

MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE GATEKEEPER'S RECORD

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church 6167 Walmore Road Sanborn, N.Y. 14132

Website: www.stpetersanborn.com Telephone # 716-731-4433



This 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

Next Week

3/28-Sun.-Communion-Palm Sunday
8:30 a.m.-Worship Service
11:00 a.m.-Worship Service
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

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

HERE AND NOW AT ST. PETER'S

JACKSON DANIEL ZLOTKOWSKI, son of Michael and Rebecca Zlotkowski, will receive God's gift of Holy Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. worship service today. His sponsors in this Christian Faith are Ponie Sheehan and Christopher Jank. May the Lord continue to bless this family.

EASTER FLOWER SALE: If you are interested in purchasing flowers to decorate the church for Easter, please place your order by **TODAY** 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. Lori had her live liver transplant on Monday. She is progressing well in ICU. Please continue to keep Lori, her donor and their families in your prayers. "You faithfully answered our prayers with awesome deeds, O God, our Savior. You are the hope of everyone on Earth." Psalm 65:5

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 run through the end of the month. If you wish to donate, please place your donation in the offering plate clearly marked "Military Sticks." One Military Stick costs \$15. All funds raised will receive a 100% match by a private donor connected with the Military Stick organization.

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

WE ARE STILL REQUIRED TO FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING guidelines in the sanctuary. Therefore, parishioners will be seated accordingly on Easter. After the sanctuary and the balcony have reached the approved capacity, there will be overflow seating in the church meeting room where a large-screen TV will be set up to watch the service.

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

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS!

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Lutheran Church**
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Visit our Websites:**Church**www.stpetersanborn.com**School**www.discoverstpeters.org**Contact us:**

Pastor Tom Thorstad
990-6244

Facebook: [https://
www.facebook.com/
revtom.thorstad](https://www.facebook.com/revtom.thorstad)

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Ruth Pirinelli
731-4433
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Linda Hasley
731-4422
E-Mail:
stpetersanborn@roadrunner.com

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
3/14 103	\$5,014.95	\$5,943.42	-\$ 928.47

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 3/14/21—\$2,245.09

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.

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#

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LETTER FROM NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH who is praying for our church.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER regarding a drive-through fundraiser at the Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission. Volunteers are also needed for this event. If you're interested, please call Donna Stevens at 946-6163.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR PELLICANO'S ORDER this Thursday at the school.

Easter Plant Sale

Profit to go towards the new Church audio system

		Quantity
Easter Lily 6" pot	\$8.00 each	_____
Tulips 6" pot	\$8.00 each	_____
Hyacinths 6" pot (There will be a mix of colors – cannot chose ahead of time)	\$8.00 each	_____
Mums 6" pot (There will be a mix of colors – cannot chose ahead of time)	\$8.00 each	_____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

For Blessings Received by: _____

Placed by: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Check written out to St. Peter's Church or Venmo: @Brenda-Walck (695-4374)

Total Enclosed: _____

**Order and Payment is due by Sunday, March 21.
Call Brenda or Tim Walck with any questions – 695-4374**

**All plants can be picked up on Easter Sunday after late service or the following Sunday after either service. They will be given away or disposed of after Sunday, April 11.

New Life Lutheran Church

225 East Gold Street

New London, North Carolina 28127

newlifeluthch@gmail.com

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
6167 Walmore Rd
Sanborn, NY 14132-9340



Dear Pastor Thomas Thorstad and Congregation of St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been inspired by those congregations that have prayed for us to specifically pray for others. With that goal in mind, the members of New Life have been praying for eight LCMC congregations and their pastors each month during our worship services. In March we will be praying for you and your congregation. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve along with you in the ministry of the Gospel as fellow members of *Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ*. We pray that God will protect you from harm, guide you in the Truth, and sustain you to be a bold witness to our Lord.

If you have particular concerns or requests for your congregation that you would like us to include in our prayers, please email them to me at newlifeluthch@gmail.com and we will partner with you in lifting them to the Lord. As the Spirit leads and guides you, we would also appreciate you remembering our congregation in your prayers as well.

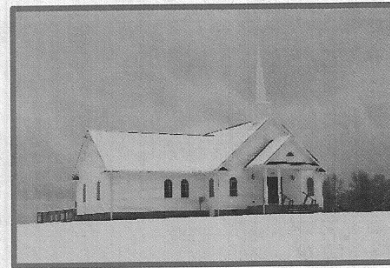
God bless you during the upcoming month as we continue our Lenten journey and prepare our hearts for the Holy Week to follow. May you remain safe and secure during these current days of precautions and restrictions.

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kahl". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John Kahl
Pastor





**Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission
1317 Portage Road, N. Falls NY**

**Dinner-to-Go
Drive-Thru Fundraiser**

**Sunday, April 25, 2021
From 12 – 3 PM**

\$25.00 – Fried Fish or Beef Brisket Dinner

\$22.50 – Tickets of 10 or more

All dinners come with Cole Slaw, Baked Potato, Roll & Dessert

\$35.00 – Two-Piece Combo of your choice

\$32.50 – Tickets of 10 or more for Two-Piece Combo

(2 proteins & 1 set of sides)

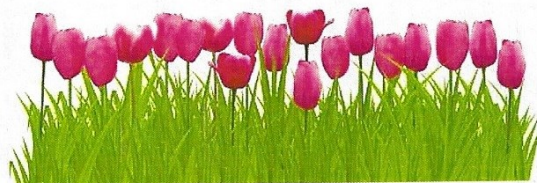
RSVP by April 16, 2021

Please check our website for further information.

**If you do not have internet access,
call 716-205-8805, Ext.107 for additional information.**

Send check & order form: NGRM, PO Box 2657, Niagara Falls, NY 14302

Order by credit card: niagaragr.org



To pay by check return this form along with your check to : NGRM, PO Box 2657, Niagara Falls, NY 14302
Order by credit card: niagaragrm.org. Any questions call Theresa at 716.205.8805, Ext. 107

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To insure that your food is fresh please select a pickup time:
_____ 12:00 _____ 12:30 _____ 1:00 _____ 1:30 _____ 2:00 _____ 2:30 _____ 3:00

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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

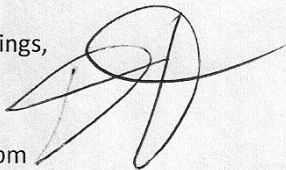
Augustana District Mission Board <https://augustanadistrict.org/mission-partners/>

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.