



"The Herald" Newsletter

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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"Christ Is Risen!"
Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!"

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The Season of Lent Continues in April



Our Lenten journey continues this month with our final mid-week service on April 6th - John 16:12-23 (Death - the final mystery) under the theme, "The Lenten Game of Clue". Services will be held at 8:00 a.m. under the portico and again at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will have a full offering of Holy Week services and experiences and hope you will continue to exercise your Lenten devotion and pilgrimage with us through this season that focuses on repentance, renewal and reflection. The Lenten season will conclude with our first Easter service on Saturday night, April 16th as we observe Easter Vigil, and as dawn arises on Easter morning, April 17th.



Holy Week and Easter **at St. Peter's**

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April Worship Schedule



- April 3 Lent 5**
8:00 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches
8:30 a.m. – Outdoor Portico Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Ross preaches
10:45 a.m. – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches
10:45 a.m. – New Day Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Ross preaches
- April 6 Lent 4 Mid-Week**
8:00 a.m. – Outdoor service with Holy Communion under the Portico, Pastor Ross preaches
7:00 p.m. – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches
- April 10 Palm Sunday**
8:00 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Passion Reading
9:15 a.m. – Outdoor Service of Holy Communion, Passion Reading & Palm Procession
10:45 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Passion Reading
10:45 a.m. – New Day Service of Holy Communion, Passion Reading
- April 14 Maundy Thursday**
11:00 a.m. – Sages Service with Holy Communion, Sister Dottie preaches
7:00 p.m. – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Stripping of the Altar,
Sister Dottie preaches
- April 15 Good Friday**
12:00 p.m. – Children’s Stations of the Cross Liturgy in the Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. – Non-Communion Service, with the Reading of St. John’s Passion in the Sanctuary
- April 16 Easter Vigil**
6:00 p.m. – Services of Light, Readings, Holy Baptism and Holy Communion
- April 17: Easter Sunday**
8:00 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross Preaches
9:15 a.m. – Outdoor Service of Holy Communion, Interactive Children’s Sermon
10:45a.m. – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches
10:45a.m. – New Day Service of Holy Communion in the Family Life Center,
Sister Dottie preaches
- April 24 Easter 2**
8:00 a.m. – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches
8:30 a.m. – Outdoor Portico Service of Holy Communion, Sister Dottie preaches
10:45 a.m. – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches
10:45 a.m. – New Day Service of the Word, Sister Dottie preaches

Service Opportunity: Drivers Needed for Sages Maundy Thursday Service

Our Maundy Thursday Sages Service will be held Thursday, April 14th. If you're able to give one of our Sages a ride to service, please sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery or call Christine Smith at 717-299-0949. Thank you! Approximate times - 10:30 a.m. pick up and 1:00 p.m. return home drop off.

Looking for Volunteers to Deliver Easter Plants

The altar will be dressed with many beautiful plants that would like a permanent home with an aging member who is not able to attend an Easter service. A special delivery would certainly brighten their day. Would you consider delivering a plant on Easter Sunday or in the days to follow? Please contact Christine Smith at 717-299-0949, email cjsmith1984@gmail.com or sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board. It is a wonderful way to give back to our aging members.



Easter Flowers - New Offering This Year



The Flower Delivery team is expanding and now offering to place a plant on the grave of a loved one at St. Peter's cemetery on Easter. If you would like to have a plant placed on your behalf, check out the revised Easter flowers giving form. Any questions or wishing to help can be sent to Christine Smith @ cjsmith1984@gmail.com or call 299-0949.

Ukrainian Easter Eggs

Pysanky are Ukrainian Easter eggs decorated with traditional Ukrainian folk designs using a wax-resist method. Many eastern European ethnic groups decorate eggs at Easter using the wax-resist method. In modern times, the art of the *pysanka* (decorated egg) was carried abroad by Ukrainian emigrants to North America, where the custom took hold, and was actually banned in Ukraine by the Soviet regime (as a religious practice), where it was nearly forgotten. In a large family, by Holy Thursday, 60 or more eggs would have been completed by the women of the house. The eggs would be taken to the church on Easter Sunday to be blessed, after which many were given away. The writing tool, called a kistka, is dipped in melted beeswax and applied to the egg. The egg is then dipped in dye. This process is repeated many times adding more designs and dipping the egg in a different color of dye each time. The wax is then removed by holding the egg over a candle flame revealing the intricate designs. The finished egg is varnished and the inside of the egg is removed by piercing small holes in the top and bottom. If handled carefully, the eggs can last indefinitely! St. Peter's was first introduced to this art form by Pastor Craig and Nancy Ross in the 1990's. Nancy continued to teach classes each Lent for several years. Then, Beryl Swisher, a church member, continued to lead weekly classes at St. Peter's for a number of years. Some of the eggs, currently displayed in our Narthex curio cabinet, were created by some of our St. Peter's members.



