the salad luncheon. Meeting adjourned. Norma Krohne, Secretary.



Church
FAMILY
— PRAYER LIST —



For all serving in the Armed Services, especially: Tyler Tedrick (grandson of Charles & Linda Tedrick)

For all members who are in CARE facilities or who are homebound: David Kinder, Fran Westerhold, Shelli Eden, Ruth Newby, George Loew at Villas of Hollybrook, Iona Goebel in South Prairie Memory Care, Dave Roberson in Cedar Hurst, Kevin Beers in Cedar Hurst, JoAnn Eden at Barnes.

For those experiencing various problems... Fred Obrock in rehab at home;
Pastor Mark Girardin rehab at home,

We also remember in prayer: Molly McCalla; Aaron Peters; David Peters; Lisa Loew; Jeff Newby; Christina Urban (sister-in-law of Jeanette Engelke), Gerald Schaefer



PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor LaMie will be out of the office for his Grandfather-in-law's funeral from Monday April 6th thru Saturday, April 11. For Emergency Pastoral care, please contact Phil Girardin at 618-204-6550 or David Schultz at 618-972-4804. All bible study classes will also be cancelled for that week.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

"Next Sunday's Readings" Bible study will resume on April 15th, occurring every Wednesday evening at 6:00 P.M., running year-round (except during Lent). This is a "sit-down around the table" Bible study held in the annex. Come to familiarize yourself with the readings before Sunday morning!

EASTER BREAKFAST

All are welcome to join us for Easter Breakfast at 7:30 AM on Sunday, April 5th in the school cafeteria provided by our school parents. We will have ham or sausage and egg casseroles, donuts, toast, fruit salad, and drinks.

EGG HUNT

We will be having an egg hunt during our 9:00 am Sunday School on Sunday, April 5th. Children in grades 2 and under can participate. Please meet in the 6-8th grade classroom on Easter morning to see what the Easter bunny brought.

HUMAN CARE

Human Care for April will be for Beverly Farms in Godfrey where JoAnn Eden's granddaughter resides. Items needed are personal hygiene items such as, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, etc. They will also take new socks for men & women and clothes in good condition. Complete list of items will be on the table in back of church. Items can be put in the tub under the mailboxes

LADIES AID LUNCHEON

On April 18th, our Ladies Aid will be hosting a soup and salad luncheon in the school gym. All congregation members are welcome to attend as well as the public and other congregations. The cost will be \$10 per person and they are welcoming vendors to set up tables as well. The vendor tables are also \$10/table. Please contact Virginia Renfrow or Norma Kuethe if you would like to have a vendor table. Proceeds from the luncheon will be assist Ladies Aid and LWML in their donations they provide throughout the year.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School resumed March 1st! We welcome anyone grades preK-8th grade. We meet in the classroom in the annex at 9am weekly.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be July 13-16 from 9:00-11:30 AM for ages 4 to 5th grade. We would love to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS FOR GRASS CUTTING

As grass cutting season approaches, our trustee, Christian Hosto would like to know if any members are interested in volunteering to assist with grass cutting this year. Please contact him at 618-447-0258.

SAVE THE DATE: TRINITY WORDEN DINNER AUCTION: FRIDAY, APRIL 24th

Invites you to our 41st Annual Dinner Auction. Tickets are \$25.00 each. There will be an oral auction, and silent auction. Come join us for a fun-filled evening of good food, fellowship, and entertainment. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. To make a reservation and purchase tickets, please call Rhonda Poehler (715) 741-0605, Paula Prusacki (618) 830-0362, or Deneen Messer (618) 806-5750. The deadline for making a Reservation is Sunday, April 11th.



MELHS SPRING MUSICAL

“Do you know....the Muffin Man?” If you don't, go see....

Shrek The Musical! Tickets are available now! Please go to <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/metro-east-lutheran-high-school>. The musical will be Friday and Saturday, April 10th and 11th at 7 pm and Sunday, April 12th at 2:00 pm.

MELHS SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

Metro-East Lutheran High School is offering a variety of summer activity camps including Volleyball, Basketball, Music and more! Please see the flyer on the church bulletin board for more information.

HAPPY Birthday

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| Tina Maurer | April 2 |
| Connie Schaefer | April 2 |
| Vicki Zinschlag | April 3 |
| Fred Bort | April 4 |
| Robert Werden | April 4 |
| Lisa Silvey | April 6 |
| Riley Dempsey | April 7 |
| Nicole Montoya | April 7 |
| Waylon Wiemers | April 7 |
| Grace Becker | April 8 |
| Barbara Johnson | April 9 |
| Carter Friedrich | April 10 |
| Jackie McClure | April 10 |

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| Rench Edsall | April 11 |
| Herbert Klocke | April 12 |
| Alaine Rondi | April 14 |
| Marlin LaMie | April 16 |
| Andrew Robertson | April 16 |
| Amy Schweiker | April 16 |
| Olivia Halusan | April 17 |
| Kevin Beers | April 19 |
| Trent Buckingham | April 19 |
| Terri Scheumann | April 19 |
| Morgan Goebel | April 22 |
| Andrea Hartley | April 25 |
| Norma Krohne | April 25 |
| Amy Ruyle | April 28 |
| Ellie Dinnius | April 29 |
| Arlene Schaefer | April 29 |



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| <i>Zachery & Britany Bushrow</i> | <i>8 years on April 7</i> |
| <i>Tim & Janine Cooper</i> | <i>46 years on April 18</i> |
| <i>Jerry & Terry Scheumann</i> | <i>37 years on April 29</i> |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 No School | 2 No School 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service Elder: Jerry Scheumann | 3 No School 7:00 PM Good Friday Service Elder: Jerry Scheumann | 4 |
| 5 Easter 6:30 AM Sunrise service 7:30 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ communion Elder: Gary Burns -sunrise Elder: Jerry Scheumann- 10AM | 6 No School | 7 Bible Study Cancelled | 8 8:30am Chapel Ladies Aid 1:00PM | 9 Handbell Practice 6pm | 10 | 11 |
| 12 9:00am Adult Bible Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Elder: Keith Toenyes | 13 | 14 7am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Voters Meeting | 15 8:30am Chapel 6:00 PM Bible Study | 16 Handbell Practice 6pm | 17 | 18 Ladies Aid Soup and Salad Luncheon 11:00-2:00 |
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