



for April 15 following morning worship. Watch for further details.

NEED HELP WITH GRIEF?

Reporter: Rev. Lisa Hart

Jesus was an observing Jew and I believe we understand Christianity better when we know something of our Jewish roots. Everyone is invited to learn about the Jewish celebration of Passover by experiencing some of it, here in the fellowship hall at St. Peter UCC. On April 2 at 6:30 p.m. we will learn about its origins and how it is celebrated through the Seder. We will taste matzo, haroseth, and the bitter herbs. We will pray "It would have been enough."

Signup sheet is on the bulletin board; please sign or call the church office by March 27.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday for the Covenant Churches is at First Christian Church and includes a light supper at 5:15 pm with the worship service then beginning at 6 pm. Also that evening those singing in the Cantata will practice at St. Peter UCC at 7 pm.

Good Friday is the Cantata/Tennebrae Service at St. Peter.

Easter at St. Peter includes a *Continental Breakfast* which is being served from 9:30 to 10:30 by the Special Events Team. We will setup in the lobby area so that all can enjoy the *Sunday School Egg Hunt* outside. The worship service at the usual time of 10:45 am includes *Communion*.

The Grief Support Group is continuing to meet and share the struggles of the journey. This group, led by **Pastor Lisa** and **Judy Luer**, is learning about relying on God and on one another to get through the difficult time after a loved one is lost. We meet at 6 p.m., usually on the second Wednesday of the month. Join us on April 11th. It is open to anyone who has experienced a loss. We ask only that you be a listener, share as you are comfortable, and keep what is said confidential.

We'd like to share some things we have learned about how you can help a friend who has suffered this kind of loss.

- Please stay connected. Don't assume the grieving person needs to be alone. There are also times when they need company.
- Please say: "I am sorry for your loss." Or say, "I've been thinking of you." It's also ok to admit you don't know what to say.
- Don't tell the grieving person the story of when you lost your relative, and don't say "I know just what you're going through." You don't, because everyone's journey is different.
- Do share your memories of the person we lost. It's good to know he or she is not forgotten.

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A special congregational meeting has been called

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PRAYER CORNER*

Debbie Arning	Elmer Beckmeyer
Rev. Rich Brzowsky	Edna Caraker
Gary Chwascinski	Vivian Cohlmeier
Laura Feig	Rev. Lisa Hart
Paul Kluthe	Arlene Luer
Charles Luer	Gracie Niermann
Carter Rankin	Don Storck
Betty Telford	Pauline Tibbs
Bess Wesling	Curtis White

**In accordance with HIPPA (It's real name is Heath Insurance Portability Privacy Act.) requirements, the persons on the St. Peter prayer list have requested, or given permission, for their names to be included and published in the prayer list. Names will appear for 30 days unless the individuals or their immediate family request that they be maintained on the prayer list for another thirty days.*

Our Servicemen

Matthew Bratthauar	David Harper
Chris Lyday	Corey Schlau
Nathan Storck	Cole Vehrs
Jared Vehrs	Anna Walls

In Care Centers

Roberta Kleine	Marjorie Nehrt
Henrietta Schmitz	

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE

If you know of someone who needs to be added or taken off, please contact the church secretary, **Judy Reichenbacher**, at the office 532-7124, and if no one is available, please leave a message.

**Remember your Church in your will.
A Gift that will last for generations**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Giving Totals for Feb. 26 - Mar. 18, 2012

General Offering.	\$ 5,377.35
Special Offering.....	400.00
Lent Offering.	69.00
One Great Hour of Sharing.	140.00
Tables and Chairs.....	150.00
Harrisburg.	221.38
Custodian Salary.	57.00
Mower Repair.	50.00
Close checking account at Regions Bank.	6,202.82
TOTAL.....	\$ 12,667.55

**GENERAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE
(01/01/12 THROUGH 3/18/12)**

Amount received. \$ 16,342.97

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Feb. 26	37
Mar. 4	48
Mar. 11	46
Mar. 18	38

THANK YOU!
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Thank you to **Dale Reichert, Judy Fehrmann, Cathy Chontofalsky, Jane Edmonson** and **Nancy Borgmann** for helping at the recycling center on Saturday March 10th.

Special THANKS to ALL those persons who contributed coins, paper money, and checks to assist the Harrisburg Tornado Victims during the month of March. Our church collected a total of \$230.00 which is being forwarded to Illinois South Conference for credit and then to Church World Service (a major disaster relief agency). The Illinois South Conference

sponsored a “work day” at Harrisburg on March 10th with 181 representatives of various churches traveling to the distressed area and doing a variety of clean-up jobs that still awaited workers.

Please continue to remember those disaster victims who are our neighbors just 100 miles to the south and the MANY others that have lost family members, homes, and possessions as a result of the unusual violent weather storms this month alone.

