



# “The Herald” Newsletter

## St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

### January 2017



10 Delp Road - Lancaster, PA 17601

(717) 569-9211

[www.stpeterslutheran.org](http://www.stpeterslutheran.org)

*“Under his wings you will find refuge.”*

Psalm 91:4

#### Staff

The Rev. Craig A. Ross, Senior Pastor  
[craig@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:craig@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

The Rev. Sarah Teichmann,  
Pastor of Christian Formation  
[steichmann@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:steichmann@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

Sister Dottie Almoney,  
Parish Deaconess  
[dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

Avery Carr, Vicar  
[acarr@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:acarr@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

The Rev. Richard E. Geib, D.D.,  
Pastor Emeritus  
[pgrgeib@gmail.com](mailto:pgrgeib@gmail.com)

The Rev. Russell Rockwell,  
Pastor of Word of Life  
[russ.rockwell@pa.net](mailto:russ.rockwell@pa.net)

Adam Lefever Hughes  
Director of Music  
[ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

Samantha Cuascut  
Director of Children’s Ministries  
[scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

Lorraine DiBernardo,  
Preschool Director  
[lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

Gary Williams, Parish Administrator  
[gwilliams@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:gwilliams@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

Sandy Shattuck, Parish Secretary  
[sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

JoAnn Harriger, Assistant Secretary  
[jharriger@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:jharriger@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

Janelle Almoney, Bookkeeper  
[janelle@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:janelle@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

Nelson Gehman, Sexton

#### A Thank You to St. Peter’s Volunteers



It is virtually impossible to thank all those volunteers who worked so hard this holiday season here at St. Peter’s in the many expressions of our ministries, but here is an attempt. To **worship leaders** and **musicians** who brought such a spirit of joy and faithfulness to our services. To **Christian Education** and **youth leaders** who helped teach the faith with a variety of activities and lessons. To **Altar Guild** members who so diligently set up for and clean up the wide variety of seasonal worship services. To our **Property volunteers**, who had additional set ups and events to prepare for and clean up. To our **Social Ministry workers** who helped us concentrate our outreach efforts both near and far in so many wonderful special appeals. To our **office volunteers** who helped to proofread, collate, mail, and organize the huge amount of work and mail that was generated out of the Church Office. To our **Fellowship helpers**, who worked so hard to offer us times to play and laugh and socialize together. To our **Community Relations** workers who so ably “told the story” of St. Peter’s ministries to our community this season. For our **Council** and **committee leaders**, who found time in a busy month to keep their groups organized and productive. To our **Children and Youth** who are tangible reminders of the grace which entered the world through the Child Jesus, and through their lives among us. And to all our **Stewards** who made special gifts of time, talent, and treasure in the spirit of the child born in Bethlehem . . .

*To all of you, a hearty thank you for all the ways in which you embody the spirit of ministry and service here in our St. Peter’s community of faith.*

#### Inside This Issue . . .

Worship Schedule – 2

Adult Education - 3

Committees – 4

Spiritual Gifts - 8

Groups & Events – 9

Pastoral Letters – 11

From the Director of Music - 14

Worship & Music – 15

St. Peter’s Preschool – 15

St. Peter’s Kids – 16

Youth Ministries – 17

Schedules and Assignments – 18

Looking Ahead/Calendar – 21

**Sunday, January 1: *The Name of Jesus***

Combined Service of Holy Communion at 9:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

**Sunday, January 8: *The Baptism of our Lord***

***Council Installation and Recognition at all Worship Services***

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Services of Holy Communion at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

**Sunday, January 15: *The Second Sunday of Epiphany***

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m., Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

--*Vicar Avery preaches*

**Sunday, January 22: *The Third Sunday after the Epiphany***

New Day Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

--*Vicar Avery preaches*

Traditional Service of the Word at 8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

**Sunday, January 29: *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany***

***Youth Sunday***

Combined Services of Holy Communion at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

--*Our Youth "preach" through the use of a Youth Drama*

--*New Day and Traditional worship are combined today.*



**Church Leader Installation**

Those who will serve in leadership positions in the coming year will be installed and recognized at all three worship services on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. We will formally install our 2016 Council and our congregational officers, while also saying thank you to those who have concluded their service in the 2016 year.



**Church Office Closed for New Year's Day Observance**

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in a deferred observance of New Year's Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Christian Education

**Sunday Mornings classes – 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Note - No class on January 1st**

St. Peter's offers three distinct classes for our adults during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

**Crosspoints** meets in the Conference Room.

This semester will be a mix of Lutheran Theology and doctrine, church history and famous Christians.

## **Faith and Values**

Would you like to begin the New Year by getting in touch with a more joyful or happier side to life?

Join the Faith and Values class as we search for happiness and joy and discover how spiritual and faithful habits can lead to a full life.

**January 8: Searching For Happiness: Contentment and External Circumstances**

**January 15: Searching For Happiness: Joy, Trials, and Opportunities for Growth?**

**January 22: Searching For Happiness: How Full Is The Glass?**

**January 29: Searching For Happiness: Nothing Like the Present**

*Faith and Values meets on Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am, Room 100*



**Pastor Pretz's Bible Study** meets in Room 118. Each Sunday this class will explore in depth the Gospel reading for that day.

## **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Pastor Ross' Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues its study of the Book of Genesis this month, as we begin the Abraham & Sarah stories. Please join us as we study the Bible in an engaged setting of discussion and presentation.

This month's schedule is as follows:

**January 4 – Chapters 14-15: Captivity & Covenant**

**January 11 – Chapters 16-17: Ishmael & Covenant**

**January 18 – Chapters 18-19: Abe, Sarah and Sodom**

**January 25 – Chapters 20-21: Abe & Sarah's Family**



The class meets Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Café area. Bring a Bible and a friend. Modest snacks, coffee and tea are provided.

