



“The Herald” Newsletter

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

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“Let all that you do be done in love.”

2 Corinthians 16:14

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Shrove Tuesday Palm Burning

Join us on Tuesday, February 25th (Shrove Tuesday) for a brief Palm Burning service in the church narthex at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to bring your palms from last year’s Palm Sunday service which you may add to the church palms being burned. We will have a basket of palms available for those who did not keep palms from last year. Following the brief liturgy, fasnachts will be available.



Ash Wednesday Services

February 26

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services on February 26th. We will gather in the church sanctuary at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for a traditional liturgy that includes ... an extended confession, imposition of ashes, and Holy Communion. This ancient ritual of repentance and reflection is one that still maintains its power. We hope to see you on this first day of the Lenten season.

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February Worship Schedule



Sunday, February 2: *The Presentation of Our Lord*

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*

--*Bishop James Dunlop serves as our celebrant*

Sunday, February 9: *The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

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

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

Sunday, February 16: *The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

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

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

Sunday, February 23: *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

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

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches*

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

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday –

Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. worship in the sanctuary

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*



Name Tag Sunday



Remember that Sunday, February 2nd will be Name Tag Sunday. Bring an unusual nametag that you have collected over the years, or make one. Just make sure your name is on it, so that you and others can greet those people about whom you know much (where they sit in church, how many kids they have, how they sing hymns, etc.), but may not yet know their name.

Mission Campaign Update

On January 26th, we officially kicked off our Feasibility Study! Over the next couple of months, we are asking for each member to offer their input on the presented vision of a Mission Campaign. This feedback can be given through a short survey as well as a personal interview with our consultants, Richie and Rachel Musser of Kirby-Smith Associates. Many of you already had the chance to introduce yourself to the Mussers when they attended the kick-off and it is our hope that you will take the time to find a time to speak with them further.

Each household should have recently received a packet of information in the mail with a survey and project overview sheet that details our vision for the future of our church in depth. If you did not receive a packet, you can pick one up in the church office. We encourage each household to get involved in the Feasibility Study by completing and returning the survey by February 17, 2020. You can return the paper survey or fill the survey out online at bit.ly/stpeterssurvey2020. We are also asking for those who would like to have a personal interview to sign up online at bit.ly/stpetersinterview or by calling Richie Musser at 484-364-0781. Please continue to pray for our church family as we journey through this process together!

Advocacy Corner



Join Sister Dottie at a vigil outside of the Berks County Detention Center on Sunday, February 16th at 3:30 p.m. This is a monthly Ecumenical prayer vigil for undocumented immigrants who are being detained in this center. If you would like to show the immigrants and their families support during this difficult time in their lives, please join us. Contact Sister Dottie with questions and more information at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org.

Interested in being part of an Advocacy Group? Sister Dottie is looking for interested persons who have a heart for those who are being treated unjustly, living on the margins of our society and those who feel like they have no voice and support. If you want to explore more what it means to be an Advocate, contact Sr. Dottie or sign up on the adult education board in the narthex. We will try to have a meeting in March for those who are interested in being part of this important ministry.

Stewardship



Good news and good news! For the second year in a row, congregational giving has surpassed the \$1,000,000 mark. With a total of \$1,022,167 and an increase in giving units from 443 to 448, our congregation has blessed the ministries of St. Peter's with generous hearts. And the really good news, in a prosperous economy and a growing congregation, we have the capability of doing more for others. So, whether you pledge, give through Simply Giving, Tithely or write a weekly check, please do consider increasing your individual giving by 3.5%. That is our Stewardship Goal for 2020! Thanks, again, for your generosity.

