



"The Herald" Newsletter

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

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*"The Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forever." Psalm 121:8*

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Traditional Service at 8:00 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.



We continue having two indoor traditional services at 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. with two sung hymns (masks required while singing). Pre-registration is no longer required to attend worship. More information about the worship services can be found in this newsletter as well as visiting our worship page: www.stpeterslutheran.org/worship/indoor-worship

Summer Livestreaming During the 9:45 a.m. Traditional Indoor Service

Livestreaming continues this summer during the 9:45 a.m. indoor worship service. There will be a bit of a change of perspective from a front pew to a back pew view, and we hope you are able to join us for worship if you can't join us in person. <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/live/>

Outdoor Worship Continues Through August 22nd

Please join us under the portico for an 11:00 a.m. outdoor service. Those who are fully vaccinated need not wear a mask. Those who are not vaccinated should still wear masks. Bring a chair! **Each week outdoor worship features something new!**

**1st Sundays: New Day
2nd & 3rd Sundays: Traditional
4th Sundays: Family Themed**

New Day Praise Indoor Service Returns!



Beginning August 29th, our New Day Praise service returns at 10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center!

After a year and a half hiatus from the Family Life Center space, it will be great to gather, worship, and praise the Lord! The New Day band can't wait to lead you in song. Bring a cup of coffee, some snacks for the kids, and your hearts for worship. See you there!

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August Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 1: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Walt Cleckley Preaches
9:45 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Pastor Walt Cleckley Preaches
9:45 AM – Live Stream Worship Service, St. Peter's Website/You Tube, Pastor Walt Cleckley Preaches
11:00 AM – Outside New Day Worship with Communion, Pastor Sarah Preaches

Sunday, August 8: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM - Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Pastor Craig Preaches
9:45 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Craig Preaches
9:45 AM – Live Stream Worship Service, St. Peter's Website/You Tube, Pastor Craig Preaches
11:00 AM – Outside Portico Worship with Communion, Pastor Craig Preaches

Sunday, August 15: Mary, Mother of our Lord Festival

8:00 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Pretz Preaches
9:45 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Pretz Preaches
9:45 AM – Live Stream Worship Service, St. Peter's Website/You Tube, Pastor Pretz Preaches
11:00 AM – Outside Portico Worship with Communion, Pastor Sarah Preaches

Sunday, August 22: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM - Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Pastor Sarah Preaches
9:45 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Sarah Preaches
9:45 AM – Live Stream Worship Service, St. Peter's Website/You Tube, Pastor Sarah Preaches
11:00 AM – Outside Portico Worship with Communion, Pastor Sarah Preaches

Sunday, August 29: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (5th Sunday Communion Sunday)

8:00 AM - Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie Preaches
9:45 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie Preaches
9:45 AM – Live Stream Worship Service, St. Peter's Website/You Tube, Sister Dottie Preaches
10:45 AM – New Day Indoor Worship with Communion, Pastor Sarah Preaches

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/tPetersLutheranLancaster>

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



Check out the Church's Website For...

Visit www.stpeterslutheran.org for weekly updates, blog posts, announcements, and ways we can build a community of faith by God's grace.

Traditional Service at 8:00 a.m. & 9:45 a.m. — With the mask mandate lifting, St. Peter's will be adjusting our mask policy to be in line with the CDC's recommendations: those who are fully vaccinated need not wear a mask. Those who are not vaccinated should still wear masks. When we sing indoors, we will wear masks, following the CDC's recommendation for groups of mixed vaccination status. We plan to re-examine this policy as we approach the fall. Thank you for your help as we work to resume our worship life together.

Mission Campaign



St. Peter's family,

We hope you are enjoying some lazy days of summer that hopefully are providing physical, mental, and spiritual replenishment.

As promised, we are pleased to share the good news of our continued progress toward our campaign goals!

Campaign Progress

As of mid-July when we submitted this article, 97 households had pledged or gifted their treasures, totaling \$912,940. Of that total, we have received \$289,724 funds-in-hand. These total commitments in pledges and gifts received account for 73% of our campaign goal. Thank you for your pledges and gifts!

Every household that did not already return a campaign commitment form should have received a call from the Kirby-Smith campaign consultant team over the last month. If you did not, and would like to speak to Richie Musser, please let one of us know. And, if you have misplaced your commitment form, you can access one on our website at www.stpeterslutheran.org/mission-campaign/ or contact the Church Office for the commitment form.

We know from recent conversations that several households are continuing to prayerfully consider their commitment to this campaign, and we are grateful for your prayers and discernment.

