



“The Herald” Newsletter

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*“ Let the Beauty of the Lord our God
 be upon us.” Psalm 90:17*

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SAGES RECOGNITION SUNDAY Sunday, August 28th

We will honor and celebrate our new and seasoned St. Peter’s Sages on Sunday, the 28th. A Sage is any member who has reached the age of 80 or more. We welcome our new and returning Sages to attend worship with a specially planned service in their honor. Communion will be served at both 8 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. services. A special reception will be held after each service in the Narthex to give you time to visit with old and new friends. Family and friends are welcome to join you. Also, the 28th coincides with the summer’s Hymn Sing Prelude where the prelude features singing a verse or two of our favorite hymns. First choice will be given to our Sages for the selections. If you have a favorite hymn you’d like to be included during the prelude, let us know. We will try to accommodate as many requests as we can. Questions or to submit a hymn request, call Christine Smith at 299-0949 or Sandy in the church office at 569-9211. Also, if you need a ride to service, let us know and it can be arranged.

Fall Worship Schedule



Please note that we will return to our Fall Sunday schedule on Sunday, September 11th. The Sunday morning schedule will be as follows:

**Traditional Worship at 8:00 AM
 (Sanctuary)**

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 AM

**New Day Worship at 10:45 AM
 (Family Life Center)**

**Traditional Worship at 10:45 AM.
 (Sanctuary)**

Please make note on your calendars.

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AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Summer Worship
Schedule

Sunday, August 7: *The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 9:45 a.m.

--Pastor Sarah preaches

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00, and Service of Word and Holy Baptism at 9:45

--Pastor Craig preaches

Sunday, August 14: *The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

New Day Service of Word at 9:45 a.m.

--Pastor Craig preaches

Traditional Service of the Word at 8:00, and Holy Communion at 9:45 a.m.

--Pastor Sarah preaches

Sunday, August 21: *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 9:45 a.m.

--Pastor Jeff Pretz preaches

Traditional Services of Holy Communion at 8:00, and Service of Word at 9:45

--Sister Dottie preaches

--Nancy LeFevre, guest organist

Sunday, August 28: *The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

New Day Service of Word at 9:45 a.m.

--Vicar Avery preaches

Traditional Service of the Word at 8:00, and Holy Communion at 9:45 a.m.

--Pastor Craig preaches

--Nancy LeFevre, guest organist



Drivers Needed
for Sages Recognition
Sunday, August 28th

Our annual Sages Recognition Sunday will be held Sunday, August 28th during both services. If you're able to offer one of our Sages a ride to the service, please sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery or call Christine Smith at 299-0949. Thank you!

Art Hallway Ministry

The Art Hallway Ministry was recently established to help us celebrate God's gift of artistry and creativity in each of us. God is the original artist, and we now have a dedicated area to share the gifts He has given us with each other.

Located just around the corner from the choir room, the Art Hallway provides museum-like gallery space for rotating exhibits and is available for everyone to display and enjoy. Our team has been busy making updates to the hallway including the addition of two curio cabinets which allow us to display not only hanging art and photography, but also objects and artifacts. (The cabinets are lighted and will be locked at all times for security).

Calling all artists! Our next planned exhibit will focus on North American Native Art. If you have paintings, photography, objects or artifacts that relate to this topic and would be willing to share them, please let us know. We would love to add your art to this exhibit!

As we prepare for future exhibits, we are asking anyone with the gift of artistry to please contact us. If you have a collection of any kind that you would like to display – either large or small – we would like to discuss the possibility of showcasing your artwork in a future exhibit. Contact any member of our team for more information: Fred Husson (fhusson2033@comcast.net), Brian Tolbert (brtphoto@aol.com), Kathy Groff (klgroff@me.com), Kim Sterner (kesterner@comcast.net) or Joan Martin (joaninpa@comcast.net).



Sign Language Classes

Pastor Russ Rockwell from Word of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (WOLD) will teach an introductory sign language class from July 31 - August 4. The class is for St. Peter's members only. Pastor Rockwell is trying a "VBS approach" to this year's classes — they will be offered in the evenings, Sunday thru Thursday nights (7/31-8/4), 6:30-8:00 p.m. The classes are meant to encourage communication between WOLD & St. Peter's members (youth and adults will benefit the most from the classes). Don't miss this opportunity — the last time Pastor Rockwell offered classes was the summer of 2013. To sign up, or for more information, email Pastor Rockwell at russ.rockwell@pa.net.



Sunday Nursery Volunteers Needed

Sunday Nursery Volunteers Needed for all time frames--early service, Sunday school hour, and late service. We are especially asking parents who use the nursery to take a turn volunteering. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will need to serve. We've been blessed with faithful volunteers, many of whom no longer use the nursery, including one with a child in high school! We have a paid volunteer at all services, so we only need to schedule one adult to comply with Safe Child guidelines. In addition, youth volunteers are always welcome. If you're interested in consistently keeping the Nursery available, please contact Patti Courtois at pjc898@gmail.com or 898-1898 with your name, email address, telephone number, and times you are available. Thank you.



Thank You From Vicar Karen Durbin

Dear St. Peter's congregation,

"Thank you so very much for all your kindness and help this past year. It was wonderful being your Vicar! I will treasure the framed art that you gave me and thank you for the card and check presented on my last Sunday with you.

