



# “The Herald” Newsletter

## St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”*  
 2 Corinthians 9:15

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### All Saints’ Sunday

Please join us for worship on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> as we observe All Saints Sunday. One of the centerpieces of the service is the litany of those saints who have died since last All Saints Sunday during the prayers. Church members and loved ones in your families who died this past year will be remembered at worship.

At traditional worship, please sign the “Saints Register” in the narthex, if you would like your loved one remembered.

All Saints at New Day will include a time for people to light a candle in memory of someone in their life who they have lost and to remember the promises of new life through Jesus Christ.



**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**November 12th**

**Following the 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Services**

**in the Sanctuary**

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## November Worship Schedule

### **Sunday, November 5: *All Saints' Sunday***

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

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

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

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

### **Sunday, November 12: *The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost***

**ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY**  
**Note the unified worship services.**

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

### **Sunday, November 19: *The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

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

-- *Sister Dottie preaches*

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

--*Vicar Pal preaches*

### **Sunday, November 26: *Christ the King Sunday***

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

--*Vicar Pal preaches*

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

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*



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### **Thanksgiving Eve Service Cancelled**

Please be aware that St. Peter's will not host a Thanksgiving Eve service this year, as the Manheim Township Ministerium assesses the service and decides in what kind of venue the service should be held.

### **Thanksgiving Break**



The Church Office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Office will reopen on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

### **Holy Baptism**

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will next be offered on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 a.m. New Day service and on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 a.m. Traditional service. Candidates are still being received for each of these offerings of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call one of the pastors if you are interested in participating.



## Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>



This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary. We will worship in a unified fashion at 9:00 a.m. either in our Traditional or New Day congregations, and then will gather in the Sanctuary for the 10:30 a.m. meeting. A Sunday School experience will be offered for all non-confirmed children and youth. Confirmed youth will be serving as tellers at the meeting, so we hope to see many join us. Following the 10:30 a.m. meeting we will have a modest coffee hour in the Narthex for those wishing to stay and chat for a few minutes. It is a great way to get to talk with people you might not normally see, because you

worship at different services.

At this year's meeting we will conduct typical business such as approving the 2018 budget, electing congregational officers and council members, and receiving a few reports from some congregational committees and leaders. You should be here for two reasons: (1) We need a quorum to conduct business; and (2) It is your responsibility to take ownership for these items which are entrusted into the hands of the congregation gathered at this meeting. We hope to see you on the 12<sup>th</sup>.



### A Grateful Thanks For Always Being Made New: Camping Corporation

There are so many people we would like to thank who helped our Always Being Made New-Lutheran Camping Corporation be a successful appeal. Thank you to the Hosler family: Joy, Lyle, Ellen, Anne, and Jeremy for their leadership alongside Adam Lefever Hughes in singing camp song preludes for the Traditional service, their providing tasty snack bar treats, and for the camp set-up in the Narthex. We offer a thank you to our New Day leadership for the "camp song" Sunday at New Day Praise service. We give thanks to Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania Executive Director Mike Youse for coming to St. Peter's and offering a temple talk about the ways we can engage in the Lutheran camps in our area. Thank you to all of you who financially supported this campaign.

We give thanks to our office staff, financial counters and volunteers who handled and kept track of many, many, many giving envelopes and gifts.



### United Lutheran Seminary News

During the summer of 2017, United Lutheran Seminary officially opened its doors. This seminary is a new creation formed out of the seminaries of Gettysburg and Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini is the first president of United Lutheran Seminary.

The Inauguration of the Rev. Dr. Theresa F. Latini, the first president of United Lutheran Seminary, takes place Thursday, November 2, 2017 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster, PA. The events around the inauguration include a reception, a worship service and a panel discussion. Some of the presenters include:

- Dr. Eric D. Barreto (Ph.D., Emory University) is the Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary.
- Dr. Lois Malcolm (Ph.D., University of Chicago) is a professor of systematic theology at Luther Seminary.
- The Rev. Bernard "Chris" Dorsey is President of Higher Education & Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- The Rev. Lisa Larges (M.Div., San Francisco Theological Seminary) is the Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis MN, and the Outreach Coordinator for Minnesota State Services for the Blind.
- The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton is Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



We will keep President Latini in our prayers as she, the faculty, staff and students continue the good work of the seminary.



## Adult Christian Education

### Weekdays

**Fall Wednesday Morning Bible Study** — Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues its fall schedule in November, as we begin the study of the Gospel of Mark. Beginning in December with the start of the Advent season, we will be in Year Two of the three year lectionary, the year of St. Mark. Most of our Gospel lessons from December 2017 through November 2018 will be from this earliest of our Gospel accounts. 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. 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.

Our schedule is:

**November 1** – Introduction to the Gospel of Mark

**November 8** – Mark, Chapter 1:1-20

**November 15** – Mark, Chapter 1:21-45

**November 22** – NO CLASS (Thanksgiving Break)

**November 29** – Mark, Chapter 2:1-28



**Elevate Bible Study** — This class will meet Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. We will discuss Paul's letters and his own personal journey through faith and how he taught in Jesus' name. Everyone is welcome and the class will be discussion based to emphasize our collective journey in community. Contact Jim Moshos by email for more information at [jimmymoshos@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmymoshos@yahoo.com).



**November Pub Theology** — Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced. RSVP to Sister Dottie if you can attend. ([dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org)).

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

#### **Crosspoints (Conference Room)**

This class is a combination of Theology, Church history and the intersection of Faith and Life.

**November 5:** Death's Place in our Lives

**November 12:** Congregational Meeting

**November 19:** American Death Rituals

**November 26:** To be announced

#### **Faith and Values (Room 100)**

This fall the Faith & Values class explores different topics of our life and faith. During November we'll discuss issues centering around the following topics:

**November 5:** Parenting and Our Inabilities

**November 12:** Annual Meeting

**November 19:** Parenting and Identity Issues

**November 26:** Finding A Way

**Class meets in Room 100 at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome!**

#### **Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Pretz (Library)**

Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Jeff Pretz will meet in the Library. Each Sunday will focus on the lectionary readings of the day.