**Our World, God's Eyes** meets on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.



**January Pub Theology**

**Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

**Greenfield Inn — 595 Greenfield Road**

Come for dinner and drinks or just drinks and discussion – RSVP to Sister Dottie at [dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).

## Prayer Chain Ministry

### **From Your Prayer Chain.....**

As you start off the New Year, please consider joining the Prayer Chain! Most of our 'work' in the fulfilling ministry is done by email and you can pray anytime it works with your schedule. We REALLY would like to add a few members this year. So if you are thinking you'd like to do something to help out at church but don't have a lot of time for meetings, etc, this might just be the ministry for you! Please contact either Ginny Gerhart or Angela Moshos for more information!

“Be still and know that I am God”.

### **Poem Prayer** **for January 2017**

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



**Helping the  
Hurting**

### **Happy New Year To You**

As we turn the page to a brand new year,  
We open our hearts with joy and cheer  
To those who are wandering, lost and alone  
And others who are struggling and who have lost their home.

There are many people in our world today  
Who need our help as they make their way  
So reach out and give them a helping hand  
Then your new year with God's help will begin just grand.

*“Happy New Year”  
From the Prayer Chain*



## Health and Wellness Committee

### **NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH – JANUARY**



In January, the American Red Cross celebrates National Blood Donor Month and recognizes the lifesaving contribution of blood and platelet donors. As we begin the New Year, the Red Cross encourages individuals to resolve to roll up a sleeve to give this month and throughout the year.

National Blood Donor Month has been observed in January since 1970 with the goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during winter – one of the most difficult times of year to collect enough blood products to meet patient needs. During the winter months, inclement weather often results in cancelled blood drives, and seasonal illnesses like the flu may cause some donors to become temporarily unable to donate.

You can donate blood by calling the Red Cross in the area, or by contacting the local hospitals. Lancaster General has a blood donor center and will also schedule times to come to community locations and set up donor areas for your convenience. (Watch for one at St. Peters!)

Thank you and have a Blessed New Year

## Social Ministry



### **Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank at St. Peter's**

Our December Distribution Day is Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Contact Molly Olmsted if you can help ([astaloo@me.com](mailto:astaloo@me.com)).

### **New Community Meal Day and Location!**

We will now be serving our community meal the first Wednesday of every month at Grace Lutheran Church on North Queen Street! Our January meal will be January 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jan Gigl ([ronjangigl@comcast.net](mailto:ronjangigl@comcast.net)).



### **From the Tanzania Mission Committee (TMC)**



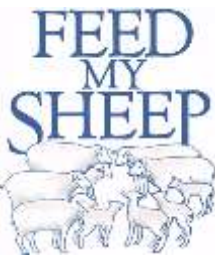
To the members of St. Peter's: Because of you, our Tenth Annual Cookie Walk was another success! The cookies were beautiful, smelled delicious, and were amazing! Thank you, cookie bakers! And thanks to those of you who came to the Cookie Walk with your family and friends on Saturday, December 10, to buy cookies and to those of you who donated money to this worthy cause.

Thanks also to Adam Hughes, Maurielle Courtois and Mark Aho for the Christmas music, the staff, the youth, the Evangelism Committee, the Community Relations Committee, the Boy Scouts and others who worked to make the Cookie Walk a festive Christmas event.

\$5,725.00 will be wired to the Konde Diocese Synod in Tanzania and will be used solely for the Busoka orphans, their education and their other needs.

Thank you again, one and all.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



### **The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them**

Needed in January: *Peanut butter; jellies and jams; canned fruits; canned pasta; canned tomato products; spaghetti sauce; boxed macaroni and cheese; instant stuffing & potatoes; canned yams; 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!***



### **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.

## **Financial Report**

### November 2016 Financial Information

	Month		Year to Date	
General Fund Receipts	\$	61,044	\$	815,828
General Fund Expenses	\$	79,034	\$	865,296
Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(17,990)	\$	(49,468)
Debt Reduction Receipts	\$	24,434	\$	126,840
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$	12,360	\$	134,961
Surplus (Deficit)	\$	12,074	\$	(8,121)
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(5,916)	\$	(57,589)



### **St. Peter's Library**



#### **We're Looking for Missing Books!**

New books are always finding their way to our library shelves. It is fun to see the wonderful books there and the wealth of good reading that we have at our disposal. Two books by Episcopal priest and writer, Barbara Crafton, are some of the newer ones that have been placed in the Christian Living section of the Library. They are:

Some Things You Just Have to Live With by Crafton  
The Courage to Grow Old by Crafton

Recently I attended a conference where Barbara Crafton was the keynote speaker. This gifted woman is a great speaker and has written many wonderful books. However, I am sorry to say that when I looked for the two books listed above, I discovered that they have disappeared and the library cards have not been left behind so we don't know who has borrowed them. Also missing from our library is Pastrix by Nadia Foltz Weber. PLEASE, if you have any of these books, let me know, or just kindly return them to the library.

A reminder.... St. Peter's members are encouraged to borrow books from the library. It's there for you to use. But also, please sign your name and the date (plus year) on the library card located in the book and put it in the little black card file box on the table just inside the library door. The library is open anytime the church is open. When you use it, please follow the borrowing instructions so that we can keep track of the many books entrusted to our care.

Thank you!!

