



“The Herald” Newsletter

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

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“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27

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In an abundance of caution and under the advice of medical professionals, St. Peter’s has continued to suspend all activities including all Sunday morning worship and education, preschool and all gatherings at the church until further notice. As Covid-19 continues to dramatically alter our normal routines, we endeavor to keep you informed. Please know that we take your health and safety very seriously. In the absence of being able to be together physically, we hope to provide a sense of community and Christ-centered love and support in this time of social isolation. We continue to keep you in prayer and ask you to keep our health care workers, civic leaders and the vulnerable of our society in prayer.



Live streaming worship

Please join us for worship each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. for Church @ Home. Worship features our Lutheran liturgy, prayers for the community, a sermon from one of the rostered leaders, music from our staff musicians, Adam Lefever Hughes and Erik Teichmann, as well as special music from members of our congregation.

Be church together on Sundays at 10:45 a.m.
<https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/live/>

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THANK YOU!

- ◇ As we think of the challenges of living in a world defined by a virus, we are tremendously thankful for so many things at St. Peter's!
- ◇ Thank you to those of you who are so faithfully contributing to our ministries both inside and outside our walls.
- ◇ Thank you to our worship leaders, both staff and lay members, for reminding us that we are still the Body of Christ in diaspora.
- ◇ Thank you to our musicians who remind us of the song of God in our hearts and souls.
- ◇ Thank you to our Social Ministry workers who are helping to bring some of our tangible relief like food and medicine to our church members who cannot leave their homes.
- ◇ Thank you to our In Touch, Nightingale and Communion Ministers, along with other new servants who are calling church members you may or may not know, just to check in, to make sure they hear a living voice, and to determine if they have any needs.
- ◇ Thank you to our Communications Team, and the unending challenge of making our congregational life and gatherings as accessible as possible through digital resources.
- ◇ Thank you to our children who have become artists in residence in sharing their talents with church members who are missing their children and grandchildren.
- ◇ Thank you to our Congregation Council for continuing to embody faithful leadership in a setting that none of us could have anticipated.
- ◇ Thank you to those committees and groups that have been able to fashion some semblance of their ministries in service to others or the congregation itself.
- ◇ Thank you to all of you who tune in for worship each week.
- ◇ Thank you to all who join Zoom educational gatherings.
- ◇ Thank you to those who participate in devotions, videos, music or other online offerings.
- ◇ Thank you to our staff for striving to re-craft our life together in a digital landscape.
- ◇ Thank you to our Prayer Chain, for their tireless prayer partnership with so many outside and inside our church walls, along with all of you who are faithful in your personal prayers.



The Website's New Look (For Right Now)

Visit our church website <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/> and you'll find that the website has a new look. The navigation menu will help you worship, connect with a virtual small group, connect you and your family to at home learning opportunities, and make online giving easy. Also, check out the 'news' section for announcements and updates!





Adult Christian Education

Ways to Connect in Our Community stpeterslutheran.org/live

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We continue our journey through the “seven authentic letters of St. Paul” ... and will soon touch down in a few of the letters attributed to Paul, but most likely written by later students or followers of Paul. We meet via Zoom each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:00 a.m. It is never too late to join. Each class is an encapsulated lesson in and of itself, while also being part of a larger biblical book study. Snacks are ... whatever you want ... you're in your home! Upcoming classes are:

May 6 – Romans Chapters 15-16
May 13 – Ephesians
May 20 – 2 Thessalonians & Colossians
May 27 – 1&2 Timothy & Titus

If you are interested in being involved in Wednesday Morning Bible Study Zoom session, please contact Pastor Craig at craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org.



Pub Theology: We meet through Zoom every Wednesday in May (except for May 6th) at 7:00 p.m. Contact Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org if you want to be included in this group meeting. Zoom info and topics are emailed the Monday of each week.

If you are interested in being involved in a certain Zoom session, please reach out to the staff member who is hosting the session.

