



March 4, 2018

The Flowers on the altar today are to the glory of God

Ladies: "May God give you, for every storm: A rainbow, for every tear: A smile, for every care: A promise, and A blessing in each trial ;" ... Join us at our next Gab 'n Eat for breakfast 10AMon Sat. March 10th at Third Coast Spice. [761 Indian Boundary, Chesterton.](#)"For every problem life sends: A faithful friend to share, for every sigh: A sweet song, and An answer for each prayer!" Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Carpool from church 9:30AM. May you have a very HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

It's time to turn in your mite boxes! The fiscal year of the LWML is coming to an end. We need to get all monies to them soon. So, please fill your box and, drop it off no later than TODAY Don't forget to pick up another box.



Community Dinners 3/7, 3/14 and 3/21 5:30, please sign up to donate a dish

Empty Bowls, 2018 - We need your help!

Once again, St. Peter is joining hands with the Portage High School Art Department to help raise money for the **Portage Food Pantry**. This year's Empty Bowls Project will take place Saturday, **April 14**, at **Portage High School West Cafeteria** beginning at **11 a.m.** The art students from all levels throughout the system have creating beautiful ceramic bowls that will be available for purchase, along with other pieces of art. **If you would like to help, please sign up to donate a crock pot of your favorite soup or chili or to help with set up and clean up.** Also, attend if you can. Buy a handmade bowl or other piece of art and some delicious soup, bread, and desserts. Bowls are \$5 each, and you can sample as much as you like of all the different soups and chilis for another \$5. **Questions?** Please see Linda Lemond or call 762-5764 or email teacherlin2@comcast.net



Beginning this Sunday, March 4, 2018 and continuing until Sunday, March 25, 2018, the Sunday School Department will be collecting candy for this year's Easter egg hunt. We are requesting candy approximately the size of a Tootsie Roll. Also, we are requesting donations for Scotch tape to hold the Easter eggs together. Any and all donations of both items may be placed in the box located outside the Jonah Room. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tiffany at [\(219\)-707-6720](tel:(219)707-6720). Again, thank all of you so much for your continued support of our Sunday School program; we truly appreciate it!

Notes from President Brad Hughes:

- next Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM
- If anyone is interested in being a Shepherd at St. Peter, please contact Brad Hughes.

"Stewardship Moment" John 2:16 – *"And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' "* The Lord's House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It's not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead the Church is a place for the Lord's gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.

You Never Know when your donation to the church's food pantry will be a blessing to someone. Your food and personal items are given to congregation members who are in need. We are now asking for additional donations to re-stock items.



The Comfort Dogs were recently in Parkland FL offering comfort to that community. Although the Comfort Dogs now have a home at Trinity in Hobart if you have an event or a need for the dogs, please contact Nancy Carroll at 762-4220.

Garbage to Goodies: Please collect plastic bottle tops from milk gallons, drinks, water etc. Also card fronts, stamps, pop tops and Campbell Soup labels. Turn them in at the bookshelf in the hallway in the old narthex. Plastic tops go to an organization in Valparaiso that makes benches!!! Please notice the beautiful green bench that was donated by Pines Village, made from the bottle caps you have donated. Please save your pop cans and turn them in to the recycle center here at the church. Those donations go to the church!

Important Dates to Remember

Saturday, March 10th, 10 AM Gab 'n Eat for breakfast at Third Coast Spice, [761 Indian Boundary, Chesterton](#)

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Last Sunday's Offering

Envelopes are available at the bulletin table for donations to the Parking Lot Fund & for the Mortgage

Offering \$3, 596 (weekly need \$3028.00 operating budget)

Mortgage \$385 (weekly need \$591.00)

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Greeter:

Lector: Linda Lemond

Dick Keel

Ushers: Marty Riley

Bob Duron

This Week at St. Peter : March 4, 2018

Sunday Early Service 9 a.m. Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10 a.m. .
Late Service 11 a.m.

Wednesday..... Bible Study 10 AM
Community Dinner 5:30
Lent Service 7 PM – Choir following the service.

Thursday..... Praise Team practice 7 p.m.

Saturday..... **Gab n Eat** 10 AM for breakfast Third Coast Spice, [761 Indian](#)
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Visit the church's Facebook page for up to date information including

CANCELLATIONS - www.stpeterportage.com

Pastor Ben Ahlersmeyer – cell number [989-907-9481](tel:989-907-9481) Church office – 762-2673

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REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

John Gallagher, Ruth Imhof, Donna Flint-Wood and her mother, Ginnie Galanos, Connie Carney; Howard, Deb and Ari Wilson; Joleen Wilson, Mike Lemond, Karen Ackermann, John Spencer, Brenda and Bob Busch, Kenita Kersten, Pat and John Newlin, Tiffany Richards, Betty and Dick Hull, Donna Potchen, Michael Cooper, Tina Gurniewicz, Loraine Giertz, Dorothy Anderson, Cathy Laatsch, Lindsay Hietz, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Phoebe Wilson, Pauline and Mark Krill, and the many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Emma Arnold 3/2
- Sally Cox 3/4
- Joanne Lehmann 3/5
- Nathaniel Roscoe 3/5
- Seth Berquist 3/8
- Nancy Gibson 3/8
- Scott Lehmann 3/8
- Patricia Newlin 3/8
- Claus Ackermann 3/9
- Jodie Brasseur 3/9
- Donna Pleasant 3/11
- Kathy Levandoski 3/12
- Gerald Harnung 3/13
- William Schoech 3/14
- Jack Carroll 3/17
- Karen Melcic 3/17
- Korina Kuehl 3/20
- James Wells 3/24
- Keith Fites 3/27
- Erik Scheub 3/28
- Janet Fuscoe 3/31
- Kevin Parkerson 3/31