



“The Herald” Newsletter

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

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

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Fall Worship Schedule

Our Fall worship services continue with Traditional services in the sanctuary at 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., New Day Praise service at 10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center and a 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Service under our tent.

Livestreaming Options

Livestreaming options will be available for the 8:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:45a.m. New Day Praise services. If you can’t join us in person, join us online! <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/live/>. Traditional service bulletins can be accessed at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/bulletins>.



Sunday, October 3rd, 2:00 p.m.
Large Church Green Area
behind the sheds

In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, we will host a Pet Blessing Service on Sunday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m. on the large church green area behind the sheds. You are welcome to bring your pet to be blessed and to share a few moments of fellowship with other pet lovers. All pets welcome - real or stuffed!

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October Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 3: 19th Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Sarah Teichmann's Last Sunday at St. Peter's

8:00 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary and Livestreaming, Sister Dottie Almoney Preaches
9:00 AM – Service of Communion Outside by the Memorial Garden, Pastor Sarah Teichmann Preaches
10:45 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Sister Dr. Dottie Almoney Preaches
10:45 AM – New Day Praise Service with Communion in the FLC and Livestreaming,
Pastor Sarah Teichmann Preaches

Sunday, October 10: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary and Livestreaming, Pastor Craig Ross Preaches
9:00 AM – Service of Communion Outside by the Memorial Garden,
Sister Dr. Dottie Almoney Preaches
10:45 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Craig Ross Preaches
10:45 AM – New Day Praise Service in the FLC and Livestreaming,
Sister Dr. Dottie Almoney Preaches

Sunday, October 17: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary and Livestreaming, Sister Dr. Dottie Almoney Preaches
9:00 AM – Service of Communion Outside by the Memorial Garden, Pastor Craig Ross Preaches
10:45 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Sister Dr. Dottie Almoney Preaches
10:45 AM – New Day Praise Service with Communion in the FLC and Livestreaming,
Pastor Craig Ross Preaches

Sunday, October 24: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary and Livestreaming, Pastor Craig Ross Preaches
9:00 AM – Service of Communion Outside by the Memorial Garden, Sister Dr. Dottie Almoney Preaches,
Pastor Jeff Pretz Presides
10:45 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Craig Ross Preaches
10:45 AM – New Day Praise Service in the FLC and Livestreaming, Sister Dr. Dottie Almoney Preaches

Sunday, October 31: Reformation Sunday

8:00 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary and Livestreaming, Pastor Craig Ross Preaches
9:00 AM – Service of Communion Outside by the Memorial Garden, Sister Dr. Dottie Almoney Preaches
10:45 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Craig Ross Preaches
10:45 AM – New Day Praise Service with Communion in the FLC and Livestreaming,
Sister Dr. Dottie Almoney Preaches



Faith IN OUR
FUTURE

Mission Campaign

St. Peter's Family,

We are pleased to report that, as of late-September, 104 households have pledged treasures totaling \$932,680. Of that total, we have received \$319,974 to put to work! Thank you for your pledges and gifts. These commitments already have us at 75% of our base campaign goal! This has been a very strong start to the campaign, but more work lies ahead!

If you have not yet made your commitment, please access the pledge form on our website at www.stpeterslutheran.org/mission-campaign/ and return it to the church office. We'll be refreshing our campaign website over the coming weeks to share financial updates and progress on the various projects that will be funded through your generosity.

We appreciate your continued prayers for the Campaign, as well as your discernment surrounding a personal commitment to support St. Peter's growth and ministry enhancement, both near and far. Please continue to reach out to either of us, directly, with any questions or concerns. We value hearing directly from you!

With Faith In Our Future,

Jen and Adrian

Jennifer Schlener-Thomas (jmschlener@gmail.com or 717-228-8450)

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All Saints' Sunday



Please join us for worship on Sunday, November 7th as we observe All Saints Sunday. One of the centerpieces of the service is the litany of those saints who have died since the last All Saints Sunday during the prayers. Church members and loved ones in your families who died this past year will be remembered at worship.

At traditional worship, please sign the "Saints Register" in the narthex, if you would like your loved one remembered.

All Saints' at New Day will include a time for people to light a candle in memory of someone in their life whom they have lost and to remember the promises of new life through Jesus Christ.

