

"The Herald" Newsletter St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9, NRSV

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Pet Blessing Sunday

Sunday, September 29th
2:30 p.m.
Green Acres behind
church parking lot



In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, we will host a Pet Blessing Service on Sunday, September 29th at 2:30 p.m. on the Green Acres behind the church parking lot. You are welcome to bring your pet to be blessed and to share a few moments of fellowship with other pet lovers.





Make sure to join us on October 20th in the church Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. for our next Town Hall Meeting. Church leaders will update you on issues and news in the congregation. We'll hear a brief summary of the 2020 budget; we'll have a report from our new Volunteer Steward; we'll have an update on plans for a capital appeal; and we'll have an update on our Safe Church initiatives.

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October Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 6: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worldwide Communion Sunday

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

-- Pastor Sarah preaches

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

--Sister Dottie preaches



Sunday, October 13: The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

-- Pastor Sarah preaches

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

-- Pastor Craig preaches

Sunday, October 20: The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

-- Pastor Sarah preaches

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

-- Pastor Craig preaches

Sunday, October 27: Reformation Sunday

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

-- Pastor Craig preaches

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

-- Sister Dottie preaches





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Adult Christian Education

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We continue our study of the Book of Proverbs in October, examining one of the prime biblical examples of the wisdom tradition found in the Old Testament. It presents to us sayings which prompt us to think about our values and our

behavior, our morals and our conduct. In short, Proverbs invites us to consider what is the purpose of human life.

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 October schedule is as follows:

October 2 – Proverbs 25-31: Solomon, Agur, Lemuel, and Valiant Women

October 9 – Ecclesiastes 1:1 – 6:9: Intro, Poem and Kohelet's Investigation

October 16 – Ecclesiastes 6:10 – 12:14: Kohelet's Conclusion, Closing Poem Conclusion

October 23 – Introduction to the Genuine Letters of St. Paul

October 30 - NO CLASS



October Pub Theology – Wednesday October 16th – 6:30 pm – (Place to be announced) –Lutheran Trivia Night! RSVP to Sister Dottie if you can attend. dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org

Sunday Morning Classes — 9:15-10:15 a.m.

St. Peter's offers three distinct classes for our adults during the Sunday School hour (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.

October 6-The New Testament you never Knew, Part 3

October 13- Joint Youth and Adult Discussion

October 20- Town Hall Meeting

October 27- Short Stories of Jesus

Faith and Values (Room 100) - This fall the Faith & Values class explores different topics on vocation and good work done well. Our conversations will be guided by Pastor Timothy Keller's work, *Every Good Endeavor*.

October 6 - The Dignity of Work

October 13 - Work as Cultivation

October 20 - Town Hall Meeting

(We meet in the Sanctuary)

October 27 - Work as Service

We meet in Room 100 at 9:15 am. All are welcome!



Pastoral Acts

The following pastoral acts were offered since the printing deadline of our September issue of the Herald.

Funerals: Dwight Hering on September 12

Christine Mummert on September 25

Baptisms: Maleah Lynn Martinez on September 15



Martin Luther Colloquium

On Wednesday, October 30^h, the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg will host its annual Luther Colloquium. Sponsored by the Institute for Luther Studies, the colloquy invited renowned Luther scholars for a day of lectures and discussion. This year's topic is "*Theological Education in the Lutheran Tradition*." The pastoral staff will be out of the office this day attending the colloquy.

November Annual Congregational Meeting

It is not too early to put our Annual Meeting date on your calendar. Please mark Sunday, November 10^{th} for our yearly Congregational Meeting at 10:30 a.m. New Day and a unified traditional service will be offered at 9:00 a.m. with the Congregational Meeting to follow at 10:30 a.m. Some of the business for the meeting can only be decided upon by the congregation, so it is imperative that we have a quorum for the meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

Addiction Ministry Update

Did you know that September is National Addiction Recovery Month? On September 21st, Buchanan Park was the location to host Celebrate Recovery Lancaster. This year St Peter's Addiction Ministry donated \$570.00 which fed lunch to 114 persons living in recovery houses. In addition there were 7 volunteers from our congregation to help support this event. Thank you to Rachel Stellhorn for taking the lead for this ministry and to all of the members of the Addiction Ministry Team who were so generous in donations to this important cause.

Word of Life Deaf Lutheran Church

Last month, Word of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (WOLD) celebrated a "milestone" anniversary. We thought it worth mentioning!

As of Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, WOLD was in residence at St. Peter's for 12 years, 9 months, and 6 days.

