



# “The Herald” Newsletter

## St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

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*“Look to the Lord and His strength.”*  
Psalm 105:4

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### Drive In Worship, Sundays 6:30 p.m.



Join us for worship Sundays at 6:30 p.m. for a brief service featuring confession and forgiveness, Bible readings, communion and a bit of music! Worship will take place in the church parking lot with the service transmitted over an FM Transmitter for you to enjoy with your car radio. When you arrive at church, ushers will help you to a designated parking spot. If you desire to sit outside of your car during

the service, please bring a mask and adhere to social distancing. Please call the church at 717-569-9211 to help us get an idea of how many to expect, so we have enough bulletins and Fellowship Communion cups.



### Live Streaming Continues

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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## SEPTEMBER 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, September 6: *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

Drive In Worship at 6:30 p.m.

*Pastor Craig Preaches*

### **Sunday, September 13: *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

Drive In Worship at 6:30 p.m.

*Sister Dottie Preaches*

### **Sunday, September 20: *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

Drive In Worship at 6:30 p.m.

*Pastor Sarah Preaches*

### **Sunday, September 27: *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

Drive In Worship at 6:30 p.m.

*Pastor Craig Preaches*



### Weekly Updates

Please watch the church website <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org> every Wednesday afternoon at approximately 4:00 p.m. for a short article updating news around the church for the week. It is our attempt to keep you connected to “all things St. Peter’s” and the continual unfolding of congregational life in a digital world. You’ll find updates on worship life, new Zoom groups that are beginning, news from the broader church and how it affects our life together, and service opportunities that may present themselves within our church and out in our community.

### Giving Thanks for The Ways You Give



Thank you for being faithful stewards of God’s good gifts. We give thanks for the many ways that you have enabled the continuation of St. Peter’s mission in the midst of very trying times. Thank you for mailing in your contributions and for using Tithe.ly or Simply Giving for your contributions.

For more information about digital giving visit <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/give/>

### Benevolence Payments

Please be aware that through the month of August, we are fully up to date on all of our benevolent commitments, and have also paid in full the yearly funds to our local benevolent commitments here in Lancaster. With your strong and sacrificial offerings, we have been able to be generous to local charities and missions which are part of our benevolence budget, as they struggle to keep their ministries vibrant and functioning.



## Adult Christian Education

An **Adult Sunday School Class** will begin on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> through zoom at 9:15 a.m. Please contact Pastor Sarah at [sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org) if you want to participate in this class.

## Adult Weekly Faith Formation Classes (Through Zoom)



**Looking to Sunday** – This Fall join Pastor Sarah on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. for a relaxed 30-40 minute Bible Study where we look to the scripture connected to the upcoming Sunday. This class will begin Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Sarah at [sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org) for more information.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** with Pastor Ross will begin on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This class begins at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 11:00 a.m. Contact Pastor Craig at [craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org)



Over the summer, we enjoyed two three-week sessions on the respective topics of “The Life of Luther” and “The Book of Revelation.” We learned a lot ... had lots of questions ... and enjoyed the chance to share our knowledge and ignorance together around biblical themes that are near and dear to our hearts. Because our Revelation session ended up being extended through August 26<sup>th</sup>, we have not finalized our topic for the fall, yet.

Please watch our digital communications...watch for emails, if you are on my group email list for the class...or email me asking for information. Information on the fall topic will be forthcoming.



**Moral Monday Book Study** - We will begin to read the book, *Dear Church, A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US*, written by Lenny Duncan, a Pastor in the ELCA. This book study will begin Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Contact Sister Dottie if you are interested in being part of this study group at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org)



**Pub Theology** will take place on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., location or zoom to be determined. We will begin with a Trivia night – how much do you know about the church? Mark your calendars! We will continue to meet monthly, usually the third Wednesday of the month. Contact Sister Dottie for more details at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org)

## 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.



## Worship and Music at St. Peter's

### Summer Hymn Sing Sundays!

Our final hymn sing prelude for 2020 will be Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll spend the first few minutes of our Church@Home broadcast singing a verse or two of the songs you submit. To submit your requests, please send an email to [adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org).

### Devotions@Home

Our Devotions@Home weekly resource for personal study and worship continues this month. This resource includes daily lectionary readings as well as some prayers, information about Sunday services, and a song of the week. We hope you will continue to cultivate a practice of daily engagement with scripture.

