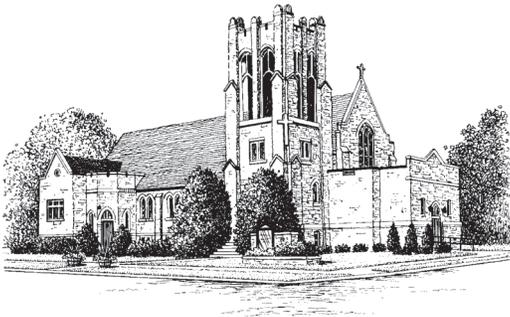




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The Quest for Holiness

There has been something of a push among Lutheran preachers recently. "Ya gotta preach more sanctification," comes the cry. The critics cite Luther's comment that some preachers are good Easter preachers, but poor Pentecost preachers. By this they incorrectly make Luther say that it is not enough to preach Jesus Christ crucified and raised to life again. A "good" preacher will make his hearers step up to holier living by hyping some sort of holiness scheme or discipline.

This point of view implies that God's part of the plan is Jesus' death and resurrection, but now, after Easter, we have our part to do by living more and more of a holy life. If we don't do our part, called "sanctification," we'll lose God's part called "justification." This is a mockery of the Lutheran view!

The Lutheran view of sanctification is "the art of getting used to justification." Sanctification is the life of faith, a life-long growing (with many ups and downs), of becoming captivated more and more and more by the unconditional, total, free grace of God in Jesus Christ.

In this earthly life, we Christians never can quite get used to the gift of grace. We never quite truly grasp it or learn it fully. Furthermore, since we are simultaneously sinner and saint, there is never a moment in life that we are not totally sinner and totally forgiven saint. So there is no quantitative or qualitative change in our holiness, until heaven!

Luther insisted, "progress is always to begin anew." That's Lutheran sanctification. On this side of the grave, God's grace (His unconditional love and mercy revealed in Jesus' death and resurrection) is new every morning. It is new each day because each and every day we remain a sinner. We do not become less sinner and more holy each day, so there is no steady, gradual growth in sanctity, as the misguided "preachers of sanctification" imply.

It is not by exhortation, encouragement or harangue that we get closer and closer to the goal of holiness. Rather, it is God's holy grace in Jesus Christ that daily comes to us, shaping us sinners more and more by the life of Christ. Sanctification is not a scheme we pursue, but the work of the Holy Spirit which God pursues in us through Jesus Christ.

Lutheran preaching of sanctification is the way of Christ, it is the life of Christ delivered day by day into our sinfulness. In this sanctification we learn the truth about ourselves and about Christ for us. We grow in clarity about ourselves. We develop a sense of humor about faith and life, a certain down-to-earthness about our place in the sight of God. For sanctification is not about us living a holy life, but rather about the holy God placing His gifts of mercy, love and grace into our sinful lives through Christ. Now that is something to preach about! And Easter is the perfect season to do it! Alleluia!



Pastor Hendrickson

Easter has come and gone. Wait, no it hasn't! Easter is 50 days long, plus we celebrate a wee bit every Sunday of the year! Plus, we know that, having been forgiven of our sins, we live each day of our lives spreading the Gospel to those around us, and constantly forgiving as we have been forgiven! Don't think Easter is past! It never ends!



However, the celebration for 2014's Easter Day is over. I feel you need to know who all participated in making such wonderful music to aid in your worship that day.

Adult Choir Members: Sopranos: Verna Mueller, Kristin Olson, Molly Frank, Debbie McVey, Emily Taylor. Altos: Lori Saager, Linda Manthey, Amy Paskey, Shirley Qualle, Karen Laatsch. Tenors: Chuck Hilgendorf, Matthew Saager. Basses: Greg Frank, Stephen Saager, James Saager. Also, we remember and thank Jacquie Penshorn who retired during this past choir year. Thank you for your years of service!

