



“The Herald” Newsletter

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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SAGES RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 25th

We will celebrate and honor our new and seasoned St. Peter’s Sages on Sunday, August 25th. A Sage is any member who has celebrated 80 or more birthdays. We invite our Sages to attend worship at either traditional service at 8:00 or 9:45. Communion will be served at both services. A special reception will be held after each service in the Narthex. Invite friends and family to join you. If you have questions or need a ride, please call Christine Smith at (717) 299-0949 or the church office at (717) 569-9211. No reservation is needed, just come and be a part of the celebration.

Seniors Are God's Excellent Servants



Please note that we will return to our Fall Sunday schedule on September 8th. The Sunday morning schedule will be as follows:

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

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 AM

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

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

Please make note on your calendars.

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August Worship Schedule



Sunday, August 4: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 & Word with Baptism at 9:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches*

Sunday, August 11: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

-- *Sister Dottie preaches*

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

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Sunday, August 18: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 & Service of Word at 9:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Jeff Pretz preaches*

Sunday, August 25: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sages Sunday at Traditional Worship

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

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Services of Holy Communion at 8:00 & 9:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will next be celebrated on Sunday, August 4th, at the 9:45 a.m. traditional service. Interested persons should speak with Pastor Sarah.

Hymn Sing Sunday



You will not want to miss the chance to be part of our final hymn-sing on Sunday, August 25th. Coupled with Sages Sunday, we will no doubt sing some of our most traditional and popular hymns of the past century. You won't want to miss this fun Sunday opening to worship.

Pocket Church: Home Edition

Pocket Church is a series of short videos featuring summertime activities where we see how God is with us. This summer features videos of how God is present in our homes—whether it be in your favorite chair, while you grab a snack from the fridge, or open your home to company—we can find the Lord's hand in everything we do.



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

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

Name Tag Sunday

Remember that Sunday, August 4th will be Name Tag Sunday. The first Sunday in August is sometimes called national "Friendship Day". So why not create a name tag around the theme of friendship ... then you have no excuse not to make a new friend or two.



Summer Offerings



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

The Website Is Your Friend!

At St. Peter's Lutheran Church, you don't want to miss out on a program, a worship service, a devotional, or any other faith formational event. Why not make it easy on yourself and go to our website www.stpeterslutheran.org to find out the latest schedules and calendar events. Check out blog posts to help you plan or to engage your faithful preparations this season. Be sure to check out our Facebook page as well (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaaster>) for posts about upcoming events or to catch the beauty and joy of a past event. If you have questions about events and schedules that you can't find on the website, don't hesitate to call the church office at 717-569-9211. The office staff will love to hear from you.



Adult Christian Education

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The votes are in! We have our two topics for the upcoming Wednesday Morning Bible Study school year. We will study the Books of Ecclesiastes and Proverbs, dipping our toe into the “wisdom literature” of our biblical canon as our opening “short class” or 5-6 Wednesdays. Then we will spend the remainder of the year (25-30 classes) studying the genuine epistles of the Apostle Paul. While there are lots of theories surrounding which New Testament letters were written by St. Paul, the majority of scholarship identifies seven books ... Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, 1 Thessalonians, Philemon. These are the books we will primarily study, with a nod to why the other epistles are considered to be authored by others. Our first class will be on Wednesday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Café. If you have never joined us, why not try out this remarkable group for a Wednesday or two. Questions and observations abound in the group that typically hovers around forty weekly participants. Pastor Ross is the class leader.



Addiction Ministry Update

Summer is upon us with thoughts of picnics, swimming, camping and lots of wonderful family time spent on vacation from work and school. The addiction ministry wishes you a safe and happy summer! We would also like to make you aware of some important dates coming up in September so that you can plan ahead. Please mark these on your calendar! September is National Recovery Month and we would like St Peter's to be involved!

Saturday, September 21, 2019. National Recovery Day of Celebration at Buchanan Park
There will be opportunities to volunteer, sponsor persons, and participate in a 1.5 mile walk. We will post additional information about this event in the upcoming weeks and how you might become involved!!

Sunday, September 29, 2019. The Addiction Ministry will be hosting an Adult Forum during the Sunday School time in the Sanctuary with a guest speaker discussing the addiction epidemic and how it impacts all of us. We wish to thank all of the other Sunday school leaders who have given up their time that day to support this event! Watch for additional information!

The Prayer Ministry will continue to meet over the summer in the Cry Room from 9:30 until 9:45 a.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month. The prayer box is also available to submit prayer requests. This is located outside the Cry Room. We invite you to stop by and pray with us for someone that you know who is affected by the disease of addiction.

Finally, a big thank you to Betsy McConnell for the wonderful job that she did on the Addiction Ministry Bulletin Board! Please stop by and check it out!

