



THE MESSENGER

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Baptism—Carter Nicholas Schulz

On March 24, Carter Nicholas Schulz was baptized at church. His parents are Andrew and Niki Schulz. Carter was born on March 5 in Clovis.

His sponsor is his cousin, Zachary Ergo. May God keep Carter in his baptismal grace all the days of his life!

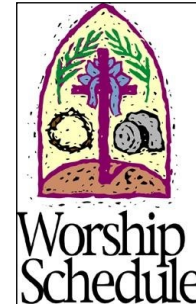


Holy Week, Easter Day Schedule

Holy Week is coming up on the third week of April. This is the High point our Church Year when we gather for a number of special worship opportunities. All of these services have a meaningful flow to them, so plan to join us for each of these unique worship services.

Our schedule will be:

Maundy Thursday (4/18)	6:30 pm (communion)
Good Friday (4/19)	6:30 pm (Tenebrae service)
Easter Sunday (4/21)	6:15 am Sunrise service
	8:45 - 9:30 am Easter breakfast served
	10:00 am Festival service

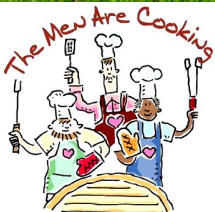


Supper will not be held before the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. After the Easter Festival Service, there will be a Kids Easter Egg Hunt and some other activities, along with refreshments.

If it's been a while since you've joined us for Easter breakfast, make plans to come with the family and enjoy this time together. It's a special time of fellowship that we can share on this momentous holiday!

Easter Breakfast

Easter Egg Hunt



Breakfast served
8:45 - 9:30 am

Following Easter
Festival Service





Dear brothers and sisters at St. Peter,

One of the recent “Daily Devotions” on our synod’s website spoke to a question that many have in our day and age. It was based on Luke 13:1-5: *“Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”*”

Daily devotion: “Dozens are left homeless in the wake of a natural disaster. Victims lose their lives when gunmen open fire on schools. Hundreds die every month in wars and terrorists attack the innocent around the world.

Could these tragedies have been prevented? Who is really at fault? Where was God, when these things happened? Why did they happen?

We’re okay when bad things happen to bad people. Maybe, somehow, they are finally getting what they deserve. Maybe God wants to teach society a lesson about immoral living.

But how our thoughts change when tragedy strikes us or when what happens seem unfair! Why did she get cancer while her friend stayed healthy? Why did his son die in the war zone while mine came back alive? Why do innocent bystanders get caught in the crossfire of violence?

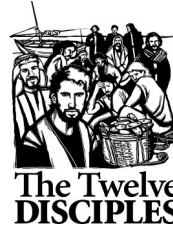
It’s not fair, God! Why do you let bad things happen to good people? If you are truly just and loving, how could this happen?

But why those things happened at those times to those people is God’s business, not ours. It is not our job to judge those who were affected, and God certainly isn’t calling us to judge him. Instead, he wants us to take a good, hard look at ourselves. “But unless you repent, you too will all perish,” Jesus said.

The word “repent” means to have a “change of mind.” God wants to use the tragedies of life to turn our hearts away from our sin that leads to death to our Savior who gives us life.

Bible Classes at St. Peter

Sunday mornings: **“Meet the Twelve”**



Each Sunday we are looking at the accounts of Jesus’ twelve apostles. Their stories have much to teach us about our own life of discipleship following the Savior. Join us to learn about each one!

Wednesday evenings (6:30 pm):

Is replaced right now by our Lenten suppers and worship during the season of Lent. After Easter, we’ll be starting a new series.

None of the tragedies of Jesus’ day or ours can compare to the apparent injustice that Jesus experienced. He was the sinless Son of God. But he was convicted, condemned, and crucified for crimes he never committed.

When he suffered and died on the cross, Jesus switched places with you. He took your accusations against God, your questioning God’s love, your holding onto sinful ways, and he gave you his perfect trust, love, and obedience. He faced hell to give you heaven. He endured death to give you life.

When tragedy strikes, may God’s love at the cross quiet our questions and turn our hearts to Jesus in sincere repentance and joyful praise.

Prayer: Lord God, life doesn’t always make sense to our mortal, limited minds and perspective. When tragedy strikes, help us to trust your love and wisdom. Continue to work for our good in our lives and work for the good of your gospel and your Church in our world. In Jesus our Savior, Amen.”

