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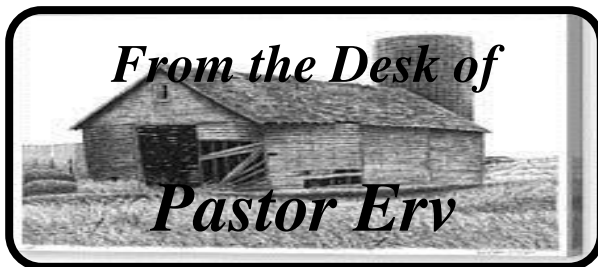
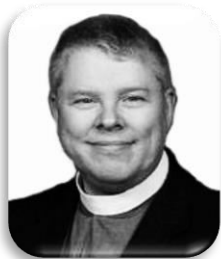
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Greetings in the Name of the LORD!

Have you ever wondered how we determine the day that we celebrate Easter each year? First of all, Easter of course is a celebration of the Resurrection of our LORD. While we don't know exactly which date Jesus rose from the dead, many biblical scholars believe that it was Sunday, April 5, 33AD.

In 325CE the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. From that point forward, the Easter date depended on the ecclesiastical approximation of March 21 for the vernal equinox. Easter is delayed by 1 week if the full moon is on Sunday, which decreases the chances of it falling on the same day as the Jewish Passover.

So, each year the date of Easter varies according to the calculations. Much of the rest of the church year is then dependent upon this. **Ash Wednesday** is always 46 days before Easter, which means that the **Epiphany** season which extends between Christmas and Lent can be anywhere from two to ten weeks long.

Lent is always 40 days long (excluding Sundays). And Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, seven days before Easter. Traditionally, Palm Sunday commemorates the Triumphal entry into Jerusalem, one of the few events described in all four canonical gospels. As described in the accounts, Jesus's entry into Jerusalem was noted by the crowds present who shouted praises and waved palm branches.

The days between Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday are known as Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday. The Gospel accounts are not always clear or in agreement on the events which occurred on these days, though there are traditional observances held by some

denominations to commemorate certain events from the last days of Jesus' life. Among them

- On Monday, some observe the anointing of Jesus at Bethany (John 12:1-11), an event that in the Gospel of John occurred before the Palm Sunday event described in John 12:12-19. Other events which the Gospels tell of which may have occurred on this day include cursing the fig tree and the Cleansing of the Temple.
- On Tuesday, some observe Jesus' predictions of His own death, as described in (John 12:20-36) and (John 13:21-38).
- On Wednesday, some observe the story of Judas arranging his betrayal of Jesus with the high priests (Matthew 26:14-25). For this reason, the day is sometimes called **Spyn Wednesday**. Other events connected with this date include the events at the house of Simon the Leper, especially the anointing of Jesus by Mary of Bethany, the events of which directly preceded the betrayal by Judas to the Sanhedrin.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, where Christ lays out the model for the Eucharist or Holy Communion. During the meal, Jesus predicted the events that would immediately follow, including his betrayal, the Denial of Peter, and his death and resurrection. The name "Maundy" is an Old English word that means "mandate", referring to the "New Commandment or mandate" that Christ gave to His disciples (John 13:34) having to do with the washing of feet, which some churches commemorate on this day.

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and His subsequent death. Commemorations of often solemn and mournful, many denominations use Good Friday to

perform the Stations of the Cross, or other commemorations of the Passion, either as a self-guided time of reflection and veneration or as a procession of statues or images of the stations.

Holy Saturday is the day between the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection. As the Sabbath day, the Gospel accounts all note that Jesus was hurriedly buried in a cave tomb after his crucifixion, with the intent to finish proper embalming and burial ceremonies on Sunday, after the Sabbath had ended, as the Sabbath day prohibitions would have prevented observant Jews from completing a proper burial. While daytime services or commemorations of the day are rare in the Western tradition, after sundown on Holy Saturday is the traditional time for **Easter Vigil**.

Easter Sunday, which immediately follows Holy Week and begins with the Easter Vigil, is the great feast day and apogee of the Christian liturgical year: on this day, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated. It is the first day of the new season of the Great Fifty Days, or Eastertide, which runs from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday is the main reason why Christians keep Sunday as the primary day of religious observance.