Prayer Chain Ministry

As we begin to ‘gear up’ for a new year, your Prayer Chain Thanks You!! We thank you for the trust and confidence you place in us when you ask us to pray, usually in a difficult situation. Each request we receive is treated with respect and confidentiality. We thank you for your support of this active ministry. But most of all we thank the faithful members of the Chain!! Without them volunteering their time/talents, we wouldn’t be a ‘chain’!!! We are ALWAYS looking to add new members to the Chain, so if you have an interest in joining this group, please contact either Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406.



“Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective” James 5:16 (NRSV)

Social Ministry



Lydia’s Closet Clothing Bank at St. Peter’s

August Distribution day – Saturday, August 3rd– 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Contact Molly Olmsted for more information or to volunteer Astaloo@me.com.



Community Meal

Monthly Community Meal at Grace Lutheran
Wednesday, August 7th

Community Meal

Contact Jan Gigl (ronjangigl@comcast.net) or Sylvia Lashley (sylvia146@icloud.com) for more info.

School supplies needed for local elementary schools:



- Dry erase markers
- Notebooks
- Pencils
- Glue sticks
- Boxes of crayons
- Washable markers
- Backpacks

Please drop off supplies in the Narthex or Youth Lounge.

School District of Lancaster Uniform Drive

We will be collecting Walmart gift cards through the end of September for uniforms for low income students. Many parents are struggling to make ends meet and this is one additional cost in addition to school supplies. Questions about the uniforms can be directed to Liz O’Brien at Elizabeth.t.obrien@gmail.com

Evangelism News

New Member Class: October 13 and October 20

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church? Wonderful! Now is the time to join our faith family. Our Fall 2019 class has two sessions to which you are invited. The first session is October 13 at 9:15 a.m. in room 102 and our second session is October 20 at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. We hope you can attend both sessions as they are cover different aspects of membership and faith life at St. Peter’s. Want to know more? Email Pastor Craig Ross craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org or Pastor Sarah Teichmann sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org or call the church office 717-569-9211.



Global Missions Ministry

SAVE THE DATE!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 5:30 PM

Our missionaries, REV. DEB and JOE TROESTER are COMING for a VISIT!!

WHAT: Ice Cream Social to welcome the Troesters back and to hear them talk about their new ministry in ZAMBIA, as our ELCA missionaries

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, at 5:30 PM

WHERE: St. Peter's Family Life Center

Two years ago we met the Troesters for the first time. We had just newly sponsored them as our missionaries. THEN: They were in Arusha, Tanzania, serving as the ELCA's East Africa Regional Representatives.

NOW: The Troesters are in ZAMBIA, having accepted a new call. Deb is Facilitator for Leadership Development with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (ELCZA). ELCA's partnership with ELCZA is focused on building up to 15 permanent church buildings in Zambia. This new project is starting with a leadership training center to support the pastors and evangelists serving this growing church.

Look at the Global Missions Bulletin Board for more information about our missionaries' work in Zambia. Better yet, come to hear from Deb and Joe what it's like to be missionaries in Zambia.

COME MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAES and MEET the TROESTERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 5:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE!!



Global Missions Sunday will be Sunday September 8th. There will be special activities during Sunday school for youth and children and adult Ed classes will have a focus on Global missions as well.

Alan Swanson will present a class on the status of Busoka Lutheran church and the storm damage to the church in the Conference room at 9:15 am. Global Mission is working with TMC to help fundraise monies to help repair the church.



Tanzania Mission Committee

BUSOKA NEEDS OUR HELP!

On January 18, 2019 our companion congregation Busoka Lutheran Church in Busoka, Tanzania was hit by a powerful windstorm that destroyed the church building. This would be difficult for any congregation but for Busoka it is devastating! In one of the poorest areas of Tanzania, the church is the center of the community. People walk four to five miles each Sunday to attend morning services, then spend the rest of the day eating, singing and socializing, before walking back home.

This March, Peter Murdock from St. Peter's went to Tukuyu, Tanzania and then traveled two hours by car to Busoka to talk to the pastors and parishioners and viewed the damage to the church.

(See pictures on next page)

Tanzania Mission Committee

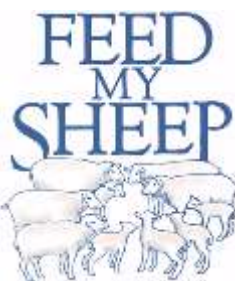
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On June 20th, the Tanzania Mission Committee sent \$5,800 from your donations and the profits from our March sub sale to begin the church rebuilding process. On September 8th, Global Missions Sunday, the Global Missions Committee (chaired by Christine Mummert) and the Tanzania Mission Committee (chaired by Alan Swanson) are partnering to raise \$5,000 to continue the rebuilding process in Busoka. The initial cost estimate needed from sources outside of Busoka is \$50,000.

