



APRIL NEWSLETTER



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Peterkin is Waiting for You! Summer 2022

**Senior Camp June 19 through 25

**MAD (Music, Art, Drama) Camp
June 26 through July 2

**Junior Camp July 3 through 9

**Family Camp July 10 through 16

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Story making. Faith growing. Life enriching. Funds are available to assist with the fees.



Holy Week:

Lent is not complete, nor is Easter as powerful, if you miss participating in the Triduum: the three day conclusion of Lent. Maundy Thursday we remember the gift of Holy Communion, and its all-encompassing sign of mercy, grace and salvation. Good Friday, we descend into the darkness of the Way of the Cross, the last day of Jesus as human and his great gift of his death.

Maundy Thursday, we gather at St. Luke at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, we gather at St. Stephen's either at noon: which features the 7 Last Words and the Liturgy of Good Friday, or at 7:00 p.m., which features the Liturgy and Stations of the Cross.

St. Stephen's will be open all day on Good Friday if you wish to walk the Stations by yourself.

The glorious celebration of the Resurrection will occur at 9:30 am at St. Stephen's, and 11:00 am at St. Luke.

April Worship Leaders:

April 3: reader: Debbie Ventura; chalice: Lori Vargo

April 10: reader: Gary Schroeder; chalice: Doug Willis

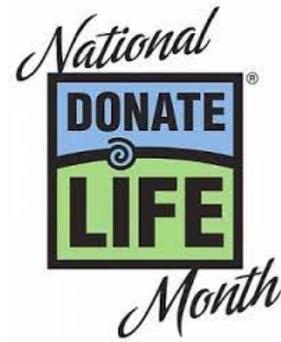
April 15 (noon): Church Mylinsky (7 pm): Matt Elder

April 17: reader: Jason Hogie; chalice: Grif Callahan

April 24: reader: Chris McClain; chalice: Jim Vargo

St. Luke will have its annual rummage sale on May 20-21. If you have donations or are willing to help, please contact Lynn Loetterle. 304-222-4904.

The Bishop is coming! In September, Bishop Cowden will be with us for confirmation and his biannual visit. This summer, we will begin confirmation classes for all those who are interested in being confirmed or renewing their confirmation.



Musings from Mother Susan:

I listen to NPR radio while I work. I enjoy the prattle in the background, which often turns in to interesting stories and interviews that cause me to stop work and listen. Sam Waterston was being interviewed. I had been a fan of the show Law & Order, so I stopped to listen to a story about the show's revival. He plays a wise District Attorney type and is the type of character one takes seriously. He began the interview on quite a serious note. After he was introduced by the radio host, he stopped the chatter. He said, along these lines, he felt it was absurd and inappropriate to be chatting about a tv show and his role when the world was at war. He said it didn't feel right to simply chat while children were being killed. I agreed. You agree. We all feel this disquiet, this disconnect, while living our (fairly) normal lives. Do you need anything from Wal-Mart?, while refugees are carrying their one suitcase of all they could leave their home with in their hands. What do you want for dinner?, as food sources are scarce or non-existent in places all over the world. How do we continue to live our lives in the constant images of the situation in Ukraine, Ethiopia (considered THE most dangerous place to be right now), Madagascar, North Korea....the list goes on.

The actor went on to say he made peace with the truth that we need our distractions, relief from the sorrow (after doing what we can- sharing what we can, advocating for those in need, serving those in need), and need to smile. We need some hope. Well, for you and for me, our hope comes from being a disciple of Jesus. Time and time again the gospels have reminded us of great mercy and grace. Of forgiveness. Of trust. A reminder, as well, that this world is not all there is to our lives, and that God is always with us and everyone in the midst of sorrow. We are called to pray, and to pray, and to pray some more and then to speak out and up when it is right. We also shed tears for the horrors and the harsh realities that sin has brought into this world. And in the end- we trust and we hope, and celebrate that our God is the God of promises kept and love never-ending.

I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world! John 16.33

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8



Dana Henderson used to lead spectacular reading camps, which are a ministry of the diocese and several parishes. I [Mother Susan] would like to work on this ministry if I can get some experienced folks to assist me in putting it together. Please let me know if you will help us continue this important gift to our area.