This year, celebrate the entire Lent and Easter season, and focus on what our LORD has done for us.

In HIS Service

Rev. Erv Hutter

March Voters Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hutter. The minutes were accepted as presented. The financial secretary's report and treasurer's report were accepted as presented. OLD BUSINESS: Estimates are being obtained to update the sound system. Mom to Mom sale has been cancelled due to lack of interest. ELDER'S REPORT: Hymn boards will be used for a message. A Good Friday service will be held at the Horizon Center in Saginaw at 1 pm. There will be a Good Friday evening service held here at Pilgrim at 7 pm. BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Trustees are still working on lights. Since there is no heat in the mourning room at the back of the church, the trustees are considering some sort of portable heat source for that room. Speakers will be added to that room as well. Trustees are still waiting for the City of Essexville to send a letter detailing what needs to be done about the backflow valve for the furnace. BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: They are still doing outreach to youth to help with the Sunday school classes. The Sunday school open house will be held on May 21st. Preschool applications are available for the 2017 - 2018 school year. There will be no Easter egg hunt this year. PASTOR'S REPORT: Due to low attendance for the Wednesday 1:00 services, they will not be held next year. The Wednesday evening services are well attended. NEW BUSINESS: Carol Borchardt will be our new treasurer. A motion was made by Bette Berkman to approve Carol Borchardt as our new treasurer. Scott Scheifer seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Church Extension Fund has a program called "Excel in Giving" that offers electronic transfers for anyone interested in using this service for contributions, tuition payments, and other donations to the church. The Church Extension Fund covers administration costs. A suggestion was made that perhaps we could add a "for sale" online bulletin board to our web page. ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE REPORT: There will be four special services that will have guest speakers. They will be in May, July, September, and December. The District President and Pastor Krause will be speakers for two of the services. The committee is working on a display board and video. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried. The meeting was closed with prayer led by Pastor Hutter at 8:00 p.m.

PILGRIMS SERVING IN APRIL

Elders: Sat – Jim Schaub
Sun – Paul Pett
Mid - Ryan Morley

Altar Guild: Katherine Weiler & Inge Cohrs

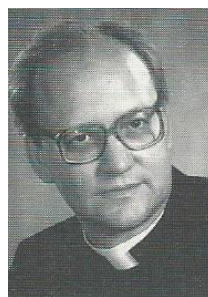
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS APRIL 20th

WOMEN'S GUILD – The April meeting for Women's Guild is Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. It is a week earlier due to the second Thursday being Maundy Thursday. Our hostesses are Debra Wentworth and Mary Setzer. All women of Pilgrim are encouraged to attend.

KEENAGERS – The Keenagers will meet on Thursday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m. in the Blue Room. All retirees are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

QUILTERS IN NEED - The Quilters ask that while you are doing your spring cleaning this year, please set aside all your old sheets, blankets, mattress covers, drapes, leftover yard goods, thread and any other materials that you no longer need and bring them to the Blue Room. We also need a few more people to do some straight stitch sewing on machines either in their home or here at church.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT – Enrollment is now open for the 2017-2018 Preschool Program. The following classes are being offered: Four Day - 4-year-old class - \$110 and a Three Day - 3-year-old class - \$90. A \$25 enrollment fee (non-refundable) and the first month's tuition are needed to hold your child's place in class. Be sure to reserve your spot soon! Call the church office, 893-7224 for more information.



PASTORS THEODORE VOLL & EDWARD KRAUSS TO PREACH

-Mark your calendars for Sundays, May 7 and July 23, 2017. Our next celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Pilgrim will include a visit from Pastor Ted Voll who served as our intentional interim pastor. In July, Rev. Edward Krauss and his family will visit. Pastor Krauss served here at Pilgrim from 1975-1987. He is currently retired and living in Florida, but will be our guest preacher on that day.

Easter Egg Hunt Cancelled: Due to lack of interest from organizers we will not hold an Easter Egg Hunt this year. This has been a very successful community outreach program in the past and we look forward to members coming forward next year.