Crosspoints (Hosted by Pastor Craig at craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org)

Faith and Values (Hosted by Pastor Sarah at sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org)

Faith & Values Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.

Join the Zoom Faith & Values for conversation on where our faith encounters some of life's crossroads. Special attention focused on conversation toward faith, faith practices, spiritual growth in the midst of the covid-19 crisis. Contact Pastor Sarah Teichmann (sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org) to be connected to this group.



FROM THE ARCHIVES – PASTOR GEIB RETIRES!

Lancaster New Era - April 25, 1995

The Rev. Richard E. Geib was honored during services last Sunday as he officially retired as pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lititz Pike and Delp Road. The congregation bestowed upon him the honorary title of *pastor emeritus* and presented him with a framed, counted cross-stitch picture of St. Peter's and a hand-calligraphed document of the resolution naming him pastor emeritus. The Rev. Howard J. McCarney, former bishop of the Central Pennsylvania synod, was guest preacher. A luncheon followed the 10:30 AM service. When Geib came to the church in 1974 the church had a membership of 650. Today the membership numbers more than 1,600. In September he will return as St. Peter's part-time visitation pastor. The Rev. Craig A. Ross is senior pastor and the new associate pastor, The Rev. John M. Smaligo, will begin his duties in July.

Prayer Chain Ministry

HELP WANTED!

- 1) Work in your own home - a difference from most other ministries. With the prayer chain you stay home and serve.
- 2) No dress code! Pray in your pjs & robe if you'd like.
- 3) Part-time position with full-time benefits.
- 4) Flexible hours - pray when it suits your schedule, even if you wake up in the middle of the night, God is there to hear your prayer.
- 5) Educational background is unimportant.
- 6) No special training, skills or experience required - basically you are just talking to God.
- 7) At most, two meetings a year at church, which include fun and fellowship.
- 8) No yearly performance reviews.
- 9) Excellent benefits - your salary is heavenly.
- 10) ALL can pray, age or sex doesn't matter - we have a few men, and all ages are welcome.
- 11) Opportunity for growth is unlimited - your spiritual life will be enhanced.
- 12) Want the 'job'? Just make a phone call We know this is a silly and feeble attempt at recruiting new members, however, WE REALLY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!



Please call either Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406 with any questions or to sign up. We would love to have you join us!

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12

Social Ministry

Emergency Food Collection

We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items for people in need. There is a bin in the front of the main church entrance where the food can be placed. It is picked up daily. Foods needed:

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta/sauce
- Boxes of macaroni and cheese
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned veggies and fruits
- Snacks for kids (granola bars, boxes of raisins, etc.)
- Canned meat- tuna, chicken, etc.



Thank you for continuing to meet the needs of our community – if you have questions, please contact Sr. Dottie.



May Community Meal

The Lancaster community meals are continuing – we are serving boxed meals for take-out at Grace Lutheran Church. Our meal this month is Wednesday May 6th.

Community Meal

ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF CLEAN DISHES? Then please consider making a donation to our Homes of Hope ministry here in Manheim Township, as the dishwasher at the home has died. Any amount will be appreciated. We are trying to raise \$460 for a replacement unit. Write checks to St. Peter's and note them "HOH Dishwasher".



Health and Wellness Committee

Your Health and Wellness through Challenging Times



What a challenging time we are facing. Most of us have never seen such conditions, and therefore may be fearful, anxious or depressed. The lack of interaction with others may have taken a toll on our outlook.

It's during these times that we should focus our attention on our health and wellness by:

- praying
- eating healthy (with an occasional bad treat – everything in moderation)
- exercising (including outside...practicing social distancing)
- seeking services from physicians if we find ourselves down in the dumps/sleeping a lot/struggling
- and praying.....more.