Coincidentally, WOLD was in residence at Holy Trinity in downtown Lancaster for 12 years, 9 months, and 6 days! (WOLD was at Holy Trinity from its founding until relocating to St. Peter's.)

WOLD is thankful to have had a place to call "home" for its **25 years** of existence as a church (WOLD also celebrated its 25th anniversary this year!). WOLD is especially grateful for St. Peter's and their partnership in the Gospel — truly, St. Peter's makes much of WOLD's ministry possible! Thanks be to God for everyone at St. Peter's!

Peace to you all in Christ,

Pastor Russ Rockwell, on behalf of the members of WOLD

Global Missions Ministry

Christine Mummert Global Mission Memorial Fund

Although Christine had only been a member of St. Peters for six years, she left an indelible impression on everyone with whom she interacted. As an active member of the Herald Choir, chair of the Global Mission Committee, and member of the Stewardship Committee, she set a standard for using her time and talent to serve others.

A philanthropist and activist, Christine was the driving force behind many campaigns, charity drives, and fundraisers. She was on the President's Board of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) organizations and was the Malaria Campaign chairperson for the Lower Susquehanna Synod. She had a special passion for women's rights and was an active board member of the YWCA in Harrisburg and P.E.O. Sisterhood. Chris loved God, served others and helped change lives.

In honor of Christine's work, a Global Mission Memorial Fund has been established in her name. We hope that you will consider supporting this Fund now and in the future. Checks can be made out to St. Peters Lutheran Church and designated Mummert Memorial Fund. Thank you from the Stewardship Committee.

Social Ministry



Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank at St. Peter's will be open on Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. in the youth lounge. To volunteer, please contact Molly Olmsted at astaloo@me.com. The clothing bank is always in need of new underwear, especially for older teens (adult sizes).

With school back in session, Lydia's closet is busier than ever. Here are some frequently asked questions to keep in mind when supporting this necessary ministry:

Did you know? Lydia's Closet gives out personal hygiene items, laundry detergent pods, school supplies, new socks and underwear, gently used clothing ALL FREE.

We appreciate donations of: Clothing appropriate for school age children (K-12), laundry pods, new socks and underwear.

Lydia's Closet accepts donations two ways:

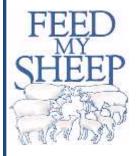
- 1 Bring in any items and put them in the church office or on marked cart by each entrance.
- 2 Put any donations that aren't school age clothing in the Community Aid Bins that are marked with the Lydia's Closet logo (they are located in the St. Peter's and Neffsville Mennonite parking lots.) They take anything that you can fit in a bin. These bins generate money for Lydia's Closet so we are able to purchase items to give to our clients.

Lydia's Closet is open the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please contact Molly Olmsted, astaloo@comcast.net with any questions, or if you would like to volunteer!



October Community Meal will be Wednesday, October 2nd at Grace Lutheran Church. For more information about volunteering, please contact Jan Gigl at ronjangigl@comcast.net.

Community Meal



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in October: 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 Food Hub.

Thanks for your donations!

Evangelism News

New Member Class: October 6 and October 13

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 6th at 9:15a.m. in room 102 and our second session is October 13th at 9:15a.m. in the Youth Lounge.** We hope you can attend both sessions as they cover different aspects of membership and faith life at St. Peter's. *Want to know more?* Email Pastor Sarah Teichmann sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org or call the church office 717-569-9211.

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.

Can you find your pastor?



Please check your address, phone number and email address in the directory. If it is incorrect and you have not done so, please contact the office with your updated information. Any questions, feel free to call me at 717-581-0932 or email at stephpalic@gmail.com. Stephanie Palic, Membership

Prayer Chain Ministry

We are in need of a few more folks to help the chain work in the best possible way. We thank everyone for considering joining the chain.



WANTED



New Prayer Chain Members

Reward: PRICELESS

Contact: Ginny Gerhart (717-626-7406) or Angela Moshos (717-392-6201) "...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercession and thanksgivings be made for everyone" I Timothy 2:1

Fellowship

Family Mystery Dinner – Sunday October 27th –5:30 pm- Can you guess what you are ordering for dinner? Can you solve a mystery? We will have pumpkin decorating, mysteries to solve and of course food and fun! Costumes are encouraged!



Health and Wellness Committee



While October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National Depression & Mental Health Screening Month, we thought that we'd count our blessings, and ask for your help.



The Busoka Lutheran Church needs our help to rebuild their church, and Hurricane Dorian has devastated the Carolinas and the Bahamas. The needs of our people are great, and the time for clean-up and their return to normal: years.

