

# April 2018

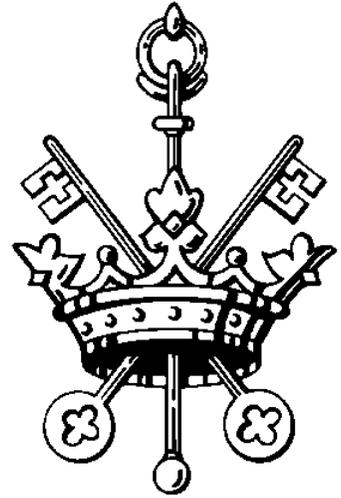
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lack peace between each other. There is strife at work, where you struggle against your own failures and inadequacies, or against abrasive co-workers. There is strife in your own body, as your flesh wages its war against your spirit and against its own brokenness, causing you discomfort, or pain, or at last, death. You cannot do what you used to do; you cannot walk how you used to walk; you cannot see as you used to see. All this strife in your life is caused by sin, either your own sin or that of those near to you. As long as sin has its way with you and rules your life, you will have no peace.

The Lord's word of peace takes away your sin through forgiveness. For God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself [2Co 5:19] making peace through the blood of His cross [Col 1:20]. The Lord's peace means that the enmity, the hatred and hostility which stood between God and you on account of

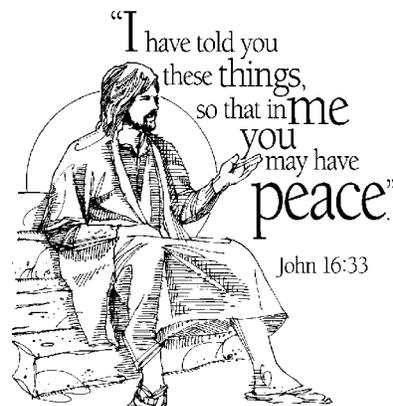
Wouldn't it be nice if your life was filled with peace? Too often, in this hectic world, peace is rather hard to find. But you know where to find peace. Where Jesus is, that is where you find peace: peace with God. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, what did the angels sing? "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." [Lk 2:14] When Simeon saw the baby Jesus and held him in his arms, He blessed God saying, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word." [Lk 2:29] The same night in which He was betrayed, the Lord promised His disciples peace. He fulfilled that promise Easter evening when He said, "Peace be with you." [Jn 20:19]

Sin tends to steal away the peace which the Lord gives. You see this lack of peace in the problems with which you struggle every day. There is strife in your family, as children and parents, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers



your sin has been removed. That hostility was done away with when Jesus fully answered for your sins with His death. Now there is peace between God and man, between heaven and earth. Jesus' greeting of "Peace..." is a word of Absolution for the disciples. By Christ's Word they know their sins to be forgiven.

The forgiveness of all your sins restores peace to your life. This Absolution, whether given through the word of your Pastors, through the cleansing water of Baptism, or in the very Body and Blood of Christ, this Absolution gives you peace. It may not remove all the strife in your family, or at work, but it equips you to face that strife with forgiveness, and gives you peace even in the midst of strife. Absolution may not heal the strife in your body, but it will give you the peace of knowing that, no matter what you are now suffering, you have everlasting peace with God that will spill over into your flesh, creating it anew on the last day. *Pastor Trouten*



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	9:00 AM Divine Srvc				10:00 AM Ladies' Study		
13	7:30 AM Easter Bfast						
	8:30 AM Egg Hunt						
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	9:00 AM Divine Srvc						7:00 PM Game Night
14	10:30 AM Bible Class						
	6:30 PM Ladies' Study						
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	9:00 AM Divine Srvc		6:30 PM Edlers' Mtg				
15	10:30 AM Bible Class		7:00 PM Council Mtg				
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	9:00 AM Divine Srvc				10:00 AM Banner Folding		8:00 AM Rummage/Yummage
16	10:30 AM Bible Class						
	2:00 PM Englewood						
	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	9:00 AM Divine Srvc				10:00 AM Ladies' Study		
17	10:30 AM Bible Class						

## The Confessions

### “Article I - Of the Holy Supper

The pure and true doctrine of our churches concerning the Holy Supper:

I. That the words of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink, this is My blood, are to be understood simply and according to the letter, as they read.

II. That in the Sacrament there are two things which are given [tendered] and received with one another: one earthly, which is bread and wine; and one heavenly, which is the body and blood of Christ.

III. That this [union, tendering and taking] occurs here on earth, and not above in heaven.

IV. That it [what is tendered and received] is the true natural body of Christ which hung, on the cross, and the true natural blood which flowed from the side of Christ.