Please consider what you may want to give in September to help our sister congregation rebuild their church. The brown disaster boxes will be placed in the narthex from September 8th through September 29th for your donations. More information on the Global Mission/Tanzania Mission kickoff on September 8th will follow in the September Herald.

Thank you for your support.



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in August: *Peanut butter; jellies and jams; canned fruits; canned pasta; canned tomato products; spaghetti sauce; boxed macaroni and cheese; 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!

Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Musical Arts: Lancaster British Brass Band! – August 3, 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. on August 3rd, the Lancaster British Brass Band returns to St. Peter's for an evening that is certain to be a blast. The LBBB presents a varied program of music that ranges from the ephemeral to the sublime. Due to the high popularity of this concert, plan to carpool or walk if possible as we will want to allow as many spaces as possible for our guests. See you there!

Handbell Petting Zoo - Sun. August 18

Are you curious about the handbells and want a chance to see them up close? Come to the Handbell Petting Zoo in the narthex between services on Sunday, August 18th for a chance to see the variety of instruments in St. Peter's handbell menagerie. You'll have a chance to play the bells and learn about how they work. Bring a friend to make music together!

Choral Workshop – August 24-25

All adult (Youth choir and up) singers are invited to a choral workshop with Tom Keesecker at St. Peter's on August 24th from 9:00-noon. Singers will have a chance to work with Tom Keesecker, a composer and arranger whose music is at once accessible and extremely meaningful. Choirs will work on a few choral pieces and sing during worship on Sages Sunday, August 25th.

Hymn-sing Prelude: Sages Edition – August 25

The last Hymn-sing prelude, slated for August 25th will be the "sages edition" of our hymn-sing prelude with suggestions coming mostly from our Sages. Come and support the church's song by singing the faith with some of our oldest members!

Piano Campaign Success!

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that the piano search committee announces that the campaign to raise money to purchase a new instrument for the sanctuary is fully funded. Many thanks to all who have made a donation or have committed to making a donation. If you have yet to make your contribution, please make an effort to do so by the beginning of September so we may wrap up the campaign. Thank you!

Choir and Ensemble Rehearsals Start Soon!

Rehearsals for musical ensembles at St. Peter's begin soon. See the schedule below for details. Join a musical group and help to lead worship! Please contact Adam at adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org for more information.

Jubilate Choir – September 5th, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Herald Choir – September 5th, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Canticle Choir – September 22nd, after 8:00 a.m. service

Youth Choir – TBD
Exsultate Ringers – September 9th, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
St. Peter's Ringers – September 9th, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

St. Peter's in the Lititz Parade

A heart-felt thank you goes out to the many people who participated in the July Lititz Parade.

We are grateful to all who donated candy, wagons, and resources. This year featured live music from the New Day Band, an enthusiastic decorating team with décor, tape, and imagination made the St. Peter's float look like no other. We also had the most adult and children walkers in the parade in recent history. Thank you to all who came together to share the love of God and the presence of Christ in our community!



Health and Wellness Committee

August is: National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)



National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is observed annually in August, to highlight the importance of vaccinations. This observance was established to encourage people of all ages to make sure they are up to date on the vaccines recommended for their age groups. Your Health and Wellness Committee wants to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases (as we've recently experienced with the measles outbreak).

- We are reminding parents of the importance that vaccines play in protecting their child's health
- College students – do you talk to your healthcare professional about any vaccines you may need prior to college entry?
- Adults, especially older adults or those with chronic conditions, need to talk to their doctor about vaccines they may need
- Pregnant women should be reminded: they need vaccines to protect their unborn child
- The next flu season is only a few months away. Make sure you're immunized. While the flu shot may not prevent you from getting the flu, it certainly decreases the symptoms of the flu

Check with your [state or local health department\(https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/awardee-imz-websites.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/awardee-imz-websites.html) to see if they have additional immunization resources you may be interested in reading about. And now may be a good time to have that Annual Wellness visit – to make sure you are as healthy as you can be!

“One Million Dollars in giving for 2019?”



The financial secretaries have just informed us that our congregational giving for the first six months of 2019 stands at \$500,000. We continue a strong giving trend with an increase of 8.5% (\$40,000) over 2018. With such generosity, St. Peters is on target to achieve \$1,000,000 in gifts for the entire year. Thanks to each of you for continuing to do your share in supporting the ministries of our church. *The Stewardship Committee.*

Finance Committee

June 2019 Financial Report

	Month	Year to Date	Year to Date
		Actual	Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$64,196	\$521,942	\$516,822
General Fund Expenses	\$98,816	\$527,068	\$584,975
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(34,620)	\$(5,126)	\$(68,152)
Debt Reduction Receipts	\$5,317	\$58,641	\$75,691
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$14,321	\$63,958	\$75,691
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(9,004)	\$(5,317)	
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$(43,624)	\$(10,443)	

Q & A with Our Newest Staff Members

St. Peter's recently hired and installed two new staff members who will join us in our mission of building a community of faith by God's grace. You may know Cindy Geesey and Betsy Linn as fellow members of St. Peter's, but as the new Director of Children's Ministry and Volunteer Steward, we hope you get to know them in a whole new way. This Q&A is a foretaste of good things to come.