Grocery Card Ministry



\$6,200! That's the amount the grocery card ministry was able to contribute to the St. Peter's debt reduction for 2019! All thanks to our faithful shoppers who purchased cards last year. Every Sunday we offer gift cards from local grocery stores for you to purchase at face value and spend as you wish. The church receives 5% from each card sold. Please consider participating in this ongoing ministry as an easy way to help reduce the church debt. Many thanks to the dedicated "Card Shark" team who volunteer their time each week: Linda Siems, Stephanie Palic, Donna Aho, Randy Shue and Ginny Gerhart. Please see any one of us at the grocery card table if you have questions about this great ministry. *-Pat Badorf*

Adult Christian Education

Wednesday Morning Bible Study



We will continue our major study topic for the year ... an examination of the traditional “seven authentic letters of St. Paul.” Why not consider joining this vibrant group of 40-50 fellow believers in the weeks of February 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 February schedule is as follows:

February 5 – 2 Corinthians Chapters 7-9

February 12 – 2 Corinthians Chapters 10-13

February 19 – Galatians Introduction and Chapters 1-2

February 26 – Galatians Chapters 3-6



Wednesday, February 19th, 6:30 p.m., Uncommon Pizza, Lititz, PA

Topic: To be determined. Come for dinner and drinks or just drinks and discussion. Please RSVP Sister Dottie if you can attend at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org.

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

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

Crosspoints - Meets in the Conference Room.

February 2 – Open Forum - Bishop Dunlop

February 9 – The New Testament You Never Knew, pt 7- Pastor Ross

February 16 – Non-traditional Bible study, with Sr. Dottie

February 23- Pastor Geib and the Mormons: The Fastest Growing Church in America, pt 1

March 1 – The Mormons, pt 2

Faith and Values (Room 100) - We continue to look to God for signs of hope and how God works in and through relationships. Join the conversation as we engage in Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove's work *The Awakening of Hope: Why We Practice a Common Faith*.

February 2 - Our Bishop, Rev. James Dunlop, visits. Sanctuary

February 9 - “Why We Keep Promises”

February 16 - “Why We Live Together”

February 23 - Current Events with Youth and Adults



Social Ministry



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

Our February Distribution Day is Saturday, February 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please contact Molly Olmsted if you can help out at astaloo@me.com.



February Community Meal

Our February meal will take place Wednesday, February 5th at Grace Lutheran Church. If you are interested in being put on the rotation to help, please contact Jan Gigl [Community Meal \(ronjangigl@comcast.net\)](mailto:ronjangigl@comcast.net).

Quilting Group Donations

The St. Peter's Quilters donated a total of 141 quilts in 2019! 129 quilts since September! The quilts go to Lutheran World Relief, the Transitional Living Center, Mom's House, Emergency Winter Shelter and Water Street Mission. Thank you, Quilters, for all your hard work!



Souper Bowl Sunday

Souper Bowl month is now taking place! We will be collecting cans of soup for the Lancaster Food Hub through Council of Churches. Our goal is to reach 500 cans of soup. Please bring in your favorite soup and help beat hunger in our community! Tables are set up in the Narthex and Youth Lounge.



Fellowship

Widows Group

If you have lost your husband, please join us for a time of fellowship and to discuss ways your lives have changed. We will be meeting on Tuesday, February 25th, 11:30 a.m. at Oregon Dairy. We will have a space to ourselves to have lunch and visit. Please let me know if you are able to attend. *Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward*, betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran, or 717-618-9615.



Prayer Chain Ministry

FROM YOUR PRAYER CHAIN..... Did you know EVERY FAMILY that is a member of St Peter's is prayed for at least once a year by the Prayer Chain? The chain is in the process of praying for EVERYONE during January & February. Some time in March, the families will be re-divided among the members and prayed for again. So, if you feel especially "blessed by the Holy Spirit" maybe it's the quiet work of your Prayer Chain!



"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercession and thanksgivings be made for everyone" 1 Timothy 2:1



Health and Wellness Committee

February: Age-Related Macular Degeneration and Low Vision Month

Acute macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of vision loss for adults over age 60 in the U.S. Having AMD can make daily tasks that require sharp vision, such as driving, reading, and even recognizing faces difficult. Symptoms of AMD include:

- Difficulty seeing in the center of your vision
- Trouble seeing in dim light
- Straight lines start to appear wavy, blurry or missing
- Fading and/or changes in the appearance of colors
- Dark, blurry areas or whiteout in the center of vision

How do I know if I have AMD?

The first signs of AMD may only be detectable on an eye exam, well before any noticeable change in a person's vision. During an eye exam three initial screening tests will be used.

- **Visual acuity:** A chart is used to assess visual acuity in each eye
- **Dilated eye examination:** Eye drops are used to dilate (widen) the pupil of the eye, allowing the back of the eye to be closely examined for abnormalities in the macula.
- **Amsler grid:** A special grid with straight horizontal and vertical lines (like graph paper) is used to screen for AMD. With AMD the lines may look faded, broken or wavy.