Church Council Meeting Minutes Available

During the September council meeting, the August 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/congregational-documents/> 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.



Adult Christian Education

Weekdays

Pastor Ross's Wednesday Morning Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

October Pub Theology – Wednesday, October 20th– 6:30 p.m. at the Barn of Shirley Dombach - **Trivia Night** - Lutheran, Halloween and more! Prizes for the winners. Bring a side dish and some beverages to share. RSVP to Sister Dottie if you can attend. (dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org)

Sundays

The Pod Class — 9:30 a.m. Outdoors in the Memorial Garden.

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 our 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

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 — “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

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.

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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.

Finance Committee

Herald Financial Summary for period January to July 2021

	Month - July21		YTD July21		Total Budget Year 2021
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	2021 Budget
Gen Fund Receipts	\$ 87,347	\$ 70,667	\$ 682,408	\$ 562,865	\$ 1,146,711
Gen Fund Expenses	\$ 85,982	\$ 71,334	\$ 651,017	\$ 587,767	\$ 1,153,211
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,365	\$ (667)	\$ 31,392	\$ (24,902)	\$ (6,500)
Debt Reduction Receipts	\$ 20,302	\$ 15,975	\$ 95,981	\$ 94,445	\$ 170,762
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$ 13,689	\$ 11,811	\$ 95,820	\$ 86,954	\$ 164,262
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 6,614	\$ 4,163	\$ 162	\$ 7,491	\$ 6,500
PPP Funds Approval - Income Booked (<i>funds received in 2020</i>)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 122,740	\$ -
Mission Campaign Receipts_2021 ONLY	\$ -	\$ 16,218	\$ -	\$ 293,245	\$ -
Mission Campaign Expenses_2021 ONLY	\$ -	\$ 4,871	\$ -	\$ 83,499	\$ -
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ 11,347	\$ -	\$ 209,746	\$ -
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 7,979	\$ 14,844	\$ 31,554	\$ 315,076	\$ -

NOTE: 2020 Global Benevolence Receipts \$28,021 paid in 2021

Health & Wellness

Mental Illness Awareness



Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. However, mental illness affects everyone directly or indirectly through family, friends or coworkers. That is why each year, during October, we raise awareness of mental illness, fight discrimination and provide support through Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW).

We believe that mental health conditions are important to discuss year-round, but highlighting them in October, provides a dedicated time for mental health advocates across the country to come together as one unified voice.

Mental Illness Awareness Week runs from October 3–9 with these related events:

- Tuesday October 5: National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding
- Thursday October 7: National Depression Screening Day
- Saturday October 9: MIAW: Walks - United Day of Hope
- Sunday October 10: World Mental Health Day



Social Ministry

Community Meal Day

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



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

Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank will be open on Saturday, October 2nd from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. To volunteer, please contact Molly Olmsted at astaloo@me.com. The clothing bank is always in need of new underwear, especially for older teens (adult sizes).



Walmart Gift Card Drive – We will be collecting Walmart Gift cards for the purchase of school uniforms for the school district of Lancaster. Any amount will be appreciated. Many families have a hard time purchasing uniforms due to low incomes. Uniforms are mandated at SDOL. Look for collection boxes in the narthex, youth lounge and at New Day.

Local Social Ministry Updates

Quilters

The quilters may have been on a break this summer, but they still were busy. This month 28 quilts were taken down for the families at TLC (Transitional Living Center).

Lydia's Closet

Even though Lydia's Closet's distribution for September coincided with Labor Day weekend, we had about five families come to get clothing. Do you know of somewhere you could post a flyer advertising Lydia's closet? Let Molly Olmsted know and she'll get you one to hang up! (astaloo@me.com) or 717-490-3908

Recovery Ministry

Vantage House, the recovery center we have a relationship with, is not allowing volunteers to visit at this time.

Community Meals

Community Meals is also being impacted by the pandemic. We are delivering meals in carry out containers.

How Can You Help?

We hear this question a lot when people ask about our ministries. The answer is there are many ways that we can use assistance.

1- Check this section of the Herald, every month where we are going to highlight a different need that we, or the community organizations we have partnered with, have. This month it's oral hygiene items. Tooth brushes, tooth paste, and floss are the items that are needed. These will be included in welcome kits for the women at Vantage House, offered to families at Lydia's Closet, and fill needs at TLC.

