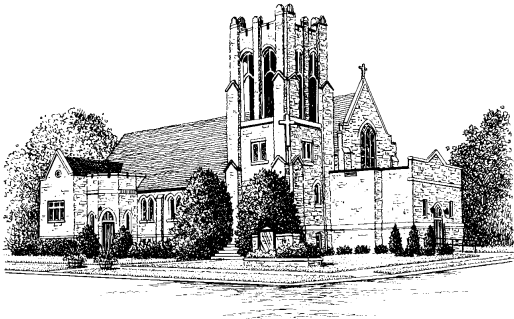




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ST. PETER'S NET

MARCH 2024

Beloved in the Lord:

Much of the work a pastor does is not seen by the flock he serves. The joke goes that the pastor works only one day a week, and that for only half a day! I wish it were so.

I spend a lot of time in my study reading and thinking. I read the Bible. I read the many notes I have made through the years on specific sermon texts. I read for my personal enrichment as a pastor-theologian. If you were to peek into my study (when the study door is open, you are always welcome to visit), you'd probably see me staring out the window. That's how I do my best thinking...thinking how to say something in a sermon or thinking how best to present something in a Bible study or even thinking how best to deal with the troubled soul of one of Christ's lambs under my care.

One thing a pastor could always use as he works is prayer. Perhaps you pray for me every day. Thank you! Perhaps you don't know how to pray for your pastor. Let me give you some suggestions.

*Pray for **wisdom**. The most ordinary decision I make might have a long-term impact.

*Pray for **diligence**. Pray for God to bring people into my life who will help furnish a spirit of renewed determination for the Lord's work in this pasture we call Arlington.



*Pray for **zeal**. Time has a way of eroding urgency. Sometimes I need you to intercede for motivation.

*Pray for **soundness of doctrine**. There are many sources other than God's Word that can distract me.

Pray for focus on Holy Scripture and to sort out false doctrine that can creep into the life of the church.

*Pray for **purity**. Temptations to impurity abound on every side. Even the most innocent and godly pastors can fall into temptation. Pray not only for purity of the body, but purity of the mind (See Philippians 4:8).

*Pray for **humility**. It can be difficult for a pastor to remain humble, whether or not a congregation is growing. Remember that the closer one is to our heavenly Father, the more one is humbled (See Job 42:1-6).

*Pray for **power**. Whether in the pulpit, in the classroom, at the sickbed, or in your home, there is no substitute for being filled with the Holy Spirit as a witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the only power that should matter for a pastor.

Pray for me, as I pray for you.

*Your partner in the Gospel,
Pastor Juhl*

Music Ministry



If you look at this month's worship schedule, you'll notice that March is rather full. This is because Easter sneaks its way into March this year. That gave this Cantor a whole bunch of hymns to choose from for this article. It is a blessing, but it does mean he has to whittle down to one. The chosen hymn this month is a Palm Sunday hymn. What was the deciding factor? The excitement of seeing that the author of this text was born on the day we will sing it! Palm Sunday 2024 and Ms. Threlfall's 203rd birthday is March 24. Which hymn is this? You will find Hosanna, Loud Hosanna at LSB 443.

Jeanette Threlfall was born in Blackburn, Lancashire, England, just north of Wales on March 24, 1821. She was the daughter of Henry Threlfall, a wine merchant, and Catherine Eccles, who came from a somewhat noticeable local family who disapproved of their marriage.

It didn't last, as both parents died early in her life. She became the "beloved inmate" (as a memorial-card bears) of the household of her uncle and aunt, Bannister and Mary Jane Eccles, at Park Place, Blackburn, and Golden Hill, Leyland, Lancashire. She would then later transfer to their daughter, Sarah Alice Aston, and her husband, of Dean's Yard, Westminster.

From about twelve years of age, her education was left to itself, but her great love of reading, combined with delicate health, meant that she still learned plenty and had plenty of time to do it.