Mary Ann Frontz

## Fellowship

### Women's Winter Retreat



Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Camp Kirchenwald  
Cost: \$80.00

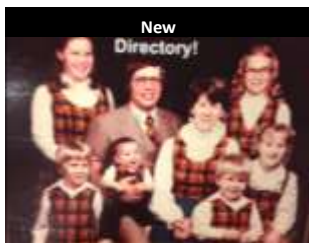
We will be discussing the book, *The Lutheran Ladies' Circle: Plucking One String* by Kris Knorr. You can purchase it on Amazon for \$9.00 or it is also on Kindle. (You can still join in the discussion if you don't read it – but it is a very entertaining book about women in the church!) Look for a Sign up Genius to donate food for the retreat. **Contact Sister Dottie with questions. Registration forms on the Adult Education Board in the Narthex.**

### **St. Peter's New Year's Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner** **January 1<sup>st</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Buffet style dinner includes pork, sauerkraut, hot dogs, mashed potatoes, gravy, applesauce, rolls, beverages and dessert. Eat– in or take-out dinner is \$12.00, \$7.00 for ages 5-10. Ages 4 and under are free. All on-duty police, fire and ambulance personnel are free. All proceeds go towards our outreach ministries and benevolence programs. Questions? Call the church office at 569-9211. Come join us for traditional New Year's hospitality!

---

## Membership News



### **St. Peter's Photo Directory**

The new St. Peter's photo directory is ready. Hopefully you got the email! Thanks to all of you who helped me. Without your wonderful photos there would be nothing to look at. For the most part I sent it to one email address per family. It made it much easier to compile the list for the congregation. If you were the lucky recipient for your family I'm hoping you will forward it to your spouse or kids who might want their own copy. As promised, if you aren't an email user, Sandy Shattuck has hard copies in the office for you.

If you see a problem with your contact information please call our parish secretary, Sandy Shattuck, at the church office at 569-9211 or email her at [sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).

If you submitted a picture and you don't see it, I probably goofed. I'm very sorry. Please let me know and I will figure it out. If you have any other problems or concerns, don't hesitate to let me know. You can call me at [717-581-0932](tel:717-581-0932) or email at [stephpalic@gmail.com](mailto:stephpalic@gmail.com).

Lastly, if you haven't sent in a picture and want to be included in future photo directories, or you would like to submit a new picture, you can email a photo to [directory@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:directory@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org) any time and it will be included the next time we send it out. *Stephanie Palic, Membership Chair*

### **New Member Classes: March 5 & March 12**

We will be having classes for visitors who like to consider becoming members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Classes will gather at 9:15 a.m. on March 5 and 12. The first session will focus on meeting the pastors and fellow new members. The second session will focus on ministries of the church as well as getting connected to members of the St. Peter's family. Interested? Contact Pastor Sarah Teichmann ([steichmann@StPeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:steichmann@StPeterslutheran-lanc.org)) or Pastor Craig Ross ([craig@StPeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:craig@StPeterslutheran-lanc.org)) or call the church at (717) 569-9211.

### **New Member Kiosk**

Have you been attending St. Peter's for a while and you're not sure who is a new member? In our lobby area there is a kiosk with the pictures of new members and their families. Be sure to check out their pictures and when you see them in person offer them a big welcome. It has only been a few months since these wonderful new folks have joined our faith family, and your extra effort can go a long way to help them be part of our community of faith!



## Spiritual Gifts

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

### **ADMINISTRATION**

*Administration is the gift that enables a believer to formulate, direct, and carry out plans necessary to fulfill a purpose.*

#### **Scripture References (NRSV):**

**1 Corinthians 12:28**—“And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.”

**Acts 14:23** - “And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, after prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.”

#### **If you have this gift,**

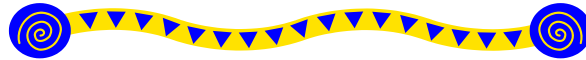
You are perceptive and are able to see how to achieve results.

You have the ability to implement plans to achieve a goal.

You can delegate, motivate, and organize.

#### **Connections to Ministry:**

A person with the gift of administration can serve the congregation in any position whereby planning and carrying out of a plan is needed. You could serve on church council, lead groups, organizations, and task forces.



### *TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT ... IT'S INTERESTING ... AND EASY!*

I am happy to report that approximately 300 St. Peter's members have taken the Spiritual Gifts Assessment. They have discovered the gifts that God has specifically given to them to be used to fulfill the mission of God whenever and wherever the opportunity is presented.

While 300 is a great number, there are still many members who have not had the opportunity to take the assessment. We encourage all members to take the assessment. When you were baptized, you were given a gift or a mix of gifts that is to be used to enable God's mission to be fulfilled. Find out how God has gifted you. This knowledge can lead to opportunity, growth, and new ideas for you; it can create interest, excitement, and affirmation.

By using the St. Peter's website, taking the assessment is very easy. Please go to St. Peter's website at [www.stpeterslutheran.org](http://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. Then just follow the prompts. Or, contact me and I will email you a hard copy. Assessments are also available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Mary Ann Frontz, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator  
(717) 581-5397  
[mafrontz@verizon.net](mailto:mafrontz@verizon.net)



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

## **Groups and Events**

**50 Plus** - Please join us for exciting entertainment and good fellowship on Thursday, January 5 at 11:45 in the Café. Our guest speaker will be Fred Husson who will present “Egypt and the Holy Lands, Past and Present”. Please bring a sandwich, your own place setting and beverage, plus a SNACK TO SHARE! If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 569-7740.

**WELCA** — **Come to WELCA** on Thursday, January 12 at 9:00 AM in Room 124. After a light breakfast is served, we will welcome as our speaker St. Peter’s **Pastor Emeritus, The Reverend Richard E. Geib**. His topic will be “**How did PG decide to become a pastor and who helped him along the way**”! All women are welcome. Our Personal Care Kit item for January are sturdy combs. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 569-9959.



**ST. PETER’S BOOK CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in the Cry Room. Please watch the bulletin for details. Everyone is welcome to attend!