We know that God has the plan for our lives, and through faith we will come through this together. Yes, there will be suffering throughout the world, but there are things we can learn from this:

- the need and love of others
- the vulnerability of everyone
- the sufficiency of God's love
- the hope of a better future

Keep in mind when you're out exercising, to use sunscreen. (May is Melanoma month). Let's thank those who are following the stay at home guideline, practicing social distancing, and most of all – Thank those who are on the front lines of this virus, putting all their efforts into caring for others. You may find it odd but in May, we also celebrate the following – how appropriate. Take care and God Bless.

- National Nurses Week
- National Hospital Week
- National Skilled Nursing Care Week

Global Missions

Tanzania Mission Committee



TMC Sub Sale: Although the TMC sub sale in March was cut short due to the pandemic, we are thrilled to report that we sold 276 sub coupons in the two weeks we were open. A big "thank you" goes out to the following:

- Those of you who made early coupon purchases. Currently, the Weaver's location at 1509 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, is making subs/wraps and accepting the coupons.
- Donors who contributed \$63 in donations for Busoka.
- Thrivent members who directed their charitable funds to the project.
- S. Clyde Weaver's, who were so great to work with and who offered us the lowest price for the coupons even though we were a few short.

As a result of everyone's efforts, we will be able to send \$1,128.80 to our companion congregation in Busoka. Thank you!

Parking Lot Beauty

Once we are set free, our parking lot will need a "gardening" touch. This means our plots that surround the area need help. We have only ONE left that is available to be beautified. Please let me know if you are interested in making a difference in how our parking lot looks! Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

Tithe.ly and the Way We Give



As we worship from our homes and gather by digital means, we can also give our offering digitally, as well.

Simply visit stpeterslutheran.org/give on your phone, tablet, or computer to give a gift immediately, or take a moment to set up a recurring gift on a schedule that works for you. You can give whenever and wherever as a way to faithfully respond as God's stewards. You can easily control how much you want to give and when, and change your recurring gift at any time. Your contributions will be recorded on your church giving statement.

We are building a community of faith by God's grace. Your gift given through Tithe.ly will help ensure that our ministry and mission continue, as we serve the Lord.

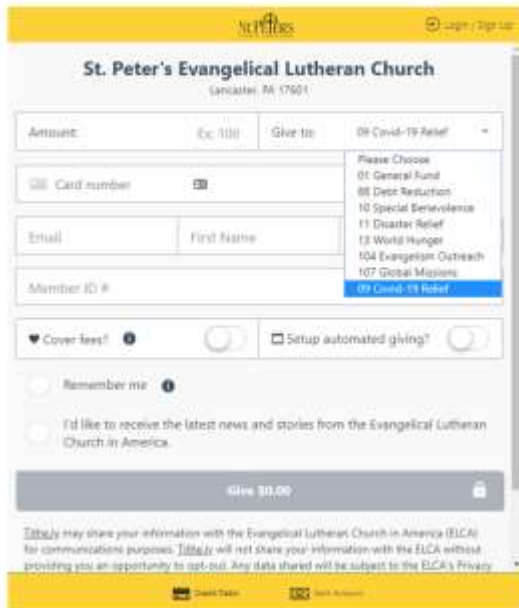
You can visit stpeterslutheran.org/give and sign up to give with your credit or debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Visit stpeterslutheran.org/give and give it a try today!

Stewardship



Even as we endure the concerns of the coronavirus and the decline of the stock market, it is important to recognize that it is our faith in God that ultimately sustains us. It is the leadership and messaging of our pastors, the peace and tranquility of our services, and the sharing of our time and talent which defines "church" and its importance to all of us. Thanks, from the Stewardship Committee, for continuing to financially support St. Peters and our congregation.

St. Peter's Benevolent Relief Fund



At their April meeting, your Congregation Council approved the formation of a Benevolent Relief Fund, that has as its purpose, "To offer modest, temporary financial assistance for those whose livelihoods have been compromised by COVID-19." One-time grants of up to \$1,000 may be extended to church member households in which job loss or furlough has occurred. Evidence of job loss or furlough shall be required. Recipients will not be required to pay back the grants, but will be encouraged to do so (in total or in part) in the spirit of "paying it forward." Those who need to submit applications can do so by contacting one of the rostered staff members at St. Peter's, and a small packet of information can be mailed or emailed to you.