While everyone has their difficulties, hurdles and overwhelming situations, we ask that you put yourself in the place of the people involved in these natural disasters and give what you're able. Your money or time, (if you're able to travel or volunteer in any way possible), will be forever appreciated. We continue to pray for everyone, and thank you for any assistance you can offer.

There are many ways to give. If you would like to give to Lutheran Disaster Response, visit the ELCA website www.elca.org.



Finance Committee

August 2019 Financial Report

	Month	Year to Date	Year to Date
		Actual	Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$67,498	\$652,148	\$670,576
General Fund Expenses	\$80,723	\$703,027	\$773,227
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(13,225)	\$(50,879)	\$(102,650)
Debt Reduction Receipts	\$10,660	\$93,686	\$102,780
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$14,275	\$107,360	\$102,780
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(3,615)	\$(13,674)	
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$(16,840)	\$(64,553)	

Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Worship Leadership

Date	8:00 Traditional	10:45 Traditional
October 6	Canticle Choir, Youth Choir	Jubilate Choir, Herald Choir, Exsultate Ringers
October 13	No Choirs (Adam away)	No Choirs (Adam away)
October 20	No Choirs	Herald Choir
October 27	Canticle Choir, Jubilate Choir	St. Peter's Ringers, Herald Choir

Choir and Ensemble Rehearsals are in Full Swing!

Rehearsals for musical ensembles are in full swing but it is not too late to join a group!. See the schedule below for details. Join a musical group and help to lead worship! Please contact Adam at adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org for

Jubilate Choir – 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Herald Choir – 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Canticle Choir – after 8:00 a.m. service

Youth Choir – 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Exsultate Ringers – 6:30-7:15 p.m.

St. Peter's Ringers – 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Jubilate Choir Seasons

This year the Jubilate Choir is working in seasons. If you haven't already, go to www.stpeterslutheran.org/jubilate-choir/ to learn more and to sign up your 1st- 5th grader for any or all of the seasons to participate in leading worship and learning more about the Christian faith through music. The fall season comes to a close this month, but it's not too late to sign up for the Christmas season.

Sunday School Music

This year at the kickoff for rotation Sunday School, we've been singing together. It's been a lot of fun getting to make some music with the kids, and to explore our faith through song. Ask your kiddos if they've learned any new songs during Sunday School and you might be surprised!

Musical Arts – Saturday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. – The Pennsylvania Flute Choir

We just can't get enough of that flute sound this year! Come to this concert of The Pennsylvania Flute Choir to experience a variety of instrument shapes and sizes with the promise of opening your eyes and ears to the tonal possibilities of the flute! Concert is Saturday October 19th at 7:00pm.

No Rehearsals Thursday, October 31

There are NO rehearsals on Thursday, October 31st. Have a great Reformation Day and enjoy your Halloween celebrations!

Mentors Needed for the Manheim Township Homes of Hope Program

Homes of Hope is a ministry that provides temporary housing for a displaced family in our Township. Two Mentors (along with 2 Budget Coaches who meet at a different time) encourage, support, challenge, nuture and love the families who are experiencing difficult life circumstances that have led them to seek temporary housing while getting their lives back in order. The home is located close to St. Peter's. The minimum requirement is that you meet with the family on a weekly basis while they participate in the program (average of 4 – 6 months), and submit a weekly report. The meetings occur at the Homes of Hope house, and typically last about one hour. If you would consider serving in this ministry, please contact Sherry Moul, St. Peter's HOH Board member, slmoul1981@gmail.com 717-468-0163 for more information. Those who are willing to try a cycle of service as a Mentor to a family would also be asked to participate in the HOH Mentor Workshop. A workshop will be held Saturday, October 5th from 8am – 3pm at Landis Valley Christian Fellowship.

Due to lack of Mentor volunteers, the house has been vacant since mid-July. We hope to train new volunteers as Mentors, so we can proceed with an invitation for a new family to enter the MT HOH Program, sooner than later!

Groups and Events

<u>50 PLUS</u> — Please join us on Thursday, October 3rd at 11:45 am in the Café for lunch, fellowship, entertainment and education. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Bob Frick continuing his series, "Together, They Made Lancaster Great". His October presentation will focus on Thaddeus Stevens, Lydia Smith and Milton Hershey. Please bring your own sandwich, place setting, a beverage and a snack to share. Dr. Frick's next presentation will be on 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. New building security practices will be implemented. We will have a sign-in sheet outside the kitchen area and name tags to wear. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 717-318-8848 or <u>djshue52@comcast.net</u>.