### Special Music

Would you like to enhance our Church@Home services with some special music? Take a video of yourself making some music and send it to Adam at [adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org). You can do as many takes as you like and send your favorite one to be included during our worship services. We want to see all of you making some beautiful music while at home!

### Music Thursdays – Music Fundamentals

Look for a video on the church's Facebook page ([facebook.com/stpeterslancaster](https://facebook.com/stpeterslancaster)) or YouTube (subscribe at [stpeterslutheran.org/live](https://stpeterslutheran.org/live)) every Thursday to learn more about music. Adam will spend a little time each week talking about reading music, singing hymns, and music as it relates to the church. Take some time each week to work on your singing and music-making skills so when we do sing together in person you can blow the roof off the building!



## Health and Wellness Committee

### **September: National Recovery Month 2020**



Every September, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsors **Recovery Month**, to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders and celebrate the people who recover. There are millions of Americans who are in recovery, reminding us that treatment is effective and people can and do recover. **Recovery Month** also helps to reduce the stigma and misconceptions of the public's understanding of mental health and substance use disorders, potentially discouraging anyone from seeking help. **Recovery Month** celebrates the gains made by those in recovery, just as we celebrate improvements made by those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and heart disease.

We want to help increase awareness and further a greater understanding about the diseases of mental and substance use disorders. It should not be surprising that during this COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in visits to discuss mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression, as well as an increase drug and alcohol use and abuse. The fact is: anyone can experience mental health or drug/alcohol problems, and should not be afraid to reach out to their healthcare provider for help. We are among many who are experiencing these problems. Be supportive and help guide them. The good news is there are a number of treatment options that can be discussed and that help. Don't be afraid – reach out – stay well.



## Prayer Chain Ministry

DID YOU KNOW..... The Prayer Chain is always looking for folks to join us? We are one of the few committees at church where almost all your committee “work” is done when it suits your schedule. Under normal circumstances, we have one all member meeting each year (usually in the Fall) and we do an optional Spring book study. You receive requests by email (other options are available if needed) as we receive them and you pray that request daily for one week (unless something else is specified). We also have a listing of ongoing requests we try to pray for daily (but we know “life happens”). If you are looking for something to get you back in the swing of things at church, you might want to consider the prayer chain. Please contact Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406 OR Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 with any questions or to sign up!! We would love to have you!



“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10



## Social Ministry

### **Our Monthly Community Meal - September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church**



We will continue to hand out boxed meals outside the Grace Lutheran Church. We have served approximately 50 people. All leftover food items get donated to Transitional Living Center.

Community Meal

## Lydia's Closet



Fall and winter will be here before you know it, so Lydia's Closet is in need of clothing for those seasons. Here are some facts to keep in mind when supporting this important 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 on the 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. We will also be filling orders through a form that can be obtained through the church office.

Please contact Molly Olmsted at [astaloo@me.com](mailto:astaloo@me.com) with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

# Financial Coaching Webinar

## Faith in Action

### TWO-DAY FINANCIAL TRAINING

Friday, Oct. 2, 2020 | 9 a.m. - noon

Friday, Oct. 9, 2020 | 9 a.m. - noon

#### WEBINAR TRAINING

After registering, you will receive a link to the webinar trainings.

#### COST

Special materials prices  
\$10 printed binder or  
\$5 electronic version

#### TO REGISTER

Contact Shawn at  
717-735-7540, x105, or  
smoyer@loveinlancaster.org  
by Sept. 28.

Do you enjoy helping others succeed?

**Are you good at managing your own finances?**

Are you looking for a way you can serve others?

This training will help you explore serving as a volunteer Financial Coach for your faith community or for nonprofit programs like Love INC or Homes of Hope. This could be a great investment of your time with immeasurable returns for you and those you serve!

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## **Communication: The Website Is Your Friend!**

Please go to our website [www.stpeterslutheran.org](http://www.stpeterslutheran.org) to find out the latest schedules and calendar events. Check out blog posts to help you plan or to engage your faithful preparations this season. Be sure to check out our Facebook page as well (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaaster>) for posts about upcoming events or to catch the beauty and joy of a past event.

If you have questions about events and schedules that you can't find on the website, don't hesitate to contact a staff member. We would love to hear from you.

### **Grocery Cards**



Please be aware that grocery cards are now available to purchase from the church office Tuesday through Friday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Please ring the doorbell and enter the narthex and proceed to the window of the office. You must wear a mask and someone will be able to help you from the window. Thank you.



