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MAY 2017

Did any of you take flowers to your Mom on Mothers' Day?

I remember making a small basket out of thin cardboard, going out and digging up

some wild violets and dandelions. Into the basket they went, and—practically wilted by the time I got home—were presented with love and pride to my Mom. Of course she loved them, but even more, she loved the roses that Dad brought her.

What fragrance makes you think of your Mom? Are you privileged to still have her with you, or has she long been in heaven with Jesus? Maybe it's bak-

ing bread, or her favorite perfume, or the scent of some other favorite activity together? There is documentation that smells trigger memory far longer than any other sensory stimulus.

Even more importantly, how many of you learned of Jesus at your mother's knee? God talks about fragrance a few times in both the Old and New Testament. In II Corinthians 2:14 He says through St. Paul that the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ is

spread through the believer of Christ. In the next verse (15) it says we (Christians) are the sweet fragrance of Christ to God. Therefore, first your Mom, and now

you, are the fragrance of Christ to God, and you are to spread this fragrance of Christ to others.

"The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose." —George William Curtis

The quote above reminds us that when fragrant flowers are given in love, that some of that fragrance lingers with the giver. The Fragrance of your witness to Christ, your sharing the importance of worship throughout

the year, your kindness and love, your prayers and gifts, lingers and blesses all who touch and are touched by them. You are the fragrance of Christ to our community.



Pastor Amen





To begin, I am so proud of all of the wonderful musicians at St. Peter's and all of the very hard work they put in to bring amazing feats of music to you, the members of St. Peter's. Please take time to thank the following musicians for their help all year, and especially Easter Day.

Easter Instrumentalists: Debbie McVey, Kris Manke, Abby Stalbaum, Emily Taylor, James Saager, Chuck Hilgendorf, Matthew Saager, Maggie Stalbaum.

Easter Choir: Debbie McVey, Molly Frank, Kristin Olson, Karen Laatsch, Shirley Qualle, Amy Paskey, Linda Manthey, Jim Laatsch, Chuck Hilgendorf, Stephen Saager, Greg Frank.

Easter Bells: Lori Saager, Debbie McVey, John Smith, Amy Paskey, Judy Smith, Stephen Saager, Cynthia Hemp, Linda Manthey, Corinne Tuschl, Maggie Stalbaum.

With the season drawing to a close, I open up the invitation to any and all musicians who wish to sing or play during the summer. Please contact me to set up a time, and we will make it happen.

Hymn Study: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" (Lutheran Service Book #556)

Our hymn study for the month of May comes to us for the sixth Sunday of Easter. We next sing this hymn on May 18/21 as our hymn of the day. As such, we thank the folks at the Center for Church Music, River Forest, IL and the Rev. Larry Peters of Clarksville, TN for the wonderful devotion on this hymn. Lutheran hymns do not just sing, they teach. This hymn is one of the first of Dr. Martin Luther but it exemplifies the best of Lutheran hymnody. Composed in 1522, a mere six years after the 95 Theses were written, we find here a moving and deeply personal expression of Luther's fears, his life, and the triumph of the Gospel through it all. Many believe this to be the greatest of the Lutheran hymns of confession and faith.

The personal struggle of Luther to find peace with God is part of the Reformation story and this hymn expresses both the despair of his failed righteousness and the exuberant joy of Christ's righteousness for us. In the first stanza we find a call to raptured joy at the victory of Christ to redeem the lost and condemned sinner. From there proceeds a blunt description of Satan's chains, of sin's mark, and of death's prison that turned life into a living hell.

Good works changed nothing. Free will was free only to rebel against God and His goodness. Fear so gripped the heart of the sinner until death itself seemed the only future. But...(you have to watch out when sentences begin with "but"!) but God saw our despair and before it all went horribly wrong, God planned for our salvation. The Father's heart seemed to have been lost to us but it was at work all along—doing the heavy lifting of our salvation.