---

**Just for Fun** — Join us at UnCommon Pizza, on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up no later than Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. UnCommon Pizza is located at Kissel Hill Commons, 616 Paxton Place, Suite 104, Lititz. Any questions, please call Bob or Phyllis Hollinger at 717-560-3474.

### **2017 Just for Fun Group Schedule**

January 18 (Wednesday)	UnCommon Pizza	The Hollinger’s
February 11 (Saturday)	Dinner at Scham’s Corner (BYOB)	The Nightingale’s
March 8 (Wednesday)	Lunch at Arthur’s	The Sitler’s
April 5 (Wednesday)	Serve at Grace Lutheran Dinner afterwards (do one or both)	The Swanson’s
May (TBA)	Dinner at The Stockyard	The Shue’s
June	Outdoor concert? Picnic?	Need sponsor
July 15 (Saturday)	Bingo and Dessert	The Kenyon’s
August 12 (Saturday)	Dinner and Bunko	The Burke’s
September 16 (Saturday)	Amish Home Dinner	The Bedford’s
October 14 (Saturday) 10:00 a.m.	Tour of BV Train Display By Don Aurand Lunch at Chive’s	The Stoner’s
November 11(Saturday)	Potluck and Planning	The Tolbert’s
December 9 (Saturday) 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Fellowship	Julie Tritch and Glen Hauck



## **Disaster Relief Trip to West Virginia**

Plans are being made for the 15th Lutheran Disaster Response trip from our area which will take place April 30-May 6, 2017. We will be going to wild and wonderful West Virginia! They had a devastating flood on June 23rd which left thousands of homes destroyed and killed 23 people. There are five counties still under a state of emergency declaration. Twelve (of the 55) counties across the south central portion of the state were hit particularly hard. Their volunteer response capacity is still gearing up and there are not a great number of details to share with you at this point. They will be ready for us in the spring and we will have a wonderful opportunity to learn, to grow and to share the love of Christ with our neighbors to the south. A trip information sharing meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres. Join us for information about the trip and the opportunities it will present for all of us and hopefully be able to answer any questions you may have! For more information contact the Rev. Glenn Beard at [GBeard@luthercare.org](mailto:GBeard@luthercare.org) or the Rev. Jeff Pretz at [jeffpretz@ptd.net](mailto:jeffpretz@ptd.net).



## **Business Persons Monthly Breakfast Meeting**

St. Peters first Business Persons Monthly Breakfast Meeting will be held on January 17, 2017 from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Oregon Dairy (in the "back room"). If you are interested in attending, please call the Church Office, or email Pastor Ross or Vicar Avery with your **name** and **e-mail address** (preferable unless you do not check your e-mail regularly, in which case give us your phone number). All adults interested in the interrelationship of Christianity to business are welcome to attend, whether or not you are retired, in business, an employee, employer or just interested. The first session will be concerning "*The Ethics of Writing a Recommendation Letter.*" We thought we would start with a very practical topic that gives us a chance to get a feel for our comfort level in areas of discussion. If there are any handouts we will try to get them to you by e-mail in advance, especially if there is anything that requires some advance reading, although we assure you it is not going to be a lot of advance reading. Each person will order from the menu promptly at or before 7:00 AM. Each person will be responsible for payment of their own check, together with their own personal tip, which will be added to your invoice by your server. There is no other charge. We look forward to your participation in this new matter with St. Peters. You are welcome to bring a guest, although we would like the same information concerning them. There is a limit of twenty (20) people.



**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:** When is the last time the two of you did something to enrich and revitalize your marriage? Make 2017 the year you resolve to take time to spend a weekend learning how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 3 PM and have been enriching marriages for over 40 years! There is a \$100 per couple registration fee; plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

The 2017 Northeast US Weekends are:

- March 24-26, 2017 at Toftrees Golf Resort Conference Center -- a peaceful resort nestled in 1500 wooded acres in State College, PA.
  - April 28-30, 2017 in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."
  - September 15-17, 2017 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 6-8, 2017 at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts. Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, a hidden gem overlooking Laurel Lake – an hour north of Hartford, CT.

**To sign up online, go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and pay the \$100 registration fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net). Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice!**



## **Pastor's Letter**

On the cover of the Christmas issue of one of the headier professional journals that I subscribe to, was this image entitled “*My Beloved Is Gone Down into His Garden*” from the *Agnus Dei Liturgical Arts* website. When I first got it in the mail, I thought it was an early Lenten or Easter issue, till I saw the “*Christmas*” title on the bottom of the magazine cover. As I thought about it, I smiled at this visual representation of something we say a lot in the church around the Christmas season ... “Jesus is born in a cradle so as to die on a cross.” Those words feel less harsh to me, however, than seeing a picture of Mary crying at the Garden Tomb in the middle of December (which is when I am writing this letter). But it is the right message for us if you are reading this copy of the Herald post-Christmas around the New Year holiday. Because while we are enjoying the waning days of the Christmas season, the Epiphany season is only a week away –



a season that invites our proclamation that the birth of this Jesus into the world will also become the arrival of the Messiah into our lives. And of course, as that Epiphany season concludes at the end of February, we will land in the Lenten season of reflection upon the death of that Messiah. Yes, this Garden Tomb we see here is not that far off in the future after all.

And isn't that the heart of the message which defines us all year long, whether we are in the Lenten or Easter season, or the Christmas or Pentecost or Epiphany seasons? Namely that whatever story of Jesus we are reading, or whatever teaching of Jesus that we are embracing, or whatever miracle of Jesus we are celebrating ... that we are seeing that Jesus through the lens of the Cross and Resurrection. That is the lens through which we view every Christian teaching and every Christian experience. It is part of our funeral liturgy and part of our wedding liturgy. It is heard in Lenten sermons and fall Pentecost sermons. It is celebrated when we sit at the bedside of a dying parent and at the crib of a new-born baby. We are not the children of God fashioned by our maker and redeemer, if we do not acknowledge the rhythm of life and death and life again in everything that we do.