Holy Week and Easter at St. Peter's



SATURDAY (April 9th)

10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt: Join with other families and children for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, with a visit from the Easter Bunny, the egg hunt itself, crafts and an Easter Puppet Show. Rain date: Saturday, April 16th. Pre-registration is required: <https://stpeterslutheran.org/easter-egg-hunt/>



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY (April 10th)



8:00 & 10:45 a.m. – Palm Sunday Traditional Worship: As we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we also look ahead into the week, anticipating his trial and crucifixion. An interactive reading of the Passion Story in word and song, between leaders and congregation, will be featured along with a Palm Procession and Holy Communion.

9:15 a.m. — Palm Sunday Outdoor Worship in Parking Lot: An interactive reading of the Passion Story in word and song, between leaders and congregation, will be featured along with a Palm Procession and Holy Communion.



10:45 a.m. – New Day Worship: The New Day worship will begin with a palm procession and special music. The service will continue with an interactive reading of the Passion Story through word and images. Holy Communion will be offered.

THURSDAY (April 14th)

11:00 a.m.— Sages Maundy Thursday Worship: Sages, mark your calendar for Thursday, April 14th. St. Peter's will return to hosting a Sages Maundy Thursday Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All of our Sages (those aged 80 or over) are invited to attend. Communion will be offered in the pews, the congregation will be seated for the entire service, and there will be special music during the service. Family and guests of Sages are welcome as well. A light lunch will be served in the Narthex following the service for a time of fellowship. Please call the church office at 717-569-9211 or Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 by Monday, April 11th to let us know you are planning to attend. If you need a ride, let us know as well. Sign up is also available on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery. We look forward to seeing many of our Sages this year.



7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Worship: This is a traditional service remembering Jesus' teaching and his mandate to love and serve one another. This service offers corporate and individual confession and absolution, Holy Communion and a reminder of Jesus' command to love one another. The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar.

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Holy Week and Easter at St. Peter's

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FRIDAY (April 15th)



9:00 a.m. – Waffles & Worship: This service is geared toward preschool and elementary families (Kindergarten - Grade 2). Come and experience the colors of Holy Week. Have a breakfast of waffles and journey through the stations of crafts and activities. RSVP with the number of children and adults attending to Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org.

12:00 noon — Children's Stations of the Cross: Journey with Jesus on Good Friday

Please come to our kid-friendly Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 15th, at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. The service explores the fourteen stations of the cross in simpler terms so those of all ages can better understand Jesus' journey and our journey with Him.



7:00 p.m. – Good Friday: At the heart of this service is the passion reading according to John, which celebrates Christ's victory on the cross, and our honoring of the cross as we sing of forgiveness, healing and salvation.

SATURDAY (April 16th)



7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil: On the night before Easter Day, Christians around the world gather to celebrate Christ's passage from death to life. The service includes strong signs: new fire in darkness, light spreading from the light of Christ, the water and Word of baptism, the first resurrection meal and powerful words: the great saving stories of Hebrew scriptures and the first Easter gospel. We keep this wondrous night in the spirit of vigil, our lamps lit, awaiting Christ's coming both now and at the end of time. Alleluia! Christ is risen! And Christ will come again.

EASTER SUNDAY (April 17th)



8:00 & 10:45 a.m. – Easter Sunday Traditional Worship: We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with Holy Communion, festive hymns and music and the story of the empty tomb.

9:15 a.m. – Easter Sunday Outdoor Worship in Parking Lot: We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with Holy Communion, festive hymns and music, the story of the empty tomb and an interactive kid-friendly sermon.

10:45 a.m. – New Day Worship: The New Day Praise Band will help lead the community in festive music as we celebrate the Lord's resurrection. Special music as well as images and video will enhance the morning. The focus will be toward the transformation of death into life and our Lord's presence in our lives now and always.



Mission Campaign



St. Peter's Family,

As of March 15, 106 households have supported the *Faith in Our Future* campaign, pledging treasures totaling \$941,180! These treasures include \$434,507 in pledge payments and outright gifts. To date, Congregation Council has already put approximately \$380,000 to use! You can continue to monitor progress on our campaign website at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/mission-campaign/>. As a reminder, you can print a campaign pledge/gift form from the website. No pledge or gift is too small (or too large)!