Threlfall worked as a Sunday school teacher. Throughout her life, she was a great reader, and made time to write sacred poems and hymns. These were sent anonymously to various periodicals. They were first collected and issued in a small volume, entitled *Woodsorrel*; or, *Leaves from a Retired Home*, by J. T., (London: J. Nisbet, 1856). The thirty-five poems in the volume did not appear to gain any notice except among her friends. In 1873, she selected fifteen pieces from *Woodsorrel* and added 55 others, and published them as *Sunshine and Shadow. Poems by Jeannette Threlfall. With Introduction by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln (Wordsworth)* (London: Hunt). A third edition (1880) was entitled *New Edition. With In Memoriam from the Sermons of the Dean of Westminster and Canon Farrar*. The two memorial tributes were characterized as very tender and sweet.

Her two most widely circulated hymns are 1. *Hosanna! loud hosanna, The little children sang.* (Palm Sunday) and 2. *I think of Thee, O Saviour.* (Good Friday). *I think of Thee, O Saviour* was written during an illness, at her dictation, by a friend. It has been used in 13 hymnals, most recently in 1918. Meanwhile, *Hosanna! loud hosanna* remains the most widely used of her compositions and by far the most

popular. It is currently published in 158 hymnals, including three hymnals published in the 2020s.

The tune ELLACOMBE is paired to this text. Published in a chapel hymnal for the Duke of Württemberg in 1784, ELLACOMBE, which is the name of a village in Devonshire, England, was first set to the words "Ave Maria, klarer und lichter Morgenstern." During the first half of the nineteenth century various German hymnals altered the tune. Since ELLACOMBE's inclusion in the 1868 Appendix to Hymns Ancient and Modern, where it was set to John Daniell's children's hymn "Come, Sing with Holy Gladness" its use throughout the English-speaking world has spread. To date, the two most popular hymns paired with it are "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" and "I Sing the Mighty Power of God", which does not appear in LSB. Combined, these two texts make up only a quarter of the times this tune is used, which to date is over 570 instances. It does get used in LSB once more, paired with "O Day of Rest and Gladness", found at LSB 906.

Considering her calling as a Sunday School teacher, this hymn would have been used in her time with children. As a Palm Sunday hymn, it does speak about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, but it also digresses and spends time focusing on what the children of the day would have been doing. While none of the Gospels specifically mention children in their Triumphal Entry accounts, Matthew does record immediately after that children had followed him into the temple and were loudly shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Matthew 21:15). As the end of stanza 2 recounts, "[Jesus] scorned [NOT] that little children should on his bidding wait", it reminds us of him calling the little children to himself and rebuking the disciples for wanting to chase them away. Jesus came and died for all, including the littlest. As we sing this hymn, and as you watch the littlest children sing their praises this day, may we all remember Jesus' great love for all of us. May we all sing praises with our children, as well!

In His service,
Cantor Jeremy Zieroth

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us Saturday March 23rd at 10:00 AM
at St. Peter's Lutheran Church
303 Park St. Arlington
for a Community Easter Egg Hunt!
Snacks provided!

Event sponsored by St. Peter's Youth Group and Thrivent





Et tu Brute? or "And you too, Brutus?" were some of the last words of Julius Caesar... at least according to Shakespeare. These infamous words convey the shock of betrayal. Cassius and Brutus, former friends of Caesar, along with a bunch of seemingly friendly Roman senators conspired to kill Caesar. In the play, Caesar is lured back to



We can endure betrayal because of the love of Christ in us. Although it may hurt and although it may kill us, we can endure because we have healing and the hope of resurrection through Jesus, who loved us and endured for us.

Rome with flattery and appeal to his ego. This went against his own common sense and the pleas of his wife, who claimed to have dreamed the murder of her husband. Of course, as we know from history, Caesar was assassinated on the Ides of March in 44 B.C., betrayed by men he thought were his friends.