What are the risk factors for AMD?

Scientists are working to understand what causes the cells of the macula to deteriorate, and how genetic and environmental risk factors interact. Risk factors that cannot be controlled: age, race, family history, being female. Risk factors that are under your control: smoking, diet, heart disease, high blood pressure, ultraviolet light. So be sure to get regular eye exams & focus on reducing your risk by addressing factors you can modify.



Archives

The Semi-Weekly New Era - *From the Archives* December 15, 1894 – CHURCH RENOVATED

Extensive Repairs Just Completed in the Neffsville Lutheran Church – The Neffsville Lutheran Church, Rev. Isaac W. Bobst, pastor, which has been closed for the past four weeks on account of repairs will be opened with appropriate services next Sabbath, December 16th, both morning and evening. The church has been completely renovated, being painted both inside and out, the woodwork of the interior being handsomely oak grained. The walls were beautifully papered and decorated. A “Beaver” furnace was placed in the cellar, by which the church can be more conveniently and comfortably heated than heretofore. A fourteen lamp prismatic reflector, made by the Bailey Reflector Company, Pittsburgh, Pa was put in, thereby having better light than before.

J.B. Martin & Co. did the papering and decorating, the Sessaman Bros., Lititz did the painting and graining, Steinman & Co. placed the furnace, and Jacob F. Heinitsh furnished the paint. Jacob Dornbaugh, Benjamin F. Huber, and A.B. Haverstick constituted the committee on repairs. Miss Ada G. Wechter and Dr. E. H. Witmer did the collecting. The congregation has reason to congratulate itself on the neat and attractive appearance of their church, which is a perfect gem.

Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Worship Leadership Schedule

SUNDAY	8:00	10:45
FEBRUARY 2	Canticle	Herald Choir
FEBRUARY 9	Jubilate Choir	Herald Choir, St. Peter's Ringers
FEBRUARY 16	None	Herald Choir
FEBRUARY 23	Youth Choir, St. Peter's Ringers	Herald Choir, Jubilate Choir, Exsultate Ringers
FEBRUARY 26	Ash Wednesday: Herald Choir	

Musical Arts – Saturday, February 22nd, 7:00 p.m. – St. Peter's Hymn Festival: "No Darkness at All"

Come to St. Peter's for an evening of hymns, old and new; reflective readings; and prayer. The musicians of St. Peter's will be leading us in song. Join the singing to experience a musical evening of praise, prayer, and proclamation.

Dancers needed - Do you have the spiritual gift of dance? We're looking for some dancers to add to our Hymn Festival on Saturday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. If you're interested in being a part of this celebration, email the director of music at adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org.



Membership News

New Member Kiosk

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

Fall 2019 New Member and Sponsor Reunion

To our New Members Fall 2019 class: You are invited to a New Member Reunion on **February 23** during the Sunday School hour. **We will meet at 9:15 am in the Church Café** for light refreshments, time to re-meet some of your classmates and shepherds, and good fellowship. See you there!

Spring New Member Classes: March 1 & March 8

We will be having classes for visitors who would like to consider becoming members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Classes will gather at 9:15 am on March 1 and 8. The first session will focus on meeting the pastors and fellow new members. The second session will focus on ministries of the church as well as getting connected to members of the St. Peter's family. Interested? Contact Pastor Sarah Teichmann (sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org) or Pastor Craig Ross (craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org) or call the church at (717) 569-9211.

We need your help!

You know those little maroon/black books that are in the pews or handed out during the service that record your attendance? They are very important for several reasons. They help us keep track of statistics on attendance which is used for our membership count, it helps us keep track of those who are visiting, but mostly, we just like knowing you were here! Please remember to sign in using your last name, and then list everyone from your family who is in attendance. Please let me know if you have any questions! *Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward*

Groups and Events

50 PLUS — Please join us on Thursday, February 6th at 11:45 a.m. 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 February presentation will focus on George Ross, Thomas Wharton and William Henry. Please bring your own sandwich, place setting, a beverage and a snack to share. Dr. Frick will continue his series on March 5th. This schedule is posted on the Activities Bulletin Board. New building security practices will be in place. We will have a sign-in sheet outside the kitchen area and 50+ tags to wear. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 717-318-8848 or djshue52@comcast.net.