Spring has sprung, and that means you soon will see more of your campaign dollars hard at work! Parking lot repairs and related projects (paving, lighting and dumpster enclosure/new dumpsters) are on track to commence in May-June. Additionally, furniture has been ordered for our narthex renovation! When you're in church, be sure to visit the display in the narthex to see the planned new design of this important fellowship area. We appreciate the work of the committee that so thoughtfully designed this space.

Like so many of you, we deeply mourn the passing of Bud Benton, who was such a strong partner to us in this property phase of the campaign. We offer thanks and praise for Mark Aho who agreed to chair the property committee. A campaign requires many of God's disciples, and we remain grateful for the leadership of Congregation Council, the partnership of other volunteer-led committees, the invaluable guidance of our parish administrator, Paul Schultz, and the prayers that you continue to offer for this campaign.

Again, thank you for your commitment to the success of *Faith in Our Future*!

With Faith in Our Future,
Jen and Adrian

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Adrian Young (adrianyoung@verizon.net or 717-314-8556)



St. Peter's Call Committee

The Call Committee will be meeting every other Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room (in person and virtual) beginning March 28th. Committee members are Jeff Smith (Chair), Molly Olmsted, Margaret Strausser, Steve Roberts, Adrian Young and Nancy LeFevre. Please feel free to reach out to Jeff Smith at jdsmith934@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



Safe Church Update



Beginning April 3rd, we will resume our outdoor worship service at 8:30 a.m. Beginning Palm Sunday, April 10th, we will make masks optional including during singing. Please be aware that if we have an increase in COVID cases in Lancaster, we may go back to masking for the health and safety of all who enter our doors. Thank you all for your patience and flexibility during this pandemic.

Adult Christian Education

Weekdays

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

This month we return to our study of the Book of Kings. We gather on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. We meet in hybrid form at the moment, with people gathering in person and an equal amount joining us via Zoom. The class is held in the Café. Pastor Ross leads our discussions.

This month's schedule is:

April 6 – 2 Kings 1-4 – Introduction, Elijah and Elisha

April 13 – NO CLASS – Holy week

April 20 – 2 Kings 5-9 – Healings, Miracles, Kings and their Scheming

April 27 – 2 Kings 10-13



April Pub Theology – Wednesday, April 20th – 6:30 p.m. Place to be announced. We will discuss Church Rituals...what are still relevant and what have become sacred cows. Please RSVP to Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org.

From the Archives

Rev. Isaac Walton Bobst called as pastor

St. Peter's Lutheran Church – June 1, 1890

Isaac W. Bobst was raised by a poor family in Berks County. He went to work at an early age to help his family. He was a cigar maker. His father died in 1861 following a long illness. Isaac was just 14 years old helping to support his family. In August 1862 he eventually enlisted in the Union Army at age 16. The monthly pay would enable him to support his family. He was captured twice and held as a prisoner in Chancellorsville and Andersonville. He was released in a prisoner exchange just before the end of the war. Following the war, young Isaac worked his way through college and by 1879, he emerged from Gettysburg Seminary as a Lutheran minister at age 32. On June 1st, 1890 the Rev. Isaac Walton Bobst was called as St. Peter's pastor with a yearly salary of \$500.

Social Ministry

Community Meal Day

Community meals are continuing twice a month and are serving 65 meals each time. April Community Meals will be Wednesday, April 6th and April 13th at Grace Lutheran Church – on North Queen Street from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. For more information about volunteering, please contact Kathy Berkebille at kberkebille@comcast.net.



Community Meal



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

Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank will be open on Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00 a.m. - 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).

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

As we end our Lenten journey this month and look forward to Easter and serving our RISEN Savior, we thank you all for the honor and privilege it is to be trusted with your prayer concerns and needs. We are humbled by your trust in us! Easter Blessings to you all!

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



Health & Wellness

April – Move More Month

Every April is National Move More Month. The objective is clear & simple: Get up & Move!



Created by the American Heart Association as a way to help improve the health of Americans, the aim is to encourage everyone to hit 10,000 steps a day or 30 minutes of exercise a day. The benefits of living an active lifestyle have been known for years. This month isn't about perfecting any form of exercise, but embracing any movement and an active lifestyle. These are key components to being a healthier person. Regardless of the type of exercise

you choose, getting out & moving during the month of April (and beyond), is so important. So....

Go for a walk. You've been doing it for most of your life. It's one of the healthiest things you can do.

Go for a run. More advanced than walking, and just as healthy. Get some miles and chase that runner's high.

Lift some weights. If cardio isn't your thing, work those gains through lifting weights. You don't need a gym or professional weights – check out the pantry. There are some canned goods that will work just as well.



