



"The Herald" Newsletter

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*"And the Peace of God . . . Shall Keep Your Hearts
and Minds Through Christ Jesus."*

Phillipians 4:7 KJV

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A Thank You to St. Peter's Volunteers



It is virtually impossible to thank all those volunteers who worked so hard this holiday season here at St. Peter's in the many expressions of our ministries, but here is an attempt. To **worship leaders** and **musicians** who brought such a spirit of joy and faithfulness to our services. To **decoration committee** members who helped beautify our building for the holidays. To **Christian Education** and **youth leaders** who helped teach the faith with a variety of activities and lessons. To **Altar Guild** members who so diligently set up for and cleaned up the wide variety of seasonal worship services. To our **Property volunteers**, who prepared for and cleaned up additional events. To our **Social Ministry workers** who helped us concentrate our outreach efforts both near and far in so many wonderful special appeals. To our **office volunteers** who helped with receptionist duties in the Church Office. To our **Fellowship helpers**, who worked so hard to offer us times to play and laugh and socialize together. To our **Parish Life Committee** that provided our Sages with a beautiful service and a time to share fellowship. To all who participated in making the Cookie Walk a huge success. To our **Communications** committee members who so ably "told the story" of St. Peter's ministries to our community this season. For our **Council and committee leaders**, who found time in a busy month to keep their groups organized and productive. To our **Children and Youth** who are tangible reminders of the grace which entered the world through the Child Jesus, and through their lives among us. And to all our **Stewards** who made special gifts of time, talent, and treasure in the spirit of the child born in Bethlehem . . .

*To all of you, a hearty thank you for all
the ways in which you embody the
spirit of ministry and service here in
our St. Peter's community of faith.*

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January Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 2: The Second Sunday of Christmas

- 8:00 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary and Livestream, Sister Dottie preaches
- 8:30 AM – Outdoor Carport Communion Service, Pr. Craig preaches
- 10:45 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches
- 10:45 AM – New Day Service of Communion in the FLC and Livestream, Pr. Craig preaches

Sunday, January 9: The Baptism of Our Lord

- 8:00 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary and Livestream, Pr. Craig preaches
- 8:30 AM – Outdoor Carport Communion Service, Sister Dottie preaches
- 10:45 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pr. Craig preaches
- 10:45 AM – New Day Service of the Word in the FLC and Livestream, Sister Dottie preaches

Sunday, January 16: The Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 8:00 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary and Livestream, Sister Dottie preaches
- 8:30 AM – Outdoor Carport Communion Service, Pr. Craig preaches
- 10:45 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches
- 10:45 AM – New Day Service of Communion in the FLC and Livestream, Pr. Craig preaches

Sunday, January 23: The Third Sunday of Epiphany

- 8:00 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary and Livestream, supply pastor preaches
- 8:30 AM – Outdoor Carport Communion Service, Pr. Craig preaches
- 10:45 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, supply pastor preaches
- 10:45 AM – New Day Service of the Word in the FLC and Livestream, Pastor Craig preaches

Sunday, January 30: The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

- 8:00 AM – Service of the Communion in the Sanctuary and Livestream, Pr. Craig preaches
- 8:30 AM – Outdoor Carport Communion Service, Sister Dottie Preaches
- 10:45 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pr. Craig preaches
- 10:45 AM – New Day Service of the Communion in the FLC and Livestream, Sister Dottie preaches

PASTORAL ACTS

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

Graveside Service: Isabelle Alleman, St. Peter's Cemetery, December 3, 2021
Graveside Service: Phillip Sandmann, St. Peter's Cemetery, December 7, 2021

Wedding: Abigail Lind & Tyler Austin, Riverdale Manor, Lancaster PA, December 4, 2021

Baptism: Emilie Gabriella Glover, St. Peter's, December 12, 2021
Baptism: Celine Monsé Blaney, St. Peter's, December 12, 2021



Call Committee Update

Chatter around the Call Process has picked up the past month as life at church gradually starts to approach whatever our “new normal” will be, with the accompanying thoughts of what that new normal will look like as we begin the call process. Please be aware that I am striving to be very careful in my early advisement of the call process. When people ask me questions, I am striving to answer in ways that simply describe how the process proceeds. As an example: we are currently collecting potential names for the Call Committee, which is one of the three essential committees in the call process. The Call Committee is the group that will actually review the applications of prospective pastoral candidates and eventually start interviewing candidates. While I am glad to pass along potential names to the Congregation Council, it is not my privilege to choose who serves on the committee. That will be Council’s decision. The second important committee is the Profile Committee, that will put together a description of St. Peter’s and our ministries. This profile will be the document prospective pastors will read and review in their consideration of submission of their names to the synod as pastors interested in our call. The third important committee is the Congregation Council, who will eventually interview the candidate that the Call Committee presents as their recommendation for our next pastor. Beyond describing the process, my role is to stay out of the conversations that these three committees will be having as our documents are prepared. I will not be on either the Call Committee or Profile Committee so my isolation from those two committees is easy. For the Congregation Council part of the process, when discussion gets to the place where Council is actually considering a recommended pastor, I will excuse myself from the meeting, as I should not be influencing that decision in any way, shape or form.