May God continue to be close and grant you much joy —

*Vicar (former)
Karen*

Prayer Chain Ministry



From Your Prayer Chain.....

Where has this year gone?? It has been one year since Angie and I agreed to co-lead the Prayer Chain, when the original founders, Joan Ralston and Pat Ross, stepped down because of Joan's illness. We wish to thank all who have been so very helpful to us in this first year of transition, our Heavenly Father; Pastor Ross, Pastor Sarah, Sister Dottie and Vicar Karen; Sandy, JoAnn and Gary in the church office; the prayer chain members; the congregation and our spouses who supported us in this new endeavor. When a person assumes leadership of a committee, it can be tough to make changes. We were fortunate enough to have outstanding leadership before us, so, in our opinion, very few changes were needed or made (and for that we are very thankful!) As we move forward into year two, we plan to use Joan's favorite Bible verse in our communications, in her memory..... So.... 'Be still and know that I am God' Psalms 46:10 *Ginny Gerhart & Angela Moshos*

Poem Prayer **for August 2016**

By: Janice Riegel,
St. Peter's Prayer Chain

THE SHIP OF LIFE

Each day we are the passengers on
What's called the "Ship of Life",
Our voyage may be clear and smooth
Or filled with lots of strife.

We look to those around us
For some help along the way
But the one we should be looking for
Will guide us day by day.

So reach out to your Lord and Savior,
Follow Him and see
That through all kinds of weather
He will tell you to "Follow Me."



St. Peter's Library

NEW BOOKS DONATED IN MEMORY OF JOAN RALSTON

The following books have been donated through generous gifts in memory of Joan Ralston, who helped to start the St. Peter's Prayer Chain:

Christian Living:

- Some Things You Just Have to Live With by Crafton
- The Courage to Grow Old by Crafton
- The Pug List by Hodgson

Non-Fiction:

- When Breath Becomes Air by Kalanithi

Prayer:

- Prayer by Keller
- Out of the Ordinary by Rupp
- Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth by Brueggemann
- Celtic Treasure by Newell
- Living Lent by Crafton

Religion:

- The Language of God by Collins
- Secrets in the Dark by Buechner

A few more books may be added to this collection in the next several months. Please come to the Library (in the hallway leading to the Parish Life Center) and borrow one of these or the hundreds of other books available to borrow. Instructions for borrowing books are posted on the table inside the door. If you have any questions about borrowing books or anything else about the library, please contact Mary Ann Frontz at (717) 581-5397 or Pat Ross at (717) 569-8002.

Thank you to those who donated in memory of Joan, a wonderful lady who was a model of faith and trust in God throughout both her life and her illness.

Social Ministry



Lydia's Closet clothing bank at St. Peter's

August Distribution day – Saturday, August 6th – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Prep night – Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Molly Olmsted for more information or to volunteer Astaloo@me.com

Kingdom Life Community Meal

Thursday August 11th

Leave St. Peter's at 4:30 – return around 7 pm

Contact Sylvia Lashley if you can help serve (sylvialashley@aol.com)



School supplies needed for local elementary schools:



Dry erase markers

Notebooks

Pencils

Glue sticks

Boxes of crayons

Washable markers

Backpacks

Please drop off supplies in the
Narthex or Youth Lounge.

Box Tops, Moo Caps and Campbell Soup Totals

This past school year we collected 1621 Campbell Soup labels, 2089 Box Tops and 110 Moo Caps. Since this project began, we have donated 6875 Campbell Soup labels, and 21,600 Box Tops and Moo Caps to the School District of Lancaster! Keep it going by continuing to collect over the summer for the next school year. Unfortunately, Campbells will no longer be having the Label for Education Program. They will be phasing out the coupons on the products within the next year. We will continue to collect the Box Tops and Moo Caps. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project. The collection box is located on the bulletin board next to the Nursery.

New Outreach: Weekly Bulletins And Church Service CD'S Available for Mailing

Are you no longer able to make it to church on a regular basis? Would you like to receive the weekly bulletins and/or a CD from our Sunday service by mail? Do you know of a family member that may benefit from this outreach? St.Peter's In Touch Team would be glad to mail a bulletin weekly and/or a CD to you or a family member. Let us know by contacting Kathy Burke at JKBURKE@windstream.net or Christine Smith at 299-0949. You may also call Sandy in the church office at 569-9211. We would be happy to add you to our list. Also, let us know if you would like a regular bulletin or a large print version.



From your Health & Wellness Committee

**Your Health: Keep things up-to-date,
and see your Doctor at least once a year!**

August is National Immunization Month, and this prompts your Health and Wellness Committee to remind everyone to see their health care provider at least once a year.

Routine physicals are appropriate for young, growing children, but as we reach a 'certain age' the preventive physical isn't found to be as helpful anymore. (The hope is that you've seen your Doctor yearly throughout your life, so that your visits will more than likely address illnesses or risk factor reduction to avoid diseases!)

However, immunization, or vaccination, helps prevent dangerous and sometimes deadly diseases. To stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults need to get their shots – just like kids do. The flu shot is a must, and at 65, so is the pneumonia shot, and of course we know you've seen commercials for the shingles shot (age 50+) **Always check with your insurance regarding coverage, and ask your health care provider about when to receive these vaccines and health care services.

We all play a vital role in our own health, so that annual visit is highly recommended to stay well.