WELCA will meet on Thursday, February 13th at 9:00 a.m. in Room 124. A light breakfast will be served. Come hear our very special guest speaker, **Pastor Ross**, who will be discussing **The Blessings of Poetry**. All women are welcome. Our February item for the Personal Care

Kits is a light-weight bath towel size 52” x 27”, dark color recommended. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 717-569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 717-627-7434

ST. PETER’S JUST FOR FUN GROUP- 2020

MARCH	Dinner out	The Shues
APRIL 15	Dinner at Fiorentino’s	The Swansons
MAY 30	Amish Dinner. - 5 pm	The Bedfords
JUNE 6	Picnic and Croquet. - 5 pm	The Hollingers
	Bring a dish to share and your beverage	
JULY 18	TBA	TBA
AUGUST	Bocce and Dinner	The Stoners
SEPT 18	Miniature golf and Ice cream at Scoop’s	The Nightingales
OCT 17	Bunko and Dinner - 6 pm	The Burkes
NOV 14	Appetizers/Desserts - Planning 2021	The Hollingers
DEC 13	Christmas Fellowship	The Burkes and Stoners

Camp Corner

Although it’s cold outside, soon the activities at camp will be warming up. Consider sending your kids or grandkids to camp through the Lutheran Camping Corporation this summer as a means of furthering their faith in a Christian community filled with fun and friendship. Summer camp brochures for Kirchenwald and Nawakwa are already available online. <https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/> Options exist for all ages—from day camp for K-2, classic and themed overnight camps for grades 1-11, craft camps for adults, and family camp for everyone in your family from babies to grandmas! See Joy & Lyle Hosler with *any* questions about camp. (Their kids have experienced all levels of camp that Kirchenwald has to offer!) joy@hoslerfamily.net; 717-560-4753.

February 9: Winter Fun Day (Kirchenwald)—Sled, ice skate, hike, sip hot chocolate in the lodge, and find fellowship in the woods this winter at Kirchenwald’s Family Fun Day from 1-6 p.m.

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE FEBRUARY 10TH

Articles for the March 2020 “Herald” are due in the church office no later than **February 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org. Thank you for your cooperation.



Pastor's Letter

"Groundhog found fog.

New snows and blue toes.

Fine and dandy for Valentine candy.

Snow spittin'; if you're not mitten-smitten, you'll be frostbitten!

By jing-y feels spring-y."

~~The Old Farmer's Almanac

Dear Friends:

It is an interesting month, February is. The *Almanac's* characterization is spot on, in its touching down upon a collection of some of the diverse themes that arise during the second month of the year. Traditions ... weather ... holidays ... uncertainty ... and this year you can add "bounty", as we are gifted an extra day in the month due to it being a Leap Year.

It is no different at St. Peter's. We observe the almost timeless tradition of the imposition of ashes as a sign of repentance. We too will wrestle with the variable and sometimes severe weather of this month, and no doubt experience some changes in our scheduled activities due to our meteorological fickle friend ... snow. We have some holidays, too ... this year the festival of the Presentation of Our Lord falls on a Sunday, February 2nd, which is the fortieth day after Christmas, and thus the fortieth day of Jesus' life ... the day that Scripture records him being presented at the temple in Jerusalem, according to Jewish custom. If you can call an acknowledgement of our mortality a "holiday" then we can also include Ash Wednesday in our list of February holidays, as we kick off the season of Lent together.

And ... we have some expected unpredictability, as we roll out our feasibility study under the faithful and experienced guidance of Richie and Rachel Musser of Kirby-Smith Associates. The primary purpose of a feasibility study, is to help our congregation identify ministry projects that fit within our congregational mission ... and to determine the level of support and enthusiasm for these projects identified by the study. In essence we ask the question, "Where is God leading us?" and what new or enhanced ministries has God sewn into the fabric of our communal life, that we have yet to fully embrace? If you polled every member of the congregation, you would hear all kinds of answers to these two questions. We would have dozens of ideas bumping up against each other in the narthex and Café conversations before and after worship.