From here, Luther in his God-given brilliance gives us the Church Year in miniature. "It's time"—the eternal Son of the Father heads to earth, to wear our flesh and blood, to slay our enemy, and to win our freedom forevermore. Advent's herald gives way to Christmas where the promise of God is incarnate of the Blessed Virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christ, the Rock of our salvation, comes to bridge the gap, living in us that we might live in Him. The shock of Good Friday is not the end of the story and we do not lose sight of what His suffering accomplishes. In the midst of Easter's restoration of

hope and joy, Christ cannot stay. He must ascend in order to reign over all things. But He sends to us His Spirit to be our Comforter, our Teacher, and our Guide into all truth.

Finally Luther begs those who would sing his words to follow him trusting in Christ alone. If our lives are to endure, if hope is to be born in our despair, and if life is to triumph over the grave, we must remain steadfast in Christ. The Word of the Lord faithfully preached becomes the powerful weapon of the Spirit against the lies and deceptions of the Devil. Just as in the familiar words of "A Mighty Fortress", Luther leaves us with a final word, the final word, the treasure of great price— Christ, the Word made flesh, who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven into the womb of the Virgin that we might have life in His name.

So we sing a hymn that points us to the Church Year, the Creeds, the Catechism, the Cross, and the Crown. And if we sing this hymn of faith in faith, we, too, shall endure to everlasting life.

LSB 556: 1.Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing, And with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, how his right arm the victory won. What price our ransom cost him! 2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; death brooded darkly over me. Sin was my torture night and day; in sin my mother bore me. But daily deeper still I fell; my life became and living hell. So firmly sin possessed me.3.My own good works all came to naught, no grace or merit gaining; Free will against God's judgment fought, dead to all good remaining. My fears increased till sheer despair left only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered. 4. But God had seen my wretched state before the world's foundation, And mindful of his mercies great, he planned for my salvation. He turned to me a father's heart; he did not choose the easy part But gave his dearest treasure. 5. God said to his beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion. Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever." 6. The Son obeyed his Father's will, was born of virgin mother; And God's good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother. His royal power disguised he bore; a servant's form, like mine, he wore To lead the devil captive. 7. To me He said: "Stay close to me, I am your rock and castle. Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle. For I am yours and you are mine, and where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us. 8. "Though he will shed my precious blood, me of my life bereaving, All this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing. Life will from death the victory win; my innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever.9."Now to my Father I depart, from earth to heaven ascending, And, heavenly wisdom to impart, the Holy Spirit sending; In trouble He will comfort you and teach you always to be true And into truth shall guide you. 10. "What I on earth have done and taught guide all your life and teaching; So shall the kingdom's work be wrought and honored in your preaching. But watch lest foes with base alloy the heavenly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you."

In His service, *Cantor* Geremy Zieroth







Clockwise from the top left corner: The crew putting furniture back in the Child Care Center. Taking pictures with the Easter Bunny! High School Youth prepping for Easter Brunch, including decorating tables and slicing hams. Members enjoying their Easter brunch. 7th & 8th grade midweek students preparing to clean up the highway. The whole midweek group making unleavened bread for Maundy Thursday. The musicians at their practice session.



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels

What you do:

- 1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
- 2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
- 3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
- 4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
- 5. When dry, display your tree or give it as a Mother's Day gift.



Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life.

Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

What you need:

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

What you do:

- 1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
- 2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
- 3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
- 4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
- Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different-sized petals.
- Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
 - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
 - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
 - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.



The store is located at 201 Cottage Grove Road (just off Monona Drive). The hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. The phone num-

ber is 223-1228. Donations are welcome when the store is open.

Members of St. Peter's work on the first Friday (May 5th) and the third Wednesday (May 17th) of each month. Please call Elaine Podoll if you have any questions or would like to become part of the *House of Thrift* team.

Thank you!

St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

WMELS, Pre-K and NAEYC Accredited 5 stars with Wisconsin's Young Star 4-K Host Site for Poynette School District

We had a wonderful April and really enjoyed learning about what Easter means, finding Easter eggs and the Easter projects! Spring is here and the weather allowing us to be outside having fun on the bikes, along with the new basketballs and toys we purchased this month, has been beneficial for the kids and teachers!!