For persons who would like to support this benevolent ministry at St. Peter's, donations of any amount may be mailed into the church, or donated through our Tithe.ly online giving platform. If you donate by mail, please memo the check "COVID-19 Relief." If you give through Tithe.ly, please give through the "Covid-19 Relief" option on the Tithe.ly page. The image on the left shows you what to look for.

Our thanks to each of you who will find a way to reach out to others in their time of need, whether it be financially, tangibly through food or other donations, or with the human capital of words of support sent through the mail, email or digital phone options.

Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Monday Music Ministry Minute Videos

Check out our Facebook Page and YouTube channel for weekly videos from our Director of Music, Adam Lefever Hughes, about music ministry. Topics will include how hymns shape our faith, ways to engage with music and faith, and theological interpretations through the lens of music. Keep on singing!



Music Thursdays

Music Thursdays is a chance for the people of St. Peter's to make music and share it with the St. Peter's community. Watch Facebook and YouTube for weekly videos of music made by our musicians, community members, and special guests.

Music Ministry Zoom Meetings

Interested in joining a discussion on music ministry in the church? Want to connect with fellow musicians in this time of social distancing? Join a music ministry zoom call to stay connected.

Send an email to adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org to receive information.



Pray With Pastor Sarah

Pray with Pastor Sarah on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Every Wednesday, pray with Pastor Sarah on Facebook Live's a prayer. Please join her by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster>.

Communication: The Website Is Your Friend!

Please 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 contact a staff member. We would love to hear from you.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Since you will be inside for the near future, please consider completing the Spiritual Gifts questionnaire now available on line at the St. Peter's website. It only takes about 15 minutes and 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.

Please stay safe and healthy! <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/serve/spiritual-gifts-assessment/>

Please contact Betsy Linn with any questions. betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org



Pastor's Letter

"It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood A beautiful day for a neighbor..."

~ "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" Lyrics

Dear Friends:

This month, allow me to offer a few updates from our digital neighborhood here at St. Peter's, so that you can see some of the amazing work that God is inspiring in our community of faith.

Your financial stewardship has been such a blessing in recent weeks. Whether you are mailing in your envelopes with checks in them, or using Tithely or Simply Giving, you have been strong in your support of your church. We are not quite reaching our projected income for the first four months of the year, but we fully expect you to help us reach our budgeted levels of giving. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Just as you have been giving to your church, we have been giving to our benevolence partners. We are up to date through March, and we will be sending an additional \$1,000 to our synod for their hunger ministries throughout our region. We are striving to model the same sacrificial giving we ask you to model in your stewardship.

To date, we have been able to meet our financial obligations, thanks to your faithful offerings, including keeping our entire staff on payroll. Please be aware that all program and administrative staff members continue to maintain work hours from home, and stay connected through Zoom meetings and group emails and texts and phone calls.

We have Sunday live stream worship each week, utilizing staff and lay members in a variety of roles, and you are tuning in ... and oft times bringing your friends and far away families along. Although it happens in a different way, we are still a worshipping people.

We have formed a benevolent relief fund, that will allow church members to receive a one-time grant of up to \$1,000, if they are unable to access some of the government assistance programs in a timely way.

Our staff members are teaching six weekly educational classes through Zoom, and we are posting regular devotional and educational offerings through our website and blog section of the website.

Many of our church committees are getting back into their meeting schedules, again using Zoom as the gathering medium. We are especially grateful for the work of the Congregation Council and Finance Committees, as their particular realms of oversight are crucial ones as we assess how we move forward in this unique period of time.

Church members are finding all sorts of ways to connect our membership to their church community, by sending cards, making phone calls, sending emails, and gathering for social and service groups via Zoom. Some of our children have been sending pictures to other members in the church, who are separated from grandchildren or loved ones.