MEET CINDY GEESEY, OUR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



St. Peter's: Where did you grow up and what is a favorite memory that took place there?

Cindy: I grew up in Reading, PA. My favorite memory is that I could walk to my elementary, junior and senior high schools feeling safe and secure supported by a loving family and many friends.

St. Peter's: You are a member of St. Peter's Lutheran. When did you become a member, and what is something that you love about this community of faith?

Cindy: My husband Joe and I became members of St. Peter's in 2010. There are many things I love about St. Peter's! What I love most about this community of faith are the people. I have made countless friendships during these years that are beyond measure. The willingness of everyone including leadership, support staff and congregants to serve, love, and trust God is amazing! Wednesday morning Bible study has also truly enriched my understanding of the written Word.

St. Peter's: You have been hired as our Director of Children's Ministries. In your own words, can you tell us what that ministry looks like?

Cindy: For me, Director of Children's Ministries, means that I have the opportunity to serve our St. Peter's children and their families and to support them on their journey to creating a God-centered life.

St. Peter's: During your installation you promised to faithfully carry out the duties to which you were hired. The congregation was also asked to share in the mutual ministry of serving the Lord. What are some ways that we as a congregation can support and help as you begin your role?

Cindy: I need to become familiar with our children and their families. Introducing yourselves and your children, perhaps multiple times, would be beneficial to me. In addition, I need lots of volunteers to assist with facilitating the many activities of the Children's Ministries. Thank you, in advance!

St. Peter's: This last question is the big, serious question. Which do you prefer, chocolate or vanilla?

Cindy: VANILLA!

MEET BETSY LINN, OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARD



St. Peter's: Where did you grow up and what is a favorite memory that took place there?

Betsy: I grew up outside of Philadelphia, in Abington Township. I also spent my summers in Ocean City, NJ, at my grandmother's home. My favorite memory is all the time I spent at the shore (not the beach) with my extended family. It was a wonderful place to grow up!

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MEET BETSY LINN, OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARD

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St. Peter's: You are a member of St. Peter's Lutheran. When did you become a member, and what is something that you love about this community of faith?

Betsy: We joined St. Peter's in 1986 right before our second child was born. We were visiting churches in Lancaster and were sold by the number of kids running around and Pastor Geib. Having no family in the area, my friends from church became my family. We support, comfort, and take care of each other. And I see that from the whole congregation.

St. Peter's: You have been hired as our Volunteer Steward. In your own words, can you tell us what that ministry looks like?

Betsy: Our community is filled with some of the most giving people I've met. But right now, it seems the same people are doing a multitude of tasks. Once our volunteer records are updated, we need to get more parishioners involved in some type of volunteering. I believe you feel more connected when you participate in other ways besides Sunday worship. I plan to work with committee chairs to engage additional people in serving, in some way, at St. Peter's. We have 111 different activity groups. There is something for everyone!

St. Peter's: During your installation you promised to faithfully carry out the duties to which you were hired. The congregation was also asked to share in the mutual ministry of serving the Lord. What are some ways that we as a congregation can support and help as you begin your role?

Betsy: I need the congregation's help in figuring out who serves where. Much of our data is outdated, and the committee chairs can help by providing updated information. I'd also like to see members that have not served recently, contact me with what they like to do and I can connect them to the correct activity. Again, we have so many ways to be a part of this wonderful ministry!

St. Peter's: This last question is the big, serious question. Which do you prefer, chocolate or vanilla?

Betsy: CHOCOLATE!!!!



Groups and Events

50 PLUS— Please join us for our annual picnic on Thursday, August 1st at **noon** in the Café. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please indicate which sandwich you would like and bring a covered dish or picnic item to share. In September, Peter Murdock will share his experiences from his recent trip to Busoka, and Dr. Frick's series will continue on October 3rd, and November 7th. Our annual Christmas luncheon will be on December 5th at the Eden Resort. Dr. Frick will continue his series on January 2nd, February 6th and March 6, 2020. This schedule is posted on the Activities Bulletin Board. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 717-318-8848.



Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends:

When I last wrote to you two months ago, we were processing the news that we would not be assigned a seminary intern for the 2019-20 year. Since then, as a staff, we have been working on some plans to provide some of the coverage that would normally have been part of the intern's responsibilities. So I offer here a couple of pieces that have been put in place since the middle of May when I last wrote to you.

