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Connecting the World with God's Love

THIS ISSUE:

Deadline to order Easter lilies

Don't miss the opportunity to donate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one. Deadline is Monday, April 10.

Children's Summer Ministries

Registration for Vacation Bible School and other summer programs opens for members of the community on April 10.





Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 9, Palm Sunday

John Rutter Requiem, 9:45 and 11 a.m., Sanctuary Easter Fellowship and Egg Hunt, 12:30-2 p.m., Ball Field West Campus Easter Fellowship and Egg Hunt, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cinco **Ranch High School** April 10 Family Seder Meal, 6-8 p.m., Lott Hall April 13 Holy Thursday Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary The Way of the Cross Prayer Stations, 8-9 p.m., Sanctuary

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Isaiah Bible study

The Abide Sunday School class begins a study of the book of Isaiah April 9 at 11 a.m. in S203. This is a good way to develop the spiritual practice of reading and studying the Bible as was recommended in our current Lenten sermon series "Spring Training." Please join our small group and begin the journey.

Fighting human trafficking

Thank you to those who answered the call to fight human trafficking with a phone call. The next Rescue Houston phone bank will meet on April 12 in E225 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

This woman-to-woman ministry reaches out to those women actively trafficked to pray over them and provide them a helpline number. Phone bank participants are encouraged to bring a cell phone and/or laptop computer. Training and a review of safety protocols are provided. Please e-mail sreastlando8@att.net for more information.

An Easter tale

Dear Friends,

Here is a funny Easter story I came across. I hope you enjoy a good laugh.

The Call to Worship had just been pronounced starting Easter Sunday morning service in an East Texas church. The choir started its processional, singing "Up from the Grave He Arose" as they marched in perfect step down the center aisle to the front of the church.

One of the women in the front of the processional was wearing shoes with very slender heels. Without a thought for her fancy heels, she marched toward the grating that covered that hot air register in the middle of the aisle.



Dr. Pat Sparks, Senior Pastor

Suddenly the heel of one shoe sank into the hole in the register grate.

In a flash she realized her predicament. Not wishing to hold up the whole processional, without missing a step, she slipped her foot out of her shoe and continued marching down the aisle.

There wasn't a hitch. The processional moved with clock-like precision. The first man after her spotted the situation and without losing a step, reached down and pulled up her shoe, but the entire grate came with it! Surprised, but still singing, the man kept on going down the aisle, holding in his hand the grate with the shoe attached.

Everything still moved like clockwork. Still in tune and still in step, the next man in line stepped into the open register and disappeared from sight. The service took on a special meaning that Sunday, for just as the choir ended with "Allelujah! Christ arose!" a voice was heard under the church shouting, "I hope all of you are out of the way 'cause I'm coming out now!"

The little girl closest to the aisle shouted, "Come on, Jesus! We'll stay out of the way."

Blessings,

Get help with your job search

The Job Search Assistance Group will not meet on April 12 because of Holy Week. We will meet for our final session this spring on April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in S211.

This group is for anyone look for help with finding employment or job change. We discuss search tactics, networking, resumes, and interviewing for both general and individual job searches. Please arrive promptly at 6:30 and bring your most recent resume.

For information, please contact John Caudill at (281) 600-8138 or j.caudill@qualitec.com. The group will start up again in September. If you need assistance, feel free to call John Tuesdays–Thursdays before 4 p.m.

A Message from St. Peter's Staff Parish Relations Chair

I am happy to announce that Rev. Nathan Lonsdale Bledsoe has been appointed to St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, beginning July 1,



Nathan Lonsdale Bledsoe

2017. The church is on 43rd St. in the Garden Oaks section of Houston.

This is the culmination of Nathan's hard work, and he is very happy with the appointment. Clergy appointments in the United Methodist Church are made by the Bishop in consultation with the Cabinet. This is the place where the Cabinet felt that Nathan's gifts and graces would be most appropriate for the glory of God. Over the next couple of months, look for an opportunity to thank him for his work at St. Peter's and wish him well in his future career.