Allocation of Campaign Funds Received

Congregation Council recently approved our recommendation to allocate \$100,000 of the funds we have received to support the remaining church property needs outlined in our campaign materials. As we reported in June, Council approved the "reimbursement" of \$180,000 to the operating fund that had pre-paid the expenses related to the replacement of the rooftop heat pump units, installment of a new boiler, and replacing the control system.

The next \$325,000 of cash received also will be directed to the remaining church property needs outlined in our campaign materials. Thereafter, and until the base campaign goal is reached, received funds will be proportionally distributed between debt reduction and the mission fund.

Please continue to reach out to either of us, directly, with any questions and/or concerns. We appreciate hearing from you!

With faith in our future,
Adrian and Jen

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Church Council Meeting Minutes Available

During the July council meeting, the June council minutes were approved. The minutes can now be accessed at the following link to a page on the church website to make them more accessible to the congregation: <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/CC-meeting-minutes-June-14-2021.pdf>. If you are unable to access the link and would like a copy of the minutes, please contact the church office at 717-569-9211.

Educational Ministries



“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday — Open House at 9:15 a.m., September 12th. Come and participate in a few service projects, for all ages. Visit our new Children’s Library, our new Conference Room North with our adult library books and our new children’s “Prayground” room for use on Sunday mornings.

Sunday School — September 19th normal Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Updated)

The votes are still in ... this month, however, I am actually reporting them accurately.

Coming in September, Pastor Craig’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study will examine 1st & 2nd Kings as their major topic for the year. Join us as we learn about King David and King Solomon ... the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah ... Elijah and Elisha’s ministries ... and the destruction of the Jerusalem temple and the exile of the people of God into Babylon.

For a brief 6-7 week mid-year break we’ll remain in the biblical world and study the topic ... “Women of the Bible.” The voting was not really close for our mid-term brief topic, as the desire to study biblical women got almost twice as many votes as the catechism did. Just a brain freeze on your pastor’s part, when he was typing from memory. (Or maybe I’m just a little afraid of Jezebel.) A reminder that we’ll start a week later this year on September 15. Watch for more details in the September newsletter. Classes will be held in the Café most Wednesday’s from 9:30-11:00 a.m. We expect to combine in person participants with Zoom accessibility for those who cannot join us in person.

Thank You For Your Financial Support

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you, from your Congregation Council, Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee and Church Staff for your faithful and consistent financial stewardship through the Spring of 2021. Your willingness to consistently mail in offerings, use our online giving platforms of Tithe.ly or Simply Giving, or donate automatically through your financial institution, has enabled us to meet the obligations of our congregational budget, meet all of our benevolent commitments to local, national and global ministry partners, and make significant additional gifts to a variety of local ministries that have been especially challenged by the pandemic. Thank you for being the “cheerful givers” that St. Paul identifies in his second letter to the Corinthian church (2 Cor. 9:7). Please do not forget about us over the summer while you are swimming at the shore or hiking in the mountains.

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

Donate to St. Peter’s When You Shop on Amazon

Did you know that when you shop at Amazon.com **Amazon will make a donation to St. Peter’s.** You get the item(s) you need and St. Peter’s receives a donation! It is easy to do. Just sign up at Amazon Smile and select St Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-6050984 Remember to shop for deals using our special website link, or with AmazonSmile turned ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you.

Grocery Cards



Please be aware that grocery cards are available to purchase from the church office Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please call the office with the amount and the store that you are requesting. The staff will get them ready for you. When arriving please ring the doorbell and enter the narthex and proceed to the window of the office and someone will be able to help you from the window. Thank you.

Sages Recognition Sunday **Sunday, August 29th**

We will honor and celebrate our new and seasoned St. Peter's Sages on Sunday, August 29th. A Sage is any member who has reached the age of 80 or more. We are inviting all Sages to attend worship with a specially planned service in their honor. Communion will be offered at both 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. With regrets, there cannot be a reception this year. Also, the 29th coincides with the summer's Hymn Sing Prelude where the prelude features singing a verse or two of our favorite requested hymns. If you have a favorite hymn you would like to be included during the prelude, let us know. We will try to accommodate as many requests as we can. For questions or to submit a hymn request, call Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 or the church office at 717-569-9211. No need to RSVP. and hope to see you at worship.



Need Volunteers

HELP! There's no other way to state it. Your church, St. Peter's, needs help, and we are asking you to step up. As we return to in-person worship, we are going to need you to continue the community we've developed over the years. Several of our committees are in need of guidance and committee members. Each of us plays a role in helping to drive St. Peter's. Please consider where your time and talents are best served to support the valued ministries at your church.