### **Groups and Events**

#### **Widows Group**

The Widows Group meetings are continuing at St. Peter's outside and are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and usually last about one hour. If you would be interested in joining, please call or email me for the details. We discuss what is going on in our lives and some fun things as well.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Betsy Linn [betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org)

#### **Quilters Group**

The Quilters are in need of donations of material. You may drop off material at the church Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Thank you.

#### **Marriage Encounter Weekend Goes Virtual**



Because of the coronavirus restrictions, the September 18-20, 2020 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend will now be presented online using Zoom video conferencing. SO YOU NOW CAN EXPERIENCE THE WEEKEND FROM YOUR OWN HOME WHEREVER THAT MIGHT BE.

If the coronavirus has put stress on your marriage, you are not alone! Lutheran Marriage Encounter wants to help you renew and revitalize your marital relationship no matter whether you have been married a year or 60+ years. And because there is no room and board expense, your total cost to experience this Weekend is only \$100 per couple. In addition, some scholarship funds are available if this creates a hardship for you-- simply email or call us at the information below before you register.

You only need to provide a quiet spot with minimal distractions, a good internet connection, and a computer or laptop or some such device suitable for video conferencing. (If you have children in the home, it is highly recommended that they stay with friends or relatives for the Weekend.) The Weekend begins at 8 PM on Friday night and ends at approximately 3 PM on Sunday. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED, so sign up NOW while there are still openings. Simply go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org), find the September 18-20 Virtual Weekend, fill out the form, and pay the \$100 with a credit card, or print the form and mail with a check. Don't miss this opportunity to create a more intimate and joyful marital relationship! For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).

## St. Peter's Garden Tour



Thank you to all who made St. Peter's Garden Tour possible this summer. A special thank you to the families who opened their gardens and yards as Garden Tour hosts: Jeff & Jill Pretz, St. Peter's island beds and Memorial Garden caretakers, Karen Feldt & Jordan Lambert, Lauren & Matt Jones' family, Sharon & Tim Fickes, Mark & Donna Aho, Shirley & Sarah Dombach, Adam & Rachel Shaffer's family, and Joy & Lyle Hosler's family. There are so many interesting, gifted, and green-thumbed people at St. Peter's. Thank you also to the members who visited the gardens faithfully this summer through heat, humidity, and rain! Each and every week the Garden Tour guests were blessed by the hosts' hospitality and handiwork. Over 50 people were connected with each other through St. Peter's Garden Tour during this unimaginable time in history. God is good.



## Updates to the Church Directory



Sometime in the next few months, you will be receiving a call from either a staff member or a volunteer asking to update your family's information. You will be asked to correct your address, phone numbers, and email addresses since much of our data is outdated. We are also trying to categorize our adult children as to whether they are attending or have moved on to another worship experience.

The goal is to establish an accurate membership roll. It is part of the important strategic plan that is being developed. If you receive a message, please respond. It is important to our future!

Please feel free to contact Betsy Linn at [betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org) with any questions.



## St. Peter's Archives



Thanks to Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. we are now able to share interesting items about our church that have appeared in our local newspapers since the 1800s. These *archived* news items are a window into life in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Daily life was quite different and even challenging when St. Peter's first modest frame church was dedicated in 1880. The original site is located in our church cemetery, off Valley Road, Neffsville, and is marked with a sign. (see photo) Today, we take for granted all of the conveniences we enjoy. Did you know that the telephone was introduced in 1876, the lightbulb in 1878, toilet paper in 1880, the zipper in 1893, and the first automobile in 1889? Ford developed the Model T in 1908. Accidents and disease such as typhoid, cholera and smallpox were common in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The average life span in 1880 was about 40+ years which is unimaginable today! Indoor plumbing was in-

roduced in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and greatly helped to reduce disease and extended life spans. The church was central to "family life" in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Please keep watching your monthly HERALD for archived items on life at St. Peter's during the last 140 years.





## Pastor's Letter

*"Different, but same ..."*  
--Mr. Miyagi, Karate Kid (1984)

Dear Friends:

As Mr. Miyagi studies a picture of his protégé, Daniel-san, with his girlfriend, in the original movie version of The Karate Kid, he pronounces his assessment of the two of them together ... *"Different, but same."* You could say the same thing about fall worship as it starts to grow on the horizon.