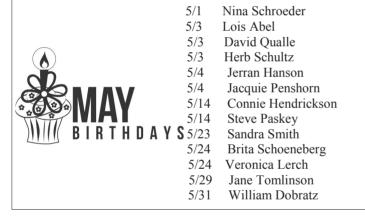
Closing a day and a half before Easter to have the floors in the basement cleaned was well worth the work. We thank all of the parents of the daycare children for being flexible, the staff for all the hard work of taking down and putting back both of the rooms, and the church members that gave us their time and muscle to move all the heavy, big things. Working as a team made everything go smoothly!

On May 5th we are having another date night fundraiser. The fee will be \$15 per child or \$30 per family. Bring your children anytime after 5:00 and please be back to pick them up by 9:00. We look forward to another fun night!



DIVINE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

May 4/7 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Sermon: The First Christian Church Text: Acts 2 Order: DSI, p. 151 Hymns: 709 - 710 - 735 - 740, 711 - 480 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Choir
May 11/14 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60 Psalm 146 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Sermon: Stoning of Stephen Text: Acts 6-7 Order: DSII, p. 167 Hymns: 722 - 517 (1,7,3) - 660, 739 - 861 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Handbells
May 18/21 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 17:16-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Sermon: In the Midst of Culture Text: Acts 17 Order: DSII, p. 167 Hymns: 645 - 556 - 605, 469 - 725 Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth Choir: Both Sunday School Choirs (8a)
May 25/28 Ascension of Our Lord (Observed) Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Sermon: Enlightened Eyes & Hearts Text: Acts 1 Order: DSII, p. 167 Hymns: 494 - 493 - By Request Organist: Cantor Geremy Zieroth





Bring your kids for a night of games and activities with Child Care our Center staff while you enjoy a night out!

Bring your children

after 5:45pm and pick them up by 9pm, Friday, May 5th!

\$15 for one child or \$30 for a family.

All proceeds will go to our new playground project!

CWC Plant Sale combined with Bake Sale at St. Peter's on May 18th-20th during Arlington's garage sale week-

- Bring bars or cookies in baggies or on plates in batches of 4-6 each.
- end.

 Brian Bring your extra plants to donate and clean up your flower beds.



"Mom — you deserve a raise for raising me."

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – APRIL 11, 2017

Opening Devotion, by Pastor Amen: Pastor reminded everyone of Holy Week activities. All that we are as a church centers on Christ's death and resurrection. Services this week provide God's gifts to us.

Agenda: The agenda was presented. A motion was made by Jennifer See to approve the agenda as amended. This was seconded by Charlotte Reddeman. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report, by Linda Fait: The Secretary's minutes were read. A motion was made byS teve Paskey and seconded by Robert Kronberg to accept the Secretary's report. Motion carried. Financial Secretary's Report, by Jennifer See: The Financial Secretary's written report was reviewed. The total for General Fund for March is \$17,600.00 and for Special Purpose Fund is \$5,705.99. Total offerings for the month of March was \$23,305.99. This is slightly less than the same time last year. A motion was made by Cameron Gramse and seconded by Charlotte Reddeman to accept the report. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, by Jennifer See: The written report was reviewed. The amount currently available after payment of March expenses is \$14,900.92. Upcoming expenses were discussed. April will be the elevator testing. In reviewing the Special Purpose Funds, it was noted there was a negative balance for music. A motion was made by Greg Frank and seconded by Thomas Crum to use \$1,305.22 from the Thanksgiving envelopes to bring this to a zero balance. Motion carried. Motion made by Greg Frank, seconded by Thomas Crum to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Board of Elder's Report, by Thomas Crum: Once again, thank you to everyone for their help. Cards have been sent out for the upcoming services. The flyer for the Easter Egg Hunt was reviewed. It was very nice. We had a lot of children attend. The ushers are still looking for some volunteers. There was a second meeting held to discuss the Endowment Fund. It is suggested the funds be reallocated to increase the potential for earnings. Right now 85% of the funds are in a moderate growth investment and 15% in an aggressive growth investment. If earnings are reinvested monthly, we won't have a carrying charge. In April the scholarship recipients will be selected. Right now there are two applicants. Gift cards, the newsletter, Easter cards, etc. were sent out to military members. The Christian Women's Council's plant and bake sale will be the weekend of May 18-20. Thrivent will be providing matching funds. The spring cleaning has been completed. Geremy gave the Cantor's report. Easter Sunday there will be a brass group playing. Choir and hand bells will be finishing up in a few weeks. A motion was made by Phillip Kruger and seconded by Steven Paskey to accept the report. Motion carried. Board of Trustee's Report, by Steven Paskey: Volunteers are needed to help move things in the daycare when the floor is waxed. There was a leak in the Narthex. Some of the shingles need to be re-sealed. This led to a discussion of the age of the roof. The shingles should have about eight years of life left. We will get an estimate on what it may cost to replace them so a plan can be made. Motion made by William Hageman, seconded by Cameron Gramse to accept the report. Motion carried. **Board of Christian Education Report**: The Child Care Center's

