



Brianna Shaw	Mar 1
Emma Arnold	Mar 2
Sally Cox	Mar 4
Joanne Lehmann	Mar 5
Nathaniel Roscoe	Mar 5
Seth Berquist	Mar 8
Nancy Gibson	Mar 8
Scott Lehmann	Mar 8
Patricia Newlin	Mar 8
Claus Ackermann	Mar 9
Jodie Brasseur	Mar 9
Donna Pleasant	Mar 11
Kathy Levandoski	Mar 12
Gerald Harnung	Mar 13
Scott Moehl	Mar 13
Seth Ahlersmeyer	Mar 14
William Schoech	Mar 14
Nathan Steinhubel	Mar 16
Jack Carroll	Mar 17
Karen Melcic	Mar 17
Joseph Mann	Mar 22
Anna DeTienne	Mar 23
James Wells	Mar 24
Rachel Waters	Mar 28
Janet Fuscoe	Mar 31

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN  
**OUR COMMUNITY**



**Now Accepting Donations!**

You never know when your nonperishable donation to the church's food pantry will be a blessing to someone. Your food and personal items are given to congregation & community members who are in need.

**Got Coats?**



A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds went ahead of him and shouted, "Hosanna[b] to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna[<sup>a</sup>] in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:8) **This Palm Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>**, we will be participating with churches throughout Portage to honor Christ and collect coats for the Portage Resale Shop. This year PRS gave away 3,200 coats, but the supply for next year is currently under 20. Please help as you are able. Coats can be dropped off and placed in the box in the narthex. Thank you for helping

**Comfort Dogs**



The K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. They are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ. There are 2 training facilities, one in Northbrook, Illinois and one in Grand Island, Nebraska. There are currently over 130 dogs serving in more than 20 states and growing fast. Questions? Contact Nancy Carroll at 762-4220.

**Serving in the Lord's House**

9 am 11am

**Greeter: Marty Wendy H**  
**Lector: Donna P Wendy**  
**Usher: Marty Bob**

**Sunday's Offering**

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

**Offering - \$2,836.00**

(weekly need \$3028.00 operating budget)

**Mortgage- \$695.00**

(weekly need \$591.00)

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

We are here to pray for you!



Please Pray For...

Judy Anderson, Carl Anderson, Sandy Barden & Family, Bob Kuhn, Dawn White & Family, Tina Gurniewicz, Virginia Galanos, Margie Fites & Family, Dorothy Coons, Kenita Kersten, John Gallagher, Kristina Thaxton; Ruth Imhof, Donna Flint-Wood and her mother Eleanor, Howard, Deb and Ari Wilson; Joleen Wilson, Mike Lemond, Karen Ackermann, Brenda and Bob Busch, Pat and John Newlin, Betty and Dick Hull, Michael Cooper, Loraine Giertz, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Pauline and Mark Krill, and many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones.



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*Welcome*  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

**Weekly Announcements • March 24, 2019**



**Save the date! St. Peter's 2nd Annual Germanfest..**

will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Founders Square. We are looking for volunteers to help with acquiring vendors, sponsors and developing a marketing plan. Job descriptions for each area are below. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Jennifer Stone at [Jennifer12778@comcast.net](mailto:Jennifer12778@comcast.net), call or text (219) 381-1138 or talk to her after Sunday service.

**Vendor Volunteers:** attend craft fairs and events (starting in November), pass out vendor applications, talk to potential vendors about Germanfest and/or pick up business cards for follow up. We will coordinate who will attend what event at the meeting.

**Sponsorship Volunteers:** drop off sponsorship packets to businesses, talk to potential sponsors, help research potential sponsor. We will coordinate who will contact potential sponsors at the meeting.

**Marketing Volunteers:** research marketing options both local and regional, help distribute fliers, posters and signs (distribution will begin in 2019), assist with social media and updating the Germanfest website.

**Stewardship Moment**

Luke 13:3

**"No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."**

The season of Lent is all about repentance – turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, "What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?" "What is a temptation I face?" "What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?" Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and we pray for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.