So as you begin the New Year, with all of the celebrating and snacking and reflecting on how you are going to change your life through exercise and better eating habits ... remember and revisit what is the core of your Christian life. Namely that everything you do and everything you are is shaped and framed by the Easter event that awaits us liturgically in the months ahead ... and is also giving you life and vitality at this very moment and every day that you rise from your bed.

See you in church,

Pastor Ross

[craig@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:craig@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)



## **A Thank-You from the Ross Family**



Pastor Ross and his family extend their thanks to many of you for your prayers and well-wishes this season, along with the beautiful Christmas cards, the tasty treats, the generous gifts, and the thoughtful donations to local charities in our honor. Your support of us in this community is greatly appreciated. We all wish you blessings the remainder of the Christmas season, and a Happy New Year.

~ Pastor Ross, Nancy, Justin, Jess & Matt



## **Pastor Sarah's Message**

Welcome to the New Year of 2017. Perhaps as you begin this New Year you have hopes and dreams of what may be. Perhaps the anxieties of the year past have crept through the doorway of this one, and you are heavily burdened. The past is written and God calls us into the future. The beginning of the New Year invites us to take pause and to consider God's movement through time and our place in it all.

I offer these words from the prolific author Madeleine L'Engle's *Bright Evening Star*.

*"I look at the stars and wonder. How old is the universe? All kinds of estimates have been made and, as far as we can tell, not one is accurate. All we know is that once upon a time or, rather, once before time, Christ called everything into being in a great breath of creativity.*

*A sky full of God's children!*

*Each galaxy, each star, each living creature, every particle and subatomic particle of creation, we are children of the Maker. From subatomic particle with a life span of a few seconds, to a galaxy with a life span of billions of years, to us human creatures somewhere in the middle in size and age, we are made in God's image...as Christ promised us, God's children by adoption and grace.*

*Was there a moment, known only to God, when all the stars held their breath, when the galaxies paused in their dance for a fraction of a second, and the Word, who had called it all into being, went with all his love into the womb of a young girl, and the universe started to breathe again, and the ancient harmonies resumed their song, and the angels clapped their hands for joy?*

*Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, Christ, the Maker of the universe or perhaps many universes, willingly and lovingly leaving all that power and coming to this poor, sin-filled planet to live with us for a few years to show us what we ought to be and could be. Christ came to us as Jesus of Nazareth, wholly human and wholly divine, to show us what it means to be made in God's image.*

*I stand on the deck of my cottage, looking at the sky full of God's children, and know that I am one of them."*

---

Fellow child of God, I pray that through the joys, the sorrows, the trials, the triumphs you may always see the Maker's hand on your life.

May God's peace and love fill you in this New Year,

**Pastor Sarah**

[steichmann@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:steichmann@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

## **Letter From the Vicar**



Grace, peace, and blessings to all my brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Peter's Lutheran Church this New Year.

Just a few weeks ago I was leaving work to go and pick up my daughter at daycare because my wife had to work an evening event. The daycare closes at 6pm and I simply needed to drive to Meg's work, swap cars with her because she had the car seat, and then drive to the daycare to pick up Lizzie. I left work at 4:30, as usual, giving myself an hour and a half to accomplish what should only take 45 minutes.

I left and headed up Lititz Pike where my GPS informed me that there was a wreck 2.8 miles ahead but "I was still on the fastest route." It took me almost 30 minutes to get to the first stoplight between the church and 30. It is now 5 o'clock and I now have an hour to make the trip and we are sitting still on Lititz Pike. I decide to turn around and run up Delp Rd. to Manheim Pike and see if I can get around the wreck on 30. Short answer... Nope. It takes me 45 minutes now to get to 30 on Manheim Pike. As I finally merge on to 30, I do so at the blazing fast speed of 10 mph. It is 5:45 by the time I get past the wreck and speeds return to normal; leaving me 15 minutes to make a trip that is absolutely impossible to make in that amount of time. My wife had to leave her event and pick up our daughter and I would have to meet them at the museum.

The point of this tale of adventure and frustration is that I knew where I needed to go and for all practical purposes I knew how to get there. For each and every block in the road I seemed to come to, I made what I felt to be appropriate detours only to find my path blocked yet again. I will admit there was a particular moment where I was so frustrated that I just wanted to give up, but I could not. There was a child that needed me and regardless of how many detours and variations in route I had to take.

This is a new year and a common item on peoples' to-do lists are the infamous New Year's Resolutions. People make these resolutions for all kinds of different reasons and very few of them even last past the first week because we run into stumbling blocks in our path, we lose track of our focus, and we give up. This happens not just with these New Year's resolutions but with lots of things in our lives. It even happens when our goal is to live a life loving our neighbor and following Christ on the "way." The goal, the destination, is noble and we can have a positive impact on the world. We always find a stumbling block at some point along the way and it can be very easy to lose our focus and simply give up on trying to make a change in the world.

That evening in December, there was a child that held my focus and gave me the drive to accomplish my task no matter how many detours I was forced to take; additionally, I had to find help to do so. As Christians, we just celebrated the birth of a very special child; a child that can hold our focus. As the saying goes, "tis the reason for the season." Living our life as a Christian is not an easy thing to do. When we find stumbling blocks in our path, this very special child, Christ can and should be our focus for where we want to go over the coming year. Sometimes we will feel as if it is absolutely impossible to reach our destination. Sometimes we will need help, but that is the beauty of being part of the body of Christ; there is help to be had. People working together, with Christ as their focus, can and do accomplish the seemingly impossible.