Board of Christian Education Report: The Child Care Center's enrollment is consistent. On May 5 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. there will be another date night fundraiser for the playground. Floor cleaning and waxing will be done on Thursday and Friday (April 13 & 14). There is a concern about the bees near the play area. This will be addressed. Sunday School children in all grades will sing on May 21, the closing day for Sunday School and the children will be going to the park. The last meeting for the 5th and 6th

grade Midweek classes will be tomorrow (April 12). After that, Charlotte has announced she will be stepping down. Everyone expressed thanks for her service over the years. The 7th and 8th grade classes will be doing the road clean up after Easter. After that the 8th grade will have one more week before Confirmation on April 30. Confirmation pictures will be taken between services on the 30th. Questioning will be the week before, April 23. The youth egg hunt drew about 130 children. Saturday will be the preparation for the Easter breakfast. Bible classes are going well. Motion made by Jennifer See, seconded by Robert Kronberg to accept the Board of Christian Education report. Carried. Pastor's Report, by Pastor Amen: Thank you to Steve & Amy, Charlotte and her class for the Lenten meals. Thursday and Friday services will be at 6:30 p.m. Easter services will be at 6:15 and 9:30 a.m. with the Easter breakfast in between at 7:30 a.m. Pastor reported that the Seminary called last week with Vicar questions. They have a couple studying in Germany that they are looking to place with a congregation. The husband is a Vicar and the wife a Deaconess. They wanted to know if we would consider both coming as interns in the coming year. We would pay the Vicar salary only. We can provide an honorarium for the Deaconess if we want. She would spend 25 hours a week working at St. Peter's. The rest of the time she would work for the Seminary via phone, e-mail, etc. Costs were discussed and with all considered – mileage, conferences, tuition – it would be an estimated extra \$2,405.00. A motion was made by Steve Paskey and seconded by Greg Frank to take this information to the Quarterly Voters' Meeting on April 23 and propose we have both serve here in the coming year. Motion carried.

Membership changes: Pastor Amen has been meeting with Zacheriah Rueger. We can accept him by transfer from *St. John's* in Hubbard, Iowa. Motion made by Robert Kronberg, seconded by Thomas Crum to accept the transfer. carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: The playground funding was discussed. We won't have an exact amount of the true cost until we actually make the final selection of playground pieces and schedule the work. A basic idea has been established and the cost would be no more than \$28,000.00 if we schedule the work for this July. An incentive to getting it done then is that the state has indicated our current playground equipment is worn out and we will be written up this fall if it is not taken care of before then. The design we are looking at has been designed specifically for the space we have available. A proposal was made to finance the project as follows: The Daycare balance in the Special Purpose Fund is \$15,512.43, of which \$6,795.51 is already designated for the playground. We would use an additional \$3,716.92 from that fund, drawing it down to \$5,000.00. \$1,200.00 was put into the Daycare budget and was already approved by the voters for the playground. We will continue to fundraise to cover the balance but will borrow from the daycare checkbook to cover the costs until further fundraising money is received. Even with the borrowing from the Daycare checkbook, there will still be a sufficient balance to cover costs of the Daycare for four months. A motion was made by Jennifer See to finance the project as proposed. This was seconded by William Hageman and the motion carried. Motion made by Thomas Crum to recommend to voters on April 23 to move forward with the contract to replace the playground, with the funding as proposed. Seconded by Cameron Gramse and the motion carried. An Arlington Baseball/Softball sponsorship was discussed. The cost would be \$150.00. Our