**Altar Flowers are to the Glory of God by:**

**Margie Fites**

*"In memory of Keith Fites Birthday, March 27th, Celebrating with God"*

**Joe Blackwell**

*"In memory of Kittie's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with our Lord, March 23<sup>rd</sup>."*

**Ethel Wells**

*"In celebration of Jim Wells Birthday, March 24<sup>th</sup>."*

**Church Council**

**Our next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00**

**pm. We will also be having a Special Voter's meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** between

services. This voter's meeting will discuss whether or not to have on service during the summer months.



The sign-up sheet for Easter lilies for the Easter Sunday Services is now available in the Church Office. Each lily is \$10 & is to be pre-paid for by April 10<sup>th</sup>

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Youth Sunday! 10 am Service at March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 -Please mark your calendars; on March 31<sup>st</sup>  
 St. Peter will be having one service for Youth  
 Sunday at 10:00am-

## Empty Bowls 2019

For the seventh year, St. Peter is joining hands with the Portage High School Art Department and Portage Food Pantry to help raise money for the Pantry. This year's Empty Bowls Project will take place **Saturday, April 6, at Portage High School West Cafeteria beginning at 11 a.m.** Art students and staff from all levels throughout the system have created 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 crockpot of your favorite soup or chili or to help with set up and clean up. **Also, attend if you can.** You can sample as much as you like of all the different soups and chili from a disposable bowl for \$5. Breads and desserts are available. Buy a handmade bowl or other piece of art for \$5 each to have a souvenir of the day. *A little history: The Empty Bowls Project is an international project created to help fight hunger. It began in Portage in 2007, when PHS art teacher Wanda Rice suggested making ceramic bowls and filling them with homemade soup to the PHS art department. The staff and students embraced the idea, but in a few years it outgrew the art department, and members of Holy Cross began providing soup and chili. In 2012, St. Peter was asked to donate soup and chili also. The event normally raises \$3000+ for the Food Pantry.*

Matthew 25:34-35 (NRSV) Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Questions? Please see Linda Lemond or call 762-5764 or email teacherlin2@comcast.net. If you would like to co-chair this project, please let Linda know.

### Here are the details for our NEXT Gab N' Eat:

Ladies: "A friend like you is one of a kind, A friend like you is a joy to the heart, A friend like you is a wish come true"... Join us at our next "Gab 'n Eat" Saturday April 20th for lunch 12 noon at: Texas Corral! ... "The Easter season is even more Meaningful because of friends like You! HAPPY EASTER My Dear Friends" Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center! Just meet there!!

### A Glance at this Week at St. Peter...

#### Sunday 3/24

Early Service -9  
 a.m. (Nursery available for  
 ages 0-2 yrs)  
 Sunday school and  
 Adult Bible Study  
 at 10 a.m.  
 Late Service 11a.m.

#### Wednesday 3/27

No Bible Study  
 Community Dinner  
 @5:30 pm  
 Mid-Week Lenten  
 Service @ 7:00pm

#### Sunday 3/31

Youth Sunday!  
 One service at 10:00 am

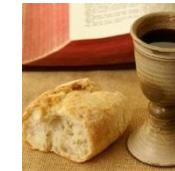


Ladies--Save the date. On Monday, April 8, at 7:00, we will be meeting to discuss LWML. All ladies are invited to attend.



**Join us for our Mid- Week Lenten Services!**  
**Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> - April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

Our midweek worship services will serve as opportunities to consider the many ways in which the Scriptures proclaim Jesus. During the week, each of you will be working on your own summary, with the hopes that all of us are more prepared to share the good news of Jesus. Come and join us this Lent, and join us by crafting your own confession of the gospel!



**Save the Date!**  
**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**



**St. Peter's Good Friday Service, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**



**Join us for Free Community Dinners! Every Wednesday, 3/20 - 4/10 at 5:30pm.**



**Easter Sunday Services are on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 8am & 11 am. Easter Breakfast is at 9:00am. Be sure to join us! Invite your family & friends!**