Thus ... the need for a feasibility study. The Mussers will guide us in a process that will give us the best chance to sort out which ideas have some legs underneath them, and which ones may not be imperative at this moment in time. While each person in this congregation might "think" she/he knows exactly what the projects are that we should pursue ... it is only together as the people of God at this place called St. Peter's ... that we can sort out the places of ministry to which God is calling us.

So ... I hope that in addition to all of the other February milestones that define this month, one additional marker will be present, also. Namely, that each of you will actively participate in this feasibility study ... that you will share your hopes and dreams for St. Peter's with the Mussers and our Campaign Planning Team ... that you will pray for the Mussers in their leadership among us ... that you will also pray for your church leaders, and for our congregation ... and that you will risk being open to the ministry opportunities that God may present to us. Till then, I'll ...

See you in Church ...

Pastor Craig

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Pastor Sarah's Message

Greetings friends in Christ,

How is your prayer life going? When do you find time for prayer?

Prayer is something that I have personally been working on for a while. I haven't always been good at it. (Confession and forgiveness is good for the soul...yes...your pastor hasn't always been good at prayer). These last few months I have intentionally begun my day with prayer and scripture.

What scripture should I use?

I fumbled on this question a lot. To help me out, I visit <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>. It is a devotional site created by Luther Seminary. You can find a daily devotion based on scripture we will hear the next Sunday at worship. I take the scripture reading for the day, open my Bible, and carefully read it.

The prayer part

Then I open my journal and enter a grace I need for that day. Sometimes it's "Lord help me to be a good listener today" or "Lord help me with time management" or "Lord help me be more forgiving." Then I read the scripture for the day and see how God might be speaking to me. I end my journal entry with thoughts, prayers, or a petition for God's guidance. I find that when I begin my day this way, I am more open to the connections God wants me to see, I am more ready to hear the messages God desires me to hear.

Perhaps you have a way to open yourself to prayer, and if you do, that's great. But if you struggle the way I do, I share this prayer routine as a guide, and also as a way to encourage us to be in prayer together.

Speaking of Prayer

The other week I was in a meeting with our church consultants, Richie and Rachel Musser from Kirby-Smith Associates. Richie and Rachel are walking us through our feasibility study. In the next couple of weeks there will be several opportunities for you to meet with the Mussers. I hope that you take an opportunity to be interviewed by them and chat with them, as well. They really want to hear from you as they help church leadership gauge the feasibility of a Mission Campaign.

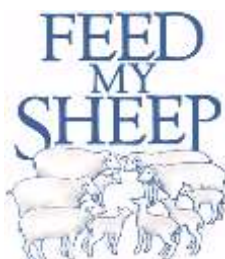
In that meeting that I was in with Richie and Rachel, I asked what we could do to help them as they engage in the feasibility study. Their first response was, "pray for us." They earnestly want us to pray that they may faithfully serve as consultants and keep their hearts and ears open to God's call for this congregation. They also want us to pray that as a congregation we are in touch with what God wants, and how we may faithfully listen to God's desire for our community of faith.

I promise to keep Rachel and Richie Musser in my prayers. I promise to keep you in my prayers, as well. Would you keep me in your prayers?

In Christ,

Pastor Sarah

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The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in February: *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!***

From the Director of Music

Hymn Festival – No Darkness at All

This month, the musicians at St. Peter’s will present a festival of hymns on Saturday, February 22 at 7pm. The vocal choirs, handbell ensembles, and New Day band are hard at work putting together a selection of hymns and anthems all around the theme “No Darkness at All.” That said, there’s one piece we are missing and we need your help: we need all of you, your family, and your friends to come make a joyful noise to the Lord.



A hymn festival is a chance to sing through hymns, old and new, that center around a particular topic or theme. This year, I chose the theme “No Darkness at All” from the hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.” Images of light abound in scripture and hymnwriters have followed suit with some amazing texts. With a wealth of images and ideas, it’s clear light is captivating to our imaginations, especially so at this time of year.

As we look to spring in the northern hemisphere we anticipate the return of the sun and with it light and warmth. Similarly, this time of year the Revised Common Lectionary (the set of readings we use on Sundays) point us to Jesus as the light of the nations revealed to all as the Son of God. These images come to a high point in the story of the Transfiguration on February 23rd this year, when we hear of Jesus being transfigured to the point that his face shone brightly.