<u>WELCA</u> — **COME TO WELCA** on Thursday, October 10th at 9:00 AM in Room 124. After a light breakfast Sister Dottie Almoney will inform us of the very interesting **Updates and Resolutions from the ELCA Churchwide Assembly** that took place in August in Minneapolis. All women are welcome. The October Personal Care Kit item is small metal nail clippers preferably with attached file. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 717-569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 717-627-7434.

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 are being delivered to Lutheran World Relief. We very much appreciate your generosity. We will now begin collecting items for 2020. 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

<u>JUST FOR FUN GROUP</u> — The Just for Fun Group will meet on October 4th at the Isaac's Restaurant, 1559 Manheim Pike, Lancaster, PA. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. Individual checks will be issued by the servers. Their menu includes soups, salads and sandwich entrees. Any questions, please contact Harold or Kathleen Nightingale at 717-299-9729. Please sign up on the Church Bulletin Board.

<u>YOGA CLASS</u> — Yoga on Saturday Mornings Continues in October. When: Saturday mornings in October from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Where: St. Peter's Family Life Center. Fee: \$5/person per session. Yoga Instructor, Christine Healy is offering a class combining Ashtanga Yoga poses with breathing exercises and restorative postures to stretch and strengthen the body, reduce stress and calm the mind. Everyone is welcome to come out and practice yoga in this supportive environment. No yoga experience is required. Please bring a yoga mat and a water bottle.

St. Peter's 2nd Annual Craft Show

St. Peter's 2nd Annual Craft Show will be held on Saturday, November 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Vendor spots may possibly be available and will be added to the waiting list. If you would like to be on the waiting list, please contact Movita Groff at 717-569-0101. If you have any questions, please contact Movita Groff (717-569-0101) or Kim Sterner (717-396-7739).









Pastor's Letter

Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6

Dear Friends:

As you read this, you stand on the threshold of the best month of the year -- October, which is often the month in which Christian churches kick off their fall Stewardship campaigns. What?!?! You ask. The "favorite" month of the year? Yes, I said the favorite month. Because stewardship is at the heart of our faith, and is something that we acknowledge as being one of the most distinctively Christian practices we embrace as people of God. For what we proclaim with our giving and our serving is that our God is an abundant and generous God

who has blessed us richly. What we proclaim with our giving is that generosity is a practice that helps us see the entirety of our lives through a lens of blessing and purpose. Whatever your history with stewardship may be, this is a month you can consider growing your stewardship response to your Creator and Redeemer. Because stewardship is a lifelong discipline ... it is a living discipline that invites us to grow into the spirit of a steward that God needs. I love the quote attributed to John D. Rockefeller, is which he is recorded as saying, "I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week."

On the last Sunday of this month, October 27th, your stewardship leaders, your Congregation Council, and your church

staff will ask you to seriously engage this marvelous privilege we have as children of God – the opportunity to share. The opportunity to show God, ourselves, and the world around us, the marvelous hearts of love God has placed within us. I ask you to take this opportunity seriously and to share generously. Do we have needs and responsibilities as a congregation? Of course we do. But more importantly, you have a need to give sacrificially. Because generosity shapes you in a way that allows you to fully enjoy the blessings God has bestowed upon you, while also allowing you to bless the lives of people in God's world who are not nearly as fortunate as we are as American Christians.



So please watch for the kickoff to our fall stewardship Campaign on Sunday, October 27th. It is Reformation Sunday ... a perfect day to consider a "reformation" of our lives as stewards. Studies suggest that on average, Christians give about 2.5% of their income to the church. With the biblical model of the tithe (10%), we obviously have some room to grow. You are not going to grow that giving by feeling guilty. You're going to grow it because you feel blessed. When you can believe that your life has been blessed, the natural response is to share that blessing with others. So just spend a few moments thinking about your life ... recognize and acknowledge how fortunate you are ... and take the next logical step of sharing that abundance with the world. There exists a great place in which to engage and rehearse that rhythm of gratitude and giving. So ... I'll ...

See you in Church ...

Pastor Craig

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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/stpeterslancaster) 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.



Pastor Sarah's Message

Dear friends in Christ,

A few weeks ago, Sister Dottie led the St. Peter's program and office staff in an exercise. She gave us a sheet which asked us a few questions about the upcoming church year and our work as a staff.

The questions included:

Name:
Position (or what keeps you busy):
This year I can't wait to:
One new thing I want to implement:

Looking at the questions above, and thinking about your work, your home life, your faith life, how would you answer the questions?