Global Missions

VBS – WATER – YAGM CONNECTIONS!

Connections! Everybody has connections of some sort. So what are the connections between VBS, WATER, and YAGM?? And what is YAGM anyway? Let's find out!!

VBS (Vacation Bible School) at St. Peter's has come and gone this summer. If you were lucky enough to have a young person attend VBS or you volunteered your time there, you might guess one of the connections – between VBS and **WATER!** Children at our VBS **WALKED** for WATER all week long! They also contributed pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to help pay for WATER in global communities that have very little access to good, clean water. Their contributions are being sent to ELCA World Hunger for its Water Initiative. These contributions will help pay for digging wells in these communities. Our children have connected with other children in these global communities. **THANK YOU, KIDS!!**

So what's **YAGM?** And what's the connection between YAGM, VBS, and WATER?

YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission) is an ELCA program that had its beginnings in 2003. In that year 12 participants (young adults between the ages of 21 and 29) were selected to spend a year of volunteer mission work in the United Kingdom. This program was started as a way to encourage recent college graduates to serve the greater Church in a mission field before moving into the next chapter of their lives – sort of a “gap” year. It was hoped that this mission experience would foster spiritual growth and develop leadership potential among the younger members of the ELCA.

Since this modest beginning, the YAGM program has grown beyond all expectations. Mission opportunities are now on almost all continents of our world, including Argentina, Uruguay, Cambodia, Hungary, Jerusalem/West Bank, Mexico, Rwanda, South Africa and the United Kingdom. This year **95 young people** will participate.

What do YAGMS do during their mission year? They provide critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need. (Do you see the CONNECTION to VBS and WATER?) They might work in health and development, congregational ministry, human rights, education, women's issues, or they might work with children and youth.

And now the final connection with WATER: St. Peter's Church will be having a four-week **WORLD HUNGER CAMPAIGN** this fall. Kick-off is slated for **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**. We will be emphasizing World Hunger's **WATER INITIATIVE** during these four weeks. On the last Sunday, **OCTOBER 16**, we will have a special visitor. Hannah Wolfe, a **YAGM** alum, will speak with our youth about her mission experience in South Africa. We encourage all of our youth to come to church on October 16 to find out about YAGM and ask Hannah questions about this special year.

Now you know the CONNECTIONS between **VBS, WATER, and YAGM!!**

Christine Mummert, Chair, St. Peter's Global Missions Committee

From the Tanzania Mission Committee (TMC):

To the Staff and Parishioners of St. Peter's: Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and support for Mark Aho during his recent visit to Tanzania, specifically to the Konde Diocese Region, Busoka Lutheran Church, and Itete Hospital. On reading this, Mark may have already returned and will share with us many interesting facts learned on his trip and the impact St. Peter's has had on the orphans and our companion congregation. Stay tuned for dates and times to hear of Mark's experiences.

Mum's the Word: Well, not really. We want to spread the news that the Tanzania Mission Committee will be selling coupons after services on September 11, 18, and 25 for 9” pots of mums. Several colors will be available—red, yellow, orange, purple, and white. Coupons will be redeemed at Stauffers of Kissel Hill in Litz on a designated date in early October. More details will follow. Plan to beautify your home AND share the proceeds with our companion congregation in Busoka, Tanzania.

Spiritual Gifts

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit”



At the time I am writing this, the Spiritual Gifts Assessments are being tabulated. Hopefully by the time you read this you have received a correspondence from St. Peter's telling you the results of your assessment. If you have not taken the assessment, please go to St. Peter's website at www.stpeterslutheran.org. Scroll down the Home page and click on Serving in the middle of the first paragraph. Scroll down the Service page and click on Take the Survey. Or, contact Mary Ann Frontz and she will email you a copy. Assessments are also available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

The gift for this month is **MERCY**

Mercy is the gift that enables you to feel deeply for those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need and then to act to meet that need.

Scripture References (NRSV):

Matthew 25:37-40 - “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

Mark 9:41 - “For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.”

James 1:27 - “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

If you have this gift,

You feel akin to those in need and reach out to the underprivileged.

You have great compassion and are able to feel other people's pain.

You are moved to aid people in difficult circumstances.

Connections to Ministry:

Visitation Ministry, Shut-In Communion Assistant, Global Missions, Tanzania Mission Committee, Lydia's Closet, Meal Train, Crispus Attucks Community Meals, Feed My Sheep Food Carts, Habitat for Humanity, Homes of Hope, Love, Inc., Luther Care, Power Packs, WELCA. For information on all of these ways to serve, please go to the Serve page at www.stpeterslutheran.org.

If you have the spiritual gift of *Mercy*, please consider serving in any one or more of the ministries listed above! If you would like to take the spiritual gifts assessment, please contact Mary Ann Frontz, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator, at (717) 581-5397 or via email at mafrontz@verizon.net.



Summer Offerings



OFFERING

Please remember to be faithful and generous with your offerings over the summer months. We continue to need your strong financial support for our ministries during the summer months. Debt reduction payments, property expenses, benevolence commitments, salaries and many of our worship and outreach programs are diligently at work on your behalf while you are vacationing and traveling.

Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee will meet on Thursday, August 11th at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Groups and Events

50 Plus Summer Picnic — Thursday, August 4, 2016 at noon in the Café. All are invited to attend, but PLEASE be certain to SIGN UP in advance, so we have adequate food for all attending!! Please complete the **sheet(s)** located on the bulletin board to the right of the nursery no later than July 31st. **Please bring a covered dish or picnic food item to share with the group. Don't forget to indicate, which sandwich you would like and how many of them.** Beverages, paper supplies, utensils; plus hot dogs, hamburgers and cheeseburgers will be supplied. Thanks in advance to Grill Master George Groff. Questions: Contact Deb Shue at 569-7740.

Just for Fun Group - Please join us for “brunch” on Sunday, August 14th, at 11:15 a.m. at the Knight and Day Diner. Lunch or breakfast will be available. Any questions, please call Jim or Edie Galway at 568-8120. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying time together.

Just for Fun Amish Dinner — Dinner in an Amish home has been arranged by Edee Bedford on Saturday, October 8th at 5:30 p.m. The home is very easy to locate, directions/map will be provided. Food served will be similar to an Amish Wedding Dinner. \$20.00 per person must be paid to Edee Bedford by September 24th. Sign up on yellow sheet posted on the community bulletin board. The number of participants is limited. Any questions, please call Edee at 569-5992.

The Quilters

Quilt on Display in the Church Office

Please stop by the Church Office to see the quilt that is on display in front of the Parish Secretary’s desk! The colorful squares were cut and sewn by Marian Kreider Charles - originally from Paradise, Pa. and a former teacher and talented seamstress. She created the designs herself and used scraps of material left over from dresses and shirts that she made for her clients and grandchildren. Her daughter, Kitty Glass, kept them after her death until she heard of the sewing members of our church who welcomed the contributions. This simple but beautiful quilt is the result! The Quilters added some more material and put it together. The group spent approximately 60 plus hours on this project. Thank you to Marian, Kitty and the Quilters for this beautiful quilt.



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Time is running out for you to sign up for one of this fall’s Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends. All married couples deserve a weekend to escape from daily pressures and responsibilities to search out and discover an even warmer, closer, more joyful marital relationship! NOW is the time to sign up for a weekend at one of the beautiful retreat centers scheduled this fall:

- September 16-18, 2016 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.

- October 21-23, 2016 at the Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA—a lovely, hotel-style retreat center perched on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest, a couple hours north of Pittsburgh.



Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 3 PM and are designed to help you make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Two night’s lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee of \$100, plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up TODAY by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the fee with a credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.



Pastor's Letter

*Sirius rises late in the dark, liquid sky, on summer nights, star of stars,
Orion's Dog they call it, brightest, of all, but an evil portent,
bringing heat and fevers to suffering humanity.*

~~ Homer's The Iliad

Dear Friends:

The “dog days of summer.” The phrase originated in the early civilizations surrounding the Mediterranean Sea as the warm temperatures returning to the world coincided with the rising of the star Sirius into the night sky ... Sirius, Orion's dog ... the “Dog Star.” The “Dog Days of Summer” invite a slower, sleepier engagement of life. The air stifles your breathing and the humidity clogs your lungs, as the heat saps your energy and the sun drains the strength from your muscles. The siren song of vacations call you to just pick up and leave this smothering weather behind and seek more gentle climes. Only those forced to endure this oppressive weather because of their commitments to sports teams and marching band strive to conquer it. Only those who are paid to do battle against the “dog days” will dare venture into it day in and day out. I recognize this meteorological dynamic tempts us in the church community, too. The malaise of stifling weather invites a sluggish spirit in all aspects of life, even our spiritual callings.



But there is nothing sluggish about life at St. Peter's this month. Each week your worship staff and volunteers diligently prepare for church services that challenge your thinking about God and invite you to engage the problems found in life and the world. We will have a special blessing of music offered by some of our lay musicians who will play piano and organ for our worship during Adam's family leave. Throughout this month, ministry leaders and staff members are planning for fall Christian Education classes, youth ministry events, music ensembles, and congregational social gatherings that will crank up to full speed in September. Throughout this month the sick will be visited, the dead will be buried, the homebound will be offered communion, and the struggling will be counseled. Our social outreach ministries will continue to support the hungry, the homeless and the lonely. You are a part of it all, in some cases directly through ministries in which you volunteer ... in some cases through your offerings that support these efforts ... and always through your prayers and support

Dog days, they say. Ha! I say. We have plenty to do while Sirius rises in the night sky. Feel free to watch for Orion's Dog each night ... but on Sundays, I'll ...

See you in church,
Pastor Ross

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RIGHT OF REFUSAL WAIVER FOR PHOTOS — To insure the safety of our parishioners, St. Peter's has adopted a policy for the use of photos from various services, events and educational programs here at church. If you wish that your image or the image of your child(ren) NOT BE USED in any media that St. Peter's publishes, please pick up a “Right of Refusal Waiver” (a bright green form) from the literature racks in the narthex or at the Welcome Desk. For the form to be valid, a photo must be included with the form. Forms will be valid for the calendar year (until December 31). Each year a new form and updated photo will need to be filled. Please hand in the completed form with picture to the church office. Please contact Samantha Cuascut, Director of Children's Ministries if you have any questions.



Pastor Sarah’s Message

Dear friends in Christ,

I hope that your summer is going well. What has kept you busy? Have you traveled to vacation destinations or have you stayed at home? Could you describe this time as the “lazy days of summer” or have your days been filled with schedules, to-dos, pick-ups and drop-offs and that daunting summer project?