We’re going to take an hour or so on a Saturday evening to sing about this light: what it means to us as a community, how it plays a role in shaping our faith, and where it may be leading us in the future. We’ll also take some time to listen to what scriptures, poets, and writers might have to say about the light of God. We’ll also take a moment to give thanks to God for light and life, and to remember our role when it comes to spreading the light of God in our community.

I hope you’ll take the time to come to St. Peter’s for a different kind of worship and praise on February 22. The choirs, bell ringers, and band members are all getting ready. It will be a meaningful celebration of the God of Light told through scripture, song, and prayer.

Peace,
Adam



Communication: The Website Is Your Friend!

February is a rather busy month at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, and 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.



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...

Calendar

Due to the Retreats – there will be no regular February youth group meeting!



2020 Youth Winter Retreat Dates:

January 31 – February 2 Grades 9-12 at Camp Kirchenwald – Cost: \$80.00 per person

February 7-9 – Grades 5-8 at Camp Kirchenwald - Cost \$80.00 per person

Registration has been emailed. More forms on the youth board or contact Sister Dottie.



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

2020 Senior High Retreat

Calling all senior high youth to join us on retreat on January 31-February 2, 2019 at Camp Kirchwald in Lebanon, PA. We have a new theme to surprise you with this year, along with our favorite activities of games like Wink and Reverse Charades, some hikes, free time on camp grounds, and maybe even take part in the Capture the Flag contest that will break out. Advisors for the weekend will be Pastor Ross, Jimmy Moshos, Sister Dottie and Betsy & Mark Linn who will prepare their amazing meals for the weekend. Get your registrations in early. All 9th through 12th graders are invited.

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.



Pastoral Acts

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

- Baptism: Jackson Bear Geesey on November 17, 2019 at St. Peter’s.
- Funerals: Paul D. Rager on January 3, 2020 at St. Peter’s
- Robert Habich on January 18, 2020 at St. Peter’s



ST. PETER'S KIDS



On Sunday, **February 9th**, we will be holding a **First Communion Instruction** class from 12:00-2:00pm. A light lunch will be served for students and their parents immediately following the late service in the café, and then we will begin the program. Following a short introduction, the children will go with Miss Cindy to their class, while the parents will meet with the pastors for a question and answer session. Afterwards, all will meet back in the sanctuary for a short service. The class is designed for children in grades 1-3, but all are welcome. The First Communion Recognition service will be held on Sunday, February 23rd. If you are interested in your child participating, please email Cindy at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org.



CANDY, CANDY, CANDY! The Children's Ministries committee is asking for donations of candy and small prizes for our Easter Egg Hunt. The candy must be individually wrapped and be able to fit in a small plastic Easter egg. Small novelty toys are also welcome! Please place all donations in Cindy's office in room 127 or in the church office. PLEASE NOTE: In order to provide time to fill the eggs, please bring in items by April 3rd.

Mark your calendar for our annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** which will be held on Saturday, April 11th. More details to follow!



In a year's time, over 40 adult volunteers help to make our Sunday school program (ages 2 through 4th grade) and Children's Ministries' activities happen! And that doesn't count the many youth that help as well. We are so blessed here at St. Peter's to have so many wonderful people sharing their talents with the children at our church. Thank you to everyone who offers their time and talent to this important ministry!

Sunday School Format Reminder:



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

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

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

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



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LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

St. Peter's Preschool

Our preschool is presently enrolling for the 2020/21 school year. **Yes!** The time to think about registering in our great program is now! Make sure to reserve a spot in one of our classrooms as soon as possible to ensure your choice of schedule. Tours of the preschool are conducted every day by appointment only. Please contact Lorraine DiBernardo at the church office (717- 569-9211) or Lorraine@stpeterslutheran.org for additional information regarding visits and enrollment.

St. Peter's PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIR
February 16th thru 23rd in our church library
Hours will be posted around the building

Join us in the Library for our annual Scholastic Book Fair taking place from February 16th through February 23rd. Many beautiful paperback and hard cover books will be available to purchase or order. Proceeds will be used for preschool books and classroom materials.