What keeps you busy? How do you see God working in and around you? What are some of the hopes you have for this year? Have you tried to write them down? Have you shared them with someone?

When I filled out these questions, my thoughts went to the ways that we work together to serve God and create "aha!" moments that we can share with each other. I love learning new things about people and seeing the incarnational work of our Lord Jesus through you. This brings me great joy!

I love this time of year because it's a time of new member classes. I love meeting people who are new to St. Peter's and engaging with them. If you are interested in becoming a new member, our new member classes are on October 6 and 13, and you can email me (sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org) to find out more information.

I also love it when I get to see someone step out in faith and try a new thing. Something that they're excited to implement or maybe even something they couldn't have imagined ever trying before. This is a great time to try something new. In fact, if you are wondering about how God is calling you to make an "AHA!" in your life, try the Spiritual Gifts Inventory found at https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/spiritual-gifts/

It's a splendid time to engage in faith formation, church activities, and most of all it's a splendid time to see what God is up to in our lives.

Peace,

Pastor Sarah

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From the Director of Music

The Word of God on Sunday Morning

The word of God is a large part of why we gather on Sunday morning. Lutherans confess a faith grounded in word and sacrament and it's plain to see from a Sunday morning service that we are steeped in God's word. While we say a lot of words during Sunday morning services, our primary source is definitely the Bible. Of course, we read passages from the Bible every Sunday, but a lot of our liturgical songs, language, and prayers come straight from the Bible.



The Lutheran church largely makes use of the 3-year cycle called the Revised Common Lectionary (a lectionary is a prescribed group of readings). Each Sunday and Festival has 4 readings that set the themes for the day. Without going into gory detail, there are typically passages from the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament (non-gospel), and a reading from the Gospel.

The reading from the Old Testament and the Gospel are chosen to go with one another. These two readings often inform one another and may help us discover a fresh interpretation that we might not see from reading only one of them. Take a look at the Old Testament <u>reading from Habukkuk</u> (Habukkuk 1:1-4;2:1-4) and the Gospel <u>reading from Luke</u> (Luke 17:5-10) for October 6 and see if you can see a relationship between the two.

The Psalm for each day of the church year becomes the people's (that would be all of us!) response to the Old Testament reading. In Habukkuk we hear the author's despair at the world around him and pleas for God's help; in the <u>psalm which accompanies this reading</u> (Psalm 37:1-9) we sing to each other in encouragement that all is not lost, that the wicked will fade away, and that we should commit ourselves to the Lord.

The remaining reading comes from one of the Epistles. Often we work through one of these books over the course of several Sundays. These readings offer an alternate topic for reflection, although to keep myself engaged on Sunday mornings I like to see if I can manage to find a way to fit it into the other readings thematically. Take a <u>look at the Epistle</u> for October 6 and see what you come up with!

These polarized times would have us believe that there can only be one right way to think about a given issue, or that once you've made up your mind, you can't change it. It's often said the word of God is a living document; I believe that means we are invited to come to it with fresh eyes and an open mind. The interplay of these four readings on a Sunday morning can change our beliefs about what God's will is for the world and show us that while facts are facts, there is rarely one side to an issue.

Our place in the world as God's children is to proclaim God's love for the world and to struggle together in community. Therefore, listening to passages read from the Bible on Sunday morning is a potent act of grace and witness that is not to be taken lightly. The Word of God enters into our midst through the voices of our community and we must be prepared to challenge our own thoughts by this very same almighty and everlasting God of love.

Adam



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 at 717-569-9211 or sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org 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.

Youth & Family Ministry News...

October 6th: Oregon Dairy Corn Maze – 6:00 – 8:00 pm – Bring your flashlight – Cost \$10 pp – meet at the

maze- Adult chaperones are needed.

October 27th: Family Mystery Dinner – 5:30 – 7:00 pm – help serve dinner in costume – see more info under

fellowship

Youth Trip to Philadelphia – Saturday November 2nd – Cost is \$30 per person- We will tour the Eastern State Penitentiary and learn about the history of the criminal justice system then have lunch at the Bourse

food court then walk to Mother Bethel AME to learn about how racism played a role in early American religion. Adult Chaperones needed!

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



in Michigan

St. Peter's Preschool

Our preschool classes are in full swing and we are busy making new friends and memories. We are at peak enrollment with only a few openings still available in our pre-k afternoon class. We welcome two wonderful new teachers to our program, Mrs. Karyn Baumann and Mrs. Jessica Roberts.