## Social Ministry



**Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank** will be open on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. To volunteer, please contact Molly Olmsted at [astaloo@me.com](mailto:astaloo@me.com). The Clothing Bank is always in need of new underwear, especially for older teens (adult sizes). Prep night will be Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**November Community Meal** will be Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church. For more information about volunteering, contact Jan Gigl at [ronjangigl@comcast.net](mailto:ronjangigl@comcast.net)



## Camp Corner



Thank you to everyone who supported the Always Being Made New Campaign to benefit the Lutheran Camping Corporation. Our family had a great time leading the camp song preludes. Stay tuned for camp information and please contact us with any questions about camp at [joy@hoslerfamily.net](mailto:joy@hoslerfamily.net); [717-560-4753](tel:717-560-4753)

*Joy & Lyle Hosler*



## Health and Wellness Committee

### **November is National Diabetes Month**

Each November, communities across the country observe National Diabetes Month, to bring attention to diabetes and its impact on millions of Americans.

Diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. It can cause blindness, nerve damage, kidney disease, and other health problems if it's not controlled. One in 10 Americans have diabetes — that's more than 30 million people. And another 84 million adults in the United States are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

The National Eye Health Education Program (NEHEP) is encouraging people to spread the word about how persons with diabetes can protect their vision. People with diabetes need to get a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year and keep their health on track to prevent vision loss.

Living with diabetes can be challenging to manage every day. You are the most important member of your diabetes care team, but you don't have to manage your diabetes alone. Seek support from health care professionals, your family, friends and community to manage your diabetes.

The good news? People who are at risk for type 2 diabetes can lower their risk by more than half if they make healthy changes. These changes include:

- eating healthy (stay away from those cookies and refined sugars)
- getting more physical activity (take the stairs instead of the elevator, park farther away)
- losing weight (make portion control your first step)

Your Health and Wellness Committee is here to help you! Just ask for assistance by contacting Sister Dottie (717-569-9211) or Sherry Weller.



The Cemetery Committee will meet in the Conference Room at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Stewardship Committee



### **Stewarding Your Legacy**

Janet and Steve Roberts invite you to their home on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to participate in a discussion of Stewarding Your Legacy: Gift Planning Made Easy. While rarely a comfortable topic to discuss, it's an important one, and we all should have a plan to identify how our earthly possessions will be shared after we enter the Church Triumphant. As part of this estate planning, we have an opportunity to support St. Peter's, as well as increase our blessing to family, through planned giving vehicles.

Our own Adrian Young, JD, MBA, CAP, CFP, will present Stewarding Your Legacy: Gift Planning Made Easy. The goal of this casual gathering is to inform congregation members of the benefit of various planned giving options.

Before November 15<sup>th</sup>, please let us know if you plan to attend. You may add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Stewardship bulletin board, or call/email Jennifer Schlener-Thomas at 717-228-8450 or [jmschlener@gmail.com](mailto:jmschlener@gmail.com).

We hope you will join us for conversation and dessert!

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### **Fall Pledge Drive Reminder**

In early November you will receive a packet of information on our Fall Stewardship Campaign. This campaign is the one we hold annually each fall to recruit commitments to the general ministry of the church (benevolence, program supplies, salaries & benefits, building maintenance, etc.) in the coming year – in this case the 2018 Mission Budget year, along with commitments to our Debt Reduction program. We also ask you to return a Time & Talent form with areas of service and volunteering you may be interested in pursuing.

Please return your financial commitment cards and your Time and Talent form to the Church Office or bring them to worship and place them in the offering plates. We count on your pledges of time, talent and treasure through these forms, so as to anticipate our ability to fully support our mission plans for the year. If you cannot locate your packet, please call the Church Office and we will mail another one to you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Annual contribution and pledging information is only seen by our church Financial Secretaries. When we receive your Pledge Form it goes directly to the Financial Secretaries, while your Time & Talent Form goes to our Membership Committee workers.

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### **Financial Report**

#### September 2017 Financial Information

	Month	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$ 72,314	\$ 672,433	\$ 691,356
General Fund Expenses	\$ 96,981	\$ 714,520	\$ 691,356
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (24,667)	\$ (42,086)	\$ -
Debt Reduction Receipts	\$ 9,041	\$ 107,186	\$ 101,000
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$ 13,256	\$ 116,637	\$ 101,000
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (4,215)	\$ (9,451)	\$ -
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (28,882)	\$ (51,537)	

## Prayer Chain Ministry



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

We have recently welcomed Donald Deibler, Art Grim, Shirley Schlener, Nancy Shimer and Becky Lutz as new members to the Prayer Chain! We are thrilled to have them join us! Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> the Prayer Chain met for their annual All Members Meeting and Luncheon. There were approximately 15 current and prospective members in attendance. We had devotions by Pastor Ross and a Nooma DVD presentation entitled "Store" which focused on anger, followed by a discussion about the DVD. We also reminded everyone that "we do our best" to get the information out to the Chain, but if you haven't had a request in a week, please check in with one of us. We also discussed what the hours were for requests and what time calls are made and how things are handled. Angela shared the lovely thank you card we received from Kathy Groff for a recent prayer request she had submitted. It does the entire chain so much good to hear results of our prayers. We reminded the Chain, that new family lists will be coming out in January for the new year. We feel very blessed to have been asked to co-chair this committee with a wonderful group of folks. We are always looking for new members to join us. *Ginny & Angela*

"Be Still and Know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

### Poem Prayer for November 2017

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



### Remembering Thanksgiving

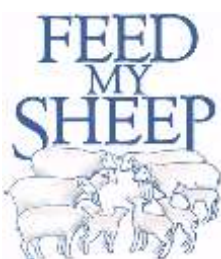
As I think back on the days of old  
When my family would gather round  
A big long wooden table  
With lots of festive sounds.

Thanksgiving was a gathering  
Of all both young and old  
With the warmth and glow of a fire  
To warm our little home.

There'd be aromas from the kitchen  
Of turkey, pies, and such  
With lots of hot mulled cider  
That we loved so very much.

So as we all gather round our tables  
On this Thanksgiving day  
We offer prayers for all the sick  
And for those who are far away.

God grant them strength and healing,  
Hold them safely in the palm of your hand,  
Then the circle of love will reach round the world  
And throughout our cherished land.



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

Needed in November: *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!*

## New Members

We give thanks for the new members who have joined the St. Peter's family this fall. We have received several infants and children as members through baptism—and give thanks as their parents raise them to know the love of Christ. We have welcomed 10 families in our 2017 Fall New Member class. They were formally received in worship on November 22. Please take a look at their pictures on the kiosk in the Narthex and Family Life Center and be sure to say hello. In fact, invite them to something—Sunday School, a musical arts concert, or an upcoming youth event. Everyone was new at one time, and needed a friendly “hello!”