The Handbell choir consisted of: Matthew Saager, Lori Saager, Kathy Meckstroth, Stephen Saager, Judy Smith, James Saager, John Smith, Linda Manthey, Jennifer Manthey, Emily Taylor, and Hannah Taylor. Accompanying the bells on piano was Vickie Detert and on organ was Pastor Hendrickson. The bells will finish their season on May 4, for Confirmation.

There was a wonderful brass choir that played as well. The members of this group were: Trumpet: Sandy LaClair, Jim Mueller. Horn: Hannah Taylor, Emily Taylor. Trombone: James Saager, Patrick Frank, Greg Frank. Tuba: Michael Hendrickson, Matthew Hendrickson, Matthew Saager. Timpani: Dalton McLaughlin.

Again, a big thank you to all of our musicians! May God bless your summer rest, and give you the strength for another year!

On a related note, if you want to share your music over the summer, I am now filling Sundays AND THURSDAYS for the summer with musicians. Feel free to contact me to take a day and share with the congregation.

Hymn Study: *This Joyful Eastertide*

While most of us know many Christmas carols, we may be less familiar with carols for other times of the year. One of the finest Easter carols is "This Joyful Eastertide." The tune, which originated in a seventeenth-century Dutch love song, came into church use in Joachim Oudaen's *David's Psalmen* (1685) as the melody for "Hoe Grootde Vreuchten Zijn" ("How Great the Fruits Are")—hence, the tune title VRUCHTEN.

The British clergyman George Woodward (1848-1934) wrote the stanzas of "This Joyful Eastertide" and included both his text and the older Dutch tune in the *Cowley Carol Book for Christmas, Easter, and Ascension Tide* (1902 edition). Since that time this carol has appeared in most modern hymnals.

The tune is distinguished by the rising sequences in the refrain, providing a fitting word-painting for "arisen." The text and tune together provide a beautiful way to express the joy of Christ's Easter victory over sin and death. We will be using it May 15/18 as our sermon hymn!

For a more complete Lutheran Bible Study that didn't fit in this space, please visit <http://musicalcatechesis.wordpress.com/2011/05/04/this-joyful-eastertide/> and enjoy the deeper richness included in the text of this splendid Easter hymn.

~Geremy Zieroth, Cantor

Christian Women's Council Updates:

PLANT SALE: May 1, 2, & 3.
Takes place at 415 Main St., Arlington. Come start your gardens here!

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2014
9:30 a.m. between services, in the chapel. Agenda items to include Plant Sale wrap up and planning for fall activities such as the Community Picnic, Personal Care Kit drive, Thanksgiving Pie Sales and the Cookie Walk.

	5/3	Lois Abel
	5/3	David Qualle
	5/3	Herb Schultz
	5/4	Jerran Hanson
	5/4	Jacquie Penshorn
	5/14	Connie Hendrickson
	5/24	Brita Schoeneberg
	5/29	Jane Tomlinson
	5/31	William Dobratz

Patriotic and flag decorations are displayed for sale during May and June for Memorial Day, Flag Day, and 4th of July.

The store is located at 201 Cottage Grove Rd (just off Monona Dr). The hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Donations are welcome during these hours. The phone number is 223-1228.



Members of St. Peter's work on the first Friday (May 2nd) and the third Wednesday (May 21st) of each month. Please call Alice Hanson if you have any questions or would like to become part of the *House of Thrift* team. **Thank you!**



Young children scramble to collect the Easter eggs scattered around the church yard. The day threatened rain, but you would never guess from the sunny smiles of the children!

Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.



What you need:

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

What you do:

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
3. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
4. Insert the "flower" in the plant's soil and repeat the process.
5. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother's Day!

A Cheerful Bouquet for Mother

Make a beautiful bouquet for your mom that will cheer her up for many days — and it doesn't need any water or sunshine!