We are thankful for the additional security protocol at our church this school year. The safety and security of everyone in our building is a priority shared by our clergy, our church and preschool staff and all who are a part of our Safe Church focus led by Sister Dottie.

October will be a fun month for our preschoolers, with visits from the firefighters, class photos and Halloween parades. The building is alive again with the beautiful, happy sounds of children learning and loving!

Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director lorraine.dibernardo@stpeterslutheran.org



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

ST. PETER'S KIDS

Sunday School officially kicked off on Sunday, September 15th. It's wonderful to be back in the classroom with the kids! We are midway through our first session which is on The Red Sea. The kids are learning all about how God parted the Red Sea so Moses and the Israelites could cross on dry ground before Pharaoh's army!

Each week, we say the Lord's Prayer in Rotation Sunday School. Please practice the Lord's Prayer with your children at home to reinforce what we are learning each Sunday! The kids are given the chance to sign up to lead the prayer for a week so please encourage them to do so!

Children's Ministries is always looking for volunteers to help in Sunday School and with our many events. No experience necessary. If you are able to help, please contact Cindy Geesey at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org to get started!

Bible Presentations will be held on **Sunday, October 27th**, at the 8 AM and 10:45 AM worship services, including New Day. We will be presenting Spark Story Bibles to our 3 year olds, Spark Bibles (NRSV) to our 2nd graders, and youth Bibles to our 5th graders during the Children's Sermon time. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Geesey at <u>cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org</u>. No registration or prior notification is needed. If you are not present and due to receive a bible, please let Cindy know, and she will be sure to provide you with one.

Sunday School Format Reminder:

Our preschool and kindergarten Sunday school classes follow a traditional format. Each week, you may take your child to his/her classroom at 9:15 am, and then at 10:15 am, pick up your child in the same classroom.

Age 2/3 – Drop off and pick up from the Nursery. A teacher will escort your child to the classroom for a singing and a lesson, and then back for snacks and pick up.

Age 4 & Kindergarten – All activities will take place in the Frog Room (Kindergarten) and Bunny Room (Age 4). Please drop off and pick up from the correct room based on your child's age at the beginning of the year. Students will sing songs, hear a bible story, have a snack, do crafts and play games.

Rotation Sunday School is for children entering grades 1 through grade 4. We will meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:15am every Sunday for an opening. From there, guides (adult volunteers) will lead students to their rotation activity. Because your child will be doing a different activity each week, their pick up room changes each Sunday. Weekly pick up locations will be posted when you drop off your child in the FLC and on the bulletin board in the Sunday School wing.

Reminder: 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 in the Rotation Sunday School wing.

Save the dates: Our annual Santa Workshop will be held on Friday, December 6th, form 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. And our annual Santa Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. More details to follow. Please consider volunteering to help with these fun events. Thank you!



Visit our Pray Ground on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 10:45 am in the youth lounge

This is a place for our children in preschool and up to come to create a craft, play a game or just have fun. Snack donations are needed

- individually wrapped granola bars, small boxes of raisins, fruit snacks, etc.

If you have any questions, contact Cindy Geesey, Director of Children's Ministries at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org.



From the Volunteer Steward

We're back in the swing of things! Doesn't it feel good to get back into a routine? There is something about the fall that just feels good. It's great to see the church pews filling up after all the summer vacations. Why not increase that feeling by volunteering somewhere at St. Peter's? Right now is a good time to join one of the musical groups as they are just getting started for the year. Or perhaps volunteer with Sunday School. Cindy Geesey, our Christian Ed leader, is looking for Sunday School Rotation Leaders and Helpers. Another Sunday morning opportunity is to be an acolyte or cross bearer. Contact Sister Dottie for more information.

Please take a look at the new volunteer bulletin board on Bulletin Board Alley across from the door to the office. Every few weeks there will be a new quote, take a look and see if it gives you inspiration! Also on the board is a list of ALL the committees/groups/activities at St. Peter's. See what you might be missing!

The Spiritual Gift Assessment is up and running. It is a great tool for you to determine where you should serve. If you haven't completed it in the past 3 years, please take 15 minutes to fill out the survey. This helps our church leadership find an accurate place for your talents. Follow this link, or contact me for instructions. https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/serve/spiritual-gifts-assessment/

There will be a "volunteer fair" on October 27 at 9:15 where you can speak with members of various committees. Now is a great time to see how you can become more involved and support *your* church.

See you in church (volunteering, hopefully)!