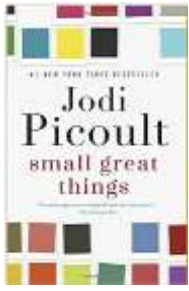
2- Feed the Sheep. If you've been at the New Day entrance recently you may have noticed a grocery cart from Oregon Dairy. They donated another small cart so we can collect food donations at both entrances. The donations are taken to the Lancaster County Food Hub. Vegetables, proteins, and starches are all items they need.

For a better list check out the Local Social Bulletin Board.



Finally,
thank you for your support
of our ministries!

Moral Monday Book Club



St Peter's Moral Monday Book Club will be reading Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. This is our first novel! Our goal is to explore different points of view as presented by various authors. Each month we will pick a book to deepen our understanding of others as well as the God who made us all. Even if you do not finish the book, please join us!

We will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, October 18th under the portico if there is good weather and indoors if not. Even if you do not finish the book, please join for discussion.

If you have any questions please contact Molly Olmsted (717) 490-3908 or astaloo@me.com

Homes of Hope News

If you are new to our congregation, you may be unaware of the fact that our church is involved in providing transitional housing for homeless families. The lovely apartment is located in a beautiful historic home, which includes 4 bedrooms. The MT Home of Hope was established in 2016 by a partnership between Lancaster BIC, Landis Valley Christian Fellowship, and St. Peter's Lutheran. Homes of Hope are operated by congregations throughout Lancaster County and are orchestrated by an organization known as LoveINC (Love in the Name of Christ).

The aim of each Home of Hope is to assist a homeless family to transition successfully into permanent housing following a four to six month stay. Because of the climate generated by Covid, however, the family currently living in our Home has been there since February of 2020. We are so happy to report that they will be moving into their permanent housing at the end of September.

Prior to being welcomed into our Home of Hope, our current family of five had been residing in a motel, which meant they had no home furnishings. So, to help them get established, our Home of Hope committee will ensure that they get furniture from a furniture bank and new mattresses. Because we had thought they had found a suitable rental last December, we published a gift registry that resulted in the purchase of the other items they will need to get started. Many thanks to Sherry and Gerry Falk for storing these items in their garage for 10 months!

Homelessness is particularly severe in Lancaster County because of the climate resulting from the Covid pandemic. So, after our family moves out, we will be welcoming another family towards the beginning of November. Prior to that, we will need to clean the home thoroughly. The dates for this are set for Thursday, October 14 starting at 4:00 p.m. and if needed, Friday, October 15 starting at 4:00 p.m. If you are able to help, please contact priscilla.simmons@emu.edu

Sherry Moul (St. Peter's Lutheran) is a member on the Manheim Township HOH Steering Committee. If you are interested in knowing more about LoveINC or the MT Homes of Hope, you may email her at: slmoul1981@gmail.com. The Steering Committee is always looking for mentors and budget coaches to help guide the families accepted to the program in MT.

Prayer Chain Ministry

FROM YOUR PRAYER CHAIN..... We continue to be a busy, active committee. During the second quarter of the year (April, May, June) we received approximately 40 regular requests (those initiated by one of the Pastors, a call to the office or a prayer chain member) and almost 30 online requests through our website. These are in addition to the almost 50 names that were on our Ongoing List at that time. We continue to feel humbled by your trust in us for these requests. We do appreciate updates on how folks are doing as well.



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

Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Music News

Herald Choir Begins

Herald Choir begins this month with the first rehearsal Thursday, October 14th from 7:00-8:00 in the music room. As we begin re-gathering in this way, the choir will practice while wearing masks and will not sit together during services. COVID-19 vaccinations are HIGHLY recommended to participants in the choir due to their proximity to one another while singing. If these mitigation techniques make singing in the choir impossible for you at this time or if you are simply not comfortable coming together yet, please know your feelings are valid. Your chair and folder will remain ready for you when it is the right time for you to return. Looking forward to making music together again!

Children's and Youth Choirs

Children's and Youth Choirs will continue to delay while Sunday School remains outdoors and while Lancaster County's levels of transmission are high. It is my hope that vaccines will become available for children and will change the landscape as we move through the fall. Thank you for your patience, for your support, and for your understanding as we all try to make the best decisions we can.