There will be much that is different, no doubt. We will most likely still be worshiping and learning through virtual platforms, as we continue to embrace the wisdom and counsel of most respected medical advisors, who suggest that in-person gatherings in enclosed spaces are not advised. We expect to be worshipping both through our continually evolving live stream worship experience, and in our in-person parking lot worship experiences, that will be offered starting on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

The vast majority of our meetings are still occurring through the Zoom platform, and phone calls and emails have tripled in volume, as we strive to stay connected, without running the risk of passing along the Covid virus to others by meeting in person. Our website has become our primary communication vehicle, with email and FB postings running a close second. We are doing some selected mailings, when we need to make sure we reach those who may not have internet access, but without a volunteer corps of persons to collate the 100's of collated pages in newsletters, the task can become challenging if it is used too often.

We miss seeing people face to face ... we miss singing ... we miss our beloved Coffee bar ... we miss arguing in person about theological minutiae in the Conference Room and Café and Room 100 ... we miss sharing the peace ... we miss singing the liturgy ... we miss our normal practices around the meal of Holy Communion.

But ... and it's a heavy BUT ... we are still the people of God, gathered in community to worship ... we are still ***"Building a community of faith by God's grace"*** as we live out our mission statement ... we are still ***"showing our love for God, our love for neighbors, and our desire to make disciples"***, as our vision statement directs us. We are still the people of God ... in this place ... at this time of life ... for the purpose of service to God and celebrate God's many blessings in our world, whether it is label with the adjective "COVID" or not.

So ... yes, things are different around the church, and how we do ministry is different ... and how we worship is different ... and how we learn and serve and fellowship is different. But a stinkin' virus cannot take from us the essence of who we are – children of God, called to serve in God's name. So, go ahead and have a pity-party for a few minutes. Feel free to indulge all the whining and complaining that accompanies these kinds or morose expressions of hopelessness ( I certainly do, at times). And then open your eyes to what is still a beautiful world, and a powerful call to ministry, and an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of God's children.

It is what God has called us to do. It is what fills our lives with purpose. It is what keeps us connected to the heart of Jesus. In a *"different"* way, but *"the same"* way, too. Kudos to you, Mr. Miyagi.

See you in virtual church,

*Pastor Craig*

[craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org)



## Pastor Sarah's Message

Dear friends in Christ,

The other day I heard how one of our college-age members was able to respond quickly to an unforeseen event. He was taking a summer course and was in the midst of taking his online class final when the internet at his house went down. He was only a few answers from finishing this final, and the internet went down! That's where we simple mortals would simply look up to the heavens and yell, "WHY?!"

But as his mom was retelling the story, she simply said, "He pivoted." She smiled and explained how he created a hotspot on his phone, reconnected to the internet and completed the very important school final. Way to go! Way to pivot.

This word, "pivot," has seen an increase in usage these last six months. I've heard newscasters, superintendents, mayors, and bishops all use this word. You've experienced this word first hand.

Other words that have increased in their usage include "flex" and "hybrid." A few years ago, if you used the word pivot, I would have thought you were talking about basketball, and if you used the words flex and hybrid, I would have thought you were talking about a car made by Ford.

But these words describe our reality. We can use these words in describing the upcoming school year, the way we make plans, and the way we live out our faith.

In years past, the church staff would have had the entire year mapped out on our calendar. Currently, we humbly map out a few weeks, knowing that we may need to pivot, we may need to be flexible, and we may need to approach worship, learning, gathering and serving in hybrid ways.

But friends, some things never change.

**Ministry continues.** We worship the living God. Each week, God reaches out to us through forgiveness, words, songs, and hope. Each week you and I get to be blessed by our Lord and Savior!

**Plans continue.** Our Strategic Planning Committee is busy at work—creating a plan of how God is calling us into the future, and the resources we may need to heed God's call. Keep their work in your prayers as the Holy Spirit guides them.

**Faith continues.** Every week I get to hear stories of how you share God's love with each other, and how you witness to God's work in the world.

God's love continues. "This is God, our God forever and ever. God will be our guide forever." -Psalm 48:14

In any of the pivots you need to take in the days, weeks, and months ahead, may you feel God's guiding presence, and may you feel your family of faith around you as we continue "building a community of faith by God's grace."

Peace,

*Pastor Sarah*

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# ST. PETER'S KIDS



**Rally Day** Sunday is September 13<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us at The Transformation Station - where we are transformed by God's word, our faith and our community. Watch for a special skit to be presented before worship on Sunday morning at 10:20 a.m. (livestream) and there will also be a special children's sermon at the evening drive in service at 6:30 p.m.