Lorraine DiBernardo,
Preschool Director

lorraine.dibernardo@stpeterslutheran.org



From the Volunteer Steward

Happy February, 2020! This always seems to be the toughest month for me. Not much to look forward to, it's cold, and there's not much to do outside. Hmm, what to do? How about taking 15 minutes to complete the Spiritual Gifts questionnaire? It's now available online at the St. Peter's website. It will help you determine where your spiritual gifts lie. Follow this link to complete the assessment. A copy of the results will be sent to you and me to be used when help is needed. <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/serve/spiritual-gifts-assessment/>

Available positions

We are still recruiting people for several groups. Please consider spending a little extra time by serving on one of these committees.

A more detailed description of all the committees is listed on the website. It's at the bottom of the Membership page under the Time and Talent section. Follow these instructions when you go to the website: Stpeterslutheran.org-About-Membership-Time and Talent-Learn

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fVeQyvmq4O5N6mKFsnNacgEPTbGUIyu_ai7E90mCWzA/edit#gid=1

Here is a sampling of positions needed:

Stewardship	Long Range Planning Committee
Finance	Love Inc.
Acolyte	Coffee Bar-New Day & Traditional
Altar Guild	Nursery Care-All services
Cemetery	Office Receptionist
Fellowship Committee	Parish Life Committee
Funeral Luncheons	Property Committee
Global Social Ministry Committee	Provide Transportation

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward

Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org



Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for February

	ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER *both Acolyte & Crossbearer	LECTORS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS
February 2 8:00 a.m.	Sean O'Brien	Mark Burkholder	Susan Ketchum Mary Jane Wilcox	Liz, Sean & Iain O'Brien, Adam Gegg	Greg & Sherry Moul
10:45 a.m.	TBA	Jordan Lambert	Geoff & Kathy Groff	Russ Vollmer, Bud Benton, Stephanie Palic, Scott Glassford, John & Kathy Burke	Nancy Pokopec
February 9 8:00 a.m.	TBA	Don Deibler	No Communion	Ted Andrews, George Swan, Mark & Melanie Burkholder	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	TBA	Geoff Groff	Judy Logan Jeff Pretz	Thompson, Betsy & Niamh McConnell, Brian Tolbert, Don & Kyle Templeton	Dave & Lis Wolf
February 16 8:00 a.m.	TBA	Stephanie Gerber	Karen Peiffer, Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Reed & Gloria Rodman	Dennis & Louise Sitler
10:45 a.m.	TBA	Judy Logan	No Communion	Jeff & Anneliese Owen, Scott & Kyle Trayer, Scott & Sharon Breeden	No Communion
February 23 8:00 a.m.	TBA	Pam Hoffmaster	Clint Frontz Joe Weaver	Brent Bearinger, Tom Rothfus, Tom Chever, Dennis Maurer	Michael & Carla Winters
10:45 a.m.	TBA	Ashley Miller	Paul Berkebile Carol Esbenshade	Robert, Shirley, Joann & Jillian Gorner, Rich & Ann Larrick	Bob & Pam Preston
Ash Wednesday February 26 7:00 p.m.		Kathy Groff			TBD

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Worship Leader Coordinators

Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer: Eric Rotz 368-3541

Altar Guild: Debbie Shue 318-8848

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 February (continued)

	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER	AV/LIGHTING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD COORD.	ALTAR GUILD
February 2 8:00 am	Bill & Mary Ellen Kopetz	Bob & Edee Bedford	Terry McGuigan	Marty Bull, Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Lori Weaver	Laretta Stutzman
10:45 am	Andy & Sandi Hirko	Brian & Barbara Tolbert	Bill Schlener	Amy Smith, Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Lori Weaver	Jeff & Anneliese Owen
February 9 8:00 am	Betsy Kemper, Andrea Sherman	Pam Hoffmaster Christine Ponti	Angela Moshos	Mary Ann Oberholtzer, Alyssa Kerper	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 am	Vicki Legath, Nancy Shimer	Geoff & Kathy Groff	Bob Preston	Lauren Jones, Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Lori Weaver	Ann & Lis Wolf
February 16 8:00 am	John & Jill Kerchner	Shirley Dombach Susie Roderick	Tom Chever	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger, Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Lori Weaver	Patty Bittler, Judy Wenrich
10:45 am	Bob & Shirley Gorner	Nancy Shimer Sherry Weller	Randy Ketchum	Tracey Himmelreich, Alyssa Kerper	No Communion	No Communion
February 23 8:00 a.m.	Cindy Miley, Christine Ponti	Ron & Joan Beck	Lloyd Bull	Erich & Allison Deutsch, Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Lori Weaver	Cindy Blaney
10:45 a.m.	Bud Benton, Sara Gable	Mark & Darla Cardin	Dave Tilley	Karen Shreiner, Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Lori Weaver	Loretta Chubb, Linda Gall
Ash Wednesday, February 26 7:00 p.m.	Rich & Ann Larrick	Peggy Popp	Bill Schlener	Alyssa Kerper	Susan Chever Lori Weaver	Peggy Stauffer