Our hope is to have the Lower Susquehanna Synod staff representative meet with our Council in January, to help guide our leaders in managing well the call process for a senior pastor. We have called associates a number of times in the past two decades, but we have not called a senior pastor for almost 25 years. At the moment, we are holding on making any firm decisions about persons who will make up the Call and Profile Committees, until we have a chance to chat with Pr. Beth Martini, our synodical representative. Please keep our Council in your prayers as they help form the initial steps of this coming call process.

--Peace, PR



Church Council Meeting Minutes Available

During the December council meeting, the November 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.

Church Office Schedule - January

Please make note of the office hours for the first week of January.

Saturday, January 1:	Office closed
Sunday, January 2:	Office closed, Church open for 8:00, 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
Monday, January 3:	Office closed for New Year’s Day (deferred)
Tuesday, January 4:	Office returns to 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. office hours

Adult Christian Education

Weekdays

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

In January, we will finish our study of the First Book of Kings, as part of our overall study of 1 & 2 Kings, and begin our mini session of “Women in the Bible.” Our consideration of everyone from Mary, the Mother of our Lord, to Jezebel, to Esther, to Mary Magdalene should be an enjoyable jaunt through many corners of our Bible. We’ll carry this topic through into March, and then return to the Kings narrative, as we start Second Kings. We will continue to meet in hybrid fashion in January, with in-person discussion along with Zoom access to our slides and live class discussion. Our schedule for this month is as follows:

Wednesday, January 5 1 Kings 21 & 22, Summary
Wednesday, January 12: Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel
Wednesday, January 19: Leah, Jochebed, Miriam, Rahab
Wednesday, January 26: Deborah, Delilah, Ruth, Hannah



January Pub Theology – Wednesday, January 19 – 6:30 p.m. Place to be announced. Watch for more details in the bulletin or on the Adult Ed bulletin board. Come for dinner and drinks or just drinks and discussion. RSVP to Sister Dottie if you can attend. (dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org)

Sundays: Reminder—No Sunday School on January 2nd. Sunday School will resume on January 9th.



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.



From the Archives

Lancaster Intelligencer Newspaper - January 11, 1919

Walter E. Evans, formerly of Lancaster, and more recently a resident of New York City, died last night at 10:30 of influenza at the residence of his father-in-law, Isaac N. Rebman, Neffsville, in his 36th year. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Neffsville. He was a graduate of Millersville State Normal School, class of 1904. He taught school several years in Lancaster County, then went to Gardenville, New York as principal of public schools. He is survived by his wife and two children. Funeral services on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of his father-in-law in Neffsville. (*In the United States, influenza was first identified in military personnel in Spring 1918. It is estimated that about 500 million people or one-third of the world's population became infected with this virus. The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States.*)

Volunteers Are Needed

Here is a list of volunteer opportunities, with a brief description. Please contact Betsy Linn with questions.

Communications committee – meets monthly through Zoom. Determines what information to share with the congregation and which platforms to use. The committee proofreads the Bulletin and the Herald.

Evangelism committee—meets monthly/bimonthly in person or through Zoom. It provides information to visitors, monitors their visits, and sends welcoming notes.

Property—meets monthly or as needed to discuss issues on our property. The committee is seeking younger members to help with maintenance items around the building.

Prayer Chain-- Emails are sent throughout the week with current concerns and/or updates. Access to email isn't necessary - we make phone calls as well to prayer chain members with the same news as our emails! Everything is done from your home.

Tanzania Mission committee-- meets once a month. It supports our companion congregation, Busoka Lutheran Church, in Tanzania Africa. Funds raised support the orphans, the church and the Busoka Community. Various projects such as the cookie walk at Christmas time are organized by the group.

In addition, there is a great need of Sunday morning volunteers at both 8 and 10:45:

Altar Guild-Coordination	Two months a year - Coordinate setting the altar with communion
Ushers	Once every 2 months-- Direct people to seats and communion
Communion Assistants	Once every 2 months- Help Pastor distribute wine to parishioners
Greeters	Once every 2 months- Stand at door to welcome people to church
Welcome Center	Once every 2 months-Look for visitors, provide info on St. Peter's, gather info
Lectors (also New Day)	Once every 2 months-Receive lesson the week before, read the lesson
Acolytes	Once every 2 months-Light and extinguish candles

The more volunteers, the fewer times per year. There are many other volunteer opportunities to explore. Please contact Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward, for more information. Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

Betsy Linn
Volunteer Steward



Volunteer Fair

We will be holding our 2nd Volunteer Fair on January 16, in the Narthex, between the two services. Learn about the opportunities you have to serve or engage in at St. Peter's. There will be representatives from many of our groups to share what they do. We have opportunities that range from 15 minutes a few times a year, to leading an established committee. Please mark the date on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you are able to help with organizing the event, please contact me.

Betsy Linn,
Volunteer Steward
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Mission Campaign

St. Peter's Family,

In this Christmas season, we wish you all the blessings of Jesus's birth and extend our gratitude to everyone who has offered their prayers and treasures to support the *Faith in Our Future* campaign. As of December 12, 105 households have pledged treasures totaling \$940,080, which includes \$398,385.25 in pledge payments and outright gifts that have been received and are ready to be put to important use!