It seems like every year I begin the summertime with grand plans of accomplishment. I go into June with a list of summer reading (both theological and beach-reads) and several resolutions for my own physical and spiritual well-being. Then it gets to be about this time and I look at my “grand plan” and it seems like a new plan must be drawn again. (There is a myth that the church slows down during the summer months...but I think this may be fantastical in nature).

The good news is that we all still have a month of summertime. Perhaps I’ll be able to put a dent into that reading list I made and perhaps you’ll be able to take a last summer vacation with the people you love.

On the subject of summer vacations, I know that the summer time is a ‘low attendance’ season in the church. This is not only true for St. Peter’s, but for churches in general. We’re trying to take advantage of the weekends and may not be in town to worship and be in community with each other. It’s one of the reasons why this summer we have created Pocket Church.



Pocket Church is a series of short videos featuring summertime activities where we see how God is with us in the midst of our travels, our play and the wonders of the summer season. It’s our hope that though you may not be able to be physically with us as much as you like, we can connect and grow in faith with these devotional summertime videos.

Find it on our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster>) and YouTube channel stpeterslutheran.org/pocket-church. Pocket Church is released every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings

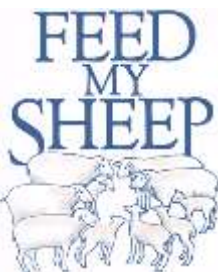
And Pocket Church can help you be a good evangelist, as well! (You can be a good evangelist...trust me!) Watch an episode, like it, and share with your friends. Perhaps add a message like, “This is what my church is up to, check it out!” They may be in need of some devotional time with God, and you sharing Pocket Church may be just what their soul needs at that moment. Plus...you share enough...it might give you the courage to invite them to church come the Fall... you never know what the Spirit may do!

Friends, I hope that we can connect in the month ahead (be it digitally or in person) and I hope that you feel the presence of God in all you do.

Peace,

Pastor Sarah

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The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in August: *Peanut butter; jellies and jams; canned fruits; canned pasta; canned tomato products; spaghetti sauce; boxed macaroni and cheese; complete pancake mix & syrup; canned tuna and chicken; tuna, beef & chicken helper; cereal; instant oatmeal* Food Carts are in the Narthex. Items go to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank. **Thanks for your donations!**

Letter From the Vicar



Hello St. Peter's!!! First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for the extremely warm welcome Meg, Lizzie, and I have received here at St. Peter's. It is amazing how "at home" everyone has already made us feel. I look forward to getting to know the St. Peter's community and working with you all for the glory of God over this next year. I can already tell this will be a year I will never forget. (In a good way, of course!)

Meg and I have been married for 15 years and have a 6-month old daughter named Elizabeth. Meg is from Upstate New York and I grew up on a small farm in Western Kentucky. We were both going to college at Murray State University and were "tricked" into having a first date by a mutual friend. Four months later we were married.

As far as hobbies go, I enjoy music, drawing, hiking and generally being out in nature, and I am also a huge geek. I love Star Wars, Star Trek, Lord of the Rings, etc... I am basically a big kid on the inside.

In college I studied Environmental Biology/Ecology with a focus on Ornithology (Birds). In fact, I was all set to attend Cornell University to do my graduate work in Ornithology (pending graduation) when an illness made me unable to walk for approximately 6 weeks and prevented me from graduating. I was never so disappointed and I constantly tried to go back and finish but life always seemed to prevent me from doing so. It is fair to say I was quite bitter about it for a long time. My brother got me job at the local fire department as a firefighter/EMT where they sent me on to paramedic school. I continued working in EMS for the next several years until my wife accepted a job in Virginia and we moved.

We started attending Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Sidney, VA and one Sunday the pastor was speaking with the men's group about the need for pastors and I felt like I had been "kicked by a mule" as I described in true Kentucky fashion. I had already began studying some Hebrew on the side and had joked around that I would like to take some classes at a seminary just because I thought it would be interesting. The pastor and I started talking, but there was one problem. I had never gone back to finish my bachelor's degree and that was a requirement. He knew that I had tried several times to go back, but something always fell through but he encouraged me to think it over. Meg and I discussed it and decided we would just take a leap of faith. We had no way to pay for school so we decided that I would sign up for classes (knowing we couldn't pay for it) and if God wanted me to go to seminary, a solution would present itself. Then we got the bill. It was time to pay up and we had no way to do so. I was standing in the downstairs gallery at the museum where Meg was working and had my computer opened up showing her the bill. We still had not found a solution to the tuition problem. We decided that I was just not meant to go to seminary and was just about to cancel classes when a lady in the museum overheard our conversation, walked up and said, "if that is the only thing stopping you, I will cut you a check right now." A week later she did just that and paid for me to finish my degree at Murray State University. I graduated in December of 2013 and as I sat in the auditorium waiting to hear my name called, tears ran down my cheeks.

So here I am. At this wonderful place known as St. Peter's Lutheran Church on my internship year of seminary. I am very excited to be here and am sure great things are ahead. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself and have a chat.

The peace and love of God be with you all,

Vicar Avery

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ST. PETER'S KIDS!



A HUGE thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made this year's "Surf Shack" VBS a success. From the station leaders, to the helpers, crew leaders and youth, it takes many people to support our summer VBS program here at St. Peter's. THANK YOU....we couldn't have done it without you!

