

WEEKLY PARISH PUBLISHER

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ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

NORWALK, OHIO

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP NOTES

THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Bruce and Cindy Thayer in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary, which is today June 24th.

THE RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God by Jim and Patti Gottfried in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary, which was on June 23rd.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today, we remember all those attending the ELCA Youth Gathering, especially our own teens and chaperones.

YOUTH GATHERING SEND-OFF

In worship today, we will be offering a short rite of blessing for our youth and adults attending a Youth Gathering in Houston. The group leaves on Tuesday and returns the following Sunday. Please continue to pray for our teens and the 30,000 other Lutheran youth as they gather for five days of prayer, service, learning and fun.

ASK THE PASTOR SERMON SERIES

Last week our topic was guidance from God. Next week we will talk about bad things happening to good people. A complete list of the summer series topics is posted on the bulletin board.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Last week we affirmed the fact that God owns everything and we occupy the highest place in created order. We now look to humanity as the steward of God's creation. We have no ownership, we are the highest of God's creation, and we have been given the great responsibility for the care of His possessions for the benefit of all creation and our fellow human beings. Understanding this, that all we have belongs to God and we are his stewards, then our faith will influence how and what we do with that entrusted to us. No longer will we think "how much will I give back to God" but we will start thinking "am I doing enough with God's possessions?"

FROM BISHOP BEAUDOIN

Our Year of Prayer memory verse is Philippians 4:6 *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* For more resources on the Year of Prayer, go to www.nwos-elca.church.

OUTREACH NEWS

MEALS ON WHEELS

Make a difference!! Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers who would be willing to deliver meals to seniors and those in need, in Norwalk. The individuals who receive

the meals are grateful that someone is willing to deliver, what might be the only hot meal they eat all day. Please help us to care for those in our community. Do you have an hour to spare to help others?? If you or a group are interested or would like more information please contact Chris at 419-668-6244 ext. 29.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

St. Peter will once again participate in the Community Action Commission's "Christmas in July" program that provides school clothes and supplies for local children. Beginning July 1, a Christmas tree decorated with gift tags will be in the narthex. Each tag will include a child's name, age, size, and clothing item. To participate, select tags from the tree and purchase the requested item. Gifts should be returned to church and placed under the tree by Sunday, July 29. Complete program details will be available in the July 1 bulletin. Thank you for supporting this project and helping local families prepare for a new school year.

CHURCH NEWS

SYNOD ASSEMBLY THANKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for sending us to the NWO Synod Assembly as voting members from SPELC Norwalk. From the opening worship to the closing prayer, we shared in the good news of how Jesus is working in our lives and learned more about prayer. We also participated in the Synod business meeting where Michelle Schaffer was elected to Synod Council (2019—2022) for Eastern Lay Conference and Pastor Ann was elected to the Discipline Committee (2018-2023) for Clergy. All are invited to a Synod Day of Prayer scheduled at St John's Celina, Ohio, on November 7, 2018, as well as a Prayer Retreat on Nov. 7-10th. We encourage others of you to volunteer to be nominated for this opportunity when asked in the next biennium.

Through Jesus' loving kindness, we are
Kathy and Ed McClendon

10:30 USHERS

We are in desperate need of ushers for the 10:30 service. Even if you can only help for a week or two, please sign your name (with the dates available) on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. THANKS!

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of Dorothy Brooks invites the members of St. Peter to join them in celebrating Dorothy's 90th birthday. An open house is being held on Saturday, July 21 from 3 – 6 p.m. at Memorial Lake Park Clubhouse at the Norwalk Reservoir and all are invited.

YOUTH DIRECTOR SOUGHT

Our longtime Youth Director, Vickie Hemenway, is stepping down from the position that she has held for 11 years. The Council has appointed a Search Team and we are currently accepting applications for the position. As a demonstration to our continuing commitment to our youth, we are seeking a half-time Youth Director who will have increased responsibilities. We are also seeking someone who has some prior experience with organized youth activities and/or specialized education in youth ministry. If you are interested in the position or know someone who is, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GLOBAL FARM CHALLENGE

The Global Farm Challenge is a year-long, youth driven fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of the ELCA World Hunger program. The goal is to raise \$500,000 to equip communities around the world with livestock, seeds, tools, and training. Congregations attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive learning experience and to bring their offerings to Houston. Our Youth Group will be taking an offering to Houston. Check out the display in the Narthex, where you can make a donation in our bank, pick up a barn/piggy bank to take home, and find more information. All donations received will be added to our offering at the gathering.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Join in walking in the 4th of July Parade. We will let you know where and when to meet when we know. ALSO, we would appreciate donations of NON-MELTY candy for the parade. Place it in the tote in the narthex. Thanks!

LIFE TREE CAFE

The Lifetree Café will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month from June through August, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. behind the Zion Lutheran Church in Huron. The next scheduled event is July 9. More information is available on the table in the narthex. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CLEVELAND INDIANS GAME

Come and watch the Indians beat the L.A. Angels on August 3rd at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each and there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. The final date to sign-up is June 24th.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – JUNE 24

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Houston Gathering Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
4:00 p.m. Northside 4H – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY – JUNE 25

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

TUESDAY – JUNE 26

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 27

First Day of Houston Youth Gathering

THURSDAY – JUNE 28

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Guild – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY – JUNE 29

7:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room

SATURDAY – JUNE 30

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion – Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 1

Last Day of Houston Gathering

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. N.A. – Youth Room
4:00 p.m. Northside 4H – Fellowship Hall

*Announcements are due by noon on Wednesday.
Room assignments are made by Marty and Pastor Ann.*

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Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.