Here is a list of vacancies for which there is an immediate and crucial need:

Communications Committee-- Chairperson
Evangelism—Chairperson & committee members
Homes of Hope---Liaison from St. Peter's and Mentors for families
Membership Committee-- Chairperson & committee members
Property Committee—Committee members
Stewardship---Committee members
Greeters—Sunday mornings
Ushers--Sunday mornings
Welcome Center--Sunday mornings



There are descriptions for each of the groups on St. Peter's website. Here is the link. Consider taking some time to see if any of these are a fit for you. Or, give me a call to discuss where your talents would be best used.

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

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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. 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 by mail. Please note that we have some copies of the Herald at the Welcome Desk that may be picked up. Please contact Sandy in the church office at (717) 569-9211 if your email address has changed or if you are not currently receiving the newsletter digitally so we can add you to the list.

The Rev. Richard E. Geib
“A Life Well Lived”
October 25, 1931 – June 24, 2021



“PG” was born in Manheim and lived there until his college days. He graduated from Manheim Central High School in 1949, worked in Ruhl’s Drug Store and the Keystone National Bank. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, president of the Luther League and later served as president of the synod Luther League. He attended Gettysburg College and graduated in 1955. In college he served as President of the Lutheran Student Association of the Northeast. He attended the World Council of Churches meeting in Evanston, IL, as a youth delegate. While a student at Gettysburg Seminary, he served as treasurer at Camp Nawakwa. He took a special two year internship at the Lincoln Lutheran Parish, Lancaster County and graduated from seminary in 1958. During his college and seminary days he spent the summers in Yellowstone National Park as a student pastor and was stationed at Lake Lodge. During his last year in seminary he spent four months in Salt Lake City assisting the ULCA in doing a religious survey of the city that led to the founding of a new Lutheran congregation. His association with the “Mormons” both in Yellowstone & Salt Lake City led him to write his MDiv on “The Mormons and their Conflict with Culture.”

In 1958 he received his first call to serve as pastor of St. Matthew’s in Shamokin Dam, PA and St. John’s in Snyderstown. He also served as part-time protestant chaplain at the Selinsgrove State School. In 1962 he was called to serve St. Peter’s Church in Middletown, PA a large military congregation. During a sabbatical year, he did a 12-month program of Clinical Pastoral Education at Yale University Hospital. He specialized in the field of “addiction.” In 1969, Lancaster General Hospital called him to serve as associate chaplain and administrator of the newly established “Addictive Disease” program. Four years later he was called as pastor of St. Peter’s Lutheran, Lancaster, where he served for the next 21 years. During his time here he introduced many new parish programs, established the Preschool program and led the congregation through major building programs. He established the Gettysburg Seminary internship program. He was named Pastor Emeritus of St. Peter’s upon his retirement and maintained his membership in the parish.

“PG” remained active in continuing education programs. Gettysburg Seminary awarded him their “Distinguished Alumni” award in 2005 and Gettysburg College honored him with a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1988.

Following his retirement from St. Peter’s, he served as the interim pastor of St. Matthew’s, Lancaster; St. Stephen’s, Lancaster; and St. John’s, Columbia for more than ten years!

While a student at Gettysburg Seminary, Pastor Geib married Alice R. Kretzing of Loysville, PA, a nurse at Harrisburg Hospital. They raised two sons, Rev. Richard B. Geib and Christian B. Geib. Richard is married to Catharine and they are the parents of three children... Johanna, Betsey and Andrew. Christian is married to Melanie and they are the parents of Kirsten, Dieter and Gunner. In addition to enjoying his grandchildren, Pastor Geib loved gardening, reading of history and traveling. He traveled all over the world, but has concentrated on the Middle East, having visited the Holy Land 35 times!

Pastor Geib was always active in church and community affairs. In the church, he served as treasurer and chair of Camp Nawakwa Board; dean of the Bloomsburg and Lancaster conferences; chair of the Gettysburg Seminary Board of Directors; chair of LutherCare’s Board of Directors. He served as chair of the Synod Candidacy Committee for many years. In the community he helped organize the Samaritan Counseling Center; Hospice of Lancaster County and served on both boards. He was chair of the Middletown Area Library Board, and in Manheim Township, he served as chair of the Community Life Task Force... a program of the Police Department. He also served as chaplain at the Lancaster County Prison for three years.

The last few years, before his health declined, he “supplied” various churches in Lancaster, Lebanon and York Counties. A memorial service honoring Pastor Geib was held on Friday, July 2, 2021 at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church.

Well done thou good and faithful servant!