> Jerry Massey Staff Parish Relations Chair

Birds on a Wire Ministries event May 5

On May 5, from 6 to 9 p.m., St. Peter's Mothers of Young Children will host Karen Stubbs of Birds on a Wire Ministries for a night filled with fellowship and encouragement. Karen will share real-life experiences, while giving inspiration to all women as they journey through the varying stages of motherhood.

Cost for the event, which will be in Lott Hall, is \$40 and includes two 45-minute speaking sessions by Karen, with a brief intermission in between for coffee and dessert. This will be followed by a Q&A session with Karen to close the event. Childcare is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register at stpkaty.org.

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The Way of the Cross Prayer Stations, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Sanctuary Family Stations of the Cross, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Asbury Hall Good Friday Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary **April 16, Easter Worship Services** Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., Courtyard Traditional Worship, 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m., Sanctuary The Element, 9:45 and 11 a.m., Lott Hall SPLASH, 11 a.m., SPLASH Theatre West Campus, 10:30 a.m., Cinco Ranch High School (Sunday School classes will not meet)

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet April 17 at 1:30 p.m. in S209 for a time of caring and sharing. For more information, contact Beverly Deerhake at (281) 372-8389.

Choral trip to Salzburg, Austria, open to all

Ave you ever wanted to sing in or visit the marvelous cathedrals in Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague? St. Peter's is planning a trip to participate in the Salzburg Choral Festival June 26, 2018. You do not have to sing to be a part of this trip. Contact David Galasso at dgalasso@stpkaty.org before April 23 to let him know if you are interested.

Children's Summer Ministries

nformation and registration for all our summer ministries, including Vacation Bible School, is available at stpkaty.org. Registration begins April 10 for the community and anyone who hasn't already registered. You can register for Lakeview Camp or T Bar M at any time.



Taste of Texas. On May 18, the KEYS will head to Taste of Texas on I-10 in Houston for lunch and a Texas history presentation by Nina Hendee. Then the bus will go to Memorial City for shopping until 2:30 p.m. We will leave the St. Peter's parking lot at 10:15 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Information on prices for lunch are available at registration. Please pay (check or cash only) when you register at the KEYS bulletin board in the Lobby beginning April 23. For more information, call Melba Butler at (713) 301-0768 or Jim Butler at (713) 503-3207.

Brown Bag Bridge. Our next play date is April 13 at 10 a.m. in Asbury Hall.

Men's Breakfast Thursdays 7:30 a.m. Whataburger 23540 Westheimer *Join us!*





Easter Fellowship and Egg Hunt

Come out and join the fun as we kick off our third annual West Campus Easter Fellowship and Egg Hunt this Sunday, April 9, immediately following the service. After checking your children out of Sunday school, head out the main entrance to the big field in front of Cinco Ranch High School. There we will have an egg hunt, bounce houses, and family games, including an adult egg toss and sack race. We also will have a taco food truck and a hamburger food truck on site, so bring some extra cash for a delicious lunch. Be sure to wear casual clothes and bring Easter baskets, picnic blankets, and lawn chairs. You won't want to miss this fun-filled family event!

Pizza With the Pastor

Do you attend the West Campus and are you interested in joining St. Peter's? If so, please plan to attend Pizza With the Pastor on April 30 upstairs in the LCI room immediately following the service. Child care is available, and we will have plenty of pizza!

Nursery staff needed at West Campus

f you know of a loving, caring, and nurturing person who has experience caring for babies and is at least 18 years old who would be interested in joining the LS Kids Nursery Staff on Sunday mornings at the West Campus (typically 9:30 a.m-12:15 p.m. every Sunday), please have them contact Amanda Grissom at amanda@livingstones.org for more details. This is a paid position.

Bring your baskets for our April 9 Egg Hunt

ur Easter Fellowship and Egg Hunt is April 9 from 12:30-2 p.m. on the ball field. We'll have food trucks, games, a photo booth, and more after our Palm Sunday worship services. Everyone is invited. Please bring your baskets and lawn chairs.

Seder Meal for adults and children April 10

e are excited to offer a free family Seder Meal on April 10 from 6-8 p.m. in Lott Hall. We will be having elements of the traditional meal with an adapted story to allow children and adults to fully understand the connection between our Jewish roots and Christ's life.