As we look to the new year, we are providing you with a progress report on the projects included in the mission campaign. These campaign funds are being stewarded carefully, and projects will not commence until the required funding is received.

Exterior Building Maintenance	
Replace rooftop heating/cooling Units	Completed
Repair and repave parking lot and storm drain; move dumpster enclosure	scheduled for May-June 2022
Landscape and grounds upkeep - Church campus	scheduled for spring 2022
Interior Building Maintenance	
Replace heating/cooling control system	Completed
Repair boilers	Completed
Replace control system for chillers	Completed
Repair floor leak and re-tile room – Duck Room	Completed
Security and LED lighting of parking lot	In progress
Install LED lighting in Sanctuary	Not yet started
Install remote door locks for North and Ramp Entrances	Not yet started
Add security cameras for North, Ramp, & Main entrances	Not yet started
Technology	
Install new wireless microphone system (Family Life Ctr.)	Not yet started
Upgrade A/V for live streaming systems	Not yet started
Mount projectors and screens for Café, Family Life Center and Augsburg Alley	Not yet started
Mission and Ministry	
Refurnish Narthex	In progress
Purchase cargo van	Not yet started
Establish Mission Fund	Planning underway
Decrease mortgage debt	Not yet started

We will continue to provide status updates in the Herald and on our campaign website at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/mission-campaign/>. As a reminder, you also can print a campaign pledge/gift form from the website.

Thank you for your continued interest in the success of *Faith in Our Future*. We look forward to our work together in the new year!

With Faith in Our Future,
Jen and Adrian

Jennifer Schlener-Thomas (jmschlener@gmail.com or 717-228-8450)
Adrian Young (adrianyoung@verizon.net or 717-314-8556)

Social Ministry



Community Meal Day

Community Meal

January Community Meal will be Wednesdays, January 5 and 12 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 had a clothing drive this past November and MANY clothes were donated. We are always in need of gently used clothing, of all sizes. Please consider us if you're looking to clean out your closet. We will not be open in January 2022 because the first Saturday of the month is New Year's Day!

Quilters

The St Peter's Quilters donated 34 quilts to the Transitional Living Center this December. This helps to ensure that all of their residents have a cozy blanket of their own for the Holiday Season.



From the Tanzania Mission Committee

Our 14th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 11, was a huge success. Thank you to the amazing cookie bakers who truly outdid themselves – we can never do it without you! Thank you to all the congregation members and your friends, families, and neighbors who came and bought cookies on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to the office staff and sextons who helped us in so many ways - including helping to make it a safe, masked, socially distant Cookie Walk. The Boy Scouts once again handed out deli gloves and assisted cookie buyers manage their boxes while they chose their goodies - thank you Troop 84 and your leaders.



As always, all of the proceeds, \$4,020.00, will be wired to the Konde Diocese in Tanzania to be used solely for the Busoka orphans, their education and other needs. The Tanzanian Mission Committee is always grateful to the congregation for helping us fulfill St Peter's covenant with our Companions in Christ, Busoka Lutheran Church. Peace and love to all.

LAAM Update



On December 8th, members of LAAM (Lancaster Advocacy Action Ministry) went to Harrisburg to support the Fair Funding initiative that would adequately fund PA's public schools. Currently, PA is 47th in the US for state funding of public education. There is a formula by which the funds intended for schools could be put through which takes into account each district's needs. This formula was created under Governor Corbett, quite a few years ago and still only 11% of the state's K-12 education budget is divided up this way. If you are interested in expressing support, please take two post cards (available outside of the Church Office) and send one to Sen. Scott

Martin, chair of the Education Committee and the other to your State Representative. Just make sure you put your return address (so they know you're a constituent) and why you think public schools are important. Also, you can get information by joining our FaceBook group, Lancaster Advocacy Action Ministry. If you have any questions, please direct them to Jean Pretz jean.pretz@gmail.com.

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, proceed to the window of the office and someone will be able to help you from the window.

Prayer Chain Ministry

ST. PETER'S PRAYER CHAIN NEEDS YOUR HELP!!! If you made a New Year's Resolution to be more active in church, please consider joining the Prayer Chain! We are one of the few committees that does almost everything from the comfort of your home and when it suits you and your schedule. When we receive a request from the Pastor, church office or on-line, it is forwarded to the chain either by email or a phone call. You simply pray the request when it is convenient for you, once a day for a week. By doing this small gesture, you are helping your fellow church members. All requests are treated with respect and are not discussed among the members.



Please contact either Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406 for more information or to sign up! We NEED YOU!!

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



Health & Wellness

Cervical Health Awareness Month

Sorry gentlemen, that we're excluding you from the first health topic of the New Year. However, this is an important message for women, (especially since the pandemic started). It seems that many women have not maintained their annual female evaluations. These missed visits and testing, have resulted in an increase in cervical & breast cancer, and other diseases!