FACTS: \$1 trillion = the cost of heart disease. The economic costs (both direct and indirect) of cardiovascular and heart disease are projected to reach \$1 trillion by 2035 unless we take the time to move more & get more exercise. **69% of people are overweight.** About sixty-nine percent of U.S. adults are obese, & that statistic will only rise unless we do our part to create healthy habits and exercise more. **80% is preventable.** Eighty percent of cardiovascular disease is considered preventable, especially by getting out and moving more.

Why We Love Move More Month

It keeps us healthy. Moving more and maintaining an active lifestyle is key to increasing your overall health.



It gets us out and about. Life is more than the tv or phone. Get out, move, and get some sunshine! We love April, because the weather turns warmer, we can witness the start of God's growing season, & we can be outside more (and there is more sunshine – but walking in a rain shower is fun too).

It leads to better daily habits. The more you do something, the more of a habit it can become. Getting daily exercise is one of the best habits you can embrace.

Let's encourage and support each other, by joining together for that walk, run, or just moving 30 minutes per day.



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.

Property Committee Update



Hi there. I am Mark Aho, the new Property Committee chair. I would like to first acknowledge the massive contribution of Bud Benton, the previous chair, who in a short time initiated a large number of Property improvements many of which are still in progress. The committee intends to best honor his memory by seeing his vision through to completion. While there are a myriad of projects, I want to inform you about the most significant near term ones.

Paving the parking lot – this is scheduled with Kreider Paving for the first 2 weeks of June after Preschool is done and with the lower activity level of many groups during the summer. The logistics of pulling this off while maintaining access for Sunday worship and other critical needs is daunting but manageable. As we get closer much more detailed information will be shared for planning purposes.

As part of this project the fence enclosure for the trash dumpsters will be moved to the rear of the property out near the sheds on the west side. The current enclosure fence is damaged, the size is not large enough to contain the added dumpsters for recycling and the present location violates Manheim Twp zoning regulations.

The parking lot lighting will also be upgraded to LED bulbs which will both improve the light coverage as well as reduce electricity consumption. Bob Preston is leading this part of the effort as well as LED upgrades throughout the facility.

Eastside landscaping – Broderick's Landscaping, led by our own Chris Shimer, will be installing new plantings along the Lititz Pike side of the building. This is over 400 ft. of beds and will go a long way toward improving this highly visible impression of St Peters from the road. Depending on weather this may be complete by Easter.

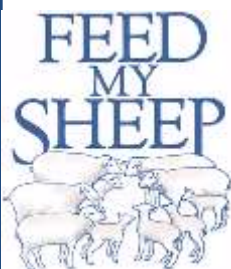
There are numerous smaller projects always underway from HVAC upgrades to general maintenance to advance planning for equipment replacements. I look forward to tackling these and making sure we are all good stewards of our collective investment.

By way of personal introduction I can share that my spouse Donna and I have been member of St Peters since 1985 with both of our adult children baptized in the church. We are both retired, Donna from Accounting and myself from a career in Manufacturing Operations and Project Management. I am a Mechanical Engineer by training with a degree in Finance as part of my business education. The timing is right for a new calling and Property fits well with my experience and interest. I have no doubt there will always be plenty to keep me busy!

If any of you have similar interests, please give us a look. St Peters has been very blessed with members sharing their talents in the trades like carpentry, plumbing, HVAC and electrical. Their handiwork is evident everywhere but after years of service many are aging. We are hopeful others can step up so we are more in control of own destiny rather than exclusively relying on contractors. Feel free to contact me, Paul Schultz or any of the staff if you have an interest.

Thanks so much and see you in church.

Mark



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in April: *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 ...

A big THANK YOU to Mark Aho for stepping up, first to take on two large property committee projects, and later for stepping into the position of Property Committee Chair. Please read Mark's introductory Herald column to learn more about this very talented man with years of career experience in project management. Welcome aboard, Mark!

Property replanting project update...

By now you have noticed that ALL the plants on the Lititz Pike side of the church are GONE. They had either died or been too overgrown to trim back, So..... Property Committee decided to remove them and replant new ones. **You can have a part in this project!**

A few weeks back, a church member saw that the plants were removed and asked if she could buy a plant in memory of her beloved dog, Jazzy. I thought that was touching, as I too lost a beloved cat last year. I floated an idea through leadership and the Mission Campaign co-chairs, Adrian and Jen, and everyone liked the idea. Well, Paul, how does it work?