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>H.C.</u>	<u>GEN FUND</u>	<u>IMP FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>+ OR -</u>
2/25=30	2/26= 48	3/01=52*	45	4,003.23	00.00	4,003.23	+1197
3/04=21	3/05=68	3/08=44#	75	2,734.00	00.00	2,734.00	- 72
3/11=28	3/12=54	3/15=35#		2,900.50	00.00	2,900.50	+ 95
3/18=34	3/19=44	3/22=31#	64	<u>2,523.22</u>	<u>00.00</u>	<u>2,523.22</u>	- <u>283</u>
				\$12,169.95	\$00.00	\$12,169.95	+ 937

*Ash Wednesday, #Midweek Lenten Service

SPECIAL GIFTS: Adopt-a-Student, \$50.00; Ash Wednesday, \$264.00; Lent, \$812.00; Gift from Tai Chi, \$28.00; Together in Mission, \$50.00; Roof Repair Fund, \$629.00; New Computer Fund, \$800.00; Security System, \$550.00

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO THE LORD AND TO PILGRIM

PILGRIM'S 2017 BUDGET	-	\$145,900.00
BUDGET THROUGH MARCH 22 nd	-	33,669.24
CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH MARCH 22 nd	-	29,740.86
CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER BUDGET NEEDS	-	\$ 3,928.38

PASTORAL ACT – Release of Elizabeth Walkowiak and family to Trinity-WELS, Bay City.



Lent Schedule 2017

“Letters to the Seven Churches of Revelation”

<u>Service</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>
Judica Wednesday	Apr. 5	Revelation 3:7-13	Letter to Philadelphia
Maundy Thursday	Apr. 13	Revelation 3:14-22	Letter to Laodicea
Good Friday	Apr. 14	2 Corinthians 5:14-21	A New Creation

Lenten Wednesday Services at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services at 7:00 pm
Vigil of Easter Service—Saturday, April 15 at 7:00 pm
Easter Service—Sunday, April 16 at 10:30 am



COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES Once again this year the Lutheran Churches of the Great Lakes Bay Region will be hosting a community Good Friday Service. This service will be held at the **Horizon’s Conference Center**, 6200 State Street, Saginaw, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 14, 2017. The preacher is Rev. Dr. Richard Wolfram, Assistant to the President of the Michigan District-LCMS. The liturgist is Pastor Erv Hutter.



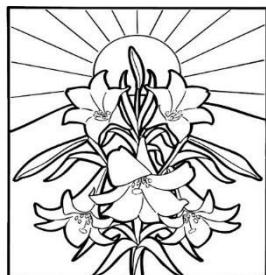
It’s time for a **New Photo Directory!** We are currently signing up people to have their pictures taken for our new 75th Anniversary Member Photo Directory. There will be someone in the hallway following the worship services for the next few weeks. Our photography sessions will take place on Tuesday, May 9th and Wednesday May 10th starting at 2:00 pm. Sign up now!

Easter Breakfast



We will be serving Easter Breakfast starting at 9 a.m. on Easter morning. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for your donations. All donations (except coffee cakes) need to be at church by Thursday, April 13th. We will be setting up and preparing for the breakfast on Saturday, April 15th at 9 a.m.

EASTER FLOWERS – We are getting our flowers from Begick's Nursery. You may order flowers for the altar area at Easter time. Please call the church office with your order, 893-7224 by Monday, April 3rd. The prices are as follows:

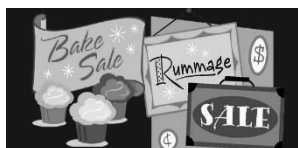


Easter Lilies	\$11.00	Hybrid Lilies	\$12.50
Daffodils	11.50	Tulips	11.50
Mums	12.75	Hydrangea	20.00
Hyacinth	11.50	Azalea	20.00
Reiger Begonia	6.75	Gerbera Daisy	6.75

The order will be placed on the afternoon of April 3rd. If you order after that they will do their best to accommodate add-ons.

SHUT-IN ADDRESSES – For those of you who would like to send Easter cards to the shut-ins I have included their addresses for your convenience.