Social Ministry

Community Meal Day



Community Meal

We serve a community meal the first Wednesday of every month at Grace Lutheran Church on North Queen Street! Our August meal will take place on Wednesday, August 4th. Those interested in helping should contact Kathy Berkebile at kberkebile@comcast.net

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



Lydia's Closet is glad to announce we are re-opening for customers starting this month. Because those we serve include young children, we will require masks. Our distribution will be in the Family Life Center so that we can keep distancing. The safety of our families is of utmost importance to us. Those not wishing to come inside or mask will be able to fill out an order sheet outside, as we have done throughout the pandemic. In addition, we will still continue to take the online orders but instead of our 24-48 hour turn around time, we will fill them on the first of the month. This is because we are no longer able to keep our racks/supplies in Augsburg Alley and are heading back to our storage space in the Sacristy.

We are so thankful that our ministry was able to continue through the pandemic and that we were able to do our work!

Our August distribution day is Saturday, August 7th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please contact Molly Olmsted if you can help out. (astaloo@mc.com)

Supplies needed for “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday – bring by September 12th

We are collecting items for activity bags for children who will be undergoing cancer treatment. The following items are needed:

- Small travel games
- Kids word search books
- Crayons
- Fruit snacks
- Granola bars
- Activity books
- Lollipops
- Crochet knit caps
- Warm fuzzy socks
- Life savers
- Small puzzles
- Chapstick
- Matchbox cars



Items can be placed in the bins in the Narthex.

School District of Lancaster Uniform Drive



We will be collecting Walmart gift cards through the end of September for uniforms for low income students. Many parents are struggling to make ends meet and this is one additional cost in addition to school supplies. Gift cards can be placed in the box in the Narthex.

Questions about the uniforms can be directed to Liz O'Brien at Elizabeth.t.obrien@gmail.com.

Administratively Speaking ...

Spring and summer work projects continue as we prepare for the fall. In June and July your Property Committee has been busy on several projects. We completed the repairs to the cooling tower, which is used for air conditioning the older section. Replaced old window weather stripping where office staff had to stick plastic trash bags under the windows to keep out the cold air in winter. Replaced broken toilet paper and towel dispensers. Replaced old toilet seats. Fixed faucet plumbing. Replaced old non-functioning outside electrical outlets. Re-painted the arrows in church parking lot and re-painted the Duck and Puppy rooms.

Next up will be replacement of broken, old tile in Duck Room and its re-tiling. Assembly of several bookshelves in the new children's library in the Puppy Room (volunteers needed for this project). Professional carpet cleaning in preschool and office rooms. And stripping and waxing of the Family Life Center Café. Many of our repair projects are made possible through your generous gifts to our Mission Campaign. Thank you!

Consider joining this great team who spends countless hours keeping your church in good shape and in good repair. Bud Benton, the Property and Grounds chair (who is seen at work in many of the photos I post), reports that he received a call from someone who wants to join the team. Welcome!

Your parish administrator,
Paul Schultz



Painting Puppy and Duck Rooms



Replacing Toilet and Paper Towel Dispensers



New Chemical Control Panel for Cooling Tower in Old Section



Replacing Worn Out Window Weather Stripping



Re-painted Directional Arrows



Exterior Outlet and Cover

Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Summer Worship Schedule

As we continue to move toward the fall, St. Peter's is gradually stepping toward a regular worship life together. We continue our worship schedule:

8:00 a.m. – Indoor service with traditional music

9:45 a.m. – Indoor service with traditional music, also livestreamed for at-home worshippers

11:00 a.m. – Outdoor service with rotating leadership

August 1 – New Day

August 8 – Traditional

August 15 – Traditional

August 22 – Family service (Final Outdoor Service)



Worship

Indoor Service Additions

Starting August 1st, we will return to receiving communion via wafers and wine/juice poured into cups. We'll start out by asking people to walk forward to stations where they will be handed a wafer. Then, worshippers will pick up a cup, receive wine, and then place their cups into a basket. We will also be returning to our communion schedule from before the pandemic:

1st and 3rd Sundays – Communion at 8:00 a.m. and New Day

2nd and 4th Sundays – Communion at 9:45 a.m. (10:45 a.m. in the fall)

5th Sundays and Festivals – Communion at all services

With the changes to communion we will also go back to having sung hymns during communion. Thank you for everyone's flexibility as we continue to walk back to worship together.



Choir and Ensemble Rehearsals Start Soon

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

Children's Choir – September 16, 6:00-6:25 p.m.

Herald Choir – September 9, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Canticle Choir – September 19, 9:15 a.m.