You cannot purchase your own plant, but you can select a plant and make a suggested donation of \$50 or \$100 (depending on the size and type of plant) or more, to the Mission Campaign (which is funding part of the cost of this major landscape project) in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one or pet. Members of your Property Committee will man a table in the narthex after the second service on **Sunday, March 27 and April 3** or stop by the office any time. We will have a color landscape plot of the front of the church with each plant numbered and a color photo of what the plant will be (helpful for those like me who like colorful plants but can't name a single one, and still believe Dandelions are pretty flowers in the lawn-LOL). Below is a photo of the landscape plot and one of the color photos I mentioned above.

Unfortunately, we cannot install a memorial sign next to the plant you select, but YOU will know the location of the plant that is planted in memory of your loved one or pet. Instead, we will publish a list in a Sunday bulletin and in the Herald with the names of the donors and the name of the person or pet they want to remember.

What a wonderful way to remember your loved one or pet AND contribute to our Mission Campaign appeal!



Paul Schultz
Parish Administrator

P.S. I crossed over my first anniversary as your parish administrator on March 24. What a busy and productive year it has been.

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.

Livestreaming Options

Livestreaming options will be available for the 8:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:45 a.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>.



Worship Leadership Schedule

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
April 3	St. Peter's Ringers	Herald Choir, Exsultate Ringers
April 10	No Choirs	Herald Choir
April 14	No Choirs	Herald Choir (7:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday)
April 17	Exsultate Ringers	St. Peter's Ringers, Herald Choir
April 24	No Choirs	No Choirs

Musical Arts June 5th Program Change

Musical Arts has had yet another program change for its 2022-2023 year. Come to St. Peter's on Sunday, June 5th at 4:00 p.m. to hear the Malta Band of Lancaster in concert. This fine group was last at St. Peter's in 2012 to celebrate 100 years of playing together. This year, they celebrate another 100-year milestone from when the group received its second charter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania allowing it to operate as it does today. We can't wait to celebrate with them!



No Rehearsals April 24th-29th

There are no rehearsals from Monday April 18th through April 29th. Adam will be away April 24th-29th and all choirs have off the week after Easter Sunday. Enjoy the break!

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.



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Pastor's Letter

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (Rev. 21:5)

Dear Friends:

So ... what is the new normal? I have asked myself that question a lot, these past two years. Sometimes I ask myself this question, as I try to wrap my head around the experiences and responsibilities that seem to regularly change in my life. I also find myself thinking more about the congregational changes we have tackled, and what will be different for St. Peter's in the years ahead of us, because of COVID. And at times, I try to consider how different the world is than it was two years ago, and the implications that COVID has for nations and cultures and those who cherish their heritage. The world has changed somewhat dramatically since that day in March of 2020, when most of us found ourselves scrambling to re-adjust our lives in light on this aggressive virus that was spreading around the globe like wildfire. For us at St. Peter's it was the week of March 15th in 2020 when the ... hit the fan. (Incense ... I was thinking about incense hitting the fan.)

I prefer to live as a creature of habit ... I love having routines in my life ... and it is routines and rituals that have always drawn me to parish ministry. So the world of COVID is not something I have embraced very easily, nor very gracefully. And while I try to moderate myself in public when others are listening to me, I can be quite the little whiner. So, as I began my monthly wrestling match with a topic for this April Herald letter, I opened my Bible to the Book of Revelation, looking for a plague story or a pronouncement of judgment through which I could vent my spleen. And as you have already seen above, I found myself confronted by this wonderful verse from the closing drama of Revelation and its adoration of the Holy City, New Jerusalem. And I found myself convicted. I grudgingly admitted that my desire for routine, just might be getting in the way of this magnificent promise of God to bring newness to the world, and newness to our lives on both a grand scale and also in a personal way for each of us.

I'm not a prophet, so I wouldn't begin to try to discern God's will for the world in which we live. But in thinking about St. Peter's I find myself wondering about the word "community", and I think about how that word may be newly defined in a congregational setting like ours. I think about our homebound members, and I wonder about the possibility of remote worship and learning opportunities that are possible now, which weren't even on our radar screen two years ago – and the potential for connecting more effectively with this somewhat isolated community among us. I think about the privilege of being together in person with other believers, and how easily we can slip into a routine in which we take those gatherings for granted -- and now find ourselves recognizing how precious and potent those in-person contacts can be. These modest reflections are just the tip of the iceberg of opportunity, I suspect.