God's grace and the strength of Christ go with you through the coming year,

***Vicar Avery***

[acarr@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:acarr@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)



## From the Director of Music

### What is Liturgy?

It's the parts we sing every week! No, it's the sentences we sing at the beginning of communion! No, it's the parts we say together, like the Creed and Lord's Prayer! It's the whole service! Who lit whose tree?!

You've probably heard this word used before in conversations at church. "What a great liturgy!" we say. Have you ever wondered what this word means? It comes from an ancient Greek word, *Leitourgia*, that is often translated to "work of the people." Sure. That makes sense. ... huh? It may seem like a terrible way to read a book, but as we look at this word we're going to start by looking at the end of that translation, "the people."

Liturgy is what all of us do together as a people of God.

Exactly who are those people? Sure, some of us gather at St. Peter's on Sunday mornings to worship God and receive God's word of grace in our lives. We may gather at different times or in different places, but the important thing is that we, who are from all walks of life, gather together. However, it doesn't stop there. People all over the city, county, state, country, and world gather together in their places of worship for the same reasons we do. That's just it. Worship is a community-oriented event. It is the community of faith who make up the "people" part of liturgy, not only those who are still with us, but also the saints who have gone before.

But what about the work? Sure, when we get together on Sunday morning we have a pattern for our worship. As some of the work we do, that pattern (sometimes called the *Ordo*, stay tuned!) has variations and flexibility built in to "work" for the people who are gathered. Yes, we sing, we praise, we recount, we pray the story of God's grace. However, in a glorious turnaround, God's grace, embodied by the words and actions we share, also works on us.

And yet, as Christians we are called to a life outside of the church building's walls. Called to serve our neighbors and love our enemies, perhaps it is the work we do outside of Sunday morning that is even more important. Indeed, we could interpret the word liturgy, "the work of the people," to mean our loving service to others stemming from a place of gratitude for the grace received through Jesus' death on a cross.

We may come to church on Sunday morning for the liturgy, but in a sense the true "work of the people" happens outside these walls as we follow Jesus' command to go and do likewise.

See you at the liturgy!

**Adam Lefever Hughes, Director of Music**

[ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)



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

### **FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE JANUARY 10TH**

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLine**

Articles for the February 2017 "Herald" are due in the church office no later than **January 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email to [sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Worship and Music at St. Peter's

### Worship Leadership

January 1	9:45	<i>No ensembles</i>
January 8	8:00	Canticle Choir
	10:45	Herald Choir
January 15	8:00	<i>No Ensembles</i>
	10:45	Herald Choir
January 22	8:00	Jubilate Choir
	10:45	Herald Choir
January 29	8:00	Youth Choir
	10:45	Youth Choir

### Resurrection Choir

We are developing a Resurrection Choir whose primary goal is to provide strong vocal leadership at funerals and memorial services. We will rehearse three to four times per year. Attendance at all rehearsals is not required to serve as a member of this group. Our first rehearsal is Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the Director of Music ([ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)) if you would like more information.

### Youth Sunday – January 29

The Youth Choir will be providing leadership again this Youth Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at both services. The youth Sunday school classes will have extra rehearsals during Sunday school leading up to the 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for the youth to work together to lead worship.

### Thank you!

A big thank you to all our musicians at St. Peter's for a fantastic Christmas season. From handbells rung joyfully to voices raised in song, we welcomed the birth of Jesus into our lives with flair.

### Thank you!

On a personal note, I wanted to say thank you to the people of St. Peter's for what can only be described as an incredible show of support for our ministry together. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to have my position increased to full-time status. We have had a wonderful beginning together and I am very much looking forward to what the middle of this journey together will bring. Thank you from all of us at the Hughes family household! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

---

### St. Peter's Preschool

Happy New Year to all our St. Peter's friends and families! Our busy holidays have passed and St. Peter's Preschool is preparing for September, 2017 enrollment. Yes.. the time to think about securing a spot in our wonderful program is NOW! Enrollment for present students starts mid-January and we open enrollment to the public mid-February. Make sure to reserve a spot in one of our classrooms as soon as possible to be assured of your choice of schedule. Tours of the preschool are conducted almost every day (by appointment only).

Please contact Lorraine DiBernardo at 569-9211 or [Lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:Lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org) for additional information regarding tours and enrollment.

Keep an eye out for information regarding our popular mid-February Scholastic Book Fair held in our Library!

**Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director**

[lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)



# ST. PETER'S KIDS!



**January 8 – Parent Breakfast** – Miss Samantha will host a Parent Breakfast on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> in the Café during the Sunday School hour (beginning at 9:15). If you are a parent of a young child, please consider joining us to learn more about Children's Ministries at St. Peter's and get to know other parents of young children and Miss Samantha!

**January 8** – We will celebrate **Epiphany** on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> with a movie for the Rotation Sunday School kids (grades 1-4) in Augsburg Alley. The 2/3 year olds and 4 year olds/Kindergarteners will meet in their usual classrooms.



**January 15** – We will start our next rotation session on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be exploring the story of **Jesus and John the Baptist**. Students will experience the lesson from four different perspectives as they rotate through the Art, Games, Movie and Cooking stations.

**January 17<sup>th</sup> – Children's Ministries Committee Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. in Samantha's Office. **New Volunteers Welcome!** No experience in Children's Ministry is required. Help us plan our fun special events including Santa Workshop, Santa Breakfast, Vacation Bible School and Easter Egg Hunt. Please contact Samantha to get started!



**Looking Ahead:** On Sunday, **February 19<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding a **Communion Awareness class** from 12:00-2:00 p.m.