**Brian & Brittney Booher (Knox)**; 316 Primrose Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601; 717-390-3745; BLBrown18@gmail.com  
Brian and Brittney attended Hempfield United Methodist Church before coming to St. Peter's. They have a son, Knox, born in June 2017. Brian is administrator of Ephrata Area School District and Brittney is a teacher with Solanco School District. They were attracted to St. Peter's by the church family and sense of community. “Pastors Sarah and Craig are awesome!”

**Stephanie Gerber (Jackson)**; 35 Kreider Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601; 717-575-7080; slsast07@gmail.com  
Stephanie and husband, Jonathan have a 2 1/2 year old son, Jackson, and are expecting a baby boy in November. She is employed as a recruiter with BB&T. Stephanie is attracted to the Worship layout at the traditional service and found St. Peter's to be very welcoming.

**Art Grimm**; 300 Willow Valley Lakes, Apt. E205, Willow Street, PA 17584; 717-519-1722; grimm\_an55@yahoo.com  
Art is transferring his membership from St. Thomas Episcopal Church and heard about St. Peter's from his kids, Lisa & Scott Keeley (members). He is a retired teacher and coach. Art enjoys the good teachings, open minds and warmth of St. Peter's.

**Adam & Emily Hosey (Dylan)**; 954 Janet Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601; 814-599-0143; emilyjhosey@gmail.com  
Emily and Adam have a son, Dylan, who was born in January 2017. Emily is transferring from St. James Lutheran Church, Huntingdon, PA and Adam has a Catholic background. They heard about St. Peter's from a web search for Lutheran churches. Adam is a teacher with the Harrisburg Area School District and Emily is an Account Manager with Godfrey Advertising. They are attracted to the relaxed feel of St. Peter's and Lutheran Theology, and enjoy the good conversations, fellowship and community.

**Borko & Katie Kereshi**; 1101 Sweetbriar Way, Lancaster, PA 17601; 774-200-1975; borkok@gmail.com  
Borko is a physician in Lancaster and Katie is a pediatrician with Penn State Medical Group, Elizabethtown. Katie and Borko have a son, Leo and now have a baby girl, Diana Meredith, born on October 17, 2017. They enjoy the mix of traditional and contemporary services, the children/youth activities, groups and events.

**Bill & Kelly Romano (Sophia)**; 108 Overlook Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601; 717-560-1112; romano\_bill@yahoo.com  
Bill and Kelly are transferring from Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster. They have a daughter, Sophie, who attends Landis Run Intermediate School in the 6th grade. Bill is a stay at home father and Kelly is the Director of Elementary Education at Conestoga Valley School District. Their daughter, Sophie, attended St. Peter's Preschool for 3 years and it was a wonderful experience, which brought them to the church. Bill and Kelly enjoy feeling welcome and part of the community, along with the youth group and activities.

**Margaret (Peggy) Stauffer**; 600 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601; 717-869-4741; SRHS34@aol.com  
Peggy is retired and transferring her membership from Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Gap, PA. Peggy's mother was a member, Clara Fichtner, so she feels she is returning to her roots. She was also invited to St. Peter's by member, Peggy Popp. She enjoys the good sermons, music and children.

**Robert & Peggy Unterburger**; 116 Olde Field Dr., Lititz, PA 17543; 717-951-1985; robpeg76@yahoo.com  
Rob and Peggy are transferring their membership from Gloria Dei, Hudson, OH. They both are retired and were looking for a Lutheran Church close to their home.

**John Ward**; 185 American Ave., Lancaster, PA 17602; 760-207-2002; jward805@gmail.com  
John is transferring from Victory Lutheran Church, Chula Vista, CA. and is a retired Church Custodian. He heard about St. Peter's from the website and is attracted to the New Day Service. He enjoys the structure, that it is a community and keeps coming back for duty to God and to man.

**Joe & Pat Weaver**; 730 Dustin Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601-1268; 717-285-9097; weaver.trish@gmail.com  
Joe and Pat are transferring from St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lancaster. Joe is a retired special ed teacher and Pat is retired as a pastoral associate. They were attracted to St. Peter's by the liturgy and education opportunities. They enjoy the great community of St. Peter's.



## Global Missions

### **KIDNAPPED to go to SCHOOL! Maasai Girls' Chance for Education**

Education for girls has not been a high priority in many cultures worldwide. This past September Janet and Steve Roberts (members of St. Peters) and I had an extraordinary opportunity to visit a community of Maasai people whose values reflect this view. We were participants in an ELCA mission trip to Tanzania and Rwanda. The purpose of this trip was to see first hand what some of our ELCA missionaries are doing to bring hope and Good News to people living in this part of Africa.

The Maasai people, living mostly in southern Kenya and northern Tanzania, have traditionally been herders of cattle and goats. During our one-day visit within this community, we met an ELCA missionary couple, Dr. Steve and Bethany Friberg. They have lived within this Maasai community for the last 27 years. Dr. Friberg has established five medical clinics in this part of Tanzania to bring better health care to these communities. His wife, Bethany, has been working with the women to establish a beadworking micro business and cooperative. We were fascinated to watch these women work on their beading as they sat in the shade of an acacia tree.

So what is this about kidnapping and education? To clarify, the Tanzanian government mandates six years of free education to all children. However, after these six years, education is not free and many families cannot afford to send their children to secondary schools.

The Maasai culture's values determine who goes to secondary school. Sons showing great promise in herding skills stay home to work with their fathers. The "dull" sons not showing great promise are sent on to secondary school. On the other hand, girls, at age 12 or 13, are considered to be of marriageable age. Marriages are arranged and the girls' chances for further education are lost.

An ELCA missionary, David Simonson, recognized this great loss of opportunity for girls. In 1995 he established the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School in a town far away from the Maasai so that girls exhibiting high intelligence and eagerness to learn could continue their studies. The problem has been that many fathers do not want their daughters to continue school. Thus, the "kidnapping". Teachers target girls with potential. On the last day of sixth grade, instead of going back home to certain marriage, the girls are secretly transported to this residential school where they remain until they finish secondary education and can earn their own income. It costs \$1000/year to sponsor one girl's education at this school. There are 350 girls on campus during the school year. In 2015 those who had graduated 20 years ago came for a reunion. Among them were a pilot, physicians, and teachers. What a gift they received through the support of the ELCA!

We can continue to support this educational opportunity for girls by giving to the ELCA Global Church Sponsorship. Stay tuned for next month. Learn about World Hunger and what it means to support it!

Christine Mummert, Chair, Global Missions Committee

## The Tanzania Mission Committee

Thank you to all who supported our second chrysanthemum sale. Again the flowers were large and beautiful! Sixty-one (61) plants were sold. With added donations, we are able to send \$345 to our companion congregation in Busoka.