So, I invite you to start thinking about what this new world of ours will offer us in terms of ministry opportunities. Some of these ideas might be ideas worthy of consideration as we get closer to bringing our mission outreach fund to fruition through your ongoing support of our Mission Campaign. Some of the ideas will be fueled by time ... time that we will offer as people of faith to fuel the hands-on work of our mission plans. And some of these ministry opportunities will be teased out of vague but passionate ideas that you have, which have yet to crystalize into concrete form ... but which will take shape with continued attention and discussion. It is an exciting time to be the people of God in this place ... and COVID cannot change that ... it may simply be requiring us to move around the pieces on the mission chess board a little differently than we thought two years ago. I'll be praying for fruitful reflection on your part ... and for me as well.

See you (live) in church,

Pastor Ross



Volunteer Steward Message

Welcome to Spring!

Easter will be here before we know it, and with the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, comes a feeling of rebirth. All is again right with the world.

As the temperatures keep climbing, it will feel good to be outside. I love this time of year with the budding of the trees, and seeing a few hardy flowers poking through.

I've been seeing more people in church services, committees are getting back to meeting in person, and many of our ministries are active again. We held new member classes and had a normal Pub Theology in March. And, we are having a luncheon for our Sages this month.

Lydia's Closet continues to provide clothing to those in need and there is a dedicated group of volunteers who takes the extra bags of clothing to Community Aid, from whom we receive compensation. We have a volunteer who gathers the food from the grocery carts and takes it to the Food Bank on a regular basis.

What do all of these things have in common? They are all ways you can participate in the ministries provided by St. Peter's.

Have you checked the St. Peter's calendar lately? How about the announcement page on the website? It is full of opportunities to participate in everything from social gatherings, educational groups and chances to help support your church.

Is there a group from church that has had some type of impact on your life? Have you received a card, a phone call, a visit from a member of St. Peter's? All of these activities fall under Pastoral Care. This dedicated group reaches out to our members for everything from an illness to providing home communion. There are other members who provide birthday cards to our sages and thank you notes for a job well done. Consider giving a few hours a month to help support some of your members in a way that fits your talents.

Our Sunday morning worship services are in need of volunteers. On any given Sunday, we require helpers for: greeters, welcome center, acolytes, ushers, lectors, communion assistants, AV/Lighting, altar guild and others. It's a small commitment of time, but infinitely necessary in presenting the Word to the congregation. Please consider helping.

Each of these volunteer activities fills a vital mission for your church. I feel so blessed to have them working, praying and providing for all of us!

There are many other volunteer opportunities to explore. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward
Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

Communication Coordinator Position Available

We are seeking a part-time communication coordinator for St. Peter's.

Primary function is to work with staff and volunteers to implement and coordinate best practices in digital and print communication in order to raise awareness of St. Peter's ministries.

The job will be 10-12 hours per week. This is a paid position.

Job responsibilities include:

- Manage and maintain church website and social media platforms
- Design and create ads
- Update church digital sign
- Edit weekly E-news
- Coordinate and troubleshoot Sunday morning livestream services

If you are interested in the job and would like more information, please contact Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward, betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org.



Volunteer Recognition Reception

Please mark your calendar with a “save the date” for May 1st. You will want to be here to be celebrated! We will be hosting a Volunteer Recognition reception between the services to acknowledge your commitment and service to St. Peter’s.

Volunteer Recognition

I wanted to take a moment to let you know your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated here at St. Peter’s. You have taken time from the busyness of your own schedules to participate in all of our ministry opportunities. While the church has benefited from your service, your commitment to your faith through your works cannot be overlooked.

At times it may seem that much of the work is “behind the scenes” and no one really cares, but this is so far from the truth. I must emphasize how our lives of service can have a tremendous impact on the world around us.

Matthew 5: 16- In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

You have helped to see that our church fulfills its mission, vision, and values. Your willingness to use your time and talent has strengthened the ministry of our church community. With each minute you spend giving of yourself to St. Peter’s, you are reinforcing the bonds of our congregation.

For all your time, effort, work and prayers, please accept the thanks and appreciation of this church, its leaders and staff, and me. You are truly a blessing to this congregation.



With Sincere Gratitude,

Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward
Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

To the world you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world. *Dr. Seuss*



Something New to Try



Did you ever wonder how during the service the lights go on and off? Or how we hear the pastors and lectors? It’s possible that you don’t know we have an AV room in the back of the sanctuary where all the magic happens. Well, actually, it’s not magic. It’s just a few buttons and switches that need to be adjusted during the service. We are actively recruiting people to work in the AV room during the services. You will be trained by a seasoned volunteer until you feel comfortable doing it alone. There are also clear written instructions. If you can use the remote for your TV, you can easily handle this job! Please contact Bob Preston to hear more! rpreston1609@comcast.net



ST. PETER'S KIDS

Dear Families,

April has arrived bringing lots of sunshine, warmer weather, and hope in the resurrection!!