If you would like to view or even subscribe to receive the WELS daily devotions each day, go to www.wels.net and look for the daily devotions under the “Serving You” tab.

Serving Christ,

Pastor Scheuwe

April SPRY Dinner

St. Peter Recycled Youth (SPRY) is a fellowship group for those 50+. SPRY meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month for dinner and a meeting. **The April dinner will be postponed to the 27th because of Easter.** The April dinner will be hosted by Norm and Donna Vander Poel. Please see Inge Stutz if you have any questions.

Sisters in Service Update

- ♥ SIS will be organizing Lenten suppers starting in March. The sign up sheet is posted in Luther Hall. See Jan Carter for more information.
- ♥ LWMS News: The Spring Circuit rally will be held on Saturday, April 27th at Hope Lutheran Church in Penryn. The theme is "Solid as a Rock". Mary Sanchez asked SIS to consider if they would like to host the LWMS Circuit meeting in Spring 2020. A brief discussion was held and the SIS board will continue the discussion later. There is a LWMS bulletin board in Luther Hall by the SIS bulletin board. Please take a look at it for all of the latest information!
- ♥ SIS would like to encourage all ladies in the congregation to attend the quarterly SIS meetings. The next SIS Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 28th. Childcare will be available during the meeting. Please bring your **Mission Boxes** (previously called Mite Boxes) to the meeting. If you don't have a Mission Box, please ask Mary Sanchez or Jan Carter.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting & SIS Meeting

The next quarterly meetings are scheduled for **Sunday, April 28th.** We'll end Family Bible Hour at 11:00 in order to get the meetings started right away. Please see Leo Schulz for information on the Voters' Meeting. See Donna Vander Poel regarding the SIS meeting.



Those Who Serve—April

Ushers

Travis Armstrong & Joshua Bornemann

Flowers

7—Joshua & Natalie Bornemann

14—Helen Hansen

21—Easter

28—Bruno & Inge Stutz

Altar Guild

Marilyn Hood & Irene Payne

Coffee & Dessert Hosts

7—Patti Sweetman

14—OPEN

21—Easter Breakfast

28—Mary Sanchez

Lawn Mowing Teams

6—Schewe and Blankenship

13—Faith Lutheran—Hmong

20—Travis Hambleton/Barry White/
Michael May

27—Jeff Hansen & Don Sweetman

Church Cleaning

6—Mary Schulz

13—Faith Lutheran—Hmong

20—Jeff & Helen Hansen

27—Jo Hobensack

Luther Hall Cleaning

6—Mary Schulz

13—Barry Burghardt

20—Andrew & Niki Schulz

27—Travis & Madeline Armstrong

New Resident Mailing

Marilyn Hood



April 3—Jan Carter

April 5—Emma Bornemann

April 12—Dorothy Teufel

April 12—Bob Klein

April 16—Joshua Schulz

April 18—Collin Schulz

April 23—Ronny Klein

April 24—Lucy Farley

April 30—Bruno Stutz

April 30—Kathy Klein



April 17—Jeff & Helen Hansen

Church Council Meeting Update (3/10/19)



- Pastor's Report: Zachary Ergo and Jonathan Farley are scheduled to be confirmed on May 5th or 12th. *Mornings with Mommy* is considering adding a 3rd hour but this would be called "Power Hour", a VBS-type format that includes Bible lessons. The Hmong congregation will have a meeting on April 7-8 with representatives from the synod to determine how things are going with their congregation. Thanks to Mary Sanchez for organizing the host families for the Luther Prep singers.
- Evangelism Committee: Continuing outreach to people who have just moved into the area. They will be forming a committee to create a live nativity this year. We will be asking some MLC students to come help with outreach this summer. We will also continue with the farmer's market in Clovis.
- Elder's Report—Bruce & Rebecca Oatman were added as members with their profession of faith. Ashley and Abigail Nieman were accepted as transfer members. Dillon & Keegan Fitzgerald were removed from membership.
- Trustee - working on estimate for 2 new front doors for the sanctuary - an anonymous donor gave \$5000 pay for them. Three estimates have been gathered for us to consider installing solar panels on the roof of Luther Hall.
- The next council meeting is scheduled for April 14th and voters' meeting is April 28th. Leo Schulz would like the congregation to know that they are invited to offer suggestions for issues that the council might address at future meetings.