**You are invited to St. Peter's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9, 2017.** It will be held in the church narthex from 9:00 a.m. to noon or until cookies sell out. Once again we are asking the cookie bakers in our congregation to bake a double batch of their best Christmas cookies and bring them to the church on Friday, December 8, between noon and 7:00 p.m. Please place your cookies in a tin, plastic container or cardboard box--not a plastic bag, as cookies in a bag often crumble and break. Sign-up sheets for baking cookies will be at tables in the narthex and New Day on Sundays, November 19, 26 and December 3. Please sign up! Your amazing cookies are what have made the first ten cookie walks huge successes! This is a highly anticipated event every year at St. Peter's, not only by our church members, but by the surrounding communities in Lancaster County. It ushers in true Christmas Spirit with homemade Christmas cookies, wonderful aromas, Christmas music, fun and fellowship. We invite everyone to bring family and friends on **Saturday, December 9**, to buy cookies from this incredible assortment. Come early for the best selection! Like last year, we offer a \$15 box and an \$8 box. As always, all proceeds go to help educate and support the orphans in the Busoka Lutheran Church parish in Tanzania.

## **Worship and Music at St. Peter's**

### **Art for Advent**

Artists are encouraged to submit drawings with Advent or Christmas themes to be included in our bulletins for Advent. Some possible images include stars, a manger, Mary, Joseph, wise men, John the Baptist, candles, a road made straight, or even a camel! Many other ideas may spring to mind when thinking about this time of year. Put them in image form and help decorate our worship aids. Illustrations of all shapes and sizes are usable. Please submit art to Adam in person or digitally at [ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).

### **Youth Singing Christmas Carols at Dickey's Barbecue Pit – December 5**

Do you love singing Christmas Carols? Do you love to hear them sung? Do you love to eat good barbecue? You can do any combination of these on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Dickey's Barbecue Pit, 2481 E. Lincoln Highway, Lancaster. Children and Youth will sing from 6:00—8:00 p.m. earning some money to help defray costs for the Youth Gathering this coming summer. All are invited to come hear the sounds of the season while sharing a tasty meal.

### **Church Musical – February 11, 3:00 p.m. – It's Cool in the Furnace**

After a short hiatus, the church musical is back at St. Peter's. This year we're learning all about the three men and the fiery furnace and we're excited to present the story in song the afternoon of Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Children are learning some music during regular choir rehearsals. All others are encouraged to come to a series of rehearsals (dates and times to be determined) to learn music and become familiar with music. If you're interested in participating, please contact Adam at [ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).

### **Church Musical Task Force**

Are you creative and crafty? Handy with a hammer? Do you enjoy helping to make a church musical happen? The Church Musical Task Force is the place for you! This group of people will help design and create simple set pieces to make our Church Musical a success! Our first meeting will be Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to determine needs and come up with an action plan. Hammers are not necessary to attend the first meeting.

### **Musical Arts – FRIDAY, December 1, 7pm – Hershey Handbell Ensemble**

The Hershey Handbell Ensemble presents the second concert of the 2017-2018 St. Peter's Musical Arts series on FRIDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Come hear this auditioned handbell ensemble present seasonal music to start off your December.

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



## **Book Club**

The St. Peter's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the Cry Room. We will be discussing the life of Martin Luther. There are several options of books that we can read in preparation for this discussion:

- Here I Stand, A Life of Martin Luther by Roland H. Bainton. This is the longest book of the three and was written in 1950.
- Martin Luther, A Life by Martin Marty – This is about half the length of the Bainton book, and is written by the well-known current Lutheran theologian.
- Martin Luther, A Life by James E. Nestingen – This is the shortest book of the three. The author is a professor of church history at Luther College and was featured on the two-hour special on Martin Luther that was shown on PBS in September.

Take your pick of the book you want to read! And as a special treat, we will have Sister Dottie, Pastor Ross, and possibly Pastor Sarah in attendance to lead our discussion! If you like to read, want to have the opportunity to read more varied books, or enjoy discussing books, please consider joining us. Meetings are relaxed and fun! Let me know if you are interested or ... just come!

Blessings,  
Mary Ann Frontz



## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

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

# FAITH

*The gift of Faith gives a believer the eyes to see the Spirit at work and the ability to trust the Spirit’s leading with no sense of where it all might lead. The gift of Faith will allow you to see with confidence what God’s will is for your life and, more importantly, for the Body of Christ of which you are a member. You will have no fear of moving ahead, even though everything around you seems to be holding you back.*

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

**Matthew 17:20b** – “For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”

**Romans 4:13, 19-21** – “For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.” “He [Abraham] did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.”

**James 1:5-6** - “If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting.”

### **People that have this gift,**

- believe the promises of God and inspire others to do the same;
- act in complete confidence of God’s ability to overcome obstacles;
- have an attitude, in various crises that arise, not only that God can do something, but that God will do it;
- advance the cause of Christ because they go forward when others will not;
- ask God for what is needed and trust the Lord for provisions.

### **Connections to Ministry:**

A person with the gift of Faith can serve the congregation by:

- Prayer Chain Member
- Long-Range Planning
- Evangelism Committee
- Visitation Team
- Deliver Altar Flowers
- Deliver CDs of Church Services
- Sages Visitation

To take the Spiritual Assessment, go to [stpeterslutheran.org](http://stpeterslutheran.org) and click on “Serve” and then “Spiritual Gifts.” Individual spiritual gifts are listed on the Spiritual Gifts page where you can learn how you can use your God-given gifts! The Spiritual Gifts videos are also available for viewing on that page.

**Mary Ann Frontz, Spiritual Gifts Coordinator**  
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### **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.

## Groups and Events

### Just for Fun Group -

“Harvest Gathering Dinner” & 2018 Planning

Saturday • November 11, 2017 • 6:00 PM



### **Come celebrate Harvest Season and our St. Peter’s Veterans!**

- Sign up on Fellowship Bulletin board by Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Indicate entrée, salad or dessert on sign up;
- Beverages will be provided;
- Please bring a few canned goods which will be given to Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank;
- Bring your ideas of things we can do in 2018; and
- Contact Barbara or Brian Tolbert at (717)392-4931 or [bttlbt@comcast.net](mailto:bttlbt@comcast.net) **See you there!**

**Just for Fun - Christmas Potluck** - Glen Hauck and Julie Tritch will be hosting the "Just for Fun" Christmas potluck at their home at 630 Willow Green, Lititz, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Christmas is an especially great time for newcomers to meet most of the crowd. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Julie at 717-572-5475 or Glen at 717-371-2562. We look forward to seeing everyone!