Youth Choir – September 9, 6:30-6:55 p.m.

Exsultate Ringers – September 13, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

St. Peter's Ringers – September 13, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Musical Arts: Lancaster British Brass Band Mini-Concert – August 7th

The first event of the 2021-2022 Musical Arts Concert Series is Saturday, August 7th. This mini concert of the LBBB will be online only. To hear music from one of our favorite groups playing in one of our favorite spaces, head to youtube.com/stpeterslutheranlancaster. You can also watch the church's Facebook Page for links to videos of the band playing.



Health & Wellness

AUGUST – Schedule your check-up & immunizations



As we continue to emerge from the Pandemic, schools will likely be open, as many were at the end the last school year. August (or even before) is the best time to schedule your children for their physical. This visit includes an exam of their heart, lungs, etc., and may include some required vaccines. So many parents postponed these visits & vaccines. This is the time to get back on track (including the COVID vaccine for those in the appropriate age group). August is also National Immunization Awareness Month; an annual observance to highlight the important of vaccination for people of all ages.

While some of us (adults) may have maintained the frequency of our check-ups, there are others who may be 'behind'. Have you thought about scheduling an in-person visit, so your physician can see and examine you, check your blood pressure and medications?

It's time for all to think about our health and our children's health. Let's get that check-up and immunizations.

Groups and Events

Widows Group

The Widows Group meetings are continuing at St. Peter's outside (or in the Café during hot weather) and are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. and usually last about one hour. Our next meeting will be on August 24th. 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

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St. Peter's Garden Tours



Thank you to all the hosts and visitors who participated in the garden tour this summer. Your hard work and loving appreciation are so wonderful!

To all who participated: Be sure to stop by the Hosler garden for the final garden tour of the summer on August 2nd between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for a special thank you!

St. Peter's 3rd Annual Craft Show

St. Peter's 3rd Annual Craft Show will be held on Saturday, November 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Vendors may be added to a waiting list for possible vendor spots. If you are interested, please contact Movita Groff at 717-569-0101. If you have any questions, please contact Movita Groff (717-569-0101) or Kim Sterner (717-396-7739).





Pastor's Letter

***NOTE** – I will be on medical leave from August 12th through September 30th recovering from double knee replacement surgery. I will be grateful for your prayers and even more grateful for your strong support of our staff as they pick up my duties. My thanks also go out to Pr. Jeffrey Pretz and Pr. Walt Cleckley who will be helping out with worship and preaching in my absence.*

Hi Folks:

I've had a few of you ask me to speak a little more about Pr. Richard Geib's life. Knowing that we had two other eulogists for PG's funeral service a couple of weeks ago, I felt the need to allow PG's son and Pr. Michael, his pastoral colleague, to eulogize PG's life, and thus I kept my homily in a more pastoral spirit. But here are a few thoughts on the importance of Pastor Geib's ministry at St. Peter's, from my perspective.

One of PG's earliest and most seminal choices as the new pastor of St. Peter's was to open the church to the community that surrounded the church. The introduction of youth events and retreats, refugee resettlement, and the hosting of the first Strawberry Festival were contributors to this community-spirit emphasis, along with the institution of pork and sauerkraut as a third sacrament. Pr. Geib's leadership style and personal presence brought an earthiness and communal spirit to the church, and helped to foster a spirit of connectedness and comradery.

PG was always a hard worker, and I learned that first as an intern. We were a one-car family, so I would often drive Nancy to her workplace in York on days I needed the car for visitation. Dropping her off before 6:30 a.m. allowed me to get to the church office well before 7AM. PG was always there first, at his desk working, and sometimes already on the phone with Red Duing our head usher at that time, who was also an early riser.

St. Peter's grew rapidly during Pastor Geib's tenure, and yet no matter the size of the membership or worship attendance, he always championed a spirit of visitation. One of his favorite sayings to me was, "Craig, you just gotta love the folks." He modeled through his own ministry a commitment to staying connected to his flock, and a desire to reach out when help was needed or an ear needed to be bent. In the midst of global discussions in the church and plans that left large footprints, he never forgot the importance of face to face ministry between the pastor and church members.

Dick Geib's preaching was unlike anyone else I had heard. It was folksy, well-informed, faithful to the Gospel (if not always to the assigned preaching text for the day), and colorful as often as not in terms of illustrations, turns of phrases, and even the occasional off-color Pennsylvania Dutch joke. He regularly preached for 20-25 minutes, but it rarely seemed that long. You might take issue with PG's preaching points, but they always made you think. What he reminded me of early and often, was the great privilege it was to have people consent to listen to what you thought was interesting, meaningful, and provocative for 15 or so minutes every Sunday. He had an uncanny knack of helping to shape the direction of congregational life through his sermons.