What you need:

- 12 bendable straws
- colored construction paper, colored card stock or craft foam
- craft glue
- hole punch
- bud vase or terra cotta pot
- clay or play dough (optional)
- scissors
- pencil

What you will do:

1. Cut the colored paper, card stock or foam (or a combination) into 24 or more flower shapes and 24 or more leaf shapes (about 1-2 inches). Make them different sizes and colors.
2. Punch a hole in the center of each flower and one near the base of each leaf.
3. Bend each straw and push the flower shapes (2 or more layered on top of each other) onto the short end of the straw. Do not go past the bend.
4. Put a little glue behind the flower at the hole to hold it in place.
5. From the bottom of the straw, slide 1 or 2 leaf shapes onto the straw and glue them in place from underneath.
6. After the glue has dried, put your flowers in a bud vase or display them in a terra cotta pot.*
7. *If you use a terra cotta pot, place a fist-sized ball of clay or play dough in the bottom of the pot. Push the straw ends into the clay or play dough. When the clay or dough dries out, it keeps the flowers arranged without them falling over.

Your mother will appreciate the time and love you put into making this cheerful bouquet for her.

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS, Pre-K and NAEYC Accredited

5 stars with Wisconsin's *Young Star*

By Connie Hendrickson, Director

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other, let us show the truth by our actions. 1 John 3:18

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in West Virginia in 1912. Someone had the bright idea that mothers were important and should be recognized — one day in May, one day a year. Hardly seems enough recognition when it is *every day* that mother's give their unselfish, unconditional love to their children and their families. God created mothers with a special purpose in mind, to be the cornerstone within the family. Not to cook and maintain, but to nurture all within the family with an unselfish love only a mother can give. This example of unconditional devotion, in turn, will teach her children how to love others, just as God commands it.

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3

A Very Blessed and Celebrated Mother's Day to all Moms!
from our St. Peter's Child Care family!

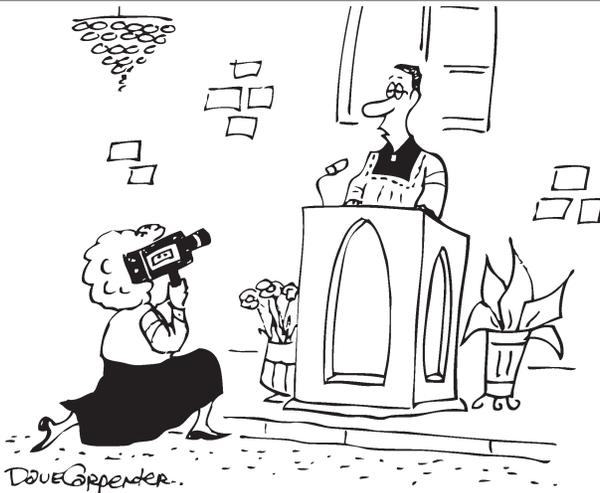


The kitchen was humming on Easter morning, while the air was filled with the mouth-watering aroma of breakfast and the sounds of hungry worshipers. Thanks to all who lent a hand!



Some of the satisfied diners at the Easter Breakfast, prepared and served up by the St. Peter's Youth. It was delicious!

DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

<p>May 1/4 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 2:14, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-14 I Peter 1:17-25 Luke 24:13-35</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Connecting the Dots</i> Text: Luke 24:13-35 Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i> (Sun) <i>DSI</i>, p. 151 (10:30) <i>Rite of Confirmation</i> Hymns: 474 - 477 - 490 - (595) - (722) 467, 861 - 801 Organist: Jeremy Zieroth Choir: (Sun) Handbells</p>
<p>May 8/11 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 I Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Knowing and Being Known</i> Text: John 10:1-10 Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i> (Sun) <i>DSI w/o HC</i>, p. 151 Hymns: 711 - 709 - 537 - 735 Organist: Jeremy Zieroth Choir: TBA</p>
<p>May 15/18 5th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 6:1-9, 7:2, 51-60 Psalm 146 I Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Mansion Builder</i> Text: John 14:1-14 Order: (Thu) <i>Holy Communion</i> (Sun) <i>DSI</i>, p. 151 Hymns: 481 - 482 - 468, 588 - 488 Organist: Jeremy Zieroth Choir: (8:00) SS All Grades</p>
<p>May 22/25 6th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 17:16-31 Psalm 66:8-20 I Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Never Alone</i> Text: John 14:15-21 Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i> (Sun) <i>DSI w/o HC</i>, p. 151 Hymns: 487 - 725 - 717 - 805 Organist: Jeremy Zieroth Choir: TBA</p>
<p>May 29/June 1 The Ascension of our Lord</p> <p>Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53</p>	<p>Sermon: <i>Waiting on the Lord</i> Text: Luke 24:44-53 Order: (Thu) <i>Contemporary Service</i> (Sun) <i>DSI w/o HC</i>, p. 151 Hymns: 493 - 491 - 494 - 492 Organist: Jeremy Zieroth Choir: TBA</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">"Please excuse my mother, it's my first service."</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dove Garpender</p>	 <p>Our acolyte robes got a workout in the Arlington Prairie 4-H production of "Sister Act." A number of St. Peter's folks were involved, and the "sisters" sang and danced up a storm!</p>

COUNCIL NOTES – April 8, 2014

At 6:30 p.m. Elder Greg Latzig called the April 8, 2014 meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council to order. The opening devotion was given by Pastor Hendrickson from Matthew 27:45-50. The significance of Jesus' last words from the cross, "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" Jesus was forsaken for us, our only way to eternal life.

The **agenda** was presented. A motion was made by Steve Paskey to approve the agenda, Jennifer See seconded and the motion carried.

The **Secretary's minutes** were read. David Hutchinson made a motion to approve the minutes, Keith Podoll seconded and the motion carried.

The **Financial Secretary's report** was presented by Mary Witt. Total offerings for the month of March were \$33,627.42 and in most categories offerings exceeded budget needs for the month. A motion was made by Corinne Tuschl to approve the report, Vint Quamme seconded, motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Jennifer See. Available for expenses as of April 1, 2014 there was a balance of \$8750.22. The utility bills have been slowly going down. The Alliant Energy bills for April are \$1754.00 for the Church and \$179.04 for the Vicarage. A motion was made by Mary Witt to approve the report, Shannon Rohrbeck seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Elder's Report** was presented. Tyson Miller reported that the usher schedules have been running smoothly. David Hutchinson reported that the Altar Guild has many extra duties during the month of April because of the Lenten Season and Holy week and that extra people have offered their services. Vint Quamme reported that Lynnette Taylor has given out seven applications to graduating seniors for scholarships and five were returned on time. After Easter the endowment committee will meet to go over the applications. Mary Witt informed the council that she met with Amy Yamriska and they went over the Military care which the Yamriska's will now be in charge of. It was discussed that the list of service men and women will need to be updated. Steve Paskey reported that the Christian Women's Council is planning for their annual plant sale in May. Next month Greg Latzig will have a list of stations that could be set up for the Spiritual Gifts Fair. Anyone who has ideas can forward them to Greg Latzig. Music Director Jeremy Zieroth reported that Choir is winding down for the season with only a couple of practices left but hand bells will go a little longer. There will be a brass group for Easter and he is lining up some small groups for the summer services. Jennifer See made a motion to approve the report, Stephen Saager seconded and the motion carried.

The **Board of Trustees Report** was presented by Keith Podoll. Keith informed the council that the Vicarage has two large rooms with original carpet that should be replaced and some painting needs to be done. There are also some black spots on ceiling tiles in a back room of the house that should be looked at and replaced. There have also been some concerns with the amount of water being used in the church according to the meter reading bill but Arlington Hardware has checked for leaks and could not detect one. The meter was checked to see if it was functioning, nothing was detected but the Trustees will continue to monitor the situation. Shannon Rohrbeck changed some of the fluorescent bulbs in the basement but a few more need to be replaced. A motion made by Vint Quamme to approve the report, Steve Paskey seconded, motion carried.