## Fall Sunday Morning Schedule

(Through zoom until further notice)

**Children's Sunday School** – 10:20 a.m. livestream at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/live/> will be shown on the same you tube channel as our streaming worship service. This will be geared towards children in preschool thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade and their families. These weekly videos will also be available throughout the week. A sign up will be forthcoming to receive materials in the mail or by pick-up to correspond with the weekly videos. Contact Cindy Geesey for more info – [cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org)

If you have any questions about Children's Ministries, you may email Cindy at [cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org)

Blessings,  
Cindy



## Youth & Family Ministry News...

### Fall Sunday Morning Schedule

(Through zoom until further notice)

### Youth Sunday School Classes

**Grades 5-8** will have two options, at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

- 1) In person meeting at the Home of Joy and Lyle Hosler - 232 Pleasure Road - Phone number - 717-560-4753
  - 2) Zoom meeting with Sr. Dottie and Mrs. Olmsted
- Both will take place at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning.

The Hosler's will also have an **adult ed option for parents** who want to participate. All are welcome to stay and watch the live stream service on their outdoor big screen.

Watch for a letter in your mailbox and through email about these options.

**Confirmation Students** (Grade 9) will meet with Pastor Ross and Mr. Geesey on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. via zoom beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Senior High Sunday School** will meet at 9:15 a.m. weekly for a zoom class with Jimmy Moshos and Doug May for conversation. beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Sister Dottie Almoney for more info on our youth classes at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org)





The children of the church, with their parents' help, have been connecting with some of our older parishioners. Although the world has opened up a little, many of our older members are still isolated in their homes.

Please continue to send cards, letters and pictures when you are able. You can bring such delight to another with this simple task. Thank you!



### St. Peter's Preschool



While Covid concerns have caused us to physically shut down our Fall semester, our teachers are working to develop a virtual component to offer to our students and to anyone with young children at home of preschool age. While we realize that we cannot fully replace the socialization and language experiences which blossom in our classrooms, we are reaching out to provide some enrichment, fun, creativity and connection with our outstanding teachers leading the way! Starting on September 8th, look for our postings on Tuesdays and



Thursdays. 30-40 minute videos will be available which will include songs, stories and creative activities. There is no charge for joining us and these sessions will be appropriate for children of preschool age.

Simply send your email address to: [stpeterspreschovertime@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterspreschovertime@gmail.com).

You'll receive a link to our videos and information regarding themes and materials you might need to gather in order to participate at home.

Join us for some joyful learning and fun!

**Lorraine DiBernardo**  
**Preschool Director**

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



## **From the Volunteer Steward**

Well, we've made it to September. And it doesn't feel like we are much better off. School is starting, but with so many different variations, how do you keep it straight? We are facing changes at St. Peter's with our educational offerings, but stay tuned, Sister Dottie and Cindy Geesey are putting some new and exciting opportunities in place!

Your leaders at St. Peter's are trying different ways to worship in person, while the worship at home option continues. Many of the decisions on how to return are based on the CDC guidelines that must be implemented to protect all of us. The Safe Church committee, led by Sister Dottie, has been actively putting measures into place to keep us safe.

We are still seeking leadership from our members. We have several key committees that are seeking members to lead us forward. Stewardship needs a leader. Steve Roberts is stepping down after providing direction for the past 7 years. And we need more people for Long Range Planning to help guide us into the future. These are just a small sampling of areas we'd like to provide with more help. As you start to get back into your life, please consider St. Peter's as a place to volunteer your time and talents. We Need You!

We are starting to have some small gatherings of certain groups at St. Peter's. One of these groups is the Widows Group. We are meeting outside, once a month on the last Tuesday of the month. We discuss how we're surviving and sometimes play some trivia or talk about memories. If you would like to be included, contact me and I'll send you our next meeting date.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may be having.

Please stay safe,

**Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward**

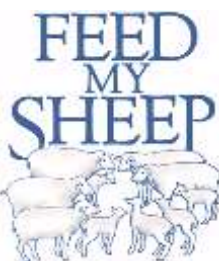
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## **Portals of Prayer**



The church has received the current "Portals of Prayer" devotional booklets for October - December. If you are interested in receiving one, please contact Sandy Shattuck at [sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org) and she will mail a booklet to you. You may also call the church office or stop by the church to pick one up Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.