So this Lenten-tide and Easter, as we ponder the betrayal, death, and resurrection of Our Lord, let us not forget why He endured it- because He loves us.

*Yours in Christ,
Vicar Sinatra*

Betrayal is a recurring theme in Lent. Christ was betrayed by those closest to him. Judas Iscariot sold him out to his enemies. Simon Peter denied his name not once but three times. Most of the rest of the Apostles ran off when the mob of soldiers and chief priests seized Jesus and dragged him off to their kangaroo court. The decision of that court and its persuasion of Pontus Pilate had Jesus killed by the most grievous form of torture available- crucifixion.

Yet, Christ knew this was going to happen. In all four Gospels, Jesus speaks of this impending series of events to his disciples. Jesus knew that when He rode in on Palm Sunday that He was riding to His death. Jesus knew that as He celebrated the Passover and instituted the Lord's Supper, he knew that Judas would betray him, that Peter would deny him, and that just about the rest of the apostles would run for their lives. Jesus knew that He couldn't count on his friends.

But then there's the question: Why would Jesus go through with it if he knew that he was to be betrayed to his death? Was it for his ego? No. Jesus made no grandiose speech or protest about the injustice that was brought upon him. And he certainly did not have the sympathy of most of the crowd to watched his crucifixion. Rather that crowd mocked him and spat about him. And after Jesus had breathed his last, there was no big and grand funeral either. So it wasn't for ego that Jesus died. But the question remains then: Why would Jesus stand to endure betrayal that led to His death?

It was for love. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whoever should believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Despite their shortcomings, Jesus loved his disciples. He loved Judas Iscariot. He loved Simon Peter. He loved His disciples that ran away at His hour of greatest woe. Jesus loved us too, despite that we too have betrayed Him when we sin.

There is little doubt that the world hates Christians and what they stand for. It should come as no surprise that at some point, perhaps sooner or perhaps later, that any one of us will be betrayed by someone on account of our faith. We shouldn't be surprised, like Caesar was, when they do. Christ has warned us as much, and, if that weren't enough, His very death is example of such. But when we are betrayed on account of our faith, we have a reason to endure- love.

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A LOOK AHEAD AT

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

God on Trial

Wednesdays of Lent

Lenten Supper 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Service 6:30 p.m.

March 6 - Misconceptions

Luke 23:1-12

Care Kit Items: Hair comb (no print or advertising) or Toothbrush (in original packaging, if possible)

March 13 - Truth

John 18:33-40

Care Kit Items: Plain Bath Towel, no bigger than 27"x52"

March 20 - Sympathy

Luke 23:26-34

Care Kit Items: Nail clippers

Saturday, March 23rd

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday)

All children are invited to gather at the beginning of the service in the narthex for the procession of palms

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

Divine Service 6:30 p.m.,

Respite - Luke 22:7-20

Good Friday, March 29th

Vespers, 6:30 p.m.

Evidence - Matthew 27:38-54

Holy Saturday, March 30th

Easter Vigil, 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday:

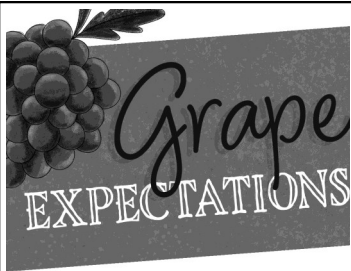
Easter Sunrise - 6:30am & 9:30 am

Vindication-

Mark 16:1-8

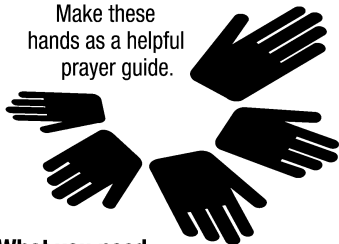
Easter Breakfast - 8:00am

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PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.



Try this chilly new take on a healthy snack.