Betsy Linn
Volunteer Steward
Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

Camp Corner

Summer camp is over, but fall is a great time to visit camp! Check out the fall events with the Lutheran Camping Corporation. Contact Joy or Lyle Hosler with any questions about camp (joy@hoslerfamily.net; 717-560-4753).



Oct 1-3: Fall Study Retreat (Nawakwa)

Oct 6: Capture the Flag Spectacular (Kirchenwald)

Oct 20: Fall Foliage (Nawakwa AND Kirchenwald)

Oct 20: Bean Bag Toss Competition (Kirchenwald)

Oct 20: Church Dinner (Wittel Farm)

Nov 3: Annual Quilt Auction (Nawakwa)



NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE OCTOBER 10TH

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

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for October

	ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER	LECTORS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS
October 6 8:00 a.m.	TBD	Stephanie Gerber	Nancy Pokopec Jennifer Schlener- Thomas	Bret & Pam Hoffmaster, Greg & Sherry Moul, Tom Rothfus, Dave Mullican	Michael & Carla Winters
10:45 a.m.	TBD	Barbara Tolbert	Geoff & Kathy Groff	Scott & Sharon Breeden, Alan & Beverly Swanson, Rich & Ann Larrick	John & Laurel Salzman
October 13 8:00 a.m.	TBD	Pam Hoffmaster	No Communion	Ted Andrews, Tom Chever, Brent Bearinger, Ena Marie Banks, Dennis Maurer, Don Wenrich	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	TBD	Leigh Trayer	Joe Weaver Jeffrey Pretz	Emily Beauregard, Joe & Cindy Geesey, Thompson, Betsy & Niamh McConnell	Jonathan & Erin Hill
October 20 8:00 a.m.	TBD	Anna Mae Kenyon	Diane Gegg Bret Hoffmaster	Bob Courtois, John Kerchner, Mark & Angela Moshos, Steve & Diane Gegg	Greg & Sherry Moul
10:45 a.m.	TBD	Russell Vollmer	No Communion	John & June Crisp, Scott & Kyle Trayer, Brian Tolbert, Russell Vollmer	No Communion
October 27 8:00 a.m.	Maurielle Courtois	Susan Ketchum	Eric May Karen Peiffer	Adam Gegg, Cindy Miley, Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Tom & Jean Haus	Dennis & Louise Sitler
10:45 a.m.	TBD	Kelly Wicks	Carol Esbenshade Mary Ann Frontz	Dan Beck, Bud Benton, Scott Glassford, Donald & Kyle Templeton, Stephanie Palic,	James & Jane Savidge

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Worship Leader Coordinators

Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer: Sister Dottie Almoney Greeters: Leigh Trayer 271-9268

Altar Guild: Debbie Shue 318-8848 Lectors: Thom McConnell 581-0068

AV Room: Bill Schlener 725-2700 & Bob Preston Nursery: Patti Courtois 898-1898

Bread & Wine Presenter: Jennifer Lehman 519-8851 Ushers: Nancy Beauregard 295-9814

CD & Flower Delivery: Christine Smith 299-0949 & Beth Bigler 569-7843

Communion Assistants: Karen Peiffer 569-3643 Welcome Center: Mary Ann Oberholtzer 898-7823

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for October (continued)

	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER	AV/LIGHTING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD COORD.	ALTAR GUILD
October 6 8:00 a.m.	Luther & Catharine Kimmich	Bob & Edee Bedford	John Ward	Mary Ann Oberholtzer, Alyssa Kerper	Barb Cooper Kathy Caldwell	Judy Wenrich
10:45 a.m.	Bob & Lori Long	Paul & Tricia Hough	Bill Schlener	Borko Kereshi Alyssa Kerper	Barb Cooper Kathy Caldwell	Loretta Chubb Linda Gall
October 13 8:00 a.m.	Tom & Pat Badorf	John & Kathy Burke	Angela Moshos	Julie Gotwald Alyssa Kerper	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	Rich & Ann Larrick	Geoff & Kathy Groff	David Wolf	Karen Beck Alyssa Kerper	Barb Cooper Kathy Caldwell	Jeff & Anneliese Owen
October 20 8:00 a.m.	Ron & Joan Beck	Shirley Dombach Susie Roderick	Tom Chever	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger	Barb Cooper Kathy Caldwell	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger
10:45 a.m.	Andy & Sandi Hirko	Craig & Lisa Rodenberger	Joe Almoney	Ed & Tricia Cortes	No Communion	No Communion
October 27 8:00 a.m.	Janis Sharkey Andrea Sherman	Pam Hoffmaster Christine Ponti	John Ward	Erich & Allison Deutsch, Alyssa Kerper	Barb Cooper Kathy Caldwell	Anna Mae Kenyon
10:45 a.m.	Vicki Legath Patricia Lutz	Nancy Shimer Clarence Simon	Dave Tilley	Chloe Otto Alyssa Kerper	Barb Cooper Kathy Caldwell	Kathy Groff Suk Shuglie

Nursery at 9:15 a.m.