Our new year of Sunday school begins on September 11th. OUR PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS (Jr. Explorers) follow a traditional format. ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL (Bible Explorers) is for children entering grades 1 through 4. All rotation age children meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:15 am every Sunday for an opening. From there, guides (adult volunteers) will lead them to their rotation activity. A letter explaining everything about our new Sunday school year and a registration form will be sent out at the end of the month. Look for it in your mailbox!



WE NEED YOU! Have a bit of time to give of your talents to our educational programs here at St. Peter's? We are looking for volunteers to work in our 2/3 and 4 year old and Kindergarten classes as well as our Rotation Sunday school (grades 1-4). For the Rotation program, you can volunteer as little as 5 weeks. All materials and lessons are provided! If you simply want to help out but not teach, there are many opportunities for you to do so. Grab a volunteer form at the Children's Ministries' bulletin board and see what you can do to help out, or email Samantha to get started (scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).

As always, if you have any questions about Children's Ministries, contact Samantha Cuascut, Director of Children's Ministries at scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org or 717-586-0330.



Samantha Cuascut
Director of Children's Ministries



TAKE A LOOK IN THE OFFICE! We have camping material from **VBS 2015** that still have not been claimed. Items that are not claimed within two weeks will be donated to Goodwill. Examples of items are tents, canteens and sleeping bags.

St. Peter's Preschool

PRESCHOOL OPENS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 12TH

Our preschool summer camp was great fun with about 60 students enrolled for June and July. It really feels like summer when you hear the sounds of kiddos running through sprinklers and chasing bubbles. We even had our own little fairy garden! Thanks to all who helped make summer camp a great success.

We are now preparing for another productive school year and our classes are just about full. At this time, our enrollment stands at 165 children. Our numbers are trending up and we are thrilled to be running at full capacity again. And how exciting to welcome Pastor Sarah and Eric Teichmann's sweet little Elsa to our Tendercare program. She joins church staff children, Sam Hughes, Lucas Cuascut and Joey Morrison. They are the next generation of St. Peter's Church. It's a great honor!

We still have a few openings available. Don't miss a great opportunity. Please contact Lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org or call the church office to arrange a tour.



Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org

Youth & Family Ministry News...

Mark your calendars....

First day back to Sunday school will be Sunday September 11th at 9:15 a.m. There will be a youth and parent information breakfast concerning the upcoming year for youth education and youth activities. Please plan on attending – more info in the September Herald.

October 22 – Youth Trip to the NYC Tenement Museum – 6:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. - Cost: \$50 pp. This trip is open to all youth and their parents – and it will be a trip that corresponds with our Sunday School immigration units. Watch for more details.

Visit: <https://www.tenement.org/> for more details on the museum.

Some Photos from our Youth Summer Events:- (more in September).



Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sister Dottie Almoney, Parish Deaconess
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Fall 9th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Parents of 9th graders who have been involved in Confirmation Ministry at St. Peter's are reminded to watch for a letter in August with the details of this year's ninth grade class, co-taught by Pastor Ross and Mr. Joe Geesey. The first day of class will be Sunday, September 18th and the Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21st. Parents of incoming 9th graders, mark your calendars now.



From the Director of Music

Choosing Music

Have you ever wondered about the music that is chosen to be part of traditional services at St. Peter's? Who plans the songs? How do they get chosen? When are we going to sing my favorite? Can we please never sing that one again? Here's a window into the process.

The rostered leaders of the church and I get together to plan hymns on a seasonal basis. In fact, we recently met to plan hymns from the first Sunday in September through Christ the King, 12 Sundays worth! We sit down together to plan hymns having looked at the readings for each Sunday and our primary goal is to find songs that draw out the themes found in these readings. Some resources, like SundaysandSeasons.com, are invaluable to our planning time, but sometimes there's nothing quite as useful as cracking open the hymnal and leafing through it!

What about the actual songs we choose and where we place them? For each week, our primary hymn is the Hymn of the Day (HotD). As Lutherans, we view the centrally located HotD as the people's proclamation of the gospel found in that day's readings. Yes, after the pastor proclaims the gospel, the assembly follows up with its own proclamation! The voice of one is juxtaposed with the voices of many. Such an important hymn often gets planned first with the goal of attempting to most closely match the messages in the readings for the day.

Next are the gathering and sending songs. For both of these songs, we try to relate to the readings for the day (hmmm... there seems to be a *theme* here). Here, though, we also try to capture feelings of these two very different times in the service. For the gathering song we try to capture a quality of openness and willingness to receive the Word, whereas sending songs tend to embody some sort of call to action. After all, as we are sent out from the worship service, the real 'service' begins.

Finally, we take some time to plan songs to sing during communion. While obvious choices are many of the fine hymns found in the Communion section of the hymnal, sometimes we have found yet another hymn that relates to the day that we just couldn't let go of. We get really excited when there's a song in the Communion section that actually relates to the readings for the day. Ah, the life of a church nerd!

Of course, there are so many other considerations. Do we know this song? If we don't, is it easily learned and is it worth learning? Have we sung this recently enough? Have we sung this too recently? Are we gravitating toward this song because we like it or is it because we think it's the best fit? Did we pick 3 hymns with 17 stanzas each? Back to the drawing board!