The **Board of Christian Education Report** was presented by Sandra Sandstrom. The Spring Bake sale for the child care center raised \$550.00 plus a private \$500.00 donation. An article appeared in the Poynette Press in the March 20th edition about the child care center and its 20th anniversary

and the following addition of the press had a story about the 5 year history of the 4-K program and its success. The last day of 4-K will be June 9th with the annual end of the year celebration on June 10th. There have been some inquiries from parents in regards to having their children enrolled in the fall and the numbers for summer care are coming in. The Easter egg hunt will be Saturday April 12th which the high school youth plan and they are also busy planning for the Easter breakfast. Two high school youth will also attend the Bible Bowl on April 12th. Lutheranism 101 is considering taking a break. The last day of Sunday school will be May 18th. The 7th and 8th grade confirmation students will be picking up trash along the roadside weather permitting. The 8th grade confirmation students will do their speaking on April 27th and the rite of confirmation will be Sunday May 4th. Sunday Bible class is still studying the Book of Daniel, Tuesday Bible class is discussing the Book of Job and the Friday men's class is finishing up their discussions of men and women in the Bible. A motion was made by Mary Witt to approve the report, Keith Podoll seconded and the motion carried.

The **Pastor's Report**- Pastor Hendrickson reported that it has been a very good Lenten season. Forgiven bracelets were handed out during the Ash Wednesday service and then they were reordered a couple of times because there were not enough to go around. After Easter it will be a very festive end to the church year in June. Confirmation is quickly approaching and it has been a fun group to work with. Pastor Hendrickson is considering taking some vacation time the week after confirmation. The placement services for Vicars will be April 30th the last day of the month. It is available to view on simulcast. The acoustic technician that came last month is writing up a report with his findings and a member of the church who works with a sound system company is also writing up a report. Both of these professionals recommended different speakers. A motion was made by Keith Podoll to approve the report, Jennifer See seconded and the motion carried.

Membership changes- To receive by membership is Kathy Meckstroth from *St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LC-MS)*, Parksburg WV, and by adult confirmation Michele Dian Grabow. To receive as communicant members as of May 4th, 2014 are: Haydin Campbell, Madison Conklin, Chase Falstad, Ashley Hagnow, Anna Manke, Dalton McLaughlin, Logan Nelson, Joshua Yamriska, and Tanner Zimmermann. A motion was made by Mary Witt to accept the membership changes, Vint Quamme seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business-None to report.

New Business-The Quarterly voters meeting will be April 27th, 2014 between church services.

At 7:20p.m. a motion was made by Keith Podoll to adjourn, Steve Paskey seconded and the motion carried. The Lord's Prayer followed.





**FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



Balance on Mar 31, 2014 \$15,273.19
 Receipts for Apr \$16,863.20
 Expenses for Apr (est) (\$18,537.66)
 Shortage/Overage \$ 13,598.73

LOAN BALANCES:

Wilson House - \$39,346.01.



Elders

May 1	6:30 p.m.	Greg Latzig
May 4	8:00 a.m.	Steve Paskey & Mark Witt
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller & Dale Johnson
May 8	6:30 p.m.	Glenn Puntney
May 11	8:00 a.m.	David Hutchinson
	10:30 a.m.	Tyson Miller
May 15	6:30 p.m.	Vint Quamme
May 18	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Saager & Mark Witt
	10:30 a.m.	Glenn Puntney & Bill Manthey
May 22	6:30 p.m.	Greg Latzig
May 25	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Saager
	10:30 a.m.	Bill Manthey
May 29	6:30 p.m.	Vint Quamme



Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

MOTHERS	CHILDREN
Eve ³¹ bore Cain, Abel and Seth ¹¹	
Sarah ²⁵ bore Isaac ¹⁸	
Rebekah ⁷ bore Jacob and Esau ¹⁵	
Rachel ¹³ bore Benjamin and Joseph ²⁰	
Leah ¹² bore Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, ⁴³ Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah ³⁰	
Zilpah ⁴⁴ bore Gad and Asher ²⁸	
Bilhah ³⁴ bore Dan and Naphtali ²⁹	
Jocbebed ¹⁹ bore Moses ³⁸	
Naomi ² bore Mahlon and Kilion ³²	
Ruth ¹⁴ bore Obed ³⁷	
Hannah ²⁶ bore Samuel ⁴²	
Bathsheba ¹⁰ bore Solomon ⁹	
Elizabeth ¹⁸ bore John the Baptist ³⁷	
Mary ⁶ bore Jesus ⁴	
Eunice ¹⁶ bore Timothy ⁴	



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 _____ W _____
 21 22 3 23 24 25 _____ 26 27 28 29 30 31 4 32 33
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PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful" Proverbs 23:25, NIV



**MAY
USHERS**

May 4 & 11

Early
 Mark Witt, Chr.
 (635-4673)
 Wade Senft
 George Schoeneberg
 Mitchell Amundson
 John Frank
 Jeff Rowe
 Trevor Giese
 Trent Olson

Late
 Tyson Miller, Chr.
 (635-8504)
 Mark Schoeckert
 Mitch Schoeckert
 Michael Hendrickson
 Matthew Hendrickson
 Shannon Rohrbeck
 Stephen Saager
 James & Matthew Saager

May 18 & 25

Philip Hanson, Chr
 (635-2244)
 Randy Schuster
 David Caldwell
 Mark Hirssig
 Robert Rittmeyer
 Buck & Ty Woodward
 Justin & Jacob Reddeman
 Tom Daugherty
 Tony Rittmeyer

Robert Caldwell, Chr.
 (635-4225)
 Jerran Hanson
 James Dobratz
 Bob Hagenow
 Jim Mueller
 Tait Halvorsen
 Al Stoltenberg



May
 635-4825
 Jane Tomlinson
 Connie Hendrickson

ACOLYTES

May 4	8:00 AM	Brandon Rowe & Justin Taylor
	10:30 AM	Mandy Giese & Alyssa Mason
May 11	8:00 AM	Tanner Zimmermann & Josh Yamriska
	10:30 AM	Dalton McLaughlin & Jason Tuschl
May 19	8:00 AM	Volunteers (Close of Sunday School)

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				St. Philip & 1 St. James, Apostles 6:30 PM HC Service	6:30 AM Men's Bible Class 10:00 AM Thrift Store	11:30 AM Private Confession
Easter 3 4 8:00 AM HC Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 10:30 AM HC Service	5	6 1:00 PM Bible Class	7	8 6:30 PM Contemporary Service	9 6:30 AM Men's Bible Class	10
Easter 4 11 Mother's Day 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Class 10:30 AM Divine Service	12	13 1:00 PM Bible Class 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Elders	14	15 6:30 PM HC Service	16 6:30 AM Men's Bible Class	Syttende Mai 17 11:30 AM Private Confession
Easter 5 18 8:00 AM HC Service 9:15 AM Close of Sunday School 10:30 AM HC Service	19 	20 1:00 PM Bible Class	21 10:00 AM Thrift Store	22 6:30 PM Contemporary Service	St. Mark, 23 Evangelist 6:30 AM Men's Bible Class	24
Easter 6 25 8:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service	26 	27 1:00 PM Bible Class	28	The Ascension 29 of our Lord 6:30 PM Contemporary Service	30	The Visitation 31 5:00 PM Schmidt - Zitzke Wedding
						

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