



Celebrating Holy Week

Good Friday, April 7

11:00 a.m. — Family Stations of the Cross & Luncheon: *Journey with Jesus on Good Friday.* The one-hour service explores the fourteen stations of the cross in simpler terms so those of all ages can better understand Jesus' journey and our journey with Him.

7:00 p.m. — Good Friday: At the heart of this service is the passion reading according to John, which celebrates Christ's victory on the cross, and our honoring of the cross as we sing of forgiveness, healing and salvation.

Saturday, April 8

6:00 p.m. — Easter Vigil: On the night before Easter Day, Christians around the world gather to celebrate Christ's passage from death to life. The service includes strong signs: new fire in darkness, light spreading from the light of Christ, the water and Word of baptism, the first resurrection meal and powerful words: the great saving stories of Hebrew scriptures and the first Easter gospel.

We keep this wondrous night in the spirit of vigil, our lamps lit, awaiting Christ's coming both now and at the end of time. Alleluia! Christ is risen! And Christ will come again.

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30 & 10:45 a.m. — Easter Sunday Traditional Worship: We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with Holy Communion, festive hymns and music, and the story of the empty tomb.

9:00 a.m. — Easter Sunday Family Worship: We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with Holy Communion, festive hymns and music, the story of the empty tomb and an interactive kid-friendly sermon.

10:45 a.m. — New Day Worship: The New Day Praise Band will help lead the community in festive music as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection. Special music as well as images and video will enhance the morning. The focus will be toward the transformation of death into life and our Lord's presence in our lives now and always.

Boy Scout Troop 84 Gives a Special Donation to St. Peter's

The St. Peter's chartered Boy Scout Troop 84 has given the church a \$250 donation. We want to take this opportunity to thank them for this generous donation. The gift was given with a note indicating it was unrestricted for any purpose the pastor deemed there was a need. This donation will be applied against the principal of our variable rate mortgage which, has now risen to 7.5% with the Federal Reserve's latest increase in March 2023.

Perhaps you too would like to make a contribution toward this variable rate mortgage principal. In our final phase, all contributions to "Faith in Our Future Mission Campaign" will be allocated proportionately between debt reduction and the creation of the Mission Fund which will allow us to serve our community, both near and far. Simply write "Mission Fund" in the comment section of your check or select option "108 Mission Campaign" at stpeterslutheran.org/give/.

You can also donate directly to debt reduction by writing

a note in the comment section of your check "Debt - Principal" or the online giving section of our website (Option "88 Debt Reduction") then send me an email that your donation is to be applied to the principal of the variable rate mortgage. Every little bit helps. It's like chopping down a tree. With each swing of the axe, you come closer to your goal of cutting down the tree.

Please keep in mind that we still have a mortgage and interest payments due on both the variable and fixed loans that are due each month related to the 2005 construction. So, if you are currently donating to Debt Reduction, please continue to do so but you can make a second designated donation to be applied against the variable rate mortgage principal.

Should you have any questions, please contact me in the church office.

— Paul Schultz, Parish Administrator

Volunteer Service Opportunities

Hurley, VA • Recovery from Hurricane Ida

Repair work or building new houses and bridges. We are looking for Project Directors, Cooks and Weekly Volunteers.

West Virginia Bridges • Recovery from Flood

Building private access bridges for homes separated from their primary roadway.

Contact: Joyce Burkholder, reg1admin@mds.org or (717) 945-4136.

Additional weekly volunteer opportunities in:

Eastern KY; Jennings, LA; Paradise, CA; Red Lake, MN; Dawson Springs, KY and Crisfield, MD through July 31.

Contact: Alicia Hurst, ahurst@mds.org or 800-241-8111.

Serve four weeks or more:

Leadership Volunteer: Eastern KY; Southwest Florida; Hurley, VA; Crisfield, MD; Jennings, LA; Dawson Springs, KY; and Paradise, CA.

RV Volunteers at the RV Project in Grand Isle, LA through July 31.

Contact: Josh Carson, jcarson@mds.org or 800-241-8111.

Scheduling has begun for spring & summer projects (April through July) in Paradise, CA; Red Lake, MN; Dawson Springs, KY; and Crisfield, MD!

Red Lake, Dawson Springs, and Crisfield will be Summer Youth Project locations. A Family Project will be located at Camp Palisades in Idaho!



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Volunteer Service Opportunities

The Mennonite Disaster Service in Lancaster has notified us of many opportunities for volunteer service opportunities in areas hard hit by natural disasters in 2022 and 2023. It seems like every time you turn on the television, you hear of another natural disaster; a terrible tornado, horrifying hurricanes, devastating flash floods washing away homes and earthquakes. And after the event, there are months and sometimes years of cleanup and rebuilding of property and victims' lives. To the left is a list of these opportunities for service in 2023. Please prayerfully consider serving others whose lives have been upended by these natural disasters. They need the touch of God as they try to rebuild their lives.

I remember the example that my mother set when I was a young teenager. She packed up and left us for a week to go to Jonestown, PA, after terrible flooding that occurred there in the 1970s. She actually took vacation time for that ministry work. I myself have been on short-term mission trips to Appalachia helping to winterize homes of the poor in the North Carolina mountains along the Appalachian trail.

If you go on one of these service opportunities, please let me know so we can feature your experiences in a *Weekly Herald*.

— Paul Schultz, Parish Administrator

Worship Assistants & Volunteers for April 9 — Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. — **Lector:** Don Deibler; **Greeters:** TBD; **Ushers:** Jo Boltz & Bob Courtois; **Welcome Center:** Thomas Rothfus; **A/V:** Jordan Lambert; **Communion Assistants:** Diane Gegg & Jennifer Schlener-Thomas; **Altar Guild Coordinator:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver;

9:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Jim Gotwald; **Greeter:** Ginny Stickler; **Users:** Dave & Lis Wolf; **Welcome Center:** James & Martha Fulmer; **A/V:** Bill Schlener; **Communion Assistants:** Susan Ketchum & Mary Jane Wilcox; **Altar Guild Coordinator:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver.

10:45 a.m. — **Lector:** Beth Glassford; **Greeter:** Sara Gable; **Ushers:** The Hoffmann Family; **Welcome Center:** James & Martha Fulmer; **Acolytes:** The Hoffmann Family; **A/V:** Bob Preston; **Communion Assistants:** Jennifer Schlener-Thomas & Debbie Stover; **Altar Guild Coordinator:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Debbie Shue.

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