V. That the body and blood of Christ are received not only by faith spiritually, which can also occur outside of the Supper, but here with the bread and wine orally, yet in an inscrutable and supernatural manner [and that] for a pledge and assurance of the resurrection of our bodies from the dead.

VI. That the oral partaking of the body and blood of Christ is done not only by the worthy, but also by the unworthy, who approach without repentance and true faith; nevertheless, with a different result: by the worthy for salvation, by the unworthy for judgment.

- The Visitation Articles



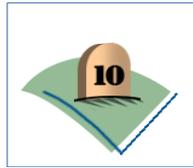
## Game Night!

Bethany will host her monthly

Game Night,

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7pm.

We need volunteers to sign up & help.



## April Milestones

Birthdays:	Date	Baptisms:	Date
Dain W. Christensen	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rev. C. D. Trouten	6 <sup>th</sup>
Zachary A. Prindle	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Katarina A. Varsogea	11 <sup>th</sup>
Jean E. Ramsey	4 <sup>th</sup>	Seth S. Schwanz	11 <sup>th</sup>
Seth S. Schwanz	6 <sup>th</sup>	Angela M. Baney	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Keith E. Marlatt	6 <sup>th</sup>	Jeannette L. Harris	30 <sup>th</sup>
Greggory A. Dalman	10 <sup>th</sup>		
Jeannette L. Harris	13 <sup>th</sup>		
Alexander M. Varsogea	15 <sup>th</sup>		
Alexis G. Harris	20 <sup>th</sup>		
Linda R. Dalman	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Erica Howell	24 <sup>th</sup>		
Marilyn L. M. Dalman	28 <sup>th</sup>		

Anniversaries:	Date
Rev. & Mrs. C. D. Trouten	21 <sup>st</sup>

These are listed so that you can celebrate these milestones with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

“If one member is honored, all the members rejoice.”

[1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:26]



*Worship Anew* airs Sunday mornings at 7 AM on channel 21.2 EPTA, Sunday at 8 AM on Comcast 252 or Frontier 9, and on Comcast 55 or Frontier 25 at 4:00 PM on Sundays and Mondays at 10 AM. This month's schedule is:

1<sup>st</sup> – on Jn. 2:13-22 by Rev. J. L. Elsner

8<sup>th</sup> – on Num. 21:4-9 by Rev. W. Mueller

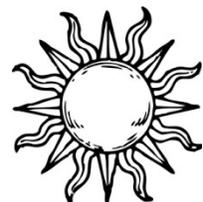
15<sup>th</sup> – on Mk. 10:32-34 by Rev. Dr. W. A. Maier, III

22<sup>nd</sup> – on Jn. 12:20-43 by Rev. P. Shoemaker

29<sup>th</sup> – on

## Sunshine Corner

Please remember in your prayers our shut-ins: Stella Westerfield, Jerry Greene, Florine Sievers, Marilyn Dalman, & Mary Allmandinger.



## **Bethany Lutheran Church Women News**

For April, 2018

We have an active month ahead of us. April 14th is our Big Event. We are hoping to have 10 to 12 students from IPFW to help us with our Spring cleanup. We will need many hands as we have several projects planned for that day. I would encourage anyone who can spare the time to plan on being there. Lunch will be served for all who attend.

Our Rummage/Yummage Sale will be held on April 28th from 8:00 to Noon. Items for the sale may be dropped off at church starting the week after Easter. Pricing and setting out items is always another big job, so we can use all the help you can give. Wanda Sommer is our chairperson for the sale.

Ladies, don't forget the next dates for our Bible Study: Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Service at Englewood will be on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

We will have a brief meeting on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour to firm up our plans for the Rummage/Yummage Sale and to select a nominating committee for our May election. Offices up for election are President, Treasurer (currently held by Pam who is willing to run again), and Mission Service chair. If anyone would be interested in running for any of these offices, please let us know and we will add you to the ballot. Our General Meeting for elections will be held on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please plan on attending.

Have a blessed April!

## **Lutheran Social Services of Indiana News**

Bethany's LSSI delegate, Karen Perry, attended their recent annual business meeting. She has this to report:

LSSI provides services in many ways: job training, therapy, a Network for Safe Families program, Children's Village, etc.

GO TO THE [LSSIN.org](http://LSSIN.org) WEBSITE and see the thrilling mission work happening here in Fort Wayne.

Karen's Favorite Mission: LSSI is undertaking intergenerational programming, a child care center based at a nursing home on the campus of Lutheran Life Villages!