Preaching coverage is the easiest issue to solve. Pastor Sarah and I will each preach a little more often, and Sister Dottie will take a few extra turns in addition to her usual preaching opportunities. We are also blessed to have two retired pastors in our congregation, Pastor Jeff Pretz and Pastor Richard Geib, both of whom have preached for us in the past.

In terms of worship leadership, we have a team of lay assisting ministers that we have used sporadically over the years, but will now use more heavily. They will serve regularly in traditional worship services, especially on communion Sundays when we need two persons ministering the bread to persons at the communion rail. We will also add a couple of new faces into the mix of assisting ministers. Sister Dottie will also spend a bit more time leading worship for us when needed.

Hospital visitation is the easiest to cover with the presence of our strong Nightingale lay visitor team, along with our rostered leader team. The variable nature of hospital visitation makes this a regularly fluid landscape.

In terms of our adult teaching ministry, we have three rostered leaders who regularly teach, Pastor Jeff Pretz who leads our Sunday morning Bible Study Class, Adam Lefever Hughes who also provides some classes for us when his schedule allows, and a small but talented group of lay members who teach adult classes, too. So, while we lose one additional theologically trained voice in the mix, this area should be easily covered by leaders currently in place.



Our homebound ministry is hit the hardest, losing 20% of our leadership, as we have historically provided five visitation teams that make monthly visits to our more than forty homebound members. Fortunately, in response to a bulletin request for more visitors we have recruited six new visitors and one couple who will make visits. These new members are currently being trained and will help us fill our need for homebound communion ministry with ease. I could not be more thankful for these eight persons who have stepped up to serve this year.

So ... at the moment we believe we have coverage for the most visible and impactful areas of congregational ministry that our vicars have helped to lead these past twenty years. This unexpected year off, gives us the opportunity to see what life is like here without a seminary intern. Maybe God will surprise us with some unexpected opportunities for ministry we have not yet envisioned. Keep your eyes open, just in case.

See you in Church ...

Pastor Craig

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UPDATE on Pastor Craig's Summer Book List

Typically, half of my summer reading list is conquered on our vacation at the lake, so the lion's share of the list is still ahead of me, but here is a quick take on what I have read thus far.

An Unquiet Mind: A Memoir of Moods and Madness, by Kay Redfield Jamison ★ ★ ★ ★ Scary, enlightening, and almost uncomfortably candid.

The Tattooist of Auschwitz, by Heather Morris ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Horrific and beautiful at the same time.

The Drawing of the Three, by Stephen King ★ ★ ★ Not part of my church list, but part of my 2019 goal of reading King's 8-volume master work, The Dark Tower Series. It was serviceable and furthers the story.



Pastor Sarah’s Message

Dear friends in Christ,

In the pages of this newsletter I hope that you catch the changes and transitions that we, as a community of faith, are experiencing. One that Pastor Craig mentions in his article is the absence of a vicar this academic year. At the end of June, we bid farewell to Nancy Brody, our 2018-19 intern, and prayed with her as she readies toward the path of ordination and call.

During the summer months we welcomed two new staff members. Cindy Geesey is our new Director of Children’s Ministries and Betsy Linn is our new Volunteer Steward. Included in this August newsletter is a brief Q&A with both Cindy and Betsy. Though we hope the Q&A is fun and informative, we really hope that you take the time to get to know them better.

During her Q&A Cindy made mention that “the willingness of everyone including leadership, support staff and congregants to serve, love, and trust God is amazing!” Betsy Linn also mentions in her Q&A that “our community is filled with some of the most giving people I’ve met.” Both Cindy and Betsy’s comments point to our mission ***Building a community of faith by God’s grace.***

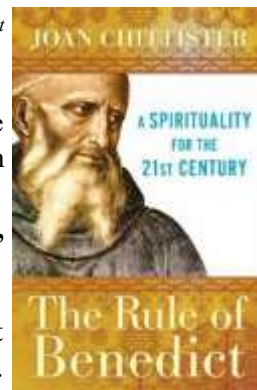
Our work, our service, our worship, our learning, and our caring is done as community. Together we are equipped by our Lord to be a blessing.

One of the books I began reading this summer is *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* by Joan Chittister. In one of her chapters, Chittister writes,

“the community belongs to the community. Its sanctity and success do not rise and fall on the shoulders on one leader alone. They rise and fall on the shoulders of its members.” [Excerpt from Chapter 21]

Saint Paul reminds us, “Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.” 1 Corinthians 12:14

We can have the best staff members (and I must tell you, our staff members are awesome!!!), but without the community of fellow believers we cannot do the things that God is calling us to do. We cannot be the church in our community without the community working together.



What would be a blessing to me and my fellow staff members is if you pray upon ways that you may help Cindy and Betsy in service to the Lord.

As we finish out the summer, ponder how God is calling you. There are so many ministries of St. Peter’s—trust me, there’s a place for you, your abilities, and your passion!