He believed a congregation should be connected to the community in which it found itself, and he always strove to help sew the threads of that connection. He trusted in laughter as much as prayer to keep himself and us connected to God. And he walked as easily in grand theological and historical worlds, as he did in simple, earthy worlds of his members. He was unafraid to sail in uncharted waters, as he modeled in the early 1990's, when he welcomed to St. Peter's a young transgender man, encouraged him and his wife to lead one of our ministries, and took the heat from those who thought it was a sacrilegious act. He was not above manipulating the world around him, but when he did so it was for selfless reasons. He could be as approachable as he could be imposing, depending on the situation. He was one of the most vital and vibrant persons I have ever met.

If you have stayed with me thus far, I close with thanks to you, for being willing to entertain some of my ramblings about a truly remarkable man and pastor.

See you in church ...

Pastor Craig

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Pastor Sarah's Message

Dear friends in Christ,

This month will be a month of some transitions. August is like that, isn't it? We try to get in our last bit of vacation before the school year begins. If you have a child in your life, you might realize that they have (once again) grown out of EVERYTHING, and you need to clothe them before they leave the house.

Yes, August is a time of transition. It certainly is for life at St. Peter's.

This month, our worship life will shift a bit. We will continue worshipping at 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Traditional worship in the sanctuary, and on August 29th we are reintroducing the 10:45 a.m. New Day Praise service in the Family Life Center. The Fall worship schedule of

Traditional at 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. and New Day at 10:45 a.m. will begin September 5th.

Our communion life together will also transition to our pre-pandemic schedule where communion will be offered at the 8:00 a.m. and New Day services on 1st and 3rd Sundays, at the late Traditional service on 2nd and 4th Sundays, and at all services on 5th Sundays and holy days. We will also transition from using the Fellowship Cups to wafers and poured wine.

Some of our transitions are in preparation for the Fall—making spaces ready for Sunday School for all ages and Pre-school for our little ones.

Reflecting on these many transitions, I realize how they impact us as a community. We worship together, we learn together, we gather together and serve together.

Though the staff has been trying to prepare for the Fall and reintroducing and rebuilding some ministries, the life and impact of these ministries are dependent on all of us. Staff, volunteer, ordained, and lay alike.

I recently returned to a devotional book by Joan Chittister. The following phrase once again caught my attention. Writing about a spiritual community, Chittister notes that "the community belongs to the community. Its sanctity and success do not rise and fall on the shoulders of one leader alone. They rise and fall on the shoulders of its members." [*The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* Excerpt from Chapter 21]

So this is my (hopefully) gentle way of saying that in these transitions, we need each other's help and presence. These transitions cannot be done by one leader or staff alone. God's work is always done in community. This ministry needs servant hearts and helping hands.

Consider this your invitation to share a heart, a hand, a foot, a brain, and definitely a smile!

In some of these transitions and restarts, there are going to be holes or gaps. If you see a hole or a need, please consider filling it or offering a hand. By doing so, you will be part of the good work of building a community of faith by God's grace!

Peace,

Pastor Sarah

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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.

Volunteer Steward Message

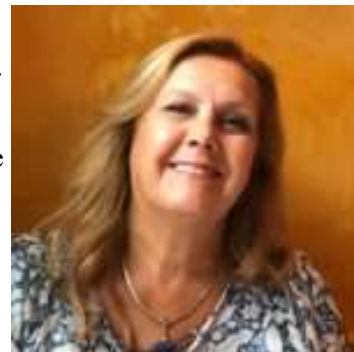
How can it be August already? Soon we will be finishing vacations, working on back to school, and getting ready for fall. Since St. Peter's is getting back to a regular worship, this is a great time to re-commit yourself to your church family. There are many volunteer opportunities to participate in helping your church continue to thrive.

So, where do you fit in? the answer is easy — ANYWHERE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE! We are seeking volunteers for many, many areas as well as re-starting many of our social opportunities.

I am always available to help you discern where your talents/gifts would be best used. Please contact me to chat on how you can best fulfill your ministry within your church!

To continue the legacy that is St. Peter's, your leadership definitely needs you. It cannot be done by them alone. Please help!