Each year, more than 13,200 women are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer (cancer that has spread from the surface of the cervix to tissue deeper in the cervix or to other body parts) and more than 4,200 die from the disease. Here are some facts about your risk and symptoms:

Are you at risk? You might be, if you are a woman who:

- Began having sex at an early age
- Have had multiple sexual partners
- Do not have your regular cervical screenings
- Smoke
- Have used birth control pills for a long time
- Are overweight or obese
- Have a close relative (sister or mother) who has had cervical cancer
- Are over 30 and have had a HPV infection that hasn't cleared
- Have a weakened immune system (such as with HIV)



What are the symptoms? Well, precancerous conditions of the cervix usually do not cause symptoms and are only detected with a pelvic exam or PAP test! However, check with your Doctor if you experience any of the following:

- Increased or unusual discharge from the vagina
- Spotting/light bleeding at times other than your normal period
- Bleeding that last longer than your normal period or is heavier than usual
- Bleeding or pain during or after sex
- Bleeding after menopause

Early detection through pelvic exams, PAP tests and other screenings, are critical. Cervical cancer is the easiest to prevent – so please contact your doctor if you've missed your visit and testing – and schedule them today.

Fellowship



Game Night!

Fellowship is hosting an all ages game night on Friday, January 28th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Bring your favorite board, card, or dice game, or play one of ours! Snacks will be provided.

Women's Winter Retreat



Friday, January 21st thru Sunday, January 23rd (7:00 p.m. Friday thru noon on Sunday)
Camp Kirchenwald
Cost: \$80.00

Our theme will be self care – this has been a stressful 2 years and we will recharge with scripture, games, and some pampering! We will continue our tradition of wine and cheese on Friday night!

Sign up for food items at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4AAEA723A4F94-2021>

We are asking for people to bring their favorite snack to share and if they would like to share their favorite wine! Contact Sister Dottie for more details at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org

Camp Corner

Although camp gets a bit quieter in the dark of winter, there are still camp activities happening as a way to connect with God's natural world. Nawakwa offers its annual chicken and waffle lunch this month. And Kirchenwald is open for winter fun activities! Check out the website (<https://www.lutherancamping.org/>) or talk with Joy and Lyle Hosler to get more information (717-371-7583).

The Hosler family has gone to family camp, day camp, minicamp, kid overnight camp, and family retreats at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and the Wittel Farm. Joy is St. Peter's CampPerson—the person to ask about all things camp. Lyle was recently elected as the Board Chair for the Lutheran Camping Corporation, the umbrella organization for these three local camps.

Camp is a wonderful place to connect with God and to deepen Christian faith. Please consider attending camp this summer! Brochures and specific camp information and dates will be coming out soon.

January 16: Chicken and Waffles (Nawakwa)
January 16: Winter Fun Day #1 (Kirchenwald)
February 20: Winter Fun Day #2 (Kirchenwald)



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.



Worship Leadership Schedule

Sunday	8:00	10:45
January 2	No Choirs	No Choirs
January 9	No Choirs	Herald Choir
January 16	No Choirs (Adam away)	No Choirs (Adam away)
January 23	No Choirs	Herald Choir
January 30	Exsultate Ringers	Herald Choir



Thank you

Thank you to all who helped make our Advent and Christmas celebrations so meaningful this year. From worship volunteers to musicians, cookie bakers to smiling faces, this community once again celebrated the amazing truth that God came to us and still comes to us when we need God most. Christmas blessings and peace to you all.

Worship Schedule

Starting January 2nd, St. Peter's will offer worship services on the following schedule:

- 8:00 – Traditional indoor service in the Sanctuary
- 8:30 – Outdoor service under the portico
- 10:45 – Traditional indoor service in the Sanctuary
- 10:45 – New Day worship service in the Family Life Center

This schedule allows Sunday school to move to its traditional time of 9:15-10:15 a.m. while allowing for our different worship expressions to continue without conflict.

Children's and Youth Choirs Start!

The Children's Choir and Youth Choir will begin rehearsals this month! Starting January 27th Children (grades 1-4) will rehearse in the music room from 6:00-6:25 and Youth (grades 5-8) will rehearse in the music room from 6:30-6:55. If you would like a schedule or would like to learn more about how to be involved, please contact me and I will be happy to provide details.

No Rehearsals January 13th - 20th

Adam will be away on vacation from January 13th THROUGH January 20th. There will be no rehearsals January 13th, January 17th, or January 20th.

Administratively Speaking ...



The church office staff got into the holiday mode by playing Christmas music and setting up the office tree. Special thanks to Jonathan Bowman for coming in and stringing the lights with me and helping to decorate the tree. Didn't he do a great job? He is sure proud of his work.

Thanks to everyone who brought in cookies and treats for the office this year. And special thanks for whoever brought in my favorite-chocolate fudge. Yummy!