October 6 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

October 13 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

October 20 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

October 27 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper



October Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient	
Oct. 6	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Velma Newcomer	
	Lois Benton	Millie Uhler	
Oct. 13	Christine Smith	Joan Groff	
	Becky Lutz Isabel		

Date	Deliverer	Recipient	
Oct. 20	Liz O'Brien	Phyllis Seitz	
	JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller	
Oct. 27	Laretta Stutzman	Anna Wetzler	
	Libby Stoner Sue Mellinger		

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — OCTOBER 2019					
	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27	
Lector	Kris Armitage	Sharon Schaefer	Henry Stover	Angela Moshos	
Communion Assistant	Sharon Schaefer	No Communion	Molly Olmsted	Jennifer Sassaman	
Ushers	Brian & Brittney Booher	Heath & Anna Edelman	Tim & Sharon Fickes	John & Janet Hess	
Altar Guild	Robin Schmincke	Ann Fink	Sarah & Emily Bromirski	Sharon Schaefer	
A/V Sound	Dave Tilley	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe	





NARTHEX COFFEE BAR



Just wanted to express my appreciation to the volunteers who are again serving at the Coffee Bar — your faithfulness and dedication to St. Peter's is so wonderful and exceptional!

* October 6 Shirley and Joann Gorner

October 13 Tom and Pat Badorf

* October 20 Anne Wolf

* October 27 Volunteer Fair

And thank you to all our faithful members who provide baked goods and serve coffee. We are always looking for helpers and bakers! As always, we thank Laretta Stutzman, Tim Fickes, John Hess and Ann & Rich Larrick for picking up the donated baked goods from Giant. Enjoy and God Bless.



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.

October

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 1

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room) 5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music)

Wednesday, October 2

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)

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)

Thursday, October 3

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Café)

1:30 p.m. - Power Packs (FLC/Youth Lounge) 6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)

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

Friday, October 4

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

6:00 p.m. - Just for Fun (Isaac's Manheim Pike)

Saturday, October 5

9:00 a.m. - Yoga (Family Life Center)

10:00 a.m. - Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank (Youth Lounge)

Sunday, October 6

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

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

9:15 a.m. - New Member Class (Room 102)

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

10:30 a.m. - Addiction Ministry Prayer Group (Cry Room)

10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (Family Life Ctr)

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

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

6:00 p.m. - Youth Group (Oregon Dairy Corn Maze)

Monday, October 7

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 8

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

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

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

Wednesday, October 9

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)

6:30 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)

Thursday, October 10

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Augsburg Alley)

1:30 p.m. - Power Packs (Youth Lounge/FLC)

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)

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

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

Friday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 12

9:00 a.m. - Yoga (Family Life Center)

Sunday, October 13

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

9:15 a.m. - New Member Class (Youth Lounge)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

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

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

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

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

Monday, October 14

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 15

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

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

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

Wednesday, October 16

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)

6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology

6:30 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

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

Thursday, October 17

1:30 p.m. - Power Packs (FLC/Youth Lounge)

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)

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

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

Friday, October 18

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

Saturday, October 19

9:00 a.m. - Yoga (Family Life Center)

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

October

LOOKING AHEAD (continued)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday, October 20

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

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

9:15 a.m. - Town Hall (Sanctuary)

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

10:30 a.m. - Addiction Ministry Prayer Group (Cry Room)

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

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

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

Monday, October 21

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 22

5:15 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

Wednesday, October 23

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)

6:30 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

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

Thursday, October 24

1:30 p.m. - Power Packs (Youth Lounge/FLC)

6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)

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

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

Friday, October 25

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

Saturday, October 26

9:00 a.m. - Yoga (Family Life Center)

Sunday, October 27

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

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

9:15 a.m. - Volunteer Fair (Narthex/Café)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 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)

5:30 p.m. - Family Mystery Dinner (Café/FLC)

Monday, October 28

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

6:30 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

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

Thursday, October 31

1:30 p.m. - Power Packs (Youth Lounge/FLC)

If you have any questions, please contact me at

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Sandy Shattuck

Editor & Parish Secretary