A light lunch will be served immediately following the late service in the cafe and then we will begin the program in the sanctuary around 12:30. Following a short introduction, the children will go with Miss Samantha to their class, while the parents will meet with a member of the clergy for a question and answer session. Afterwards, all will meet back in the sanctuary for a short service. The class is designed for children in grades 1-3, but all are welcome. The

First Communion Recognition service will be held on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at all services.

If you are interested in your child participating, please sign up on the Children's Ministry board outside of the church office or email Miss Samantha with any questions ([scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org))

## Sunday School Format Reminder:



**Our Junior Explorer** (preschool and kindergarten) **Sunday school classes** follow a traditional format. You may take your child to his/her classroom at 9:15 am, and then at 10:15 am, pick up your child in the same classroom.

**Age 2/3 - Nursery**

**Age 4 & Kindergarten - Room #114 (Frog Room)**

**Bible Explorers** (Rotation Sunday school) is for children in grades 1 through grade 4. All Bible Explorers meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:15am every Sunday for an opening. From there, guides (adult volunteers) will lead them to their rotation activity. Because your child will be doing a different activity each week, their pick up room changes each Sunday. Check the Children's Ministries' bulletin board to see where you should pick up your child each week.

If you have any questions, contact **Samantha Cuascut, Director of Children's Ministries** at [scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org) or 717-586-0330.



## Youth & Family Ministry News...

### Calendar

January 8 – Youth Group (notice the date change due to the holiday) –

Game night! 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

January 28 – Youth Sunday practice for Sr. High SS at 10:00 a.m.

January 29 – Youth Sunday – combined traditional and New Day services at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

### 2017 Youth Winter Retreat Dates:



February 3-5- Grades 9-12 at Camp Nawakwa – Cost: \$80.00 pp

February 17-19 – Grades 5-8 at Camp Kirchenwald- Cost \$80.00 pp

*Watch for registration information through email or on the youth boards in the narthex or in the youth lounge or in each classroom*

**Mark your Calendars for the spring NYC Trip-** Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be visiting Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and the Chinese American Museum. Forms will be available on the youth board – parent chaperones will be needed!



### Winter Confirmation Retreat



Pastor Ross reminds 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders that they should return their registration forms for the Confirmation/Sr. High Retreat that will be held at Camp Nawakwa on February 3-5, 2017. Please note that our ninth graders will join the rest of the Senior High's on their retreat again this year.

*Sister Dottie Almoney, Parish Deaconess*

[dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)



**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.

## Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for January

	<b>ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>BREAD &amp; WINE PRESENTERS</b>
<b>January 1 9:45 am Combined</b>	Evan Breeden	Craig Boyhont	John Burke	Ted Andrews, Cindy Miley, Reed & Gloria Rodman, Joe & Cindy Geesey	Rich & Ann Larrick
<b>January 8 8:00 am</b>	Conner Lehman	Reed Rodman	Eric May Susan Ketchum	Mark Brandenburg, Dave Mullican, Gene Olson, Liz, Sean & Ian O'Brien	Greg & Sherry Moul
<b>10:45 am</b>	Christian Strine	Chris Bush	Mary Ann Frontz Geoffrey Groff	Rich & Ann Larrick, Harry & Kelley Lutz, Alan & Beverly Swanson	Jim & Jane Savidge
<b>January 15 8:00 am</b>	Blake Hoffmaster	Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Nancy Pokopec Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Mark, Melanie & Mitchell Burkholder, George Swan, Randy & Debbie Shue	Nancy Bornholm & Harry Ward
<b>10:45 am</b>	Ann Fink	David Emmert		Scott, Jack & Kyle Trayer, Jocelyn Kline, Jim & Jane Savidge	
<b>January 22 8:00 a.m.</b>	Jade Miller	Ann Marie Steele		Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Eric May, Brent Bearinger, Barry & Kathy Caldwell	
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Emily Beauregard	Carol Esbenshade	Kenneth Benner Janet Roberts	Richard & Anne Wolf, Dave, Lis, David & Jessica Wolf	Jeff & Anneliese Owen
<b>January 29 8:00 a.m.</b>	Sean O'Brien	Dee Vulgaris	Debra Shue Mary Jane Wilcox	TBA	TBD - Youth Sunday
<b>10:45 a.m. Combined with New Day</b>	David Wolf	Sharon Schaefer	Carolyn McNaughton, Greta Ruth	TBA	

*Continued on next page*

### 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 January (continued)**

		<b>WELCOME</b>			<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>ALTAR</b>
	<b><u>GREETERS</u></b>	<b><u>CENTER</u></b>	<b><u>AV/ LIGHTING</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>	<b><u>COORD.</u></b>	<b><u>GUILD</u></b>
<b>January 1</b> <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>Combined</b>	Ron & Joan Beck	Mary Ann Oberholtzer	Angela Moshos	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Anne Bowman Debbie Shue
<b>January 8</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Bill & Mary Ellen Kopetz	Ron Rowley Shirley Dombach	Mark Burkholder	Julie Young Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Edee Bedford Anna Mae Kenyon
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Jim & Julie Gotwald	James & Martha Fulmer	David Wolf	Karen Beck Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Loretta Chubb Linda Gall
<b>January 15</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Michael & Carla Winters	Bob & Edee Bedford	Tom Badorf	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Rich & Ann Larrick	Herb & Carolyn Galebach	Joe Almone	Edwin Cortes Alyssa Kerper		
<b>January 22</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Larry & Sylvia Miller	John & Kathy Burke	Tom Badorf	Kelly Pyle Alyssa Kerper		
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Harry & Kelly Lutz	Geoffrey & Kathy Groff	Randy Ketchum	Jen Podgurski Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Jeff & Anneliese Owen
<b>January 29</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Terry & Marianne Beasley	Pam Hoffmaster Randy Ketchum	Paul Berkebile	Mary Ann Oberholtzer Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Station Communion No AG
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Bob & Lori Long	Andy & Sandi Hirko	Bob Preston	Sally Newell Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Linda Siems	Suk Shuglie Beverly Swanson