We have lots of activities planned for our children during this month:

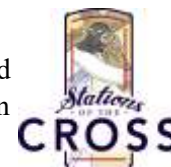


Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Rain date Saturday, April 16th) We will have an appearance by the Easter bunny, a puppet show, crafts, and, of course, the egg hunt! Pre-registration is required: <https://stpeterslutheran.org/easter-egg-hunt/>



Waffles and Worship - Friday, April 15th at 9:00 am This service is geared toward preschool and elementary families (K to grade 2). Experience the colors of Holy Week. Have a breakfast of waffles and journey through the stations of crafts and activities. RSVP with the number of children and adults attending to Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org

Children's Stations of the Cross – Friday, April 15th at 12:00 noon Journey with Jesus on Good Friday. This service explores the seven stations of the cross in simpler terms so those of all ages can better understand the journey of Jesus.



First Communion Instruction – Sunday, April 3rd from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. It is for children in grades 1 through 3. However, any child who can appropriately connect to the Holy Sacrament is welcome. RSVP to Cindy Geesey at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org



First Communion – Easter Sunday, April 17th, at all services for those children who have received the instruction.

There will be no Sunday School on April 10th or April 17th.

As always, 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.

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...



Sunday, April 3rd – Youth Easter Egg Hunt for grades 5-12 – 5:00 -7:00 p.m. We will have a pizza dinner, then an egg hunt and Easter Games! Sign up to bring food items at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4aaea723a4f94-april>

Saturday, April 9th – Youth help needed at our children's egg hunt – 9:00 a.m. to help hide eggs, to help with crafts and taking groups to find eggs. Contact Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org or Cindy Geesey at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org if you can help. Donuts and drink will be provided for our youth helpers!

Reminder – NO Sunday School on Palm Sunday, April 10th and Easter Sunday, April 17th.

Please contact Sister Dottie if you have any questions at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org.



Summer Events

2022 Summer Confirmation Camp (grades 6 through 9) – June 19th through 25th at Camp Kirchenwald. We will join youth from other area Lancaster County Churches. Our theme will be based on the difficult Bible stories. Cost is \$100 for the week. Contact Sister Dottie for more information. Sister Dottie will be staying for the week.

St. Peter's Preschool



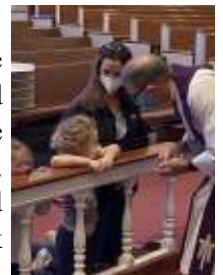
Can you believe we only have 6 weeks of school left?!? March was full of celebrations including Dr. Seuss's birthday, St. Patrick's Day and Mardi Gras. We spent time discussing our 5 Senses, our favorite books and trying to guess who our weekly "Mystery Readers" might be. Pastor Ross and Sister Dottie held a special Ash Wednesday program for our friends from Prayground and their parents. We learned about Lent with Sister Dottie and shared a special treat on March 7th for the beginning of the Greek Orthodox Lent season.



Preschool Prayground Happenings....



Our Prayground children and their families had the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday with Pastor Ross. We buried the Alleluias and they remind us that this word is banned until Easter! We will be discussing Lent and what happened to Jesus during Holy Week. Prayground is an optional after preschool Christian Education program and all of our preschoolers are invited to participate in all of our Holy Week events.



We only have a few spots left for the 2022-23 school year. If you need an application or have any questions please contact me!

Heather Cramer
St. Peter's Preschool Director
heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org



Groups and Events

50+ Group — **Thursday, April 7th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Chapel, Pastor Russell Rockwell will be our guest speaker. His topic will be on dogs he has owned. He may add other topics to his discussion. We will follow current COVID protocols. If you have any questions contact Debra Shue at 717-318-8848 or djshue52@comcast.net.

WELCA — **Come to the April 14th WELCA meeting!** After a light breakfast Pastor Ross will complete his very interesting presentation on Life and the End of Life Issues. All women are welcome. Also, bring any items you have collected for the Local Kits or the Personal Care Kits. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 717-569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 717-371-7296.

Widows Group — Our meetings are continuing at St. Peter's. The next meeting will be on April 26th at 11:00 a.m. and it will be held at a restaurant (to be determined). Meetings last about one hour and 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 Book Club — **Please note the date change.** Moral Monday Book Club will be held on April 4th at 7:00 p.m. This will be virtual or in the narthex depending on how our COVID numbers are. This month we will be discussing Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman. This book, published in 1949, was influential during the civil rights movement in the 1960's. It's quite a short book but packed with valuable information that we can find helpful in the 2020's. Please contact Molly Olmsted at astaloo@me.com if you're able to join.