Look at your hands and feet. Those are the hands and feet of Christ...and right now the body of Christ is calling those tootsies and digits to join in on the fun!

In Christ,

Pastor Sarah

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Membership

Have you looked at the photo directory lately? Is it time to update your picture? Have your kids grown multiple inches since you submitted it? Maybe you’ve added more children to your family? Or, perhaps you have never submitted a photo at all? This fall, I will send out an updated version, so now is the perfect time to submit pictures. Please send pictures to me at directory@stpeterslutheran.org. Any questions, feel free to call me at 717-581-0932 or email at stephpalic@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your help!

Stephanie Palic, Membership

From the Director of Music

Everything in the Forest is the Forest

I just returned from a week of rest and renewal at the conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians held this year in Portland, OR. These conferences are always a wonderful time of fellowship, worship, and learning for me and this year was no different. Worship services are structured in much the same ways as we worship here at St. Peter's, the exception being that worship planners are counting on 300-350 professional musicians in the room; you just haven't heard four-part a cappella singing until you've attended one of these conferences.



Workshops and lectures make up the bulk of these conferences and this year's theme was all about doing common things uncommonly well. I always enjoy these, but I was particularly struck by one of the lectures given by Robert Buckley Farlee. Bob was one of the editors of Augsburg Fortress publications (ELCA's publication arm) for a number of years himself and writes a lot of music for the church, including "Lamb of God" from Setting 1 in the ELW.

Farlee was speaking to us about how we sing together when we gather as people of God. Our voices (common to many of us) are raised together (communally) and create something that is rather uncommon (how often do large groups of people sing together in public these days?).

One of the things Farlee kept coming back to was the phrase "everything in the forest is the forest." Every tree, flower, sapling, broken branch, stream, pine needle, decaying log, mushroom, gathering of moss, or any other living thing in the forest is part of the ecosystem. He likened the church's song to that forest.

The songs Christians sing make up the whole body of Christian songs sung in praise of God and God's love. These songs might be different from one another. Some might still be living; others dead. Some might be in a particular form that speaks to me; others might speak to you; others might speak to both of us.

Yet, we are also called to be part of this forest. Everything in the forest, after all, is the forest. We sing these songs, the ones that speak to us and the ones that don't, because they are what we all have in common. We have in common a desire to praise God and to worship a God who would become flesh, dwell among us, die and be raised to eternal life.

As we approach the fall, when the program year ramps up and the forest begins to undergo seasonal change, let us remember that we are all part of the forest and that all our praise is part of the forest. Our songs of praise have a greater purpose than to build ourselves up; rather they serve to extol the God of the forest, of this world, of the universe. Remember that everything in the forest is the forest and see what kind of support you are led to through the music we share in the ecosystem that is God's creation.

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Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends Scheduled in Cranberry/Pittsburgh, PA and Lenox, Massachusetts this Fall

Have you signed up for a fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Don't miss your opportunity to take advantage of the half price registration fee being offered this year as we celebrate 50 years of Marriage Encounter--\$50 instead of \$100. Learn how to make your marriage a more intimate and joyful relationship by attending a Weekend! The 2019 fall Weekends are:

* October 11-13, 2019 at the spacious, modern decor rooms at the Hyatt Place Pittsburgh/Cranberry in Cranberry Township, PA

* November 1-3, 2019 at the award-winning Hampton Inn Berkshires beautifully situated on the edge of a nature preserve in Lenox, Massachusetts

Please go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org to see the cost for the Weekend of your choice. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Financial assistance is available for those in need. Fill out and submit the form, and complete your registration with a credit card, or you may choose the option to mail a check. For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.



Youth & Family Ministry News...



Mark your calendars....



Mini Trip for youth who will be entering grades 7 thru 12 on Saturday, August 24th through Sunday, August 25th.

Camel Back water park and Bushkill falls - \$85 per person. We will stay over night in Tannersville. Adult chaperones and drivers also needed – (no cost if driving - \$50 if chaperoning only). Watch for email and forms on bulletin boards.

- ◇ First day back to Sunday school will be Sunday September 8th at 9:15 am. We will be celebrating Global Mission Sunday – youth will have special events that morning. Our Traditional classes will begin on September 15th.
- ◇ Youth and Family Picnic dinner on Sunday September 8th -6:00 – 7:30 pm – bring a side dish to share. We will be going over the 2019/2020 year as well as ways to volunteer.

Contact Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org or more information about these events!



Fall 9th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Parents of 9th graders who plan to be involved in Confirmation Ministry at St. Peter's are reminded to watch for a letter in August on the details of this year's ninth grade class, taught by Pastor Ross. The first day of class will be Sunday, September 15th and the Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 17, 2020. Mark your calendars with these dates, now.



St. Peter's Preschool

PRESCHOOL OPENS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 9TH!