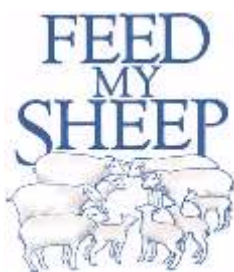
Worship Leadership Schedule

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
October 3	Exsultate Ringers	St. Peter's Ringers
October 10		
October 17		Herald Choir
October 24		Herald Choir
October 31		Herald Choir, Exsultate Ringers



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/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.



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

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

Administratively Speaking ...

For this month's article I thought I would showcase the GREAT sextons that work here at St. Peter's and allow you to get to know them. I am calling this...

MEET YOUR SEXTONS



Nelson Gehman

Nelson has been working as a sexton for over 10 years. He was your sanctuary sexton for many years. He worked hard preparing it for worship each Sunday. He is now semi-retired and is now an on-call sexton. He loves to travel – has been in 47 states, Jamaica, Belize, and in Europe. He enjoys spending time with his family and two grandchildren.



Becky Williams

Becky worked as a regular, part-time weekend sexton for several years. She is now an on-call sexton. Becky is the daughter of your former parish administrator, Gary Williams. She graduated from Thaddeus Stevens College at the top of her class and is working at a small automotive repair shop in Quarryville. She has a deep love of animals and expresses this through part time work at the great wildlife park, Lake Tobias, just south of Harrisburg. She tends to the animals and repairs the park's equipment. She plans to continue to do both for as long as she can.

Laura Murse-Gilmore

Laura has been a regular, part-time sexton at St Peter's for three years now. She is the former Head Custodian at McCaskey High School. She brings a wealth of custodial knowledge to St. Peter's. She currently works the 6 to 10 AM shift preparing the building for the new day. She enjoys spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren.



Evan Breeden

Evan grew up in the church and even attended preschool here. He became a part-time church sexton in 2015 while in his teens and has continued to serve the church in this way. He is primarily the sexton in-charge of the set-up and tear-down for the New Day worship service seating. This is a labor of love for his church as this requires him to set up for the New Day worship service every Saturday night and tear it all down every Sunday evening for preschool activities on Monday. Be sure to thank him for his sacrifice. Evan is currently finishing his Bachelor's degree at the University of Delaware in Health and Behavior Science with a minor in Health, Physical Activity, and Disability. After graduation he plans to attend the University of Kentucky for a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.



Jonathan Bowman

Jonathan Bowman is a part-time sexton who has been here for 10 years, since he graduated from high school. He works every Tuesday for 2 hours cleaning the carpet throughout the narthex, music hallway, the chapel, and the cry room. He takes pride in making St. Peter's clean and beautiful and ready for worship. When not working at St. Peter's he stays quite busy. Jonathan enjoys doing *Meals on Wheels* with his Dad and doing volunteer work with *Excentia* 3 days a week. He has also been active with social activities with Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center and he enjoyed going with St Peter's to feed the homeless on Wednesdays and working as a dishwasher until Covid pandemic began. Jonathan was also active in the *Rejoicing Spirits* program for people with disabilities at St Peter's for its duration. For many years, Jonathan and Mr. Andy Hirko were cleaning buddies at St Peter's. They worked together and became good friends, he misses Mr. Andy very much.

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Administratively Speaking ...

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We have a great group of teenage sextons working for you at St. Peter's. They are dependable and hard working and love their church and our Lord. Let me introduce them to you.



Joey Striggle

Joey started working at the beginning of the summer as a part-time, on-call sexton moving furniture in preparation for the Duck Room tile replacement and the cleaning of all carpets. Joey and Davey Striggle are the twin sons of our preschool teacher, Shannon Striggle. Joey is a junior at Hempfield High School. In his free time he enjoys reading and spending time with his family.



Davey Striggle

Davey, like his twin brother, started working at St. Peter's this summer as a part-time, on-call sexton. He is a graduate of our preschool where his mom, Shannon, is a teacher. He too is a junior at Hempfield High School. In his free time, he likes to read and do activities with his Boy Scout troop.



Joel Olmsted

Joel has been a part-time, on-call sexton at St. Peter's for about a year. He is a senior at Lancaster Catholic High School, and plans to attend West Chester University next year to study music education. He plays in the marching band and is a member of the orchestra as well. He also assists his mother, Molly, in our Lydia's Closet ministry.