December was quite busy this year. After taking a break due to COVID-19, the church held its annual Craft Show. It was such a great kick-off to the Holiday Season amidst Christmas music, food and fun. Over 50 vendors were present this year selling their handmade items as many shoppers went from booth to booth looking for that perfect Christmas gift for loved ones. Our own Church Secretary, Sandy, had a booth in the Family Life Center and was kept busy by shoppers. She has been working on her pillows and other items during her lunch period throughout 2021. Thank you to

Movita Groff and Kim Sterner for their hard work in organizing such a successful event. In addition, Sister Dottie and the youth manned the church kitchen making hot dogs, chili (my favorite), and chicken corn soup to help raise funds to attend a youth conference. The Lions Club is low on donations due to the pandemic and asked if they could sell donuts and snacks to the shoppers. I know I personally enjoyed my cup of chili and a donut during the craft show. Special thanks to our regular and teenage sextons who worked long hours setting up and tearing down the 50 tables and 100 chairs for the event. They even had to completely clear the rooms used of all furniture to make room for the craftsmen and women. What a great event - my first time...but I will be back next year.



On December 11, the Cookie Walk was back too! The FLC was completely set up with tables to display the many varieties of cookies made by St. Peter's members. It was a busy day as our neighbors were lined up outside by 9:00 a.m. when the doors opened. I arrived at 11:00 a.m. for the last hour and it was almost sold out. Thankfully, someone made gluten-free cookies for those like my wife who suffer from celiac disease. I, on the other hand, filled up my container with several varieties of absolutely delicious cookies. The event raised \$4,000 for our Busoka Mission orphanage. Thank you to all who baked, served, and purchased at this event. This was another great St. Peter's event that I had missed in my last 20 years of living in Lancaster. I will be back again next year.



Looking forward to Christmas Eve services at St. Peter's this year!

Have a wonderful new year!

P.S. As always, we could use some new Property handymen and women to keep the church in good, working order. No experience is required. Heck, Rich Larrick and I tackled the job of replacing the gas shock inside a baby changing station that closes the unit. (Never knew how that was done.) We had to Google it and watch a video, then go to work. Neither one of us had ever done this before. It was a bit tricky but we did it! Thanks, Rich!

Paul Schultz, your parish administrator



Pastor's Letter

“Gratitude”

Hi Folks:

Gratitude is the word that comes to mind as I write to you in late December. Gratitude for your faithfulness and support this past year which has been as challenging as it has been tumultuous.

- I am grateful for the support and leadership of our Congregation Council, our Risk Management Committee and our Worship Committee for their consistent partnership as we strive to embrace our best practice in this time of pandemic.
- I am grateful to those of you who have raised questions and concerns, which have helped us to identify weaknesses in our choices and alternative approaches to living in this new world we inhabit.
- I am grateful for the financial support the congregation has offered these past two years. In both pledged and non-pledged income. We are ahead of our goals in terms of offerings. Thank you.
- I am grateful to those who offer critiques in ways that we can hear and in ways that address broader concerns and not simply personal “druthers.”
- I am grateful for both our adventurous spirits and our cautious ones around all things pandemic. There is a sweet spot between locking down the joint, and being wild west cowboys, in our approach to good practice and we always strive to land in that place of healthy balance.
- I am grateful that, to our knowledge, we have not had anyone contract Covid on our property here at our modest gatherings. We are trying to carefully and deliberately return to whatever our new normal will be, in ways that are safe but also sensible.
- I am grateful for our staff members who have been on the front line of communications (and critique at times), in an informational environment that changes like the wind from week to week (and sometimes, day to day).
- I am grateful to committees that have found ways to continue their ministries in this new world in which we live, that functions differently than the world of two years ago.
- I am grateful to Heather Cramer and Sister Dottie, and our Finance & HR Committees, for guiding the restart of our Preschool in some new directions which are bringing a different kind of vitality to this ministry.
- I am grateful to those of you who have returned to in person events. We are working hard to sort out safe practice that is not onerous, recognizing that there will be some modest risk to being together in any setting in which we gather. That will be our lives for a long time, my friends (and I think it always has been ... Covid has simply raised the bar on the severity of consequences).
- I am grateful for the kind words, emails and cards that many of you send to our staff, offering encouragement and support to our attempts to find the right road of good practice for our community.
- I am grateful for the medical leave the congregation offered me following my knee surgery, and to my family for their remarkable support throughout my recovery in terms of companioning my physical therapy, picking up tasks I was not allowed to do, and driving me around for six weeks until I was cleared to drive again. My knees feel better than new, and have offered me a new lease on life in many ways.

I have no doubt that there are more thanks that could be offered beyond these few items. But these come to mind, and they remind me that there are always blessings in life, even in difficult times ... especially in difficult times. May your eyes be open to the blessings in your life as well.

See you in church PR

From Sister Dottie

As I write this, we are unfortunately seeing a greater surge of positive Covid cases in Lancaster, PA. Our new data showing positive cases per day has increased to almost 1000, far exceeding the target of 50 per 100,000. Our positivity rate is 15%, again three times the target number of 5%



Our county hospitals are diverting patients due to the number of Covid cases in their facilities, elective surgeries are being rescheduled and our available ICU beds are in short supply.

While many schools are no longer requiring masks, we feel it is not only necessary but imperative that we require masks in our building on Sunday mornings and during other large gatherings. The new strains of the virus are infecting not only the unvaccinated, but many persons who have been fully vaccinated.