**50 Plus** — Please join us for exciting entertainment and good fellowship on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:45 a.m. in the Café. Our program will feature Vicar Pal. He will share a bit of his autobiography and his call experience. Please bring a covered dish TO SHARE, your own place setting and beverage. Our Christmas Buffet at the Eden is a little more than two months away. Please come prepared to give Rich Larrick your \$16 buffet fee. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 569-7740.

Mark your calendars for a Christmas program in collaboration with St. Matthew Lutheran presented by SOS at 1:00 p.m. on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and a \$1.00 donation would be greatly appreciated. Vicar Pal will return with two more programs in the new year. January 4<sup>th</sup> we will explore the traditions of Christmas and March 1<sup>st</sup> we will enjoy a homemade Hungarian meal and learn about Hungarian Nationalism.

**WELCA** will meet on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Room 124. A light breakfast will be served. Ann Larrick will lead us in making favors for the December Sages Luncheon. If possible please bring small paper cutting scissors to the meeting. All women are welcome. The November Personal Care Kit item is sturdy combs. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 569-9959.

**WELCA thanks** both those in our group and those from the congregation who have contributed to our **Personal Care Kit** project. We are pleased that this year we have completed **90 kits** which have been delivered to **Lutheran World Relief**. We very much appreciate your generosity. We will now begin collecting items for 2018. Our collection box still remains in the Narthex under the office window and the list of needed items is posted on the box and on the Parish Life Bulletin Board. Again, our many thanks. *Sally Rager and Kathy Caldwell*

<p><b>NewsLetter</b> <b>DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE <u>NOVEMBER 10TH</u></b></p> <p>Articles for the December 2017 “Herald” are due in the church office no later than <b><u>November 10th</u></b>. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email to <a href="mailto:sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org">sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org</a>. Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
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## Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends:

For those who are interested in such things, you can read the Thanksgiving Day Proclamation offered in our lands by the President of the United States. It typically shows up on the internet a day or two before Thanksgiving Day, so we do not yet have this year's text. But typically words such as these are voiced by our nation's highest office holder:

*For generations, our Nation's progress has been carried forward by those who act on the obligations we have to one another. Each year on Thanksgiving, the selflessness and decency of the American people surface in food banks and shelters across our country, in time spent caring for the sick and the stranger, and in efforts to empathize with those with whom we disagree and to recognize that every individual is worthy of compassion and care. As we gather in the company of our friends, families, and communities -- just as the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag did centuries ago -- let us strive to lift up others, promote tolerance and inclusiveness, and give thanks for the joy and love that surround all of us.*

It is a reminder that we are always bound to each other ... maybe first as the human family, and certainly also as the family of God. We may not always agree in regards to what that familial relationship looks like, but it is difficult to ignore the inter-connectedness we share with those across the globe.

Oft times as Thanksgiving rolls around, we think about the image of family in modest ways ... those who are related to us by blood, and maybe only those who are one or two steps away from us on our family tree. That is certainly what we do in our family. As is true for many, we find a way to be together at least one or two days over the Thanksgiving holiday.

I would simply offer a gentle reminder of the far broader yoking that binds us to others this month and always. At our annual meeting on the second Sunday of this month we examine life in its broadest scope at St. Peter's, and we have the opportunity to celebrate the family that is our congregation along with the family that is the world-wide Christian family. On the first Sunday of the month we'll remember those saints who have left this world for the next one, and we will celebrate the "communion of saints" and our connectedness to those with whom we share a common heritage of family, friendship or church. On the last Sunday of the month, we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday, and consider the great company of all God's children of every time and place. Lots of family to go around this month. Enjoy yours. And don't forget to enjoy your St. Peter's family, also, as we ...

See you in Church ...

Pastor Craig

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## Our Church Portrait Gallery

Did you know that St. Peter's has a portrait gallery in our Church Conference Room? All former and present pastors' pictures are there along with each one of our seminary interns since 1975! This project started on a very small scale and has grown through the years. Our first photographer was Allan Holm, a retired professional photographer for Armstrong World Industries, and who now lives at Landis Homes. Currently, we are fortunate to have Erik Teichmann serving as our "official" photographer! Also, special thanks to Kathy Groff who works with the framer and orders the name plates for each portrait. And thanks to Richard Larrick who assists Kathy in hanging the portraits. Please stop by the Conference Room and take a look at our gallery!



## Pastor Sarah's Message

Dear friends in Christ,

Have you been feeling stressed out? I know that I have been tackling the question of stress. Name the area, and I'm probably stressed out about it. I think I've always been one to carry stress (just ask my chiropractor how stress manifests in my neck). I believe we live in stressful times, and it is incredibly easy to be swept up in the negativity of it all.

Now I'm not recommending that you all buy plane tickets to Bermuda and abandon your lives, your vocations, and your loved ones nor do I recommend that you ignore the world's pain. Remember, that we are cross-people. We remember that Jesus died for our sin and the sin of the world, and we know that God is with us in our deepest, heaviest, and most stressful days.

But, we are also resurrection-people. God creates new life on a daily basis. Martin Luther calls this the daily dying to sin and rising to God grace and hope offered to us through the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

I was looking at the Lord's Prayer and there's a simple petition "Give us this day our daily bread." Good ol' Marty Luther had something brilliant to say about this, as well. He writes in his Small Catechism

*What does this mean?*

*God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.*

*What, then, is meant by daily bread?*

*Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.*

In the worship setting, the daily bread can be received in communion where Christ's presence is with us, in us, and around us. And as Martin Luther makes mention, this daily bread is experienced in so many facets of our lives...and sometimes we just miss how much God is blessing us.

How do you receive your "daily bread" with thanksgiving? Friends, I want to challenge myself and you as well, with the task of giving thanks for God's work and "daily bread." I want to challenge myself to lift up in prayer the places where I need God's daily bread to manifest (especially those days where the anxiety and stress seem insurmountable). I want to challenge myself and you to lift up the places where you see God delivering and blessing us with "daily bread."

Perhaps the 30 days of thankfulness chart may be a place to start or perhaps you have your own way of seeing and living into God's "daily bread."

I cannot speak to the stresses that you may be facing, but I know that I hope to engage in a month of thankfulness as a way to counter my own personal stressors, anxieties, and demons. I pray that this month you may be filled with the goodness of God's "daily bread."