ECM Action Team Update

The new ECM Action Team has been meeting regularly since December. This new committee for 2019 has been tasked with carrying out the work laid out in the report to the congregation at the Open Forum and fall Voters Meeting, which is necessary for our church to open a Christian pre-school by August 2020.

The past weeks has been filled with discussion, securing more bids where prices might be lower than anticipated, filling out paperwork and applications, and permitting.

- During our Holiday Fund Drive, about \$66,000 in gifts and pledges were made toward the new pre-school. Praise God for this! May God move our members to follow through on these pledges for 2019.
- A fire alarm (required) is presently being designed and permitted.
- The City of Clovis has indicated that we need an architect to design the interior wall and new fire door. Local architects are very busy but we've found one that can take on the work quickly so we can move forward with the construction. We are aiming to begin construction by June 1st.
- The playground fence, layout, and materials have been discussed much by the committee. Plans are to begin work on this in the spring or summer.



The target for completing the onsite preparations is around October. There will be opportunities for our members to help with various tasks once the work begins, to keep our costs at a minimum. Look for these opportunities and volunteer if you have skills in a certain area!

Please continue to keep this new ministry in your prayers, that God would bless our discussions and plans, and continue to open doors for us. Offerings toward this in 2019 should have checks made out to "St. Peter Lutheran ECM" and be clearly marked.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr.	1 Pastoral Circuit meeting (Modesto)	2	3 3:30 Youth Catechism 5:30 Lenten supper 6:30 Lenten Worship	4	5	6
7 9:00 Worship (comm) 10:15 Family Bible Hr.	8	9 10:00 Mornings with <i>Mommy</i>	10 10:00 Mornings w/ M. 3:30 Youth Catechism 5:30 Lenten supper 6:30 Lenten Worship	11	12 7:00 Board of Elders	13 10-noon Fresno Parkinson's Support Group
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr. 11:30 Church Council	15	16	17	18 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship (communion)	19 6:30 Good Friday Tenebrae Worship	20
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 6:30 Sunrise Service 8:45 Easter Breakfast 10:00 Easter Worship 11:00 Egg Hunt	22	23 10:00 Mornings with <i>Mommy</i>	24 10:00 Mornings w/ M. 3:30 Youth Catechism	25	26	27 5:30 pm SPRY dinner
28 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hr. 11:00 Voters' Meeting and SIS Meeting	29 Northern California Spring Pastoral Conference (Modesto)	30				

Luther Prep Singers Visit to St. Peter's

The traveling choir from Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI visited us on Thursday, March 21st. It was a wonderful concert of hymns and music. Thanks to Mary Sanchez for organizing the host families and thank you to all of our families that took in students and chaperones for the evening. Thanks also to our Sunday School Choir for joining in on "Christ is the World's Light." Many thanks to everyone who made our concert evening a success, everything from setting up to fixing meals to helping with clean-up!



LWMS Redwood Circuit Rally—Saturday, April 27th



Lutheran Women's Missionary Society is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). LWMS wants to encourage women (and men) to learn about, pray for, and financially support with their offerings WELS mission efforts in North America and around the world. We have sisters and brothers who share our faith in over 39 countries around the world being served by WELS missionaries. LWMS meets to hear mission speakers, worships together, sponsors mission projects, and attends local circuit rallies.

St. Peter is part of the Redwood Circuit of LWMS. Our Circuit's Spring Rally will be held at Hope in Penryn on Saturday April 27. Our theme is "A voice of one calling....every mountain shall be raised up" From Isaiah 40:3-4. The guest speaker is Pastor Joel Heckendorf from Light of the Valleys, a new mission start up church in Reno, NV. The Rally will be from 9:30-3:00. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:45. There will also be the election and installation of officers. If you would like to carpool with Mary Sanchez, let her know.

In December 2018, Pastor Joel Heckendorf became the first, full time pastor at Light of the Valleys in Reno, Nevada. His previous church was a large church in Wisconsin that worshipped over 1,000 people on a weekly basis. He is excited to begin this new challenge of walking alongside others to begin a new congregation and serve a new community. Joel and his wife, Mary, are blessed with three teenage children, Alyssa, Caleb and Connor. Mary is a teacher and is looking forward to serve their community through the school system.



If you would like to include information in a future newsletter, please contact Catherine Hambleton at