

APRIL 2021

# Welcome!

We're glad you're here!

## The Announcer

**St. Peter's United Church of Christ**  
**8013 Laramie Ave.; Skokie, IL 60077**

### From the Minister's Desk

By Reverend Richard Lanford

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Easter is almost always my favorite service of the year. I could reminisce about the smell of bacon wafting up into the sanctuary before the early 7 AM service got started, and the aroma of the wine and grape juice upon taking off the lids on the Communion Table. Preaching victory, singing glorious hymns and occasionally adding my trumpet's accompaniment. Seeing mini-family reunions and seeing folks I had not seen for some time all gathered together, along with the Easter chancel flowers adding color and substance to our morning.

This year, although we will have in-person worship per another announcement's news, by safety's design it will be far from our normal numbers, and the singing will be minimized. It may come across as muted. But we must never forget that Christ's defeat of death and sin in the ultimate realm is everlasting. It is just as powerful if there are 3 of us or if there are 125 or more celebrating the declaration of resurrection on April 4. Nothing will change the fact that God raised Jesus from the crypt, turning the ways of the loveless, corrupt and violent world upside down. Death is still around, but its power has been clipped. Sin is still very much alive and active, but something, Someone, greater than sin and its guilt is here! They have been put on notice. God and God's love, the Kingdom, shall not perish. Because Christ, the crucified Christ, is risen. He is risen indeed!

Giving thanks to our living God, Pastor Richard Lanford



#### Upcoming Events

**Livestream Worship Services** – Sundays 10:00 AM on Youtube

#### Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday 7 PM  
Good Friday 7 PM  
Easter Sunday 10 AM  
All Livestream & limited in-person worship. See next page for RSVP link.

**Village Inn Food Fundraiser**- April 18th, Sunday, from 1 PM to 11 PM

**Holy Week at St Peter's** is an emotional time of reflection, worship, and celebration. Our traditions were upended last year as we dealt with forced isolation and quarantine, and we are eager to gather together as a congregation again for this special series of services. While conditions continue to improve, we are still challenged with uncertainty and the desire to keep our community as safe as possible. Our Church Council has approved the Worship and Music Committee's proposal to hold a hybrid of in-person and online worship out of respect for those who are unable to attend, and in joyous welcome for those who are ready to re-enter the sanctuary. Our hope is that worship will be fulfilling and nurturing to all who participate, either from home or in person. **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** worship will be livestreamed at 7pm. We are also inviting people to join us in person for these 2 services. **Easter Sunday** worship will begin at 10am, and will be both livestreamed and include people in the sanctuary. All 3 in-person options (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday) will be 40 minutes long with limited singing, and will have a maximum of 40 people in the sanctuary (this includes Pastor, Ben, Jen, and the Lector). After Easter Sunday, we will return to livestream only for a few weeks – Council wants to assess how things went, and allow for additional vaccinations, etc., to happen. Our hope is to decide at our April Council meeting to re-open for good on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we celebrate our church's 154<sup>th</sup> birthday. Following COVID safety protocols for distance, temperature-taking, sanitizing, cleaning, and masking, we will be limiting attendance to under 40 per service, and will take online reservations for those who plan to come in person.

**ONLINE RESERVATIONS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY ARE BEING TAKEN HERE: <https://rsvp.church/r/Tzm9jHFw>. Reservations for Maundy Thursday AND Good Friday WILL CLOSE WEDNESDAY at 5 PM. Reservations for Easter Sunday WILL CLOSE FRIDAY at NOON.** Call us with any questions or concerns!

**Egg Hunt:** We will be having a special “do it at home” Egg Hunt this year! Those that would like to participate please come to the Laramie Ave. entrance Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> between 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM to pick up your bag of filled eggs (12-15 per child) & special treats courtesy of St. Peter's UCC.

**Village Inn Food Fundraiser:** Join us to help support St Peter's UCC & Village Inn Pizzeria by ordering food on April 18<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) from 1 PM to 11 PM. All you have to do is tell your server you are here for St. Peter's UCC and we get 20% of whatever you spend. Anyone can help, and you can order any way you are comfortable; pickup, delivery or call ahead to find out about their COVID safe dining. We can all use a break from cooking, and our community partner would love to server you and help us!

## Church News

### IN SYMPATHY

Richard Lindroth, older brother of Phil Lindroth and son of the late LaVerne, left this life on March 7th. His health began to decline more rapidly over the past year; he had become a shut-in at The Abington of Glenview following his 2nd stroke in 2017. Richard did grow up in our Sunday School in the late Fifties and early Sixties (he was born in 1952 in Chicago). He was a big Cubs fan, a mechanic at R. F. Mau for many years, and was truly gifted mechanically. Rev. Lanford officiated at a service for him at Haben Funeral Home on March 13th.