Our goal is to keep our church open and to be able to hold in person worship services, Sunday School and to continue our outreach ministries and committee work. In order to do this and to keep everyone safe, we are asking everyone to be more patient and to wear a mask and to socially distance when possible.

We know that masks are uncomfortable. Your rostered staff knows full well how uncomfortable it is to wear one all morning, especially with glasses and the ear mics. Our ears are sore and raw when we go home. We have to continually “defog” our glasses throughout the morning. Your rostered staff takes every precaution so we can continue our visits to the hospitalized, those in retirement communities, working with our preschool, children and youth and to be able to lead worship on a Sunday morning.

While we are aware of many other organizations, schools and even other churches that are not mandating masks, as Christians who are the body of Christ, we need to make sure that all people in our community are kept safe. Scripture tell us:

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. – Galatians 6:2

That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. – 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. – John 15:12-23

We wear our masks because it is the right thing to do to keep our community safe. We give up our own comfort and “individual rights” in order to love our neighbors and our friends. As Christians, many times we are called to make sacrifices for the greater good, just as Jesus sacrificed his life for us.

My hope is that 2022 will bring us a relief from this pandemic, that we can soon come to church without masks, that we can hug each other and sing without face coverings muting our voices.

I, as well as your Safe Church Task Force, Church council, the Worship committee and your staff are grateful for your patience and perseverance as we continue to navigate best practices during this seemingly never-ending pandemic. Prayers for a safe and healthy new year for all of God’s children.

In Service,

Sister Dr. Dottie Almoney

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>.



From the Director of Music

Presence

You may be tired of hearing it, but I'm not tired of saying it. Merry Christmas! Christmas is a 12-day long season that BEGINS on Christmas Day and ends on the Day of Epiphany, January 6th. Marking Christ's coming to our world with a 12-day celebration is fitting. Enjoy it!

Of course around this time of year we give presents to one another as signs of Christ's love and symbols of our love for those who are important to us. I'm sure you've heard this before, but giving the gift of presence (presents/presence...see what I did there?) can be just as meaningful, if not more so, than giving physical gifts. God has always been in our world, comes to us now, and will always be here and we can show this presence to our world by walking with those in need.

Learning about this mission happens by being present at church. Hearing the word of God on Sunday morning, singing songs together, partaking of communion. So much of what happens during worship on Sunday morning is about God coming to us as we gather. Being there for these events, in addition to acting as an opportunity to offer our praise of the creator of the universe, can change us if we are truly present.

Now, when I say truly present, what I'm really speaking of is being mentally, spiritually, and emotionally present when we gather as God's people. Engaging our brains, our faith, and our senses when we gather will allow us to become attuned to how God continues to work through us. This "working-through" happens on Sundays but even more importantly during the week. As we are present on Sunday mornings, we are practicing to be present during the week: to share the love of God with those we meet, to lower ourselves and serve our neighbor, to practice and preach understanding, peace, and joy.

So, for any who might still be looking for a Christmas present to give, give the gift of presence. Be truly with one another, acknowledge the good and the bad, and bear with one another to be symbols of God's love in a broken world.

Peace,
Adam Lefever Hughes



TORNADO RELIEF

An outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states on December 10-11. So far, 94 people are reported dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity. Donations are being collected for Lutheran Disaster Response, which will assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. 100% of your gifts will go to direct support on site. Please consider supporting this effort. Donations can be placed in the brown box in front of the Welcome Center.



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.

Volunteer Steward Message

Happy January!

Welcome 2022! There's something liberating about starting a new year. We feel like we get a fresh start, a clean slate, a new beginning. The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season has ended and we wonder how to fill our time until spring.

On another note, I'm glad 2021 is over. My hope is some good things will come this year. We will be able to get together without worrying about getting sick, dying or infecting someone in our family. Life will get back to normal, whatever that new normal will be.

I've been in this position for 2½ years. And most of the time, I love it. It's been very rewarding working with all the volunteers and establishing some new programs. The community at St. Peter's is amazing. The amount of good being done by our members is too sizeable to calculate. A big thank you for the time you are spending giving back to your neighbors.

Here's the BUT.

St. Peter's has traditionally been a well-oiled machine, with work being done by both staff members and an enormous number of volunteers. Two years ago, there were around 400 volunteers involved in different aspects of the church. Many of these volunteers are our older parishioners. Because of Covid, that number has dropped dramatically. As our members 'retire' from their volunteer duties, the void is not being filled. There is no other way to say it, we are at a critical place. There are aspects of worship that will be changing because of the lack of volunteers. Altar Guild, Ushers and Acolytes are three areas that we'll be altering since we don't have enough volunteers to fill the need. As an example, in the near future, it might be necessary to go back to individual communion cups in the pews because we don't have members to set up the altar or usher people to the rail. Many of our committees are without leadership and members. Take a look at the openings in the Herald. We will be holding a Volunteer Fair on January 16, between the two services. You will be able to speak to volunteers from different committees. If you aren't sure what is involved, here is a link to all the volunteer opportunities available.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fVeQyvmq4O5N6mKFsnNacgEPTbGUiYu_ai7E90mCWzA/edit#gid=1

I realize this isn't the feel-good post you normally see from me, but it needs to be said. Programs and events are going to disappear if we cannot get volunteers to participate. I am always happy to speak with you about where your talents may lie. Please contact me!