Phyllis Mohr	4471 Sheffield Pl #201, Bay City MI 48706
Fran DeSanto	Shannon's House, 4155 S Paul Circle, Bay City MI 48706
Mabel Pett	1211 W Center Road, Essexville MI 48732
Sally Pavlick	854 N Pine Road, Essexville MI 48732
Elaine Livingston	Bay Medical Care Facility, 564 W Hampton Road #134, Essexville MI 48732
Gerald Brigham	1401 Smith Street, Essexville MI 48732
Sandy Weatherbee	305 Eda Court, Essexville MI 48732
Vera Niemi	854 N Pine Road #208, Essexville MI 48732
Loretta Rozewski	2448 Midland Road #233, Bay City MI 48706
Eileen VanTol	4471 Sheffield PL #116, Bay City MI 48706
Suzanne Pascuzzi	707 Burns Street, Essexville MI 48732
Marie Dardas	601 Nebobish Avenue, Essexville MI 48732
Della Burns	Brookdale #15, 734 Pine Road, Bay City MI 48708
Hattie Davis	1271 Harding Road, Essexville MI 48732
Pat Dammann	568 N Pine Road #102, Bay City MI 48708
Sandra Hines	85 W Hampton Road, Essexville MI 48708



VOLUNTEERS WANTED – Volunteers are needed for our annual Rummage Sale/Bake Sale/ Luncheon on May 19th and 20th. The Essexville City-Wide Rummage Sales are on those two days. We will serve lunch outside, rent parking lot spaces for people to sell items, have a bake sale, and a rummage sale. If you would like to rent a space, which includes one table and two chairs for both days, the cost is \$15. We are asking members to donate their gently used items for our own rummage sale. Starting the week of April 24th, you can bring your items for the rummage sale to church. Donations of baked goods will be accepted on Thursday, May 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or early on Friday morning. We are asking for all baked goods, but especially cookies, bars, brownies and things such as this. We will not be serving dessert at the luncheon, so we are hoping that the people who stop for lunch will buy dessert afterwards. Please consider working on the 19th and 20th. If we do not get enough help, this activity will not take place. Contact the church office, 893-7224, if you can spare a few hours to help.

Once again, we are collecting used **Christmas cards**. Please bring them to the church office or set them on the shelf in the hallway.

We are collecting **manufacturers coupons** for military families. A box has been placed by the Food Pantry and Soap boxes in the hallway. Please do not cut them out, just bring the whole coupon flyer that comes in your newspaper.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – April 2017 Newsletter

Sunday School:

- **To All:** Please “Pass Along” Sunday School Bible Story leaflets and coloring sheets that are tacked to the bulletin boards near the Sunday School rooms . . . both Early Elementary and Elementary level stories.
- No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 16
- “Thank You” to Marge Cygan for her help in keeping up the Sunday School rooms this year.
- Additional outreach will continue to involve youth of the congregation to assist with Sunday School and Christian Education
- A **Sunday School Open House and Early Registration** will take place on Sunday, May 21, both from 9 AM – 10 AM during our regular Sunday School time, as well as from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM to showcase the Sunday School program and provide Early Registration for September 10, 2017, through May 20, 2018.

Preschool:

- April 23 – children sing in church
- Applications are available for the 2017-2018 school year.

VBS: The “**Mighty Fortress – In Jesus the Victory is Won!**” program kit is being purchased. Take-home points:

- Shout! God is mighty!
- Fear not!
- God’s Word is true and powerful!
- Jesus comes to save!
- Jesus is our Savior King!

We have not yet set the dates for Vacation Bible School. Whoever is willing to oversee VBS can set those dates.

- Dawn Hutter – interest in curriculum piece
- Two (2) youth – interested in being helpers

For more information and to volunteer, please contact any member of the Board of Education or call the church office at 893-7224.

Pre-School: Four-year-old graduation is Tuesday, May 23, Last day of preschool is Wednesday, May 24. Job Description for the Director position has been written. Applications are available for the 2017-2018 school year.

Additional Education Topics for Seniors - Ruth Manke is continuing to spearhead the project of gathering information on special topics of interest. Please communicate any interests to Ruth.