Peace,

**Pastor Sarah**

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**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**



## Letter From the Vicar

*Erős vár a mi Istenünk! [A Mighty Fortress is our God!]*

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, let us not forget to be thankful for all that God has given to us. However, I would like to suggest that we all go to the extremes and be thankful every day for all of God’s creation! Psalm 100 resonates with thanksgiving and praise to our Great Creator! And while we are in such a thankful mood, don’t forget to be thankful for and honor the service and sacrifice of both present and past members of the U.S. Armed Forces on Veterans Day—November 11th. Keep in mind that here in the United States, we have many freedoms, to include religious freedom, because of the service of countless men and women throughout the history of our great country. Those who have or are currently serving in our military understand that freedom has a cost, to include laying down their lives in service to their fellow Americans. It is written in John 15:13: *Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*



All Saints Sunday is November 5<sup>th</sup> during which St. Peter’s will lift up those saints who have passed away during the last 12 months. All Saints Sunday is a good time not only to reflect on relatives and friends whom we have lost, but also to be thankful to God for them. When my sister died in September 2016, a friend sent me Anglican theologian Henry Scott Holland’s *Death is Nothing at All* to help console my grief: *Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before. How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!* I hope this passage brings some comfort to anyone who is grieving. Most importantly, however, is that we have God’s resurrection promise to bring us peace, strength, and hope! In John 11:25-26a, *Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”*

Blessings!

### ***Vicar Pal***



The holidays are quickly approaching! That means it is time to bake, to decorate, to prepare holiday family meals and of course, to give gifts. While we won’t come to your house and actually do any of these holiday necessities, we can make it a tad easier for you by offering gift cards from Stauffer’s, Giant, Weis and Oregon Dairy grocery stores. Every Sunday in the Narthex you simply purchase the gift cards at face value (no extra cost to you) and spend as you wish...a little at a time, all at once, or give them as gifts. Cards may also be purchased during normal church business hours. St. Peter’s receives 5% from each card sold so please consider participating in this ongoing ministry as an easy way to help reduce the church debt. It’s a win-win! *Pat Badorf*



## From the Director of Music

### Endings Bring Beginnings

November is an interesting time in the church year. On the first Sunday of the month we remember those saints who have gone before us. We also remember that they are always celebrating the resurrection of Jesus as we do when we share communion. In some traditions, the pastor says or sings the following words as a preface to communion, “And so with the choirs of angels, the church on earth and the host in heaven.” That host in heaven includes our loved ones. They join with us in giving thanks for all that God has done for us and for this world.

The readings in the middle of November often turn our thoughts to the time when the things of this world will pass away. This year we are reminded we do not know the hour of the Lord’s triumph as we read the stories of the wise and foolish bridesmaids found in Matthew 25:1-13 (November 12) and the story of the slaves entrusted with talents found in Matthew 25:14-30 (November 19). These stories, and others like them, can seem like abrupt and sudden paradigm shifts, but they signal that which is to come.

At the end of November, the vision becomes reality in Matthew 25:31-46. We read stories of how the Son of Man will come and sit on his throne in glory. The sheep are separated from the goats and we proclaim that God’s rule has always been, is now, and will be forever.

And yet, we also know that Advent is coming: a time when we wait with hopeful expectation of the child. While we proclaim God as ruler of all creation in all past ages, we also begin to ask this same God to come down anew and “stir us up.” We proclaim a God who has always been in charge, but who also has yet to come to us. God’s promises to us spring afresh, even in what will be the darkest time of the year. God renews us and comes to us exactly when the need is greatest.

Praise be to God!

**Adam Lefever Hughes, Director of Music**

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### St. Peter’s Library

#### THE LIBRARY CART WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Library Cart that was in the Narthex in September was very well received. Many books were borrowed and we hope you have enjoyed your reading. The books should be returned in one month in one of the plastic baskets in the cabinet to the right of the library entrance door. These baskets are marked “Return.” We will also have one of these baskets at the library cart each month when it is in the Narthex.

We will be featuring the library cart in the Narthex on the third Sunday of each month. We sincerely hope this makes it more convenient for you to take advantage of our “Hidden Treasure,” the St. Peter’s Library! Please let Pat Ross or Mary Ann Frontz know if there is a specific book or subject you are looking for.

#### **OUR CHILDREN’S BOOKS**

The St. Peter’s Library has shelves full of wonderful children’s books. If you have young children or grandchildren, please go to the library and take a look. We not only have general stories about animals, people, nature, etc., but we have lots of books for children about holidays. Now would be a great time to read about pumpkins and Halloween! If you don’t know where to look, let us know and we will help you.

Mary Ann Frontz



**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.



# ST. PETER'S KIDS!

On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, **Bibles were distributed** to kids age 3, grade 2 and grade 5. If your child was not present to receive their Bible, please contact Samantha to set up a time to pick one up.

November 12<sup>th</sup> – The annual **Congregational Meeting** will take place on **November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:00**. Sunday School will take place simultaneously. The Age 2/3, Age 4, and Kindergarten classes will meet in their usual rooms. The Rotation Sunday School group will meet in the FLC and will watch a movie and do a craft.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – To mark the start of Advent, we will be hosting an all ages **Advent Fair** on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> during the Sunday School hour. This will be set up like the Rally Day program. Parents and children will travel through several stations set up throughout the church.



December 1<sup>st</sup> – **Santa Workshop**. Need a night out without the kids? Then bring your children ages 4 (by December 1st) through 6th grade to our Santa's Workshop. A registration form will be available on the Children's Ministries' board located outside of the church office or look for online registration through the church's website. The evening will run from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1st. Dinner will be served in the Café followed by many fun activities, including the children "shopping" for small gifts for their family (ages 4 through 4th grade). The 5th and 6th graders will have their own seasonal activities (no "shopping" for this age). The suggested donation for this fun event is \$5 per child or \$10 per family (whichever is cheapest!) Please note: This event is open to church members and prospective church members only. See Miss Samantha with any questions.



December 9<sup>th</sup> – **Breakfast with Santa** - Mark your calendars for this fun community event which will begin at 9:00 a.m. We will return to having a full breakfast available (pancakes, sausage, etc) in the Family Life Center. Online registration through the church's website is encouraged to reserve your time to visit with Santa. You don't want to miss out on the puppet show, crafts, and free professional photos with Santa!

**Volunteers needed for upcoming events!** We are in need of youth and adult volunteers to help with the Santa Workshop on December 1 and Breakfast with Santa on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Samantha Cuascut at [scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org](mailto:scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org) to get started!



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 a.m., and then at 10:15 a.m., pick up your child in the same classroom.

**Age 2/3 - Nursery**  
**Age 4 – Bunny Room**  
**Kindergarten – Frog Room**

**Bible Explorers** (Rotation Sunday school) is for children grade 1 through grade 4. All Bible Explorers meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:15a.m. 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.