Betsy Linn

Volunteer Steward

Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

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.

Updates to the Church Directory

A new directory will be released in JANUARY. Please call or email the office with your correct address, phone numbers, and email addresses. Much of our data is outdated. We are also trying to categorize our adult children as to whether they are attending or have moved on to another worship experience. Any info would be appreciated.

Also, if you would like to update your photo, PLEASE forward your new photo to: directory@stpeterslutheran.org

The goal is to establish accurate membership. It is an important part of the strategic plan that is being developed. Please respond, it is significant to our future!

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org



ST. PETER'S KIDS

Dear Families,

January 2022! It is difficult for me to believe that we are beginning a new calendar year – 2022!! I hope that you had a beautiful Christmas season celebrating the joy and birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Our December Sunday School activities were filled with lots of advent lessons, excitement, and anticipation! We learned about Jeremiah giving the people a message of hope from God, and how God gives us hope, too! Zechariah, another messenger, had a great way of announcing John's and Jesus' births through a song! Of course, we introduced John the Baptist, a man who wore weird clothes, ate strange food, used water in a different way, and also had an important message to give people from God. And Mary traveled a long way to Elizabeth to share her good news. She was going to have the Baby Jesus!



Beginning January 9th, our Sunday School schedule will return to the pre-pandemic time schedule. It will begin at 9:15 and end at 10:15 am. PreK/K will continue to meet in the Frog Room with Julia Kroesen as our lead teacher and Jill Pretz conducting the opening songs. Many thanks to those two ladies as well as all the other volunteers, substitutes, parents and youth who continue to assist each week! Our grades 1 to 4 will continue to meet in the café with Megan Thompson as our lead teacher and Brett Miller (and daughter!) leading our games! And again, we have other volunteers and youth who assist at various times. Thank you!! All children, youth and adults are required to wear masks and stay socially distanced. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and understanding of our need to keep everyone healthy and safe!

As we continue with our lectionary-based curriculum, we are exploring other possibilities to enhance our program. Spark House has additional programs and guides as well (Sermons4Kids.com). We will keep you updated as we explore additional opportunities for learning.



Registration for Sunday School continues to be open. You can register by visiting

<https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/learn/>



We welcome additional volunteers to help with Sunday School. The curriculum is scripted and all materials and resources are provided. Please respond to Cindy Geesey, Director of Children's Ministries at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org with any amount of available Sunday 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. time that you may have. 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.

Blessings,

Cindy Geesey

cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org.

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

Youth & Family Ministry News...

NO Sunday School on January 2nd.

January 9th – Sunday School returns to its **normal time of 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.**

January 16th – Youth Group for grades 5-12

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – dinner and game night. We will have a baked potato and salad bar. Sign up to bring an item for dinner at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4AAEA723A4F94-january>

2021 Youth Winter Retreat Dates:

February 4- 6th Grades 9-12 at Camp Kirchenwald – Cost: \$80 per person

February 11th to 13th – Grades 5-8 at Camp Kirchenwald- Cost \$80.00 per person

Watch for registration information through email or on the youth boards in the narthex or in the youth lounge or in each classroom

If you have any questions, please contact Sister Dottie Almone at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org



St. Peter's Preschool

St. Peter's Preschoolers had a very busy December! Some highlights were; celebrating Hanukkah, Advent & Diwali, decorating gingerbread boys & girls, learning and performing some holiday songs for our families, "pretend snow ball fights", spending time with Adam Hughes (our church's Director of Music) and learning about our church's organ. We can't forget Pastor Ross's annual Christmas puppet Show and a special visit from the Big Guy in red - SANTA! Preschool is back in full swing and ready for 2022! Please keep an eye out for 2022-23 Preschool registration material. It will be available to our current families at the end of January. Please contact the preschool director, Heather Cramer, with any questions. heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org



We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!

Heather Cramer
St. Peter's Preschool Director



Groups and Events

50+ GROUP — 50+ will meet in the chapel on Thursday, January 6th, at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Frick's topic will be Presidents Reagan and Clinton. You never know what interesting tidbit you might learn. Everyone is invited to attend. Masks are optional. For more information, contact Debbie Shue at 717-318-8848 or djshue52@comcast.net.

WELCA — We will meet on Thursday, January 13th at 9:00 a.m. in Augsburg Alley. After a light breakfast Pastor Ross will provide our program leading us in a discussion of life and end of life issues and rituals. Also, bring any items you have purchased for the Personal Care Kits or the local kits. All women are welcome. If you have any questions contact Sally Rager, (717-569-6119) or Kathy Caldwell (717-371-7296)

Widows Group — Our meetings are continuing at St. Peter's and our next meeting will be on Jan. 25 at 10:30. It will be held in the café. Meetings last about 1 hour. We discuss what is going on in our lives and some fun things as well. I look forward to hearing from you! Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org



Moral Monday — St Peter's Moral Monday Book Club will be reading The Color of Compromise by Jemar Tisby. This book deals with the complicity of the Christian Church with the institution of slavery. 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 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 17th under the portico if there is good weather and indoors if not. If you have any questions please contact Molly Olmsted (717) 490-3908 or astaloo@me.com

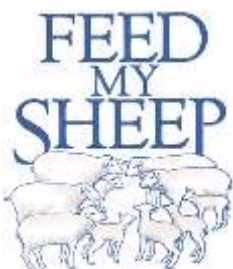


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FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE JANUARY 10TH

Articles for the February 2022 "Herald" are due in the church office no later than **January 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org. Thank you for your cooperation.