Paige Olmsted

Paige has been a part-time, on-call sexton at St. Peter's since February 2021. She is currently a Sophomore at Lancaster Catholic High School, where she plays the French Horn in various groups and ensembles. Like her brother, Joel, she too is a member of the marching band. She loves music, and also plays in the Exsultate handbell choir at the church and sang in the youth choir pre-COVID. She also assists her mother, Molly, in our Lydia's Closet ministry.

Hopefully this showcase of your sexton team has given you a better understanding of the men and women who keep the church clean and prepared for every event. You should be proud of your sextons. Be sure to thank them for their service to our Lord and St. Peter's the next time you see them.

Paul Schultz

Your Parish Administrator

We are Hiring! Immediate Opening.

Sexton/custodian needed Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; plus extra pay for weddings, funerals and special events. Contact Paul Schultz, Parish Administrator at 717-569-9211.



Pastor's Update

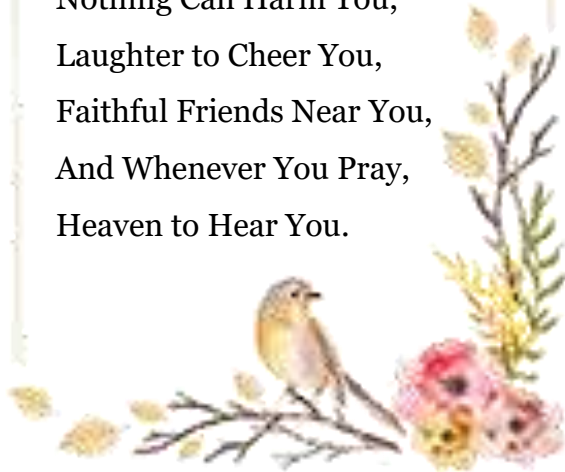
"Hi folks ... I'm back!

This past Friday morning, my surgeon cleared me to return to work and at my afternoon therapy session my PT team endorsed the same recommendation. Both advised a part-time return for a week starting September 27th, and then a full return on October 4th. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, cards and notes.

God's Peace, PR"

Thank You, Pastor Sarah

May God Grant You Always,
A Sunbeam to Warm You,
A Moonbeam to Charm You,
A Sheltering Angel so
Nothing Can Harm You,
Laughter to Cheer You,
Faithful Friends Near You,
And Whenever You Pray,
Heaven to Hear You.



Goodbyes are never easy, but know that we wish you all the best and hope that your new job fulfills all your dreams. Wishing you much joy and happiness as you begin a new chapter in your life. Good luck and God's blessings! ***St. Peter's Staff***



Groups and Events

50 + GROUP

50+ will meet in the Chapel on October 7th at 1:00 p.m. Masks are not required for vaccinated people. 16 of us met to once again be regaled by Bob Frick's stories about our presidents. We learned 5 factors on determining whether a president has been an effective leader. We learned FDR was a very impressive leader, but a secretive communicator due to his dealings with his mother. While he was on his honeymoon with Eleanor, Sara had a side door installed in their house so she could come and go as she pleased. Come find out what he has to say about Presidents Truman and Eisenhower. (50- are welcome too.) Contact Debbie Shue at 717-318-8848 or djshue52@comcast.net.

WELCA

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 14th at 9:00 a.m. in Room 124 (Augsburg Alley). After a light breakfast our speaker, Lois Benton, Chairman of the St. Peter's Cemetery Committee, will discuss the current status of both the Church Cemetery and the Cremation Garden. Social distancing will be followed at our meeting. If you are not vaccinated, wearing a mask is required. All women are welcome! If you have any questions contact Sally Rager, 717-569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 717-371-7296.



WELCA packed 90 personal care kits on September 9th to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Despite not being able to meet for more than a year, they still managed to collect enough items to make the yearly goal of 90 kits. Great accomplishment!

Volleyball Continues Through October!

Volleyball continues this month on Saturday evenings in the backyard of Joy and Lyle Hosler (232 Pleasure Rd., Lancaster). The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a short devotion, followed by 3 games of volleyball. Any and all adults looking for fun, exercise and fellowship are welcome to join! Contact Joy & Lyle Hosler (joy@hoslerfamily.net) with any questions.