We are already preparing for new families and returning students for the 2019/20 preschool year. We are getting excited about all the educational opportunities we will be able to present to our students this year. Thanks to very generous fundraising events, we are able to include many new STEM activities in our classroom. STEM is an emphasis on the fields of SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY/ENGINEERING/MATH. Even children as young as our preschoolers can be introduced to the challenges of coding, constructing, and creating.

Our classes are almost full. If you would be interested in a tour and enrollment information, contact Lorraine at the church office or lorraine.dibernardo@stpeterslutheran.org.

Lorraine DiBernardo,
Preschool Director

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ST. PETER'S KIDS

Greetings from your new Director of Children's Ministries! I am thrilled to begin my new position and thankful for the opportunity to serve! I have 30 years of experience in the field of education as a teacher and elementary school principal. I am excited to use my skills for children's Sunday School and various other events that encompass Children's Ministries.



By the time you are reading this, Vacation Bible School will have been launched and landed! Our theme this year was To Mars and Beyond! Our children learned about faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness and hope while having fun in a Christian environment. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make VBS 2019 a successful voyage!



I look forward to meeting and working with your children and families as we begin the Sunday School year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org.



Children's Ministry Volunteer Openings.

Do you love working with children? Can you spare a few Sundays to help out with our educational programs? We need you!

Volunteers are needed to help with our rotation Sunday school (grades 1-4) – you can serve as little as 4 weeks or be on a rotation. This would require leading the same station for 4 weeks. We also need shepherds to escort the children from opening to their station for the week – no prep required for either job!

Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers – These are self-contained classrooms with a story, snack and crafts. No prep is needed!

All persons working with our children and youth need to have clearances. We can help you obtain them! There is no cost. If you already have clearances that are less than 5 years old, just bring us a copy.

Children's Ministry Committee Volunteers needed. These persons will help set the vision and planning for events. No experience necessary –we welcome people of all ages to be part of this committee from singles to young parents, to grandparents!

Contact Cindy Geesey at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org if you can help.



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 Sister Dottie Almoney or Cindy Geesey if you have any questions.

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for August

	ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER	LECTORS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS
Aug 4 8:00 a.m.	Sean O'Brien	Ann Marie Steele	Clint Frontz Bret Hoffmaster	Liz, Sean & Iain O'Brien, Gene Olson, George Swan, Larry Wilcox	Patti & Maurielle Courtois
9:45 a.m.		Becky Lutz	No Communion	Richard & Anne Wolf, Dave, Lis, David & Jessica Wolf	No Communion
Aug 11 8:00 a.m.	Maurielle Courtois	Pat Weaver	No Communion	Mark & Melanie Burkholder, Reed & Gloria Rodman, Terry & Marianne Beasley	No Communion
9:45 a.m.		Lois Miklas	Kenneth Benner Paul Berkebile	John & Kathy Burke, James & Jane Savidge, Steph Palic, Chris Shimer	Rich & Ann Larrick
Aug 18 8:00 a.m.		Larry Wilcox	Diane Gegg Mary Jane Wilcox	Bret & Pam Hoffmaster, Greg & Sherry Moul, Ena Marie Banks, Don Wenrich	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger
9:45 a.m.		Anneliese Owen	No Communion	Emily Beauregard, Thompson, Betsy & Niamh McConnell, Rich & Ann Larrick	No Communion
Aug 25 8:00 a.m.	Morgan Stuhltrager	Margy Stigelman	Eric May Karen Peiffer	Ted Andrews, Tom Chever, Brent Bearinger, Dennis Maurer, Dave Mullican, Tom Rothfus	John & Kathy Burke
9:45 a.m.	Weston Groff	Jill Pretz	Geoff & Kathy Groff	Scott & Sharon Breeden, Alan & Beverly Swanson, Joe & Cindy Geesey	Ernest & Ruth Anne Sullenberger

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Worship Leader Coordinators

Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer: Sister Dottie Almoney

Altar Guild: Debbie Shue 654-1502

AV Room: Bill Schlener 725-2700 & Bob Preston

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 August (continued)