Please join us as we take a trip through the Exodus, Passover, and celebration of Easter. Children of all ages are welcome to attend with their parents. Register at stpkaty.org at Register for Events. For more information, contact Whitney Peper at wpeper@stpkaty.org.



Welcome to our new members

Joe and Bonnie Power

ST. PETER'S ATTENDANCE

April 2

March 26

		April 2
Traditional Worship		Traditional Worship
8:30	183	8:30
9:45	226	9:45
11:00	437	11:00
The Element		The Element
9:45	65	9:45
11:00	90	11:00
SPLASH	71	SPLASH
West Campus	184	West Campus
West Campus Kids	65	West Campus Students/Kids
Church Without Walls	_48	TOTAL
TOTAL	1,369	

In Our Prayers

PRAYERS

Lyle Asplin, Marci Barnes, Jim Basham, Lee Bennett, Tanya Bolog, Dennis Bowling, Gordon Buffington, Claire Cook, Lorkeshia Davis, Faunelle Deaton, Jenifer Franklin, Joe Hawkins, Art Henderson, Mike Ibarguen, Lin Johnson, Brian Jones, Oscar Jones, Lisa Leitch, Ralph Lovell, Tiffany Lovell, Mary K McNamara, Lou Moore, Neil Pickthall, Kathy Powell, Janice Remmele, Virginia Reper, Fay Smith, Cheryl Swift, and Annabelle Turner.

SYMPATHY

To Alicia Nichols and family on the death of her grandfather. To Dwight Turner and family on the death of his mother. To Donna Van Wyk and family on the death of her mother.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Tim and Alison Batig, John Belsha, Will Brandt, John Buck, Jonathan Burdette, Skyler Cook, Austin Foster, Westley Freeze, James Gilbert, Tyler J. Gorcie, Dylan Greismeyer, Stephen Travis Harding, Adam Higdon, Mike Linn, Ryan Lueders, Blake Nunes, Cameron Nunes, Ryan O'Quinn, Melissa Ouellette, Matthew Platz, Noah Platz, Shawn Platz, Hamilton Rencurrel, Jack Ritchie, Don Rolleg, Ben Saunders, Jacob Shinkle, John Simmons, Justin Simon, Theo Speas, Jason Steele, and Jasen Wilson.

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<u>88</u>

1,143



Agape Circle. We will tour the Ballard House on April 19. The Ballard House provides accommodations for families of patients at area hospitals. We will meet at St. Peter's at 10:30 a.m. to carpool, or you can meet us there at 11 a.m. The Ballard House is located at 21421 Cinco Park Road. Call Dorothy Kennedy at (281) 385-0917 for more information.

Donate to VBS at the Giving Tree

Vacation Bible School is looking for help with some of their supplies. The Giving Tree in the Lobby has tags with specific items you can donate to help. These include things such as balloons, poster board, plates, and napkins. VBS is June 12-16.

For more information, please contact Missy Chapman at mchapman@stpkaty.org or (281) 492-8031.





Connecting the World With God's Love

Church Without Walls

O n the first Church Without Walls Saturday of 2017, more than 30 members of the St. Peter's community ran, walked, or volunteered as part of the first annual Katy Color Run supporting Christ Clinic, Clothed by Faith, and Hope Impacts. Prior to the run, one of our West Campus LifeGroups, Christians in Action, sold Jesus Is My Hero T-shirts to raise \$900 for Christ Clinic.

Spring clothing drive benefits Clothed by Faith

This month St. Peter's is partnering with Clothed by Faith to help with desperately needed items. Requested items are men's tops (S/M/2XL/3XL/4XL), men's shorts (29"-35"), men's shoes (10-13), women's tops (2XL/3XL/4XL), boys' pants/shorts (2T/7/8/10/12/14), and boys' shoes (11-13.5). All items must be clean, stain-free, and in new/gently used condition.



To receive a donation receipt, please bring items to Clothed by Faith at 802 Dominion Dr. #100. Clothing also may be dropped off in the St. Peter's Lobby throughout April (except Easter weekend).

Open Hearts Support Group

Open Hearts is a support group for families and friends of LGBT persons. We offer a safe and affirming setting for those who desire understanding, education, and support.