Betsy Linn,
Volunteer Steward
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St. Peter's Preschool

As we prepare for our Preschool reopening we are setting up some fun and exciting community service projects. It's never too soon to teach our young ones to help one another. Summer is the perfect time to start working on our first project, collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House charities! Please start saving the tabs from your favorite summer beverages, food cans or anything with a metallic tab. In case you were not aware, this is why we save our tabs:



POP TABS

The sweetest way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities



Helping families physically, economically, and emotionally during their health care journey is one of the main purposes of The **Ronald McDonald House Charity Program**. This charity helps reduce stress and financial burden for families when they must travel far from home to access medical care for their child. This school year, St. Peter's Preschool will be supporting this charity by simply collecting "pop tabs". The Pop Tab program is important because it provides extra revenue that can help make up for the donations that families cannot make. The tabs can come from energy drinks, soup cans, or anything with a metallic tab. We hope you will join us in supporting this great organization, by dropping off your tabs at any of the marked containers throughout the church.



Please support the re-opening of our preschool this year and consider purchasing one or more of the following:

T-shirts are \$12.00

Masks are \$10.00

Or buy a set (t-shirt & mask) for \$20.00



The shirts are cherry red and the masks come in a red hombre, they both have our preschool logo on them.

For more information, please contact Heather Cramer at heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org.

Youth & Family Ministry News...

Mark your calendars....

Youth and Family Planning Meeting

Thursday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center – We will start to put our youth group activities together and talk about the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Visit <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering> for more information. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

- ◇ First day back to Sunday school will be Sunday, September 12th at 9:15 a.m. This will be a “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday with family outreach activities. Our Traditional classes will begin on September 19th.



Fall Ninth Grade Confirmation

Starting this coming September, the final year of Confirmation Classes will begin for 9th graders, in preparation for their Rite of Confirmation on May 15, 2022. By now, families with rising-9th graders should have received an information letter in the mail. If you did not, and desire to have your son or daughter involved in 9th grade confirmation, please contact the Church Office or email Pastor Craig, so that we can make sure that you and your son or daughter is in the communication loop.

ST. PETER’S KIDS

Dear Families,

Vacation Bible School was a HUGE success! Thank you so much to the many, many volunteers who contributed to our success – the station leaders, group leaders, assistants, youth helpers, and, of course, all the children who attended!!

A huge thank you to all volunteers who assisted with children’s sermons and Sunday School lessons presented this past year on our You Tube channel. These provided an excellent way to keep our kids connected during the pandemic. And thank you to the volunteers who are contributing to children’s sermons this summer at our 11:00 outdoor services.



As our Children’s Ministries Committee continues to grow, please consider joining us. Many volunteers are needed to help plan and deliver Christian education to our children in meaningful and fun ways. We will soon begin preparation for our fall Sunday School. Thank you, in advance, for considering! I look forward to an amazing year ahead!

Stay healthy and safe!

Blessings,

Cindy Geesey

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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.

Worship Assistant Schedule for August

	A/V	LECTORS	GREETERS	USHERS	WELCOME CENTER
August 1 8:00 a.m.	Lloyd Bull	Eric May	Thomas Rothfus	Scott & Sharon Breeden	John & Kathy Burke
9:45 a.m.	Randy Ketchum	Judith Logan	Thomas & Debbie Stover	John & June Crisp	Craig & Lisa Rodenberger
August 8 8:00 a.m.	Mark Burkholder	Iain O'Brien	Carolyn Ruch	Thompson & Betsy McConnell	Bob & Edee Bedford
9:45 a.m.	Bob Preston	Anneliese Owen	Dan & Karen Beck	Alan & Beverly Swanson	James & Martha Fulmer
August 15 8:00 a.m.	Tom Chever	Larry Wilcox	Janis Sharkey	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger	Christine Ponti Susie Roderick
9:45 a.m.	Rick Groff	Janet Roberts	Scott & Sharon Breeden	Rich & Ann Larrick	Mark & Darla Cardin
August 22 8:00 a.m.	Jordan Lambert	Ena Marie Banks	Andrea Sherman	Liz O'Brien Cindy Miley	Ron & Joan Beck
9:45 a.m.	Bill Schlener	Nicolette Simon	Dick & Loretta Chubb	Dave & Lis Wolf	Clarence Simon Sherry Weller
August 29 8:00 a.m.	Angela Moshos	Mark Burkholder	Dennis & Louise Sitler	Bob & Patti Courtois	Shirley Dombach Pam Hoffmaster
9:45 a.m.	Dave Tilley	Greg Strausser	John & June Crisp	Nancy & Sam Beauregard	Art & Libby Stoner

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Schedulers Needed for In-Person Worship

Did you ever wonder how Sunday morning worship assistants know how to be there? We have volunteers prepare schedules! This includes volunteers for Altar Guild, Ushers, Lectors, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Welcome Center and many more.