What you need:

- 30 grapes, washed and dried
- ½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- Toothpicks
- Parchment paper

What you do:

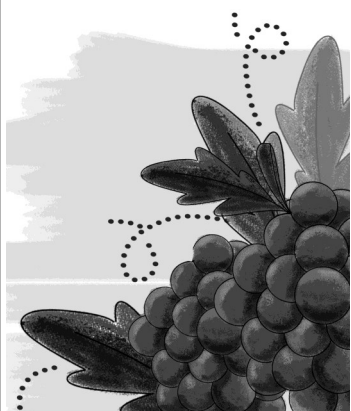
1. On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange grapes in a single layer. Freeze for two hours.
2. Insert a toothpick into each grape.
3. Dip each grape into the yogurt, coating half of it.
4. Roll each dipped grape in the crushed crackers. Place back on the parchment.
5. Freeze for two more hours. Enjoy!

What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.



Did you Know Our Child Care & Preschool has a Wish List?

- Volunteers who love working with children
- Monetary gifts
- Items on our Amazon.com wish list

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3AHJ7WTR7OX4C?ref=wl_share

- Gently used books, toys and dress up clothes
- Your prayers as we celebrate the new year!



St. Peter's Child Care & Preschool

Cathy Wendt, Director

Children learn by doing and by seeing. We grown-ups provide the time, the space, the materials, and the atmosphere needed to enhance children's love of learning. Our church is one of those spaces where children's imagination can come alive as we tour the upstairs chapel and church seeking and finding all that is beautiful in this wonderful building. Children pick out their favorite color in the stain glass windows while others play *I Spy* with the beautiful pictures and stories the windows and parments offer. The pictures hanging in the chapel are very familiar to the children as they have heard the story of Noah's Ark and how Jesus is our Shepherd a hundred times over. Next time you are in church with your little ones what will you point out to your child? Or better yet, play "I Spy with my eyes....." and be prepared to see them light up, play along – and teach you something you might not have noticed before here in God's house.

(reprinted from 2012)



COUNCIL MINUTES February 13, 2024

The February 13, 2024 meeting of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President Cameron Gramse at 6:28pm. This meeting was held in the conference room. Pastor Juhl opened with prayer. President Gramse welcomed the new members attending.

The Agenda was presented. Meg Hanson moved approval, Brad Larson second, motion carried.

Secretary's minutes were read. Paul Yamriska moved to approve the report, Dan Schmidt second, motion carried.

The Financial Secretary's report was given by acting Financial Secretary Bob Hagenow. January saw an input of \$18,156.71 in contributions to general expenses. This was fairly even with last January giving noting the fact that in 2024 there are only 4 Sundays compared to 5 Sundays in January 2023. He did make the comment that we will need to see approximately \$18,900 to meet the projected expenses laid out by the budget committee. Giving to missions was at 117% of what was needed for the month of January. Special Purpose giving is still very strong with three big line items that bring that along. Paul Yamriska moved approval of the report, Dan Schmidt second, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Meg Hanson. The checkbook balance as of today is \$13,256.59 and includes the first payroll of February already taken out. She did mention that the Child Care Center is paying \$500 per month for 2024 towards the installation of the dishwasher. Phil Kruger moved to approve the Treasurer report, Mike Pertzborn second, motion carried.

The Board of Elder's report was given by Paul Yamriska. Cards for the Lent season have been sent. The Christian Women's Council will be meeting this weekend and have sent out Valentine cards to our college students as well as our two seminary students and our Vicar. There was no update from either the Military Care or Oakwood committees. There is a representative here from Lutheran Church Extension Fund to meet with the Elders. Cantor's report: Lent begins tomorrow. All of the choirs are practicing for their upcoming performances during the Lenten season. He is starting to look for Easter instrumentalists.

The Board of Trustee's Report was discussed. There were no Trustees present. The dishwasher has been installed and is working great. The siding of the vicarage has been finished and the recoverable depreciation has been applied for from the insurance company.