### HOSPITALIZED

Cristy LOPEZ has been out of the hospital following February cancer surgery. It was so successful that her doctor saw no need to follow it up with chemo or radiation. She may have already gone back to work soon if she has recovered that completely!

Carol BURMEISTER was at Glenbrook Hospital after severe headaches which may have been caused by a brain bleed. She lost a lot of energy and strength and when she returned to their new home, Elevate St. Andrew's in Niles, she needed more physical therapy before being able to return back to their new place where Ralph awaited, but she has now returned!

### BIBLE STUDY ENDING SOON

The Lenten Bible Study on The Sermon on the Mount, using the book by Amy-Jill Levine and an accompanying DVD and our own rich conversation, has its last session on Wednesday, April 7th on Zoom. Thank you to all who participated and any who chipped in to help the church pay for the books!

### DOROTHY TAYLOR LOOKING AT 100

Dorothy Taylor, now living in Elgin for several years but keeping in touch with St. Peter's in various ways, turns a century old on April 12th this year! Please send her a card if you care to celebrate with her, to 41 Lovell Street, Elgin, 60120.

### NEW BABY

As was reported in a Quarantine Weekly last month, friends of the church Paula and Michael Fink received their second child into the world on February 18th! Atlas Brooks Fink is the new baby brother of Autumn Violet Fink whom we baptized at St. Peter's after her birth in February 2019. Welcome to the world!

<p><b>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</b></p> <p>4/1- Henry Aguayo  4/12- Dorothy Taylor  4/14- Marcia Hilliard  4/16- Bill Graddy, Ken Itter  4/18 -Bonnie Loach  4/21 -Gail (Dennis) Balling  4/23 -Darrell Kerbel  4/24 -Mark Taylor  4/25 -Susan Garcia</p>	<p>4/26- Elisa Meggs  4/27 -Roman Salvatierra</p> <p><b>APRIL ANNIVERSARIES</b></p> <p>4/15 -Analise and Juanito Banoyo  4/21 -Donna Gates and David Rees  4/22 -Carol and Bob Iannotti  4/27 -Sue and Bob Leshner</p>
<p><b>MAY BIRTHDAYS</b></p> <p>5/1 - David Rees, Dayle Zelenka  5/2 - Dale Todd, Diana Pappadakis-Haun  5/4 - Bill Karol  5/5 - Ken Paige; Molly Uchtman  5/6 - Laura Medaglia; St. Peter's UCC  5/12 - Maya Lundeen  5/13 - Gianna Iannotti  5/14 - Jake Ryan  5/17 - Jessica Schneider  5/18 - Annie Noorts  5/22 - Gail Hoellerich; Pastor Lanford</p>	<p>5/24 - Diane Meggs  5/25 - Angelo Iannotti  5/28 - Louise Hrynkow  5/29 - Heather (Schuhrke) O'Hara;  Melissa Erickson  5/31 - Jack Hoellerich</p> <p><b>MAY ANNIVERSARIES</b></p> <p>5/11 - Mandy and Mike McDonald  5/16 - Christine and Maykel Salvatierra  5/23 - Ann and Mark Aler</p>

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Ingrid Anderson, Guy and Traudel Cline, Pat Mauer Erdman, Linda Haig, Ken Itter, Helen Mauer, Jim Todd, Roy Svenson & Cristy Lopez.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS INCLUDING:** Jennifer Castillo, Maribel Powers, Angela Washek Kuras and now also Barb and Jim Todd's granddaughter Kathryn Camardo, all of whom are serving in hospitals as nurses or anesthesiologists, including work with COVID patients, and their families. Cristy Lopez, Merle Tilos and Charlie Rasmason are also health care workers.

If you see your name listed and would like it removed, or, someone you know should be added, please contact the office.



## HOME VISITING

For children ages 0-5 including prenatal. Receive weekly visits in your home from parent educators.

## FAMILY CHILDCARE

Full day/full year care for children ages 0-3 in a licensed home daycare.

## CENTER BASED CHILDCARE

Full day/full year care for children ages 0-5 in a licensed childcare facility.



**Childcare Network of Evanston**

 **Head Start / Early Head Start**

Head Start offers education, health, nutrition, social services, and opportunities for parent involvement.

Children with special needs are encouraged to apply

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## COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

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Morton Grove	Lincolnwood
Northbrook	Northfield
Wilmette	Winnetka

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