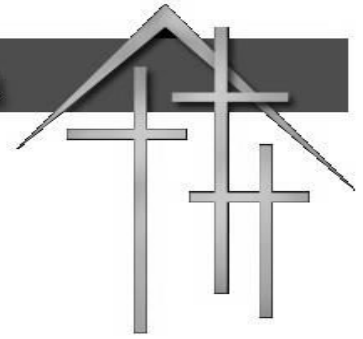
Vacation Bible School We are looking for people like you to assist in making VBS successful for 2017. We have not yet set the dates for Vacation Bible School. Whoever is willing to oversee VBS can set those dates. For more information or to volunteer, please contact any member of the Board of Education or call the church office at 893-7224.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in Campbells Labels for Education over the years. Bethesda Homes are no longer collecting the labels so we will also discontinue saving them.

LWML Spring Rally – The Bay Area Zone LWML Spring Rally “Bloom in the Lord’s Mission Field” will be held at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 1633 E Pinconning Road, Pinconning, on April 29th starting at 8:45 am. The guest speaker will be Rev. James F. Krueger, the LWML Pastoral Counselor for the Michigan District. A Mite Offering will be received and an ingathering for National Convention taken: Toothbrush/toothpaste – wash cloths – pencils – rulers – Walmart gift cards for \$10 or \$25 amounts. Cost is \$5 for breakfast. RSVP to the church office by April 26th.



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April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7 ⁰⁰ -Holy Communion
2 Lent 5 9 ⁰⁰ - Bible Class Sunday School 10 ³⁰ - Holy Communion 11 ³⁰ - Confirmation	3	4 9 ³⁰ - Quilting	5 1 ⁰⁰ -Lent Service 5 ³⁰ - Lenten Supper 6 ¹⁵ - Choir 7 ⁰⁰ -Lent Service	6 7 ⁰⁰ - Women's Guild	7	8 7 ⁰⁰ -Holy Communion
9 Palm Sunday 9 ⁰⁰ - Bible Class Sunday School 10 ³⁰ - Holy Communion 6 ³⁰ -Elders.	10 6 ³⁰ - Trustees 7 ⁰⁰ - Voter's	11 9 ³⁰ - Quilting	12 1 ⁰⁰ - Prayer Network	13 Maundy Thursday 6 ¹⁵ Choir 7 ⁰⁰ -Holy Communion	14 Good Friday 7 - Worship	15 Easter Vigil Easter Breakfast Set-up, 9 ⁰⁰ 7 ⁰⁰ -Holy Communion
16 Easter 9 ⁰⁰ - Easter Breakfast 10 ³⁰ -Holy Communion	17 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	18 9 ³⁰ - Quilting	19	20 10 ⁰⁰ - Pineview 11 ⁰⁰ - Keenagers	21	22 7 ⁰⁰ -Worship
FOOD PANTRY WEEK						
23 Easter 1 9 ⁰⁰ - Bible Class Sunday School 10 ³⁰ - Worship	24	25 9 ³⁰ - Quilting 6 ³⁰ - Choir Practice 7 ³⁰ -Boy Scout District	26 6 ³⁰ - Bible Class	27	28	29 7 ⁰⁰ -Holy Communion
30 Easter 2 9 ⁰⁰ - Bible Class Sunday School 10 ³⁰ -Holy Communion	Notes:					

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*Birthdays
of the Month*

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Dorothy Neumann	3 Lorraine Straub Robert VanWert	4	5	6 Sharon Carlin	7	8
9	10	11 Billie Kussro Donna Roller	12	13 Suzanne Hutter	14 Beverly Dagneau Kimberlee McDonald	15 Billie Jo McDonald
16 Crystal Yenglin	17 Neal Grigg	18 Allison Gust	19 Diane Scharich	20 Jeffrey D'Archangel Colleen Evans Melissa Sofian	21	22
23 Peyton Johnson Kenzie Sofian	24 David McDonald Joshua Schaefer	25 Alex Niederer Denise Sprague	26 Ronald Jankens	27	28 Erin Imker Verlene Stiefel	29 Tina Coones
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