So, that's a brief introduction to how we choose music for the traditional services at St. Peter's. Maybe you have more questions? Feel free to ask, but be warned, the answer might start with something about the readings for the day!

Adam Lefever Hughes

Director of Music

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Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Handbell Petting Zoo – August 7th

Have you ever wondered what it was like to ring a handbell? Maybe you'd like to try! There will be a Handbell Petting Zoo between services on August 7th. Join some of our very own handbell ringers in the narthex for this hands-on opportunity to see what the fun is all about!

Lancaster British Brass Band – August 6th

St. Peter's final Musical Arts concert will take place August 6th at 7:00pm. The Lancaster British Brass Band presents Beatles Go Brass, a concert featuring the music of the Beatles completely clothed in brass with the latest terrific arrangements of your favorite Beatles songs.

Hymn Sing Prelude – Sages Edition



We have one more hymn-sing prelude at the traditional services on August 28th. This month we're encouraging our sages to submit ideas ahead of time. We'll be honoring this well-seasoned group in several ways this morning. Sages, please feel free to submit your suggestions to the Director of Music or Rostered Leaders. Everyone else, come early and be ready to help celebrate by heartily singing some of our favorite hymns!

Parental Leave

I will be taking parental leave from August 15th through September 11th and will have limited access to email. I am exceedingly grateful for this opportunity to spend time with my newborn son and am looking forward to establishing those important bonds early on in his life. My thanks to the people of St. Peter's in advance for this wonderful gift. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at rehearsals starting Monday, September 12th!

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Christian Education

Fall Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Mark your calendar now for **Wednesday, September 14th** for our first Wednesday Morning Bible Study Class of the fall. This year we will again have a two-semester system in which we study two different topics. We will start the year exploring the topic "How the Bible Came to Be," and examine the complicated process of story-telling, oral tradition, and scribing that has led to this magnificent book that never grows old and continues to speak to modern generations of people. Following that somewhat short topic, we will enter the book of Genesis for the remainder of the year, as we examine the foundations of our faith through the patriarchs and the formation of the people of God.

Why not consider joining this vibrant group of 40-50 fellow believers this fall as we study familiar material in ways that always open up faith discussion, historical reflection, and theological questions. We have a strong class that has the involvement of both church members and community members, which creates an atmosphere that is rife with conversation and insights offered from both leaders and participants. Pastor Ross facilitates the class which meets in the Café on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Friends are welcome. Modest snacks and drinks are provided.



Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for August

	ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER	LECTORS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS
August 7 8:00 am	Morgan Stuhltrager-A	Jennifer Schlener	Bill Kopetz Jennifer Schlener	Bret & Pam Hoffmaster, Greg & Sherry Moul, Terry & Marianne Beasley	John & Kathy Burke
9:45 am	David Wolf - A	Mary Ann Frontz		Kayla Bush, Alan & Beverly Swanson, Don & Kyle Templeton, Jocelyn Kline	
August 14 8:00 am	Mitchell Burkholder-A	Ann Marie Steele		Barry & Kathy Caldwell, Diane & Steve Gegg, Tom Kenyon, Gene Olson	
9:45 am	Emily Beauregard-A	Beth Glassford	Kenneth Benner Paul Berkebile	Scott Glassford, Ivan & Helen Gerhart, Scott, Jack & Kyle Traver	Jeff & Anneliese Owen
August 21 8:00 am	Ling Ling Courtois-A	Dee Vulgaris	Randy & Debbie Shue	Brent Bearinger, Mark Brandenburger, Jason, Carin, Julia & Nathan Leisure	Patti & Maurielle Courtois
9:45 am	Kayla Bush-A	Jim Gotwald		Dan Beck, Russ Vollmer,, Jerry Beyer, Greg & Margaret Strausser, Paul Servansky	
August 28 8:00 a.m.	Conner Lehman-A	Larry Wilcox		Randy & Deb Shue, Reed & Gloria Rodman, Tom Chever, Dennis Maurer	Greg & Cindy Gillespie
9:45 a.m.	Caroline Ford-A	Geoff Groff	Carol Esbenshade Rick Groff	Thom, Betsy, Jensen, Rory & Niamh McConnell	Todd & Greta RuthS

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Worship Leader Coordinators

Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer: Sylvia Lashley 872-4309
Altar Guild: Linda Siems 569-8499
AV Room: Paul Berkebile 569-7209
Bread & Wine Presenter: Jennifer Lehman 519-8851
CD & Flower Delivery: Christine Smith 299-0949

Communion Assistants: Karen Peiffer 569-3643
Greeters: Leigh Trayer 271-9268
Lectors: Thom McConnell 581-0068
Nursery: Patti Courtois 898-1898
Ushers: Nancy Beauregard 295-9814
Welcome Center: Mary Ann Oberholtzer 898-7823