Several of our schedulers have retired from their positions after many years of service. This is a task that is done once every 2-3 months, and instructions are provided on how and what to do.

Right now we need volunteers to schedule Welcome Center and Bread & Wine Presenters. You are given all the tools you need to complete the schedule. Interested in hearing more? Please contact Betsy Linn at betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org.

Worship Assistant Schedule for August

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	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS	ALTAR GUILD COORDINATORS	ALTAR GUILD
August 1 8:00 a.m.	Joe Weaver Diane Gegg	Greg & Sherry Moul	Kathy Caldwell Lori Weaver	TBA
9:45 a.m.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
August 8 8:00 a.m.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9:45 a.m.	Carol Esbenshade Clint Frontz	Geoff & Kathy Groff	Kathy Caldwell Lori Weaver	TBA
August 15 8:00 a.m.	Jim Lehman Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Anna Mae Kenyon	Kathy Caldwell Lori Weaver	TBA
9:45 a.m.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
August 22 8:00 a.m.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9:45 a.m.	Paul Berkebile Shirley Gorner	Rich & Ann Larrick	Kathy Caldwell Lori Weaver	TBA
August 29 8:00 a.m.	Margaret Strausser Nancy Pokopec	Bob & Patti Courtois	Kathy Caldwell Lori Weaver	TBA
9:45 a.m.	Jeffrey Pretz Margaret Strausser	Jeff & Anneliese Owen	Kathy Caldwell Lori Weaver	TBA

August Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
8/01	Cheryl Oeschger	Arlene Dodd
	Nancy Pokopec	Lura Zeswitz
8/08	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Karleen & Lee Eberly
	Debbie Shue	Anna Dowie
8/15	John & Kathy Burke	Bob Kemp
	John & Kathy Burke	Sally Price
8/22	Lauren Bergren	Anna Wetzler
	Lauren Bergren	Peggy Popp
8/29	Becky Lutz	Isabel Alleman
	Liz O'Brien	Phyllis Seitz



LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday, August 1

8:00 a.m. - In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - Online Worship (St Peter's website/YouTube)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
11:00 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Portico)

Monday, August 2

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
6:00 p.m. - Garden Tour (Home of Lyle & Joy Hosler)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100), Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, August 3

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

Wednesday, August 4

1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)
7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Conference Room)

Friday, August 6

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

Saturday, August 7

10:00 a.m. - Clothing Bank - Lydia's Closet FLC)
6:00 p.m. - Musical Arts Concert (Online)

Sunday, August 8

8:00 a.m. - In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - Online Worship (St Peter's website/YouTube)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
11:00 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Portico)

Monday, August 9

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting (Conference Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, August 10

Herald Deadline
1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Conference Rm.)

Wednesday, August 11

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

Friday, August 13

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

Sunday, August 15

8:00 a.m. - In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - Online Worship at (St. Peter's website/YouTube)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
11:00 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Portico)

Monday, August 16

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
7:00 p.m. - Moral Mondays Book Club (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee (Conference Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100), Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, August 17

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)

Thursday, August 19

6:30 p.m. - Youth & Family Planning Meeting (FLC)

Friday, August 20

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

Sunday, August 22

8:00 a.m. - In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - Online Worship (St Peter's website/YouTube)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
11:00 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Portico)

Monday, August 23

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Rm.)
7:00 p.m. - Human Resources Committee (Zoom)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, August 24

11:00 a.m. - Widows Group (Café)

Friday, August 27

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

Sunday, August 29

8:00 a.m. - In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - In Person Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - Online Worship (St Peter's website/YouTube)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Praise Service (FLC)

Monday, August 30

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

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.

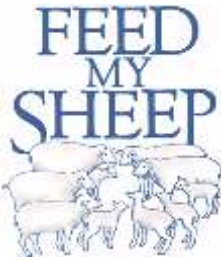
NewsLetter DEADLine

SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE AUGUST 10TH

Articles for the September 2021 "Herald" are due in the church office no later than **August 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org. Thank you for your cooperation.



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FACEBOOK PAGE!
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in August: *Peanut butter; jellies and jams; canned fruits; canned pasta; canned tomato products; spaghetti sauce; boxed macaroni and cheese; instant stuffing & potatoes; canned yams; complete pancake mix & syrup; canned tuna and chicken; tuna, beef & chicken helper; cereal; instant oatmeal.* Non-perishable food may be dropped off in the boxes under the carport or in the grocery carts in the Narthex. Items go to the Lancaster County Food Hub. *Thanks for your donations!*



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.



If you have any questions, please contact me at
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