

MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE GATEKEEPER'S RECORD

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This Week

3/14-Sun.
8:30 a.m.-Worship Service
11:00 a.m.-Worship Service
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School
7:00 p.m.—Confession Class

3/16-Tues.-Men's Bible Study—
online and in the Church Meeting
Room—9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

3/19-Last Day to Order for
Pellicano's Fundraiser

Next Week

3/21-Sun.-Communion
8:30 a.m.-Worship Service
11:00 a.m.-Worship Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
7:00 p.m.—Confession Class

Last Day to Order Flowers for Easter

3/23-Tues.-Men's Bible Study—
online and in the Church Meeting
Room—9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

3/25—Pellicano's Fundraiser

HERE AND NOW AT ST. PETER'S

EASTER FLOWER SALE: If you are interested in purchasing flowers to decorate the church for Easter, please place your order by Sunday, March 21 and place it in the designated box on the table in the side entrance. Flowers can be picked up **after late service** on Easter Sunday or the following Sunday after either service. They will be given away or disposed of after Sunday, April 11. Unlike past years, specific colors of flowers cannot be chosen – there will be a mix of colors provided. If you have questions, please call Brenda or Tim Walck at 695-4374. Profits from this sale will go toward the new church audio/visual system.

AS YOU KNOW, we've been praying for Lori Haseley from St. James. She has been waiting for a liver donor. On March 15, she will be receiving that liver, a new gift of life. Please pray for her, the donor, her doctors and nurses, and of course, her family. It will be a long day for all and a long recovery for Lori.

COMMUNION CHANGES: Commencing on Maundy Thursday, April 1, a hybrid communion service will be initiated. For those who wish to continue using the packets and remaining in the pews, they will take communion first at that point in the service. For those who wish to participate in continuous distribution, the following procedure will be followed. Pastor, gloved and masked, will serve the bread. Communicants should come forward, socially distanced with their mask on, and receive the bread from Pastor. After the bread is given, communicants should move to the side toward the Elder, lower their mask, eat the bread, raise their mask, and walk toward the Elder. When reaching the Elder, who will be gloved and masked, either wine or white grape juice will be given after which communicants should move away from the Elder, lower their mask, drink the wine/grape juice, raise the mask, and return to the pew. This process will be reviewed at the beginning of the service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor or the Elders.

THE MILITARY STICK FUNDRAISER will start this week and run through the end of the month. If you wish to donate, please place your donation in the offering plate clearly marked "Military Sticks." All funds raised will receive a 100% match by a private donor connected with the Military Stick organization.

AFTER TODAY, we will no longer be taking temperatures upon entry into the church. This is in accordance with CDC guidelines for religious organizations.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL has adopted a new Records Retention and Disposition Schedule which will be distributed to all officers of the congregation.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE COMPLETE a communion card and either give it to an Elder or place it in the offering plate in the church entrance. This only needs to be done once annually. Thank you.

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS!

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All calendar dates should
be cleared through the
respective office.

**Articles for publication
in the *Gatekeeper* must
be submitted to Ruth by
Wed at 9 a.m.**

Save the Date:

**Weekly in-person church ser-
vices have resumed. Services
will continue to be livestreamed
and will also be provided on
DVD.**

**4/1—Maundy Thursday Service-
7:30 p.m.**

**4/2—Good Friday Service-7:30
p.m.**

**4/4—Easter Services
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

OUR RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS

ATTENDANCE	CURRENT GIVING	NEEDED EACH WEEK	OVER/SHORT
3/7 116	\$4,240	\$5,943.42	-\$1,703.42

Audio/Visual System: At the annual congregational meeting, the congregation approved the installation of a new audio/visual system for the church. The majority of the installation has been completed. There are still a few items to be added. The total cost of this system is estimated at **\$8,800, including contingency**. If you would like to donate to this project, please mark your church envelope or online donation for "Audio/Visual System." Thank you!

DONATIONS AS OF 3/7/21—\$1,608.85

THE ARCHIVE COMMITTEE is always looking for photos and other items to add to the collection. Please contact a member of the committee if you have items you would like to donate.

THE READER/GREETER SCHEDULE for January, February, March and April 2021 is on the website. Click on "Connect" and then "Gatekeeper, Newsletters and Communication," and then scroll down to "Reader/Greeter Schedule." For the time being, readers are also taking temps/greeting at the entrance door.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS are available on the church website. Click on "Connect" and then "Gatekeeper, Newsletters and Communication," and then scroll down to "Reader/Greeter Schedule & Monthly Daily Scripture Readings." Copies are also available in the old school entrance and on the table in the church entrance.

ONLINE GIVING—The online giving link is now available through Faithlife. The PayPal will be maintained for a bit longer as we continue to transition everything. The website has a tab that says "Giving." Offerings can be safely and securely processed through the new website. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Tom.

IMPORTANT SIGN-ON INFORMATION:

For Sunday Night Confession Class:
<https://meet.google.com/oui-oyai-mrf>
(US) +1 470-210-0302 PIN: 577 183 771#

For Men's Bible Study:
<https://meet/google.com/mtt-nkfh-brp>
(US) +1 346-314-0314 PIN: 506 120 248#

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

A PELLICANO'S FUNDRAISER will be held on March 25. There are order forms in the Narthex on the counter. The deadline for orders is March 19.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past week the US Government approved the latest stimulus bill for COVID19. The new stimulus bill comes with 1,400 USD for each person that qualifies based on their income. I understand that there are some who qualify that are very thankful for these funds as it will help them very much. I also understand some are not excited about it and would rather not have the money. This letter is directed at those receiving it and who do not want it or need it.

COVID19 has greatly affected domestic and global missions. Because of this, their ability to fundraise the necessary support to do their outreach has been dramatically challenged.

I have made a list of ministries both locally and globally to consider supporting with the funds from the stimulus bill outside of your regular offerings to the church.

Local Domestic:

The Magdalene Project (Funds given to St. Peter's)

Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission (Funds given to St. Peter's)

St Peter's Lutheran Scholarship Funds for 2021-2022 year.

Audio/Streaming Sound System St. Peter's Church

Augustana District 2020 Initiative (Funds sent to Augustana District can ask Pr. Tom)

Lutheran Global Missions:

Heart for Mission Laos/Thailand (Awaking Lives to World Missions Endorsed Mission of Augustana District) <https://www.alwm.org/heartformission> Pr. Tom is contact

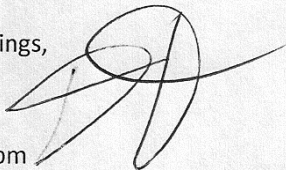
Augustana District Mission Board <https://augustanadistrict.org/mission-partners/>

Lutheran Church Myanmar, Contact LCM President Rev. Martin lcmyanmar@gmail.com

I hope you will consider one or a few of these items to support, if you have any questions please let me know.

Blessings,

Pr. Tom

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.