OPERATION TABLES & CHAIRS!

Reporter: Nancy via Norma Borgmann

Special THANKS to **Mary Ann Bender** and the **Klingenberg Family** for their generous donations towards 12 ½ new tables. Additional money amounting to \$150 has also been designated for the new 8 foot lighter weight tables. Indeed, we are grateful for all who have contributed to the Table Fund thus far (and hope that this goal is reached soon--before price increases in materials and shipping). With \$1,150.00 in such fund, the Council has authorized the purchase of 14 new tables from ACE Hardware who will deliver them down to the Fellowship Hall closet. (A new table costs about \$80.00).

Anyone else who wishes to contribute to the Table Fund may indicate such on his/her check or on one of the generic envelopes that are in the pew racks. It is hoped that all the heavy wooden tables will be replaced.

The Council is offering anyone interested in buying an old table for \$10 to call the church office — “it is a cash and carry deal” with the buyer being responsible for lifting it from the rack and transporting to their vehicle. (Anyone who has ever had to lift/move a wooden table knows how heavy it is). If you have any questions, please contact **Nancy Borgmann**, Chairperson of the Property Team.

GRIEF SUPPORT continued from page 1

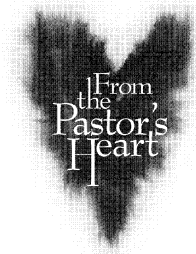
- Invite us! To your party, your shopping trip, your dinner out. Sometimes we’ll have to say no but it’s nice to be asked. Don’t exclude widows and widowers from your couples events..

- Accept that we are where we are. Some people need a long time to grieve and others need a shorter

time. There is no “normal” grief process.

- Don’t say “Call me if you need anything.” Don’t say “We’ll have lunch sometime” and then fail to follow through.

- Say, “Would you like me to go to the store for you?” “Could I help you clean your house?” “Let’s get coffee together this afternoon.”



Spring time! It’s just around the corner; I’m sure of it. Days feel warmer; my daffodils are in full bloom. I’ve been getting gardening and seed catalogues in the mail constantly, so somebody believes it’s close.

Spring is a time of new life, new creation, new energy. It’s a time when God seems to touch the earth. And yet, there may still be a few cold, snowy days before winter is completely done for this year. I can read the seed catalogues and dream, but I better not put those seeds into the ground outside yet! It reminds me of a favorite hymn of mine — we’ll sing it in church soon — that says “My life flows on in endless song; above earth’s lamentation, I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.” Whether it’s a long winter we’re lamenting, or troubles with our health, finances or our family, above all those lamentations, we can hear God speaking. At times it may seem far away, but there is a Word, a Song that hails a new creation.

God cares about us and God cares about the Church and God plans for a new creation. The song continues: “Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing; it finds an echo in my soul—how can I keep from singing?”

Indeed! How can I keep from singing?!

CARLYLE LATEST MEETING PLACE FOR REGION 6

Reporter: Verna Steinkamp

A meeting of Region 6 was held recently at Immanuel UCC in Carlyle on the sunny winter Sunday afternoon of February 26. Representing St. Peter UCC were **Verna Steinkamp** and **Rev. Lisa Hart**. Convener **Verna Steinkamp** gave the greeting, and the host pastor, **Rev. Earl Menchhofer** offered prayer. During the self introduction of attendees each was asked to give their prediction as to whether winter was over or if they felt we would probably still get some snow. Ten felt there was more winter ahead, and one even predicted snow on March 12. Seven felt spring had arrived, and we would continue to enjoy the warm weather we have been experiencing. **Rev. Bill Causer** stated a tornado or tornados would come!

Announcements were made about Day of Discipleship, Spring Work Day at DuBois Center on April 14 and Sunday dinners on April 22 and May 20 also at DuBois Center.

A presentation was given by **Jackie Hamilton**, Director of Development at Eden Theological Seminary. **Cory Hartz**, a student at Eden Seminary from our region, was also present and added his enthusiastic and complimentary remarks.

A bountiful buffet of food was present the entire time, and folks remained for socialization afterward.

The next meeting will be at Friedens UCC in Farina on Monday, May 21 beginning at 1:30 p.m. with a presentation by **Cory Hartz** about his recent trip to the Holy Land.

LADIES! TIME TO PLAN TO JOIN US FOR MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, ERM President

The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held on May 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. All the women in St. Peter Church and their guests are cordially invited to attend this "garden party" meal and program (featuring a master gardener, **Ernie Henson**, who knows much about local flowers). The meal will be prepared by **Nancy Borgmann**, **Cathy Chontofalsky**, and **Norma Borgmann** so as to include appropriate favorites commonly served in such outside settings (but we are eating indoors).

