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Martin Luther King Breakfast
Holy Savior-Fr. Connell Parish Hall,
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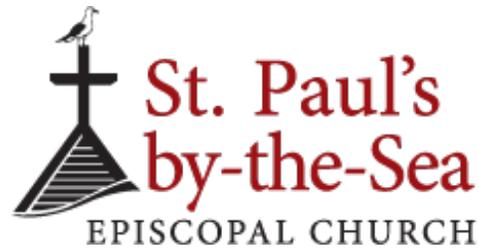
Sunday, April 8
Only an 8:00 am Service at SPBTS
The 10:00 am service will be at St.
Peter's Lutheran Church

Tuesday, April 10th, 11:00 am
Strawberry Festival Planning
Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 6:00 pm
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Saturday, April 14, 1:00 pm
CURE Isaiah Walk



Bishop's Easter Message

We are the Easter People: The Lord is Risen!!

Christians are in essence the Easter people. Our faith as a people of God is rooted in the conviction of a Savior who, although he was God, became human. He suffered the realities of the human condition even to the place of death, but what was thought to be humiliation and defeat on the cross was dramatically transformed into victory. We observe Easter as hope, as renewal and victory against despair, and as new life in the face of death.

We will never presume to deny or take lightly the reality of evil that seems to overwhelm us, especially in a heightened age of war and rumors of war. We are facing down gun violence masquerading as freedom of expression, blatant evidence of mass hunger and homelessness in our nation and the world beyond, displaced lives in the global refugee crisis, and the daily threat of violence felt by faithful and hardworking people of all backgrounds and nationalities. Added to this, we think of the seed of discrimination that is sown among the members of God's family dividing us into contending parties.

With all that's going on around us, and in the wider world, it is understandable if we find it difficult to feel

Shepherd's Crook Shopping List

**The following items are
always needed and always
welcome:**

Tuna - packed in water - 5 oz.
cans

Vienna Sausage

Canned spinach, collards,
pinto beans, kidney beans

Fruit - cans or plastic one-
serve containers of pineapple,
peaches, pears, oranges

Soups - anything Progresso,
Tomato, Chicken Noodle

Pasta Sauce (in non-glass
containers)

Pasta

Macaroni and Cheese boxes

or see hope and anticipate new life. However, the first Easter story over two thousand years ago became a conquering phenomenon in a time of great distress, persecution and hostile oppression - under the tyranny of Roman domination. With one people burdened under the yoke of imperial domination by another. Out of this came an event of such transformational proportion that suffering was vindicated; death was overcome; new life arose bursting out of the tomb of death and darkness to shine gloriously. Pointing the world to the dawning of a new reality embodied in Jesus' love.

The simple message, "he is risen; he is not here..." became such a profound rallying cry, that the tyrannical and oppressed alike left their station and gathered around a new and living call as Jesus' followers. This unified excitement and jubilation is sufficient evidence for us today to replace our well-founded despair with the same joyful spirit echoed in the first Easter. Love will overcome.

This good news is hopeful news for us in this time as it has and will be for all time. The Easter message has not diminished in its resplendent luster to shine the light of God's conquering love. There is no room for fear or surrender because our Easter faith reminds us that God will "raise us up and renew our lives". This is also our prayer for our fellow sisters and brothers who have lost their lives in senseless and lawless shootings and bombings. We remember and pray for loved ones who are grieving their loss and a nation mourning the death of our beloved children and young people. And we stand in hope with the Easter message that death isn't a finality but rather it is resurrection that holds all in God's everlasting love and eternal presence.

Let us celebrate, "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen indeed, our Lord is risen...", and with him so are we! My beloved, I enjoin you to have renewed hope, for with Christ as our forerunner and Savior our present and future are secured. A Happy and Joyful Easter! Amen!

Your bishop and beloved friend!

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Sunday, April 1, 2018

6:00 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service on the Boardwalk

at Division Street

8:00 am Easter Service

10:00 am Easter Service with Music

Easter Egg Hunt for Children on the Beach

at

3rd Street after service



Paid Parking Season Begins April 1st!

Beginning tomorrow you will not be able to park in front of the church without paying. Below is an excerpt of the city's announcement of the new system being implemented this year.

"The shiny new parking kiosks that are popping up around Ocean City are replacing the aging "Pay & Display" kiosks on the sidewalks and in municipal parking lots all over town.

The new solar powered kiosks feature a full color display screen which will guide users step-by-step through their parking transactions. Note that these kiosks are "Pay by Plate" so you must enter your license plate number first before paying for your time. There is no need to place a receipt on the dashboard, you just pay and go. In addition, time can be extended at the kiosk with your plate number."

A Word of Thanks

I think we can all be so happy with the glorious Palm Sunday Service. The weather held off and we had a most heartwarming welcoming for our Bishop, The Right Reverend Santosh Marray. Our parish has overcome darkness and he is a bright light in our lives and the Diocese. Many people told me of how moved they were by his Sermon and how glad they were that they made it to church that day.

I personally want to thank those who helped with the reception following the service. It gave the members of our parish an opportunity to meet and learn more about this remarkable man. He has experienced our brand of hospitality and always mentions how happy he is when he visits us. Thank You! *Karen A. Cramer*

*Scroll down for photos from our
Palm Sunday Celebration*

Farewell to Pastor Gregg Knapp

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Pastor Gregg Knepp will preach for the last time on his last day at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on April 8. The service will be a combined single service at 10 am.

Pastor Gregg has been a wonderful friend to our congregation, opening his sanctuary to us when we lost our rector, David Dingwall. Now that St. Peter's is losing their pastor, I want to show solidarity with the congregation.

On Sunday, April 8, I will celebrate the 8 am service at St. Paul's by-the-Sea, and then for the 10 am service we will join the congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran Church on 103rd street. **Thus, there will be only one service at St. Paul's by-the-Sea on April 8.**

Martin Luther King Breakfast

Saturday, April 7, 2018

To honor [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) on the 50th anniversary of his death CURE has organized a breakfast to be held on Saturday, April 7th at Holy Savior-Fr. Connell Parish Hall, 17th Street & Philadelphia Avenue beginning at 8 am. There will be a speaker, workshops and discussions. The cost is \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased from the church

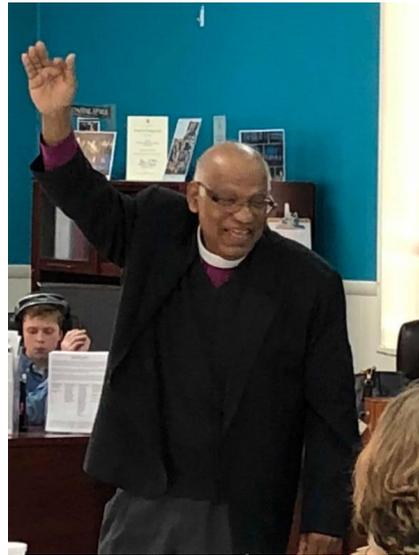
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Palm Sunday in Photos











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