The Board of Christian Education report was given by Charlotte Reddeman. The Child Care Center is still smoothly sailing along although there has been no progress on replacing Sadie. The Sunday School students recently had an all Sunday School activity where they watched a movie on the new screen and were treated to popcorn. The Ladies Bible Study is studying the 7 Deadly Sins; the men are studying the book of Acts; and Sunday morning between services are continuing on the path of the Minor Prophets. The Midweek students now have an acolyte schedule. We really need to get a couple of new candle lighters and snuffers. VBS has been scheduled for July 29-Aug 2. The theme is "Celebrate the Savior" and supplies have been ordered.

The Pastor's Report was given by Rev. David Juhl. Attendance for January averaged 98 but that doesn't have him worried. He is visiting nine member households who are homebound. In the Madison North and South Circuit the Rev. Dusan Tillinger of First, Kingsville, Ontario returned the call to Living Christ, Madison. Looking ahead Lent begins tomorrow with Divine Service at 6:30 PM. This year's theme is "God on Trial". Lenten midweek services begin Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM with supper served at 5:00 PM. Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 2024 at the 10:30 Divine Service. Christopher Juhl, Payten See, and Spencer Serwe are this year's pending confirmands. The vicarage application for 2024-25 has been sent to the district office. Sunday, April 28th is the first in the *Marion Hendrickson Memorial Organ Concert Series*. Dr. Craig Sproat of Concordia University Wisconsin will perform for us that afternoon.



Vicar Report was given by Vicar Nicholas Sinatra. Much of his time is occupied by the same things as before, writing sermons, teaching and leading Bible studies, helping Pastor with home bound visits and planning to be wed here at St. Peter's on May 25th. His tentative departure date is July 7th or 8th.

There were no membership changes.

There was no old business.

New business: Pastor's personal computer is about done. He will need a new one soon. Vicar Sinatra put together a presentation of comparisons for the council to peruse. He used the new screen in the classroom to put up the slides. Pastor has chosen the 2024 Mac Book Pro (\$1,599). We were told that an anonymous donor has offered to pay for half of the cost. Paul Yamriska moved to purchase this option for Pastor using the Thanksgiving funds for the other half, Charlotte Reddeman second. After a small discussion period, the motion carried.

Dan Schmidt moved to adjourn, Benjamin Robinson second, motion carried at 7:09 pm.

The meeting was closed with the common doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynnette Taylor, *acting Council Secretary*

CHOIR, MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Practices are Wednesdays (*in March*)

Handbells: 7:20 pm

Vocal Choir: 8:10 pm

Help us make a joyful noise with your musical gifts!



**FINANCIAL REPORT
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND:**



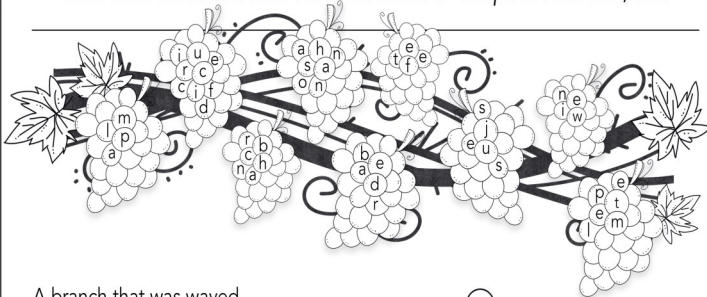
Balance on Jan 31, 2024.....	\$18,993.17
Receipts for Feb (est.)	\$14,201.95
Expenses for Feb (est.)	\$(20,393.02)
<u>Shortage/Overage</u>	\$12,802.10



A LASTING LESSON

Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson.

Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV.