Widows Group

The Widows Group meetings are continuing at St. Peter's outside (or in the Café during bad weather) and are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. and usually last about one hour. Our next meeting will be on October 26th. 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



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).



From the Director of Music

Ministry Today

Ministry today is the same as it was in the past.
Ministry today couldn't be more different than it was in the past.



These two statements, each one true, guide our conversations these days at St. Peter's. We are in a season at the church where we are evaluating where we've been, where we are, and where we're going. It's easy to think about life "before the pandemic" and call those "simpler times." We may feel the complexities of ministry together now to be overwhelming or difficult. Simply looking at our schedule of weekly worship services (of which there are four or six, depending on how you count) sends my head spinning. In-person, Outdoors, Livestream there are a lot of details and a lot of volunteers to get in the right place at the right time. Worship planning and execution is certainly different than it was before.

And yet, ministry is exactly the same as it always has been. Any community of faith that seeks to remain relevant and seeks to spread the good news of Jesus Christ is always examining where it's been, where it is now, and where it is going. Our community of faith, which stands on God's grace, still needs people with varying gifts to answer God's call to service inside and outside the church building. We are still called to share the love of a God who will walk with us through our whole lives. We are called to share the news that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection offers a message of hope to ALL people regardless of our differences. The Holy Spirit goes ahead of us, breathing new life into our ministries and causing connections we can't even dream of.

So, yes. Ministry is different and the same as it always was. Come to worship. Worship at home. Serve at church. Serve in your community. Be connected to a community of believers who rely on one another for mutual support. As the great hymn The Church of Christ, in Every Age would put it:

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
Beset by change, but Spirit-led,
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.

May God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, continue to walk with us as we live into the future.

From "The Church of Christ, in Every Age", by Fred Pratt Green, copyright 1971 Hope Publishing Company.

Dear Friends in Christ,



Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts and good wishes, the beautiful cards and phone calls that you have offered on my behalf concerning my surgery and recovery. God has truly blessed me with a multitude of caring friends and faithful pastors.

*As St. Paul wrote in Philippians, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you".
Blessings to each of you. Jill Pretz*



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

Youth & Family Ministry News...

St. Peter's Youth Group	
oct. 3	Pumpkin-oke @5pm paint pumpkins, sing karaoke, play yard games, roast marshmallows
oct. 10	Amazing Grace @2pm Servant Stage production at Lancaster Bible College (tickets required)
service project oct. 31	Trunk or Treat @4pm Halloween-themed family event for all ages Youth need to serve meal
nov. 14	Escape Room @5pm experience an original escape room created for St. Peter's Youth
service project nov. 27	St. Peter's Craft Fair @9am sell baked good to raise money for those going to the 2022 Youth Gathering
nov. 28	Dinner Theater @5pm rehearse for the Dec. 12 Dinner Theater



Camp Corner

Fall is a beautiful season in God's creation—and a great time to visit camp! The Lutheran Camps are available this fall for family retreats and for fellowship opportunities. If your family is interested in getting away, lodges and cabins are available for rent at Nawakwa and Kirchenwald this fall. Upcoming fellowship opportunities are listed below. Please contact Joy & Lyle Hosler (joy@hoslerfamily.net) with any questions about camp or check out their website (www.lutherancamping.org).

October 3: Capture the Flag Spectacular (Kirchenwald)

October 5-7: Adult Study Retreat (Nawakwa)

October 24: Fall Foliage (Kirchenwald AND Nawakwa)

November 7: Annual Quilt Auction (Nawakwa)

November 12-14: Women's Craft Retreat (Nawakwa)



ST. PETER'S KIDS

Dear Families,



As October arrives, we have had our “God’s Work, Our Hands” event to kick off our Sunday School year! We practiced ways to serve one another and our community. It was a huge success! Many thanks to those who volunteered and participated that day! Our Sunday School program officially began on September 19th when children attended their grade level Sunday School classes. This year we are following a lectionary-based curriculum for pre- K through grade 6. This means that what our children learn in Sunday School will be reinforced during our worship services. We are incorporating music with our stories as well as activities, games and crafts! We are looking forward to providing a solid Christian education program in a fun-filled environment!