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in January: *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!**

Worship Assistant Schedule for January

	LECTORS	GREETERS	USHERS	WELCOME CENTER
January 2 8:00 a.m.	Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	John & Jill Kerchner	Thompson & Betsy McConnell	Bob & Edee Bedford
10:45 a.m.	Russell Vollmer	Gerald & Bonnie Detz	Alan & Beverly Swanson	James & Martha Fulmer
January 9 8:00 a.m.	Ann Marie Strubel	Adam Gegg	Eric May	John & Kathy Burke
10:45 a.m.	Nancy Beauregard	Sara Gable	Robert & Shirley Gorner	Sherry Weller
January 16 8:00 a.m.	Larry Wilcox	Stephen & Diane Gegg	Don Wenrich Tom Rothfus	Shirley Dombach
10:45 a.m.	Paul Berkebile	Scott Glassford	Bob & Abby Brestensky	Clarence Simon
January 23 8:00 a.m.	Mark Burkholder	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger	Cindy Miley	Mary Ann Oberholtzer
10:45 a.m.	Craig Boyhunt	Jillian Gorner	Dave & Lis Wolf	Mark & Darla Cardin
January 30 8:00 a.m.	Susan Ketchum	Randy & Susan Ketchum	Bob Courtois Debbie Shue	Susie Roderick
10:45 a.m.	Carol Esbenshade	Robert & Shirley Gorner	Nancy & Sam Beauregard	Craig & Lisa Rodenberger

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January Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
1/02	None	None
1/09	Becky Lutz	TBA
	Liz O'Brien	Phyllis Seitz
1/16	JoAnn Boltz	Bertie Miller
	Lois Benton	June Hemsteger
1/23	Nancy Pokopec	Anna Dowie
	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Lee & Karleen Eberly
1/30	Debbie Shue	Lura Zeswitz
	Christine Smith	Joan Groff

Worship Assistant Schedule for January (continued)

	A/V	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	ALTAR GUILD COORDINATORS	ALTAR GUILD
January 2 8:00 a.m.	Angela Moshos	Randy & Debbie Shue	Debbie Shue	Phyllis Hollinger
10:45 a.m.	Randy Ketchum	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
January 9 8:00 a.m.	Jordan Lambert	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	Dave Tilley	Paul Berkebile Kathy Groff	Debbie Shue	Jeff & Anneliese Owen
January 16 8:00 a.m.	Tom Badorf	Bret Hoffmaster Ginny Stickler	Debbie Shue	Melanie Burkholder
10:45 a.m.	Bob Preston	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
January 23 8:00 a.m.	Mark Burkholder	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	Bill Schlener	Carol Esbenshade Margaret Strausser	Debbie Shue	Carol Esbenshade
January 30 8:00 a.m.	Tom Chever	Nancy Pokopec Mary Jane Wilcox	Debbie Shue	N/A
10:45 a.m.	Randy Ketchum	Shirley Goner Jeffrey Pretz	Debbie Shue	Barbara Cooper

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — JANUARY 2022

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Lector	Sophia Romano	Jenny Sassaman	James Moshos	Will Stover	Lisa Teichmann
Communion Assistant	Molly Olmsted	No Communion	TBA	No Communion	TBA
Ushers	Cheryl Laub & Max	Bill Sassaman Scott Fyfe	John & Jan Hess	Mark & Sharon Schaeffer	Brian & Brittney Booher



LOOKING AHEAD

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
8:30 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Portico)
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 & Livestream)
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group (FLC)

Monday, January 3

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

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry

Wednesday, January 5

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & 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. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, January 6

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

Friday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 9

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

Monday, January 10

Herald Deadline
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. - Finance Committee (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, January 11

1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Zoom)
3:30 p.m. - Cemetery Committee (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Library)

Wednesday, January 12

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & Zoom)
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, January 13

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Augsburg Alley)
7:00 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, January 14

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

Sunday, January 16

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
8:30 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Portico)
9:00 a.m. - Volunteer Fair (Narthex)
9:15 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, January 17

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Council Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
7:00 p.m. - Moral Mondays Book Club (Zoom)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, January 18

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
1:30 p.m. - Book Club (Cry Room)
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)

Wednesday, January 19

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

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Friday, January 21

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)
Women's Retreat

Sunday, January 23

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

Monday, January 24

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Human Resources Committee (Zoom)
6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, January 25

10:30 a.m. - Widows Group (Café)

Wednesday, January 26

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

Thursday, January 27

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

Friday, January 28

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

Sunday, January 30

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
8:30 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Portico)
9:15 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, January 31

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)



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

sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org

Sandy Shattuck
Editor & Parish Secretary



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.