We have agreed to delay the decision on moving forward with our capital appeal until the fall, at least, given the need to focus on more immediate priorities of revisioning church life in a primarily digital landscape.

Your staff is not only managing the present growth of online activities, but is also looking ahead to major milestones in church life like baptisms, confirmation, High School Senior recognition, VBS, etc. ... so as to brainstorm other ways to celebrate these important congregational events. It is a privilege and joy to watch our team of leaders continually searching for gaps in the human network that is St. Peter's, and strategizing efforts to fill those gaps.

... see you in (digital) church,

Pastor Craig

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Pastor Sarah's Message

Dear friends,

How are you doing? How are you really doing?

A few weeks ago during our April council meeting, the council and rostered leaders were reviewing minutes from our March 9th council meeting. Though the March council meeting had only been 4 weeks prior, it felt like we were reading minutes from a different era. And when we were meeting in April, it wasn't in the familiar conference room at church, it was in our own homes—seeing each other's faces by way of Zoom. So many of us are gathering by Zoom these days...in some ways it feels like “Ma Bell” has returned to gather us in the communication fold. But boy, it was good to see our council members' faces and to hear their voices!

Every meeting I'm in with Zoom lets me see someone outside of my house. It is one of the ways the Holy Spirit is doing good work and enabling us to be the body of Christ—enabling us to be church together.

So how are you doing?

I ask because I really want to know. Your rostered leaders deeply long to know how you are and how we may be church together.

I give thanks for the ways we are connecting—through phone calls, through cards. I've been hearing stories of how cards created by the younger members of our St. Peter's family have reached the hands of our older members, and it warms the heart thinking of the ways that God reaches in and embraces us.

But how are *you* doing?

Would you consider joining a small group via Zoom?

It would allow your church leaders to be connected to you. I love leading Church @ Home. There are so many holy moments occurring as we worship together. But I miss hearing your voice. I miss seeing you. I miss connecting with you. I wonder if you miss that too.

Consider joining a small group. You can sign up for one by visiting <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/virtual-groups-signup/>

I'm pondering starting another group—sort of a Bible study focusing on scripture for Sunday. I'm wondering if there would be any interest. Drop an email sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org and let me know if you would be interested in this group. I look forward to hearing from you.

As church together, we pray together and for each other, so how are you doing?
Let me know.

Peace,

Pastor Sarah

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

Youth & Family Ministry News...

Youth Zoom Meetings:

Grades 5-8 – Saturday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Grades 9-12 – Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.



Contact Sister Dottie for the zoom info for the meetings. We will be discussing various topics each week. A great way to stay connected!

High School Senior Recognition- Sunday May 10th



We will have a “virtual” high school senior recognition this day during our Church at Home service. Seniors have been mailed information. If you haven’t received the information, please contact Sr. Dottie asap. Each senior is asked to submit a recording of information (included in the mailing). Parent are encouraged to scan and send pictures of their seniors as well.

Summer Youth Events...

We tentatively planned the following summer youth events.

- Confirmation Camp at Camp Kirchenwald from Sunday, June 14 thru Saturday, June 20th – Cost is \$250 per camper.
- Sr. High Beach Retreat – August 14-16 at Cape Henlopen State Park in Lewes Delaware. – Cost is \$150.00 per youth.

Sister Dottie will keep you updated on these events.

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



St. Peter’s Preschool

We hope everyone is staying well and safe at home. Our preschool is shut down as per government rulings, but our staff is staying connected with each other and with our students every day.

We are Zoom videoconferencing as a teaching staff twice a week, to ponder ways to keep connections strong and some classes are even Zooming with their teachers. We are reading stories to our kiddos! You can find new teachers every day reading for them on Youtube. We are taking virtual walks through the woods, singing and dancing together so our students stay engaged and feel loved by their teachers who miss them so very much.



This is a challenge we all share and our fervent hope is that we all learn valuable life lessons and have many teachable moments with our children. We look forward to the joyful day when we all reunite.



Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director
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ST. PETER'S KIDS

Every spring, I am reminded of the poem, "The Daffodils," by William Wordsworth.

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze. (verse 1)

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils. (verse 4)



Even though we are wandering "lonely as a cloud" right now, we can see the dancing daffodils filling our hearts and minds with hopes and dreams of the future where we can all be together again. This newsletter article would normally announce dates for our Step Up Day inviting our kindergarteners to visit and tour our rotation Sunday School. We would also be announcing our date for honoring our outgoing students during our annual Fourth Grade Recognition Sunday as well as setting the date for our last day of Sunday School when we celebrate the past year of Bible stories connected to cooking experiences, games, art, science and movies!

But we are not normal at this time, and we don't have any dates for these events. We have a tentative date for Vacation Bible School – July 19 to 23. So mark your calendars, tentatively! And we are hopeful for an exciting start in September to begin a new Sunday School and Children's Ministry season!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time this past year to teaching, leading and guiding our children. I look forward to your return and seek new volunteers dedicated to serving our children.

Stay healthy and safe!

Blessings,
Cindy

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

From the Volunteer Steward

Life as we know it has changed, possibly forever. Will we ever go back to hugging or shaking hands to say hello? Are they a thing of the past? I hope not! As we all adjust to the new normal, there are plenty of things to keep you busy. The internet is filled with things to do whether you are 90 or 1. For some of us, the hard part is getting the motivation to get started. Again, there are many articles written on how to begin a project, so I won't bore you with those details.

What I would like to suggest, are ways to keep us connected as a church community. A few weeks ago, families involved with our Sunday school began sending notes/pictures/cards to some of our older parishioners. If you would like to be added to the list, to send or to receive, please let me know and I will make the connection.

The Pastors, Sister Dottie and Adam have been holding their normal meetings, so there are several ways to stay in touch with fellow members. Cross Points, Faith & Values, Pub Theology, Music ministry, Bible Study and classes for some of our youth are being held weekly. Our widows group is continuing to meet through Zoom once a week. Contact me for details on how to join.

If you would like to be included, here is the link to sign up, or you can contact me to send you in the right direction. <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/virtual-groups-signup/>

Please stay safe,

Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward

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Groups and Events

Suspension of Church Activities - Following the advice of medical professionals, church leadership in our Synod, Church Staff and Lay Leadership within the congregation, St. Peter's has suspended all activities and all gatherings at the church until further notice. For further information and updates, please visit <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/covid-19>. Thank you.

Widows Group

Our meetings are continuing through Zoom every week or so for about an hour. If you would be interested in joining, please call or email me to help you get set up. We discuss what is going on in our lives, and some fun things as well. I look forward to hearing from you!

Betsy Linn

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Yoga Video in May

This month Christine Healy, member and trained yoga instructor, was to lead in-person yoga classes at St. Peter's. Since we can't gather in person to stretch, breathe, and restore--she's bringing the class to you! Every Saturday during May at 9:00 a.m., check out a new yoga video by visiting our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster> or our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersLutheranLancaster>

Sign up to be part of a Virtual Small Group

St. Peter's staff members are leading Zoom small groups, and would like you to be part of their group. Go to <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/virtual-groups-signup/> to sign up for a group. Are you in desire for a small group you don't see listed? Reach out to one of your church leaders today and brainstorm with them about how we can be church together!