Nursery at 9:15 a.m.

February 2 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

February 9 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

February 16 - Rachel Shaffer, Alyssa Kerper

February 23 - Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — FEBRUARY 2020

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Lector	Ben Armitage	Beth Glassford	Sophia Romano	Sharon Schaefer
Communion Assistant	Mindy Rottmund	No Communion	Jennifer Sassaman	No Communion
Ushers	Bill & Jenny	Heath & Anna	Scott & Amanda	Tim & Sharon Fickes
Altar Guild	Morgan Stuhltrager	Allison Bromirski	Ann Fink	Emily & Allison Bromirski
A/V Sound	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe

February Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
Feb. 2	Betz Lind	Anna Dowie
	Lois Benton	Jack & June Hemsteger
Feb. 9	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Velma Newcomer
	Becky Lutz	Isabel Alleman

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
Feb. 16	Liz O'Brien	Phyllis Seitz
	JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller
Feb. 23	Laretta Stutzman	Anna Wetzler
	Nancy LeFevre	Hiram & Marilyn Richards



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!

- * February 2 **Dave Tilley**
- * February 9 **Jen & Sara Lehman**
- * February 16 **Anne Wolf**
- * February 23 **Amy and Weston Groff**

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 and other 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.



LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Saturday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 2

Name Tag Sunday

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

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

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

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

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

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

Monday, February 3

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

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

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, February 4

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

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

Wednesday, February 5

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)

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

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

Thursday, February 6

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Café)

1:15 p.m. - Power Packs (FLC/Youth Lounge)

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

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

6:30 p.m. - Campaign Planning (Conference Room)

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

Friday, February 7

Junior High Retreat

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

Sunday, February 9

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

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

9:30 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 & Communion (Sanctuary)

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

12:00 p.m. - First Communion Instruction (Café/FLC)

Monday, February 10

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

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

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

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

7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting (Augsburg Alley)

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

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

Tuesday, February 11

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 12

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)

6:30 p.m. - Addiction Ministry Prayer Group (Cry Room)

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

7:00 p.m. - Global Missions Endowment Fund (Pastor's Office)

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

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

Thursday, February 13

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

1:15 p.m. - Power Packs (Youth Lounge/FLC)

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

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

Friday, February 14

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

Sunday, February 16

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

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

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 (Sanctuary)

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

3:30 p.m. - Sister Dottie Vigil at Berks County Detention Center

Monday, February 17

8:00 a.m. - Feasibility Interviews (Cry Room/Room 100)

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

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

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 (Room 100) Al Anon (Room 102)

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FEBRUARY

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (Uncommon Pizza)
6:30 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, February 20

1:15 p.m. - Power Packs (Youth Lounge/Café)
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Augsburg Alley)
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

8:00 a.m. - Feasibility Interviews (Cry Room)
7:00 p.m. - Musical Arts (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 23

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
8:00 a.m. - Feasibility Interviews (Cry Room)
9:00 a.m. - Canticle Choir (Music Room)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:15 a.m. - New Member Reunion (Café)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)
11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

Monday, February 24

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
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 Anon (Room 102)

Tuesday, February 25

11:30 a.m. - Widow Support Group (Oregon Dairy)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Palm Burning Service (Narthex/Carport)

Wednesday, February 26

7:00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
6:30 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)
7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. - WOLD Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

Thursday, February 27

1:15 p.m. - Power Packs (Youth Lounge/Café)
6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)
7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, February 28

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



If you have any questions, please contact me at

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