It is not too late to register for Sunday school. You can register by visiting <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/learn/> We are also in need of many volunteers to help with Sunday School. The curriculum is scripted and all materials and resources are provided. Please contact Cindy Geesey, Director of Children’s Ministries with any amount of time that you may have on an available Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Thank you, in advance, for considering serving our youngest children.



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

Stay healthy and safe!

Blessings,

Cindy Geesey

cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org.



St. Peter's Preschool

September 15th was our first full day back at St. Peter's Preschool! Students and staff have jumped right back into the swing of learning, playing and making new friendships! Our staff has done an incredible job of setting up classrooms, creating fun educational activities and welcoming families back to school. Things might look a little different with our masks, but the children are not letting it hold them back from having a good time, as you can see from our pictures. Our classes are full, but we do have some openings in Prayground, our extended lunch program.

Please contact our director at heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org if you have any questions.



Duck Room



Lamb Room



Lamb Room

Volunteer Steward Message

We're back in the swing of things! Doesn't it feel good to get back into a routine? There is something about the fall that just feels good. It's great to see the church pews filling up. Why not increase that feeling by volunteering somewhere at St. Peter's? Right now, is a good time to volunteer with Sunday School. Cindy Geesey, our Christian Ed leader, is looking for Sunday School Leaders and Helpers. All of our Sunday morning volunteer opportunities need help; Usher, Greeters, Welcome Center, Communion Assistants, Acolytes and more. Please consider helping a few times a year.

St. Peter's is looking for a few, well actually many, volunteers. With the transition St. Peter's is facing, we need your help, and I have to say, desperately. Everyone is busy, that's a given, but aren't you able to give some of your time? Many committees meet monthly or bimonthly for an hour or two at a time. Isn't there a way to squeeze that into your life? Each of you has God given gifts and talents. There is a crucial need for help, now.

Please take a look at the Volunteer Bulletin Board across from the door to the office. Listed on the board are crucial committee needs. Please consider where you can help.

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

Stewardship---Committee members

To see a description of all committees, there is detailed info on the website. It is at the bottom of the Membership page under the Time and Talent section. Follow these instructions when you go to the website: Stpeterslutheran.org-- About-- Membership--Time and Talent--Learn

Or, you can use this link. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fVeQyvqm4O5N6mKFsnNacgEPTbGUiYu_ai7E90mCWzA/edit#gid=1

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. We have time and talent forms to complete which will help you choose what you might enjoy. Now is a great time to see how you can become more involved and support your church.

1 Peter 4:10

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

See you in church! (volunteering, hopefully)

Betsy Linn

Volunteer Steward

Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

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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. A big thank you to all the new Sunday morning schedulers! We appreciate you taking on this important task.

Right now, we need someone to schedule the volunteers for the **Bread & Wine** presenters. It only takes a couple of hours every three months. You are given all the tools you need to complete the schedule.

Interested in hearing more? Please contact: Betsy Linn-- betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

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.

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 October

	LECTORS	GREETERS	USHERS	WELCOME CENTER
October 3 8:00 a.m.	Pat Weaver	Brent & Susan Bearinger	Bob Courtois Debbie Shue	Christine Ponti
10:45 a.m.	Adam Shaffer	Joann & Jillian Gorner	Alan & Beverly Swanson	Leigh Trayer
October 10 8:00 a.m.	Don Deibler	Ron & Joan Beck	Eric May Cindy Miley	Susie Roderick
10:45 a.m.	Beth Glassford	Robert & Shirley Gorner	Rich & Ann Larrick	Herb & Carolyn Galebach
October 17 8:00 a.m.	Steph Gerber	Lloyd & Marty Bull	Thompson & Betsy McConnell	John & Kathy Burke
10:45 a.m.	Nicolette Simon	Jim & Julie Gotwald	Dave & Lis Wolf	Mark & Darla Cardin
October 24 8:00 a.m.	Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Travis & Susan Chaby	Liz O'Brien Tom Rothfus	Shirley Dombach
10:45 a.m.	John Ford	Kerry & Chris Hess	Jim & Jane Savidge	Craig & Lisa Rodenberger
October 31 8:00 a.m.	Eric May	Stephen & Diane Gegg	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger	Ron & Joan Beck
10:45 a.m.	Kathy Groff	Paul & Tricia Hough	Jeff & Anneliese Owen	Sherry Weller