**Reminder:** If you haven't already done so, please complete a registration form for your children, ages 2 to 4th grade, for Sunday School. In order to have contact information in case of an emergency, and more importantly, to inform teachers of any special needs your child may have, we ask families to fill out one form per family (not per child). Forms are available on the Children's Ministries bulletin boards outside of the office and from your child's teacher.



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

## Youth & Family Ministry News...

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** 9:15-10:45 a.m. – Congregational youth meeting for grades 5 thru 12 in the Youth Lounge – led by Henry Stover, our Youth and Family Council Chair. After the meeting, the youth will return to their Sunday School class. Input is needed to help plan youth events!

12:00 p.m. **RAKE AND RUN**– Lunch at the church. After lunch we will carpool to homes of parishioners to rake leaves. All donations will help offset the cost of the National Youth Gathering. We should conclude no later than 4:00 p.m.



**November 26<sup>th</sup>:** Our First Christmas Dinner Theater Practice – 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Dinner included.

**Prayground Youth Leaders needed:** Youth in grades 7 thru 12 are encouraged to sign up to help supervise the activities in our new Prayground in the Youth Lounge. Time is 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sign up on the Prayground Bulletin Board in the Youth Lounge. Minimum of 2 youth are needed each Sunday.



**Youth Actors wanted for our annual Christmas Dinner Theater**, which will be held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Youth can have both speaking and non-speaking parts – practices will be Sunday evenings, November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please fill out a participation form (on the Youth Board or Sunday School rooms) and return it to Sister Dottie.

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



## St. Peter's Preschool

Our preschool is humming along with full classrooms and busy staff and students. We still have a few openings in our 2 year old Tendercare program. Contact us if you are interested in a tour!

We have had several successful fire drills already this year and will be practicing our *Safety (Intruder) Drills* in the next few weeks. A priority for our church and preschool is keeping everyone safe and secure while enjoying this beautiful building. Thanks to all who assist us with that focus. A special note of appreciation goes to our teaching staff, who are committed to providing the best possible preschool experience for all of our students and families.

Many of our preschool and church staff recently completed a CPR and Emergency/First Aid training course held here at St. Peter's. It was very impressive to witness the level of dedication they all have to the members of our congregation and the children and families in our church/preschool every day.

We are entering into our busy holiday season! We are so blessed to share this special time of year with our students. It adds so much to the joy of the season when you can see the happiness and excitement on so many little faces, and we at St. Peter's Preschool wish you a very blessed holiday season as well!

**Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director**  
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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.

## Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for November

	<b>ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER</b> <i>*Acolyte &amp; Cross-bearers needed</i>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>BREAD &amp; WINE PRESENTERS</b>
<b>November 5</b> 8:00 a.m.	*Ling-Ling Courtois	Ann Marie Steele	Karen Peiffer, Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Barry & Kathy Caldwell, Bret & Pam Hoffmaster, Bob Courtois, Tom Rothfus	Bill & Mary Ellen Kopetz
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	*Ethan Groff	Judith Logan	Shirley Gorner Rick Groff	Rich & Ann Larrick, Greg & Sylvia Lashley, Harry & Kelley Lutz	Jeff & Anneliese Owen
<b>November 12</b> 9:00 a.m. Combined		Dee Vulgaris	Randy & Debra Shue	Harry & Nancy Ward, Tom Kenyon, Eric May, Brent Bearinger, Dave Mullican	Jennifer & Sara Lehman
<b>November 19</b> 8:00 a.m.	Connor Lehman	Larry Wilcox		Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Cindy Miley, John Kerchner, Mark & Angela Moshos	
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	*David Wolf	Anneliese Owen	Janet Roberts Cindy Stauffer	Richard & Anne Wolf, Dave, Lis, David & Jessica Wolf	Jim & Jane Savidge
<b>November 26</b> 8:00 a.m.	Mitchell Burkholder	Margaret Stigelman	Diane Gegg James Lehman	Mark, Melanie & Mitchell Burkholder, Don Wenrich, Bill & Linda Montgomery	John & Kathryn Burke
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	*Jade Miller	Lois Miklas	Eric May Mindy Rottmund	Bud Benton, Jocelyn Kline, Don & Kyle Templeton, Iven & Helen Gerhart	Station Communion

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## November Flower Delivery Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deliverer</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Deliverer</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
11/5	Laretta Stutzman	Anna Wetzler	11/19	Betz Lind	Anna Dowie
	John & Kathy Burke	Bob & Janet Kemp		Marsha Chamberlain	Joan Groff
11/12	Margy Stigelman	Mary Kammerer	11/26	Libby Stoner	Evelyn (Sue) Mellinger
	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Velma Newcomer		Christine Smith	Open Recipient

## Worship Leader Coordinators

**Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer:** Sylvia Lashley 872-4309

**Altar Guild:** Betsy Linn 618-9615

**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  
& Beth Bigler 569-7843

**Welcome Center:** Mary Ann Oberholtzer 898-7823

## Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for November (continued)

	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER	AV/ LIGHTING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD COORD.	ALTAR GUILD
<b>November 5</b> 8:00 a.m.	Stephen & Diane Gegg	Bob & Edee Bedford	Mark Burkholder	Carolyn Ruch Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Nancy LeFevre	Jill Kerchner Christine Ponti
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Vicki Legath Nancy Shimer	Clarence Simon Leigh Trayer	Randy Ketchum	Lyle & Joy Hosler, Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Nancy LeFevre	Carol Esbenshade Mary Ann Frontz
<b>November 12</b> 9:00 a.m. Combined	Brian & Barbara Tolbert	Susie Roderick Dee Vulgaris	Dave Tilley	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Nancy LeFevre	Lori Weaver Suk Shuglie
<b>November 19</b> 8:00 a.m.	Betsy Kemper Cindy Miley	Pam Hoffmaster Christine Ponti	Tom Badorf	Mary Ann Oberholtzer, Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Nancy LeFevre	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Ernest & Ruth Sullenberger	Brian & Barbara Tolbert	Rick Groff	Sara Deno Alyssa Kerper		
<b>November 26</b> 8:00 a.m.	Tom Rothfus Janis Sharkey	Larry & Sylvia Miller	Angela Moshos	Jen Lehman Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Nancy LeFevre	Margy Stigelman Cindy Blaney
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Mex & Eileen Wasson	Charles & Sylvia Traeger	Bill Schlener	Chloe Otto Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Nancy LeFevre	Peggy Popp Nancy Shimer