- A branch that was waved --- ○
- How Jesus was put to death --- ○ ---
- A stick attached to the vine --- ○ ---
- People shouted this to Jesus ○ ---
- Jesus washed these ○ ---
- This was broken and eaten ○ ---
- The Messiah --- ○ ---
- A drink from grapes ○ ---
- Jesus drove the money changers from here ○ ---

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear _____ ;
apart from me you can do nothing." *John 15:5, NIV*

Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, feet, bread, Jesus, wine, temple, much fruit

ELDERS

Mar 3	8:00 a.m.	Phil Kruger
	10:30 a.m.	Alex Rehlinger
Mar 4	6:30 p.m.	Benjamin Robinson
Mar 6	6:30 p.m.	
Mar 10	8:00 a.m.	Mike Pertzborn
	10:30 a.m.	Phil Kruger
Mar 11	6:30 p.m.	Paul Yamriska
Mar 13	6:30 p.m.	Mike Manke
Mar 17	8:00 a.m.	Dale Johnson
	10:30 a.m.	Dan Schmidt
Mar 18	6:30 p.m.	Mike Pertzborn
Mar 20	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Saager
Mar 24	8:00 a.m.	Mike Manke
	10:30 a.m.	Dan Schmidt
Mar 25	6:30 p.m.	Benjamin Robinson
Mar 28	6:30 p.m.	Brad Larson
Mar 29	6:30 p.m.	Dale Johnson
Mar 30	5:00 p.m.	Paul Yamriska
Mar 31	6:30 a.m.	Brad Larson
	9:30 a.m.	

MARCH USHERS

March 3 & 10

Early

Keith Podoll, *Chr.*
(635-8012)
Larry & Alex Saager
Greg & Patrick Frank
Kim & Brock Kriewaldt

Late

No Chairman
Steve Paskey
Roger Frank
Derek Gordon
Brad Zimmermann &
Hunter & Tanner & Jakob

March 17, 24 & 31

No Chairman

Wayne Hanson
Cameron Gramse
Steve & Matt Hustad
Calvin Moll
Nate & Austin Moll

No Chairman

Jim Paske
Shayne Brasda
Ben Robinson

3/6 Kim Kriewaldt
3/8 Donna Quamme
3/9 Charles Taylor
3/11 Barbara Reddeman
3/13 Becky Santowski
3/20 Becky Kubale
3/20 Beverly Baerwolf-Pickle
3/26 John Caldwell
3/30 Amy Paskey

March BIRTHDAYS



MARCH

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Kris Manke

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 	 			1	2 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
Lent 3 3 8:00 AM Divine Service 8:00 AM <i>Upper Gr (3-8) Sing</i> 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	4 6:30PM Divine Service	5 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	6 4:00 PM Midweek 5:00 PM Lent Supper 6:30 PM Lent Service 7:20 PM Handbells 8:10 PM Choir	7	8	9 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS
Lent 4 10 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	11 6:30PM Divine Service	12 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Bd of Ed 6:30 PM Council 7:30 PM Bd of Elders	13 4:00 PM Midweek 5:00 PM Lent Supper 6:30 PM Lent Service 7:20 PM Handbells 8:10 PM Choir	 14	15	16 8:00 AM Men's Bible Class
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Palm Sunday 24 Sunday of the Passion 8:00 AM Divine Service 8:00 AM <i>Lower Gr (PreK-2) Sing</i> 9:15 AM SS/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Service	Holy Monday 25 6:30PM Divine Service	Holy Tuesday 26 No Ladies Bible Study	Holy Wednesday 27 NO Midweek Classes 6:30 PM Handbells 7:30 PM Choir	Maundy Thursday 28 6:30pm Maundy Thursday service (communion)	Good Friday 29 6:30pm Good Friday Vespers service	Holy Saturday 30 No Men's Bible Class 800 Easter Break-fast set up 9:00 AM Instrumental Practice 5:00 PM Easter Vigil
Resurrection of 31 Our Lord 6:30 AM Festive Service 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM Festive Service	April 1 No Monday Service (no foolin')	St. Peter's Lutheran Church Phone: 608-635-4825 Fax: 608-635-2753 E-mail: stpeterluth@gmail.com www.stpetersarlington.org				