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October Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
10/03	Cathy Graver	Anna Wertz
	Lauren Bergren	Peggy Popp
10/10	Becky Lutz	Isabel Alleman
	Liz O'Brien	Phyllis Seitz
10/17	JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller
	Lois Benton	June Hemsteger
10/24	Nancy Pokopec	Anna Dowie
	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Lee & Karleen Eberly
10/31	Debbie Shue	Lura Zeswitz
	Christine Smith	Joan Groff

Worship Assistant Schedule for October (continued)

	A/V	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	ALTAR GUILD COORDINATORS	ALTAR GUILD
October 3 8:00 a.m.	Jordan Lambert	Karen Peiffer, Nancy Pokopec	Debbie Shue	Melanie Burkholder
10:45 a.m.	Rick Groff	No communion	No communion	No communion
October 10 8:00 a.m.	Angela Moshos	No communion	No communion	No communion
10:45 a.m.	Bob Preston	Clint Frontz, Janet Roberts	Debbie Shue	Loretta Chubb Linda Gall
October 17 8:00 a.m.	Lloyd Bull	Eric May, Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Debbie Shue	Shirley Dombach
10:45 a.m.	Dave Tilley	No communion	No communion	No communion
October 24 8:00 a.m.	Tom Badorf	No communion	No communion	No communion
10:45 a.m.	Bill Schlener	Carol Esbenshade, Shirley Gorner	Debbie Shue	Jill Mowery
October 31 8:00 a.m.	Mark Burkholder	Diane Gegg, Jim Lehman	Debbie Shue	N/A
10:45 a.m.	Rick Groff	Joe Weaver, Jeff Pretz	Debbie Shue	Beverly Swanson



NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — OCTOBER 2021

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Lector	TBA	TBA	TBA	Sophia Romano	TBA
Communion Assistant	Mindy Rottmund	No communion	Molly Olmsted	No communion	TBA
Ushers	Brian & Brittney Booher	Heath & Anna Edelman	Scott & Amanda Sprague	Olmsted Family	Dave Tilley Bill Sassaman



LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Friday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 2

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

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball (Home of Lyle & Joy Hosler)

Sunday, October 3

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

9:00 a.m. - Family Outdoor Worship (Tent)

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

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

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

10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center and Livestream)

2:00 p.m. - Pet Blessing (Lawn area)

5:00 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, October 4

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)

10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)

6:00 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)

7:00 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, October 5

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

1:00 p.m. - AV meeting (AV Room)

6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday, October 6

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

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)

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

Thursday, October 7

1:00 p.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Chapel)

Friday, October 8

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

Saturday, October 9

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball (Home of Lyle & Joy Hosler)

Sunday, October 10

Herald Deadline

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

9:00 a.m. - Family Outdoor Worship

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

Sunday, October 10 (continued)

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

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

10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center and Livestream)

Monday, October 11

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)

10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)

6:00 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)

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

7:00 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, October 12

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

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

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

Wednesday, October 13

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

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

Thursday, October 14

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

7:00 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, October 15

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

Saturday, October 16

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball (Home of Lyle & Joy Hosler)

Sunday, October 17

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

9:00 a.m. - Family Outdoor Worship

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

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

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

10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC and Livestream)

Monday, October 18

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)

10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)

6:00 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)

7:00 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 19

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

Wednesday, October 20

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (Dombach Barn)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, October 21

7:00 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, October 22

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

Saturday, October 23

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball (Home of Lyle & Joy Hosler)

Sunday, October 24

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
9:00 a.m. - Family Outdoor Worship
9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir (Music Room)
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center and Livestream)

Monday, October 25

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)

Monday, October 25 (continued)

6:30 p.m. - Human Resources Committee (Zoom)
6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Rm)
7:00 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, October 26

10:30 a.m. - Widows Group (Café)

Wednesday, October 27

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, October 28

7:00 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, October 29

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

Saturday, October 30

6:30 p.m. - Volleyball (Home of Lyle & Joy Hosler)

Sunday, October 31

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary and Livestream)
9:00 a.m. - Family Outdoor Worship
9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir (Music Room)
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (Family Life Center and Livestream)



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.

Newsletter DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE OCTOBER 10TH

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



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.

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.



If you have any questions, please contact me at
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