name would be on the t-shirt. Motion to sponsor a team and fund this from the Outreach Fund made by Greg Frank, seconded by Phillip Krueger. Motion carried.

A motion was made at 7:37 p.m. by Steven Paskey to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Cameron Gramse and the motion carried. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Fait, Secretary.

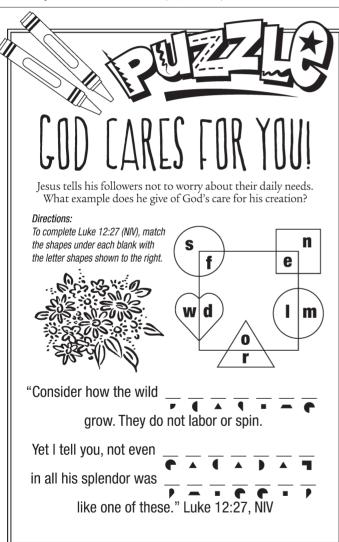


FINANCIAL REPORT CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:



Balance on Mar 31, 2017	\$21,099.73
Receipts for April (est.)	\$15,741.30
Expenses for April (est.)	(\$18,897.40)
Shortage/Overage	\$17,943.63

Sound System Funds Needed: (\$4,951.89)



Answer: "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Acolytes

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May 7	8:00	Tucker Johnson
May 14	8:00	Abby Stalbaum
May 21	8:00	Brandon Bindl
May 28	8:00	Owen Wendt



Elders

May 4	6:30 p.m.	
May 7	8:00 a.m.	Greg Frank & Cam Gramse
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum
May 11	6:30 p.m.	Vint Quamme
May 14	8:00 a.m.	Phil Kruger & Cam Gramse
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum & Bill Manthey
May 18	6:30 p.m.	Vint Quamme
May 21	8:00 a.m.	Greg Frank & Phil Kruger
	10:30 a.m.	Bill Hageman & Mike Manke
May 25	6:30 p.m.	Bill Manthey
May 28	8:00 a.m.	Bill Hageman & Mike Manke
	10:30 a.m.	Tom Crum



May 7 & 14

Early

Chr. ()
Wade Senft
George Schoeneberg
Mitchell Amundson
John Frank
Jeff, Brandon, Jacob Rowe
Trent Olson

Tyson Miller, Chr. (635-8504) Mitch Schoeckert Matthew Hendrickson Michael Hendrickson Stephen Saager

James & Matthew Saager

Late

May 21 & 28

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

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



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VOLUNTEERS? Even just for one week will help. Please let Pastor know. Thank you.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Philip & James 1 Apostles	1:00 PM Ladies Bible Class	3 6:30 PM Bells 7:30 PM Choir	4	7:30 AM Men's Bible Class 9:00 AM Thrift Store 5-9 PM DATE NIGHT	ဖ
Easter 4 7 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Class/SS 10:30 AM Divine Service	ω	1:00 PM Ladies Bible Class 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Elders	10 6:30 PM Bells	6:30 PM Divine Service	7:30 AM Men's Bible Class	13
Easter 5 14 Mother's Day 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Class/SS 10:30 AM Divine Service	Mom 15	1:00 PM Ladies Bible Class	17	18 6:30 PM Divine Service	19 7:30 AM Men's Bible Class	20
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Ascension 28 of Our Lord 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Divine Service	59	1:00 PM Ladies Bible Class 1:00 PM 5th Tuesday Bingo at Good Sam's	31		+	53
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