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for August

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	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER	AV/ LIGHTING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD COORD.	ALTAR GUILD
August 7 8:00 am	Robert & Phyllis Hollinger	Shirley Dombach Dee Vulgaris	Tom Badorf	Amy Groff Alyssa Kerper	Linda Siems Lori Weaver	Edee Bedford Anna Mae Kenyon
9:45 am	Pat Conlon Cathy Deebel	Herb & Carolyn Galebach	Dave Tilley	Kelly Pyle Alyssa Kerper		
August 14 8:00 am	John & Kathy Burke	Larry & Sylvia Miller	Tom Chever	Mary Ann Oberholtzer Alyssa Kerper		
9:45 am	Dan & Karen Beck	Geoff & Kathy Groff	Randy Ketchum	Andrea Bear Alyssa Kerper	Linda Siems Lori Weaver	Tricia Hough Jocelyn Kline
August 21 8:00 am	Ed & Nancy LeFevre	John & Kathy Burke	Terry McGuigan	Bob & Patti Courtois Alyssa Kerper	Linda Siems Lori Weaver	Shirley Dombach Nancy Miller
9:45 am	John & June Hemsteger	Andy & Sandi Hirko	Bob Preston	Amy Smith Alyssa Kerper		
August 28 8:00 a.m.	Kurt & Carolyn Ruch	Ron & Joan Beck	Mark Burkholder	Amy Groff Alyssa Kerper	Linda Siems Lori Weaver	Linda Siems Lori Weaver
9:45 a.m.	David & Lis Wolf	Paul & Tricia Hough	Bill Schlener	Judy Fulginiti Alyssa Kerper	Linda Siems Lori Weaver	Jeff & Anneliese Owen

August Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
8/07	Marsha Chamberlain	Joan Groff
	Libby Stoner	Evelyn (Sue) Mellinger
8/14	JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller
	Christine Smith	Jean Weaver
8/21	Nancy LeFevre	Open recipient
	Sue Bowman	Clyde Gamber
8/28	Michelle Wertz	Marguerite Paul
	Laretta Stutzman	Anna Wetzler

August CD Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
8/07	Mike Wildasin	Nancy Varnes
8/14	Bob Nace	Fran Brouse
8/21	Carol Bedford	Marguerite Paul
8/28	XXX	XXX

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — AUGUST 2016

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Set-up & Coffee Bar	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lector	Lynn Stover	Megan Thompson	Chanelle Trigalet	Ben Armitage
Communion Assistant	Molly Olmsted		Peter Murdock	
Ushers	Ed & Emily Martin	Scott Fyfe Dave Tilley	Scott & Amanda Sprague	Mark & Sharon Schaeffer
Altar Guild	Sharon Schaefer	Emily Bromirski	Robin Schmincke	Morgan Stuhltrager
A/V Sound	Scott Fyfe	David Wolf	Jenny Sassaman	Joe Almoney



NEW WEBSITE



The new St. Peter’s website is officially up and running! If you haven’t already done so, we encourage you to bookmark the site (www.stpeterslutheran.org) and start exploring. And be sure to add it to your smartphone or tablet so you can stay connected with St. Peter’s whether you’re at home or on-the-go. If you have any questions, click the “Make a Suggestion” button highlighted in yellow at the bottom right of the website.



CHECK OUT ST. PETER’S FACEBOOK PAGE!
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



TWITTER — Welcome to the new, active (!) Twitter community for Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church. Please follow us @ stpeterslanc and use #stpeterslanc to chat about the sermon or events.



LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST CALENDAR

Monday, August 1

8:30 a.m. - Staff Development (Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. - Introductory Sign Language Class (Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 2

8:30 a.m. - Staff Retreat (Conference Room)
1:30 p.m. - Rostered Text Study (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Introductory Sign Language Class (Conference Room)

Wednesday, August 3

9:00 a.m. - Hymn Planning (Conference Room)
2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. - Introductory Sign Language Class (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, August 4

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship
6:30 p.m. - Introductory Sign Language Class (Conference Room)

Saturday, August 6

10:00 a.m. - Clothing Bank (Youth Lounge)
7:30 p.m. - Musical Arts Concert - Lancaster British Brass Band (Sanctuary)

Sunday, August 7

NAME TAG SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00 a.m. - Hand Bell Petting Zoo
9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)
9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

Monday, August 8

7:00 p.m. - Church Council (Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 9

1:00 p.m. - Community Relations (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Conference Room)

Wednesday, August 10

HERALD ARTICLES DUE
7:00 p.m. - Praise Bank Rehearsal (FLC)
7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)

Thursday, August 11

1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
3:30 p.m. - Cemetery Committee (Conference Room)

Sunday, August 14

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (FLC)
9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. - College Student Send Off
11:15 a.m. - Just for Fun Brunch - Day and Knight Diner

Monday, August 15

6:30 p.m. - Human Resources (Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 16

9:30 a.m. - Program Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Intern Committee (Cry Room)
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship (Conference Room)

Wednesday, August 17

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Sunday, August 21

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)
9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life (Chapel)

Monday, August 22

7:00 p.m. - New Day Committee (Room 100)

Tuesday, August 23

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

Wednesday, August 24

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Sunday, August 28

SAGES CELEBRATION AT BOTH TRADITIONAL SERVICES
8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (FLC)
9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

Tuesday, August 30

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Clothing Bank preparation

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE AUGUST 10TH

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Articles for the September 2016 “Herald” are due in the church office no later than August 10th. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email to sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org.

Thank you for your cooperation.



PLEASE HELP SAVE MAILING COSTS!!!

PLEASE CONSIDER signing up to receive the online version of the “Herald” Newsletter and help us save on our mailing costs. Contact Sandy Shattuck in the Church Office to sign up and start receiving the “Herald” by email. Please note: You may also pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk or Literature Racks.



*“ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust
in his holy name.” Psalm 33:21*



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Thank you!

*Sandy Shattuck,
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