We welcome anyone to be a part of this group, whether you need support or can provide support. Our next meeting is April 20 at 7 p.m. in E225.

For more information, please contact Elaine Saunders at esaunders@ stpkaty.org or (281) 492-8031.

Donate Easter lilies

We are taking orders for Easter lilies to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. You can donate a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. Order forms are at the Information Desk in the Lobby and were emailed last Friday. Please return your form and payment to the church by April 10.



Deliver lilies to the homebound

On Easter Sunday we will need volunteers who can deliver Easter lilies to those who were not able to attend worship. If you would like to help, meet in the Sanctuary after the 11 a.m. service. We will have addresses and maps for you. Make this a special Easter tradition of sharing the joy of the day with others.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Please join the Prayer Quilt Ministry April 12 in E221 from 9 a.m. to noon. This ministry has created more than 900 quilts to give to those needing comfort. The quilts are prayed over by the group before they are delivered. Quilting experience is not required. For more information, contact Tereasa Reimer at (281) 395-4730.

The Journey Men's Bible Study

The Journey Men's Bible Study invites all men to join us for The Truth Project Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in S204. This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. New members are welcome at any time during our studies for this time of spiritual bonding and building our relationship with God and each other.

33: The Series—Men's Bible Application Study

Please join us for 33: The Series—Men's Bible Application Study, which focuses on discovering God's design for men. Using Jesus' time of ministry as a model, we focus on topics such as marriage, career, and fatherhood. We meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in S101 through May. Cost for materials is \$15. For more information, call Guy Brasseux at (281) 468-8136.

Daily Bible Reading

April 10 – 16 MONDAY Isaiah 50:4-9a TUESDAY Psalm 31:9-18 WEDNESDAY Philippians 2:5-11 THURSDAY Matthew 27:11-54 FRIDAY John 12:1-11 SATURDAY John 12:20-36 SUNDAY John 13:21-32

April 17 – 23 MONDAY John 13:1-17, 31b-35 TUESDAY John 18:1-19:42 WEDNESDAY Matthew 27:57-66 THURSDAY Matthew 28:1-10 FRIDAY Jeremiah 30:18-22 SATURDAY Colossians 1:15-20 SUNDAY Habakkuk 3:17-19



Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

The Element Contemporary Worship

Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. St. Peter's West Campus at Cinco Ranch High School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

The Element Contemporary Worship

SPLASH Children's Worship

Sunday School for Adults

St. Peter's Events Calendar

Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday

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9:45 & 11:00 a.m.	John Rutter's Requiem	Sanctuary		
11:30 a.m.	West Campus Easter Egg Hunt	Cinco Ranch HS		
12:30 p.m.	Kingsland Campus Egg Hunt	Ball Field		
Monday, April 10				
6:00 p.m.	Family Seder Meal	Lott Hall		
Tuesday, April 11				
1:00 p.m.	KEYS Council	E225		
7:00 p.m.	Women of Joy	S203		
Wednesday, April 12				
9:00 a.m.	Prayer Quilt Ministry	S201		
Thursday, April 13				
10:00 a.m.	Brown Bag Bridge	Asbury Hall		
7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Service	Sanctuary		
8:00 p.m.	The Way of the Cross	Sanctuary		
Friday, April 14				
7:00 a.m.	The Way of the Cross	Sanctuary		
9:00 a.m.	Family Stations of the Cross	Asbury Hall		
7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary		
Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday				
Monday, April 17				
1:30 p.m.	Alzheimer's Support Group	S209		
7:00 p.m.	Trustees	Conference Room		
Wednesday, April 19				
6:30 p.m.	:30 p.m. Wednesday Nights at St. Peter's			
Thursday, April 20				
7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Conference Room		
	Open Hearts Support Group	E225		

Detailed weekly calendars of St. Peter's events are available on our website.

Pizza With the Pastors

Are you thinking about joining St. Peter's? Do you want to know more about this church and the United Methodist Church? If so, you are invited to our monthly Pizza With the Pastors May 7 at 12:15 p.m. in E106. For more information, please contact Patty Campbell at pcampbell@stpkaty.org or (281) 492-8031.