### **NURSERY AT 9:15 A.M.**

**January 8:** Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

**January 15:** Bob & Patti Courtois

**January 22:** Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

**January 29:** Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

## NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — JANUARY 2017

	January 1st— Combined with Traditional at 9:45 a.m.	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29- Combined with Traditional at 10:45 a.m.
<b>Lector</b>	N/A	Sally Longenderfer	Joel Olmsted	Jennifer Sassaman	N/A
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	N/A	Jennifer Podgurski	Sharon Schaefer	N/A	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	N/A	Mark & Sharon Schaefer	Scott Fyfe Dave Tilley	Scott & Amanda Sprague	N/A
<b>Altar Guild</b>	N/A	Robin Schmincke	Sharon Schaefer	Sarah Bromirski	N/A
<b>A/V Sound</b>	N/A	Scott Fyfe	Dave May	Scott Fyfe	N/A



### December Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
1/01	None	None
1/08	Betz Lind	Anna Dowie
	Marsha Chamberlain	Joan Groff
1/15	Libby Stoner	Evelyn (Sue) Mellinger
	Christine Smith	Jean Weaver
1/22	Nancy LeFevre	Open recipient
1/29	JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller
	Michelle Wertz	Marguerite Paul

### December CD Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
1/01	XXX	XXX
1/08	Mike Wildasin	Nancy Varnes
1/15	Carol Bedford	Marguerite Paul
1/22	XXX	XXX
1/29	XXX	XXX



## NARTHEX COFFEE BAR

**January 01 - NO COFFEE BAR “Happy New Year”**

**January 8 – Helper & Baker—TBD**

**January 15 - Helper & Baker—TBD**

**January 22 - Helper & Baker—TBD**

**January 29 - Helper & Baker—TBD**



Thanks to all our faithful members who provide baked goods and serve coffee. **We are always looking for helpers and bakers!!** If you love to bake, we need you. As always, we thank Laretta Stutzman, Ann & Rich Larrick and Tim Fickes for picking up the donated baked goods from Giant. Have questions? Please feel free to send Lis Wolf an email at [lcwolf01@hotmail.com](mailto:lcwolf01@hotmail.com)



## LOOKING AHEAD

# JANUARY CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 1

Name Tag Sunday  
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
9:45 a.m. - Combined Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

### Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 3

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
1:30 p.m. - Rostered Text Study (Conference Room)  
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Conference Room)

### Wednesday, January 4

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)  
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)  
2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)  
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)  
8:00 p.m. - Our World, God's Eyes (Youth Lounge)

### Thursday, January 5

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Café)  
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)  
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### Saturday, January 7

10:00 a.m. - Clothing Bank  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Meal & Movie (Café/Kitchen)

### Sunday, January 8

Council Installation  
8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (FLC)  
6:00 p.m. - Youth Group

### Monday, January 9

9:00 a.m. - Fitness Class (Augsburg Alley)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)  
1:00 p.m. - Community Relations (Conference Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Church Council (Conference Room)  
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

### Tuesday, January 10

HERALD ARTICLES DUE  
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Conference Room)

### Wednesday, January 11

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)  
7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)  
8:00 p.m. - Our World, God's Eyes (Youth Lounge)

### Thursday, January 12

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Augsburg Alley, Room 123)  
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)  
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### Saturday, January 14

10:00 a.m. - Resurrection Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Snow date (Café/Kitchen)

### Sunday, January 15

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Baptism (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

### Monday, January 16

9:00 a.m. - Fitness Class (Augsburg Alley)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)  
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Human Resources (Conference Room)  
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

### Tuesday, January 17

9:30 a.m. - Program Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
1:30 p.m. - Book Club (Cry Room)  
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Children's Ministries (Room 127)  
6:30 p.m. - Intern Committee (Cry Room)

### Wednesday, January 18

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)  
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (Greenfield Inn)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)  
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)  
8:00 p.m. - Our World, God's Eyes (Youth Lounge)

### Thursday, January 19

12:00 p.m. - Planned Giving Seminar  
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)  
6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Planned Giving Seminar  
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, Saturday, January 20

7:00 p.m. - Women's Retreat (Kirchenwald)



## LOOKING AHEAD

# JANUARY CALENDAR

### Saturday, January 21

Women's Retreat (Kirchenwald)

### Sunday, January 22

Women's Retreat (Kirchenwald)

8:00 a.m. — Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

10:45 a.m. - New Day (FLC)

10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

3:00 a.m. - Latvian Lutheran Church (Chapel)

### Monday, January 23

9:00 a.m. - Fitness Class (Augsburg Alley, Room 123)

1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley, Room 123)

6:30 p.m. - Exultate Ringers (Music Room)

6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Room)

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

7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

### Tuesday, January 24

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

6:30 p.m. - Clothing Bank Preparation

### Wednesday, January 25

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)

6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee (Conference Room)

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

7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

8:00 p.m. - Our World, God's Eyes (Youth Lounge)

### Thursday, January 26

6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)

7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

### Saturday, January 28

10:00 Youth Sunday Practice (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, January 29

Youth Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Station Communion (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:45 a.m. - Combined Traditional & New Day Worship (Sanctuary)

### Monday, January 30

9:00 a.m. - Fitness Class (Augsburg Alley, Room 123)

1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley, Room 123)

6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)

7:30 p.m. - St Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

### Tuesday, January 31

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

6:15 p.m. - Preschool Committee (Cry Room)

Happy New Year P Happy New Year P Happy New Year



If you have any questions,  
please contact me at

[sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)

Thank you!

*Sandy Shattuck,  
Editor & Parish Secretary*