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

Needed in September: *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!*

## 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

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

### **Tuesday, September 1**

6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Wednesday, September 2**

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

2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Zoom), Pastor Sarah

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

### **Thursday, September 3**

7:00 p.m. - Safe Church Committee (Zoom), Sister Dottie

### **Saturday, September 5**

10:00 a.m. - Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank

### **Sunday, September 6**

10:45 a.m. - Online Worship/Hymn Sing, St Peter's website/  
Youtube

6:30 p.m. - Drive-in Worship (Church parking lot)

### **Monday, September 7**

Office Closed for Labor Day

### **Tuesday, September 8**

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

1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Zoom) Pastor  
Sarah

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Zoom) Adam Lefever  
Hughes

### **Thursday, September 10**

Herald Deadline

6:30 p.m. - Strategic Planning (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Sunday, September 13**

Rally Day

9:15 a.m. - Youth & Adult Christian Ed, Grade 5 - Adult  
(Zoom)

10:20 a.m. - Children's Sunday School, PreK - Grade 4  
(Livestream), Sister Dottie

10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/Youtube

6:30 p.m. - Drive-in Worship (Church parking lot)

### **Monday, September 14**

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

7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Tuesday, September 15**

1:30 p.m. - Book Club (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Sunday, September 20**

9:15 a.m. - Youth & Adult Christian Ed, Grade 5 - Adult  
(Zoom)

10:20 a.m. - Children's Sunday School, PreK - Grade 4  
(Livestream), Sister Dottie

10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/Youtube

1:30 p.m. - Baptism (Sanctuary), Pastor Craig

6:30 p.m. - Drive-in Worship (Church parking lot)

6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (To be determined)

### **Monday, September 21**

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

7:00 p.m. - Finance committee (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Tuesday, September 22**

10:30 a.m. - Widows Group (Outside), Betsy Linn

12:30 p.m. - "Looking to Sunday" Bible Study (Zoom)  
Pastor Sarah

### **Wednesday, September 23**

9:30 a.m. - Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom)  
Pastor Craig

### **Thursday, September 24**

6:30 p.m. - Strategic Planning (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Sunday, September 27**

9:15 a.m. - Youth & Adult Christian Ed, Grade 5 - Adult  
(Zoom)

10:20 a.m. - Children's Sunday School, PreK - Grade 4  
(Livestream), Sister Dottie

10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/Youtube

1:30 p.m. - Graveside Service - Mike Kauffman  
(Cemetery)

6:30 p.m. - Drive-in Worship (Church parking lot)

### **Monday, September 28**

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting

6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Zoom), Sister  
Dottie

### **Tuesday, September 29**

12:30 p.m. - "Looking to Sunday" Bible Study (Zoom)  
Pastor Sarah

### **Wednesday, September 30**

9:30 a.m. - Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom)

Pastor Craig

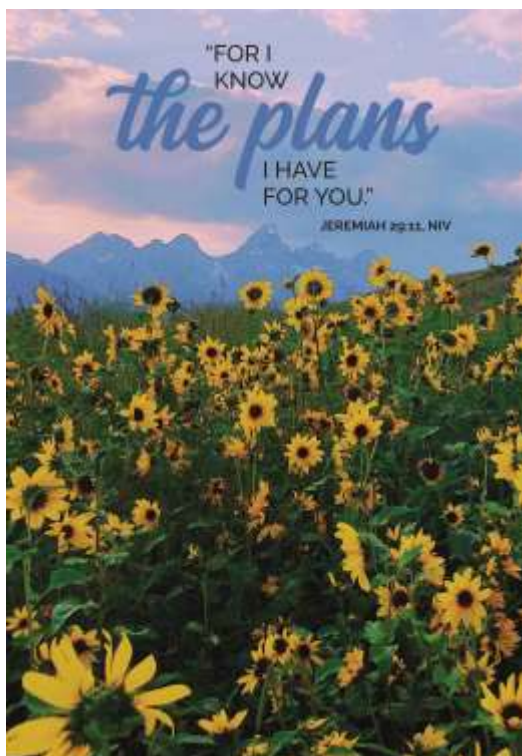
## **PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**

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 or only to a limited number of people. Please note that we will have some copies of the Herald on the table in the Narthex that may be picked up between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. 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**

### **OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE SEPTEMBER 10TH**

Articles for the October 2020 “Herald” are due in the church office no later than **September 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email [sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org). Thank you for your cooperation.



**If you have any questions,  
please contact me at**

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***Sandy Shattuck***

***Editor & Parish Secretary***