The ticket price is \$5.00 for anyone over 12 years of age. For those below 12 years, it is free. You may make reservations by contacting **Verna Steinkamp @533-1563** or in person before May 2nd for assurance of a seat and enough food.

We sure hope to see many of you females of all ages at this 5/9/12 event.

SEE YOU AT FIRESIDE IN APRIL?

Reporter: Norma Borgmann

Just a reminder that our church is responsible for leading devotions at Fireside Nursing Home on the 5 Sunday afternoons in the month of April. These ½ hour inspirational reflections begin at 2:00 p.m. in their Activity Room.

Please join our representatives by distributing song sheets, singing, reading Scriptures, leading, and/or greeting the residents there. They are the ones who really appreciate our presence and attention to them.

Any questions, please contact **Norma Borgmann @ 533-1658**.

ST. PETER UCC WOMEN WERE REPRESENTED AT VARIOUS INVITED BREAKFASTS/PROGRAMS:

Reporter: Norma Borgmann, ERM President

Jane Brink, **Verna Steinkamp**, **Sandy Zinschlag**, **Norma Borgmann**, and **Rev. Hart** attended the Ash Wednesday Gathering on February 22nd at Immanuel UCC Church in Carlyle.

Connie Freels, **Dorothy Murray**, **Verna Steinkamp**, **Jeanette Storck**, **Sandy Zinschlag**, **Norma Borgmann**, and **Rev. Hart** were present for the March 7th morning meal at Zion Church in Hoyleton.

Ruth Carpenter, **Connie Freels**, **Jeanette Storck**, **Sandy Zinschlag**, and **Norma Borgmann** were in attendance at the St. Patrick's Day Brunch at 1st Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church on March 17th.

Thanks to all the above ladies for responding affirmatively to fellowship invitations.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1 NO Communion will be on Easter	2 Worship T. 4pm Passover Seder 6:30pm	3 Quilts of Love 9:-2 Girl S. 5:30-7:30 Choir 6:30p.m.	4	5 Mauudy Thursday 1st. Christian Meal @ 5:15 Service 6 pm Cantata Practice @ St. Peter 7pm	6 Good Friday 7pm @ St. Peter Cantata Tennebrae Service	7
8 Easter Continental Breakfast 9:30-10:30 S.S. Egg Hunt 9:30a.m.	9 Gravy Mission T. 6pm	10 Biscuits, & Crosswords 9:30 am Stewarship T. 4pm Choir 6:30p.m.	11 Comm. & Tech. Team 5:30pm Grief Support 6pm ERM 7:00 p.m.	12 Christian Ed. T. 6pm	13	14 DuBois Workday 8:30-4
15 Good News Special. Congregational Mtg. Admin. T. 1pm	16 Deadline Special Events T. 6:30pm	17 Girl Scouts 5:30-7:30 pm Memorial T. 6:30pm Choir 6:30p.m.	18	19	20 DuBois Father Friday 7 p.m. -	21 & Son Retreat 1p.m.
22 Sunday Dinner @ DuBois 12-2 pm	23 Congregational Care T. 4pm	24 Choir 6:30p.m.	25	26	27	28
29	30	Every Sunday in April - 2pm at Fireside lead worship				

Unless otherwise noted:

St. Peter Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (Includes Adults on 15 & 22), Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Wednesdays — Bible Study at Redeemer — brown bag lunch 12:30 — Study 1-2 pm

BIRTHDAYS

1 Christopher Smith	14 Laura Feig
2 Ariel Edmonson	15 Randy Featherling
2 Cletus Feig Jr.	17 Colton Moss
2 Staci Taylor	22 Tiffany Reichenbacher
5 Jacob Little	24 Hunter Reichert
6 Trisha Fenwick	25 Matthew Carter
8 Barbara Hill	25 Kevin Flanagan
11 Esther Campbell	27 Trina Reichenbacher
12 George Hinton	29 Jane Edmonson
13 Carolyn Martin	

ANNIVERSARIES

17 Lee Ann & William Myers
 24 Cindy & Bob Clifton Jr.
 30 Karen & Bob Smith



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... where God is still speaking,
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**April 5
Maundy Thursday**

Service sponsored by
Covenant Churches at
1st Christian Church
205 S. Elm

Meal at 5:15 pm
Worship at 6pm

**April 6
Good Friday**

Cantata
Tennebrae Service
at St. Peter UCC

Starting at 7 pm

**April 8
Easter Sunday**

Sunday School
Easter Egg Hunt
Starting at 9:30 am

Continental Breakfast
In Lobby
(watch the Egg Hunt)
Serving 9:30 - 10:30

Worship at regular time of
10:45 am

Sunday Schedule: Church School 9:30 am; Worship 10:45 am
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Rev. Lisa Hart, Interim Pastor
Jane Brink, Newsletter Editor