	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER	AV/LIGHTING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD COORD.	ALTAR GUILD
Aug 4 8:00 a.m.	Tom & Pat Badorf	Bob & Edee Bedford	John Ward	Erich & Allison Deutsch, Alyssa Kerper	June Crisp	Jill Kerchner Judy Wenrich
9:45 a.m.	Harry & Kelley Lutz	Mark & Darla Cardin	Bill Schlener	Karen Beck, Alyssa Kerper	No Communion	No Communion
Aug 11 8:00 a.m.	Brent & Susan Bearinger	Larry & Sylvia Miller	Angela Moshos	Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper	No Communion	No Communion
9:45 a.m.	Scott & Sharon Breeden	Dave & Lis Wolf	Rick Groff	Jen Podgurski, Alyssa Kerper	June Crisp	Beverly Swanson Sharon Breeden
Aug 18 8:00 a.m.	Susan Chever Betsy Kemper	Ron & Joan Beck	Jordan Lambert	Julie Gotwald, Alyssa Kerper	June Crisp	Laretta Stutzman Christine Ponti
9:45 a.m.	Bob & Lori Long	Dick & Loretta Chubb	Joe Almoney	Edwin & Tricia Cortes, Alyssa Kerper	No Communion	No Communion
Aug 25 8:00 a.m.	Mike & Carla Winters	John & Kathy Burke	Mark Burkholder	Carolyn Ruch, Alyssa Kerper	June Crisp	
9:45 a.m.	Vicki Legath Suk Shuglie	James & Martha Fulmer	Randy Ketchum	Ed & Christina Borkenhagen, Alyssa Kerper	June Crisp	Anne Wolf Lis Wolf



NARTHEX COFFEE BAR



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 me an email at lcwolf01@hotmail.com

NARTHEX COFFEE BAR COORDINATOR NEEDED — “We are looking for someone to run the Coffee Bar. Unfortunately, my time has been filled with kids sports and other family commitments that I am unable to dedicate my time to the fullest to the Coffee Bar. Please contact me at lcwolf01@hotmail.com or call at 717-341-4796. Thanks so much! *Lis Wolf*”

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — AUGUST 2019

	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25
Lector	Ben Armitage	Angela Moshos	Sophia Romano	Lynn Stover
Communion Assistant	Molly Olmsted	No Communion	Sharon Schaefer	Peter Murdock
Ushers	Brad & Karen Ayars	Brian & Brittney Booher	Heath & Anna Edelman	Tim & Sharon Fickes
Altar Guild	Sharon Shaffer	Ann Fink	Robin Schmincke	Emily Bromirski
A/V Sound	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe



August Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
August 4	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Velma Newcomer
	Lois Benton	Millie Uhler
August 11	Christine Smith	Joan Groff
	Becky Lutz	Isabel Alleman
August 18	Liz O'Brien	Phyllis Seitz
	JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller
August 25	Laretta Stutzman	Anna Wetzler
	Libby Stoner	Sue Mellinger

OUR MISSION

Building a community of faith by God's grace.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:12

OUR VISION

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church will show our love for God, our love for neighbors, and our desire to make disciples.

Because we love God, we will:

- Worship and pray together.
- Help each other develop a meaningful relationship with God.
- Model our faith to children, youth, and others.

Because we love our neighbor, we will:

- Serve one another, especially the unseen and underserved within our congregation.
- Support those in need in our Lancaster community and in the world through our ties with the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.
- Love others boldly in a diverse and changing world, deepening relationships with our neighbors.

Because we desire to make disciples, we will:

- Seek to teach God's love through adult education, our programs for children and youth, and our preschool.
- Offer small groups that connect God's Word to our everyday lives and create communities of faith.
- Share the good news in creative and authentic ways with the St. Peter's family and with neighbors in our community.



LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST CALENDAR

Thursday, August 1

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Cafe)

Friday, August 2

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Saturday, August 3

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

7:00 p.m. - Musical Arts Concert (Sanctuary)

Sunday, August 4

Name Tag Sunday

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

9:30 a.m. - Addiction Ministry Prayer Group (Cry Room)

9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)

9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Baptism (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, August 5

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (FLC)

8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Alon (Room 102)

Tuesday, August 6

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, August 7

1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)

2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)

4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran Church)

6:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

Friday, August 9

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Saturday, August 10

Herald Deadline

Sunday, August 11

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

9:00 a.m. - Handbell Petting Zoo (Narthex)

9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (FLC)

9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

10:00a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

5:30 p.m. - Ice Cream Social (Café)

Monday, August 12

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)

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

8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100), Al Anon (Room 102)

Tuesday, August 13

3:30 p.m. - Cemetery Committee (Conference Room)

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Conference Room)

Wednesday, August 14

6:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

Friday, August 16

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Sunday, August 18

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

9:30 a.m. - Addiction Ministry Prayer Group (Cry Room)

9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)

9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

Monday, August 19

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)

5:30 p.m. - Global Missions (Conference Room)

8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100), Al Anon (Room 102)

Wednesday, August 21

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

6:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

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

Friday, August 23

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Saturday, August 24

9:00 a.m. - Choir Tune Up (Music Room)

Youth trip to Bushkill Falls

Sunday, August 25

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

9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)

9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

Monday, August 26

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)

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

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

8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Alon (Room 102)

Tuesday, August 27

1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Conference Room)

Wednesday, August 28

6:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

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

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

Friday, August 30

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

NewsLetter DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE AUGUST 10TH

Articles for the September 2019 “Herald” are due in the church office no later than **August 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org. Thank you for your cooperation.



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