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

MAY CALENDAR

Saturday, May 2

9:00 a.m. - Yoga (Zoom), Pastor Sarah
10:00 a.m. - Grades 5-8 check in/virtual discussion (Zoom)
Pastor Sarah & Cindy Geesey

Sunday, May 3

9:30 a.m. - Senior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie
10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/Youtube
2:00 p.m. - Cross Points (Zoom), Pastor Craig

Monday, May 4

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 5

6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Zoom), Pastor Sarah
8:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom), Adam Lefever
Hughes

Wednesday, May 6

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Zoom), Pastor Craig
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen), Sister
Dottie
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)
7:00 p.m. - 9th Grade Confirmation (Zoom), Pastor Craig
7:00 p.m. - Pub Theology (Zoom), Betsy Linn & Cindy
Geesey

Thursday, May 7

8:00 p.m. - Faith & Values (Zoom), Pastor Sarah

Saturday, May 9

9:00 a.m. - Yoga (Zoom), Pastor Sarah
10:00 a.m. - Grades 5-8 check in/virtual discussion (Zoom)
Sister Dottie

Sunday, May 10

9:30 a.m. - Senior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie
10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/Youtube
2:00 p.m. - Cross Points (Zoom), Pastor Craig

Monday, May 11

Herald Deadline
9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting (Zoom), Pastor Craig

Tuesday, May 12

1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Zoom), Pastor
Sarah
7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Zoom), Adam Lefever
Hughes
8:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom), Adam Lefever Hughes

Wednesday, May 13

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Zoom), Pastor Craig
7:00 p.m. - 9th Grade Confirmation (Zoom), Pastor Craig
7:00 p.m. - Pub Theology (Zoom), Sister Dottie

Thursday, May 14

8:00 p.m. - Faith & Values (Zoom), Pastor Sarah

Saturday, May 16

9:00 a.m. - Yoga (Zoom), Pastor Sarah
10:00 a.m. - Grades 5-8 check in/virtual discussion (Zoom)
Sister Dottie

Sunday, May 17

9:30 a.m. - Senior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie
10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/Youtube
2:00 p.m. - Cross Points (Zoom), Pastor Craig

Monday, May 18

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 19

1:30 p.m. - Book Club (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Zoom), Pastor Craig
8:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom), Adam Lefever Hughes

Wednesday, May 20

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Zoom), Pastor Craig
7:00 p.m. - 9th Grade Confirmation (Zoom), Pastor Craig
7:00 p.m. - Pub Theology (Zoom), Sister Dottie

Thursday, May 21

8:00 p.m. - Faith & Values (Zoom), Pastor Sarah

Saturday, May 23

9:00 a.m. - Yoga (Zoom), Pastor Sarah
10:00 a.m. - Grades 5-8 check in/virtual discussion (Zoom)
Sister Dottie

Sunday, May 24

9:30 a.m. - Senior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie
10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/Youtube
2:00 p.m. - Cross Points (Zoom), Pastor Craig

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Zoom)
8:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom), Adam Lefever Hughes

Wednesday, May 27

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Zoom), Pastor Craig
7:00 p.m. - 9th Grade Confirmation (Zoom), Pastor Craig
7:00 p.m. - Pub Theology (Zoom), Sister Dottie

Thursday, May 28

8:00 p.m. - Faith & Values (Zoom), Pastor Sarah

Saturday, May 30

9:00 a.m. - Yoga (Zoom), Pastor Sarah
10:00 a.m. - Grades 5-8 check in/virtual discussion (Zoom)
Sister Dottie

Sunday, May 31

Pentecost Sunday
9:30 a.m. - Senior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie
10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/Youtube
2:00 p.m. - Cross Points (Zoom), Pastor Craig

PREVIOUS WORSHIP SERVICES

Previous services can be accessed under the videos section of our Facebook page, or by visiting our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersLutheranLancaster>

A link to the "Live" page is on our website under the stream that links to recent service videos on YouTube.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

We are striving to reach out to as many people as possible to communicate the various online resources that we are making available to you during this time. Some of you receive the "Herald" by mail, but during this time we are only able to send it digitally. Please contact Sandy in the church office if your email address has changed or if you are not currently receiving the newsletter digitally so we can add you to the list.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

JUNE/JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MAY 10TH

Articles for the combined June/July 2020 "Herald" are due in the church office no later than **May 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org. Thank you for your cooperation.



“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

If you have any questions, please contact me at
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Sandy Shattuck
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