### Nursery at 9:15 a.m.

November 5 - Patti & Bob Courtois, Alyssa Kerper  
 November 19 - Chloe Otto, Alyssa Kerper  
 November 26 - Patti & Bob Courtois, Alyssa Kerper



## NARTHEX COFFEE BAR



**November 5** - Helpers - Shirley Gorner & Family; Bakers - Shirley Gorner & Lois Vollmer  
**November 12** – Helpers - Donna & Mark Aho; Bakers - Donna & Mark Aho  
**November 19** - Helpers - Lis & Anne Wolf; Bakers - Anne Wolf  
**November 26** - Helpers - TBD; Bakers - 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)

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — NOVEMBER 2017				
	November 5	November 12 (9:00 a.m.)	November 19	November 26
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Preston	Brendan Armitage	Sharon Schaefer	Will Stover
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Bill Sassaman	John Burke	TBA	Sharon Schaefer
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill & Drew Sassaman	Dave Tilley Scott Fyfe	Scott & Amanda Sprague	Heath & Anna Edelman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Emily & Sarah Bromirski	Robin Schmincke	Morgan Stuhltrager	Ann Fink Robin Schmincke
<b>A/V Sound</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Coffee Bar</b>	Catherine Stover	Beth Soslow	Amanda Sprague	Beth Soslow



**ST. PETER'S ART HALLWAY  
DON'T MISS OUR NEWEST DISPLAYS!**

St. Peter's is pleased to present two of our talented members...

Jeffrey H. Pretz and Emily Preston. The Art Hallway is just past the Chapel and Choir Room, turn left.

**ART in WOOD by JEFFREY H. PRETZ** - "Wood carving has become a wonderful hobby and creative outlet for me. When I was in Cub Scouts I remember "carving" a cardboard woodpecker with an emery board. I did not do any serious carving until about 1980 when some of my colleagues and I were at Camp Kirchenwald for Confirmation Camp and we started carving walking sticks. For the next 20 years I was carving a walking stick each summer at Camp Kirchenwald. Since 2001, I moved from carving walking sticks to snowmen to caricatures to spoons. I joined the Lancaster County Wood Carvers Club which has a festival every March. I have copied the carvings of others, but most of my carvings are uniquely mine. Mostly I use knives and gouges to create my carvings. I really enjoy holding my work in my hand as I carve. I have carved hundreds of pieces ranging in size from tiny snowmen carvings to 42" Hank the Garden Gnome. Most of my carvings are done simply for my enjoyment and as gifts. For Christmas, about 5 years ago, I carved 85 napkin holders as gifts for family and friends. Each holder was made from a 2" cube with the four flat faces bearing Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Art images. These images were inspired from a blanket chest painted by my grandfather as a wedding gift for my parents. This project was featured in Woodcarving Illustrated a few years ago. About a year and a half ago I started carving spoons and bowls. These are all done with knives and gouges and are finished with Mineral Oil and Beeswax so they are food safe. Take a look at my carvings in the Art Hallway beginning this November. *Thanks for the opportunity to show off my creativity and growing skill by the Grace of God.*"

**EMILY PRESTON**, daughter of Bob and Pam Preston, is a sophomore at Kutztown University, working toward her BFA degree in Communication Design. Emily enjoys the process of creating and will be displaying various examples of her work including illustration, digital design, and other forms in the Art Hallway.

## POINSETTIA & MEMORIAL GIFT

Poinsettias or a Memorial Gift may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Monday, December 4. A listing for Poinsettias and Benevolence Gifts will appear in the December 24 bulletins.

### **MEMORIAL GIFT TO ST. PETER'S BENEVOLENCE FUND**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Gift - Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory or in honor of: (Circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print name(s) as you desire printed in the bulletin)

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



\_\_\_\_\_ 6½" pot with 3-4 blooms - \$6.00 each



\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total - Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory or in honor of: (Circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print name(s) as you desire printed in the bulletin)

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: \_\_\_\_\_ I will leave my plant to be delivered to a homebound member.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant.

(Poinsettias may be picked up after the last service on Christmas Eve)

Please return this form and check payable

**To "St. Peter's Lutheran Church"**

By Monday, December 4



## LOOKING AHEAD

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

### Wednesday, November 1

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)  
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)  
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran Church)  
6:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)  
6:30 p.m. - Clothing Bank Preparation  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)  
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

### Thursday, November 2

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, November 4

10:00 a.m. - Clothing Bank (Youth Lounge)

### Sunday, November 5

Name Tag Sunday / All Saints Day  
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 & Communion (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)  
12:00 p.m. - Youth Group Lunch (Café) Rake and Go

### Monday, November 6

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room 123)  
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Long Range Planning (Cry Room)  
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)  
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

### Tuesday, November 7

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, November 8

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)  
2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)  
6:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)  
7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Word of Life Bible Study (Room 100)

### Thursday, November 9

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

### Friday, November 10

Herald Articles Due

### Saturday, November 11

6:00 p.m. - Just for Fun Harvest Gathering (Café)

### Sunday, November 12

9:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:00 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)  
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:30 a.m. - Congregation Meeting (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. - Children's Movie  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

### Monday, November 13

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley, Room 123)  
6:30 p.m. - Church Council (Conference Room)  
6:30 P.M. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts  
7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)  
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

### Tuesday, November 14

1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Conference Room)  
3:30 p.m. - Cemetery Committee (Conference Room)  
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

### Wednesday, November 15

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)  
6:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)  
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)  
7:00 p.m. - Word of Life Bible Study (Room 100)

### Thursday, November 16

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

### Sunday, November 19

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. - Cantic Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
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 (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

### Monday, November 20

1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room 123)  
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)  
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

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**LOOKING AHEAD** (continued)

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, November 21**

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. - Intern Committee (Cry Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)

**Wednesday, November 22**

6:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)  
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

**Thursday, November 23**

Church Office Closed

**Friday, November 24**

Church Office Closed

**Sunday, November 26**

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)  
9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center)  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)  
12:00 p.m. - Advent Decorating (Family Life Center)  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Practice

**Monday, November 27**

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)  
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley Room 123)  
6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Club 56)  
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)  
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room)

**Tuesday, November 28**

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)  
6:30 p.m. - Clothing Bank Preparation  
7:00 p.m. - Church Musical Task Force (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday, November 29**

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)  
6:00 p.m. - Elevate Bible Study (Youth Lounge)  
7:00 p.m. - Praise Bank Rehearsal (Family Life Center)  
7:30 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

**Thursday, November 30**

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

May this Thanksgiving  
be full of joy and peace  
for you and all those you love.



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*