St. Peter's Softball — Do you like to play softball? St. Peter's Softball Team is back! Games run from the middle of April into July on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The league is co-ed and is open to anyone over the age of 16. If you are interested in playing softball this year, please contact Jamie Rottmund at jrottmund@gmail.com or 717-286-3688.

Camp Corner

As you're planning your summers, please consider sending your kids to summer camp at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa. There are various themes at camp, including ultimate sports, water adventure, arts and crafts, and more! Why not encourage your kids to go to a camp this summer where they will experience nature, make friends, and create memories all in a Christ-focused place? Employment opportunities are also available for ages 15 and up. These positions are residential and include room and board. Discounts available for signing up before April 2 (\$15) and for mentioning you're part of St. Peter's (\$20). St. Peter's also offers \$75 for any member who attends camp this summer. That's over \$100 in savings! (If cost is an issue, please see Sister Dottie or fill out the Campership form on the camp website. More monies are available.) <https://www.lutherancamping.org/> Please contact me with any questions. joy@hoslerfamily.net Thanks! Joy Hosler



Upcoming Events:

April 10: Camp Open House – camp is open to meet the counselors, explore the facilities, and ask questions of the director (Kirchenwald & Nawakwa)

April 24: Earth Day Celebration—camp is open to hike, enjoy nature, create a craft (Kirchenwald)

April 29-30: Men's Retreat—men ages 18 and up (15+ with another adult) spend time in the great outdoors, in fellowship, and in Bible study (Kirchenwald).

April Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
4/17	All Deliver—Easter	All Receive
4/24	None	None



Worship Assistant Schedule for April

	LECTORS	GREETERS	USHERS	WELCOME CENTER
April 3 8:00 a.m.	Larry Wilcox	Stephen & Diane Gegg	Tom Rothfus, Liz O'Brien	Christine Ponti
10:45 a.m.	Russell Vollmer	Paul & Tricia Hough	Dan & Karen Beck	Clarence Simon
April 10 Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Mark Burkholder	John & Kathy Burke	Thompson & Betsy McConnell	Bob & Edee Bedford
10:45 a.m.	Karen Feldt	Dan & Karen Beck	Nancy & Sam Beauregard	Art & Libby Stoner
April 14 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Craig Boyhont	Scott Glassford	TBA	Sherry Weller
April 15 Good Friday 7:00 p.m.	Greg Strausser	Alan & Beverly Swanson	TBA	Shirley Dombach
April 16 Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m.	Judy Logan	Gary & Dawn Troxell	TBA	Richard & Ann Larrick
April 17 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Susan Ketchum	Thomas Rothfus	Eric May, Cindy Miley	John & Kathy Burke
10:45 a.m.	John Ford	Dick & Loretta Chubb	TBA	Mark & Darla Cardin
April 24 8:00 a.m.	Eric May	Randy & Susan Ketchum	John Kerchner	Susie Roderick
10:45 a.m.	Gary Troxell	Gerald & Bonnie Detz	Jeff & Anneliese Owen	Dave & Lis Wolf

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Worship Participant Schedulers		
Altar Guild	Debbie Shue	djshue52@comcast.net
A/V	Bill Schlener	billschlener@comcast.net
Communion Assistants	Karen Peiffer	kpeiffer13@comcast.net
Flower Delivery	Christine Smith	cjsmith1984@gmail.com
Greeters	Vicki Legath	Vicki.legath@gmail.com
Lectors	Thompson McConnell	thompsonmccConnell42@gmail.com
Ushers	Nancy Beauregard	rigger1564@comcast.net
Welcome Center	Jamie Rottmund	jrottmund@gmail.com

Worship Assistant Schedule for April (continued)

	A/V	COMMUNION	ALTAR GUILD	ALTAR
April 3 8:00 a.m.	Mark Burkholder	Karen Peiffer Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Debbie Shue	Phyllis Hollinger
10:45 a.m.	Dave Tilley	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
April 10 Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Tom Chever	Diane Gegg Bret Hoffmaster	-	-
10:45 a.m.	Bob Preston	Mindy Rottmund Shirley Gorner	Lori Weaver	Peggy Stauffer Beverly Swanson
April 14 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Tom Badorf	Ginny Stickler	Debbie Shue	Debbie Shue Strip Altar: Pam Preston, Anneliese & Jeff Owen, Lois Vollmer
April 15 Good Friday 7:00 p.m.	Dave Tilley	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
April 16 Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m.	Bob Preston	Randy & Debbie Shue	Lori Weaver	Lori Weaver Redress Altar: Greg & Cindy Gillespie
April 17 Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Angela Moshos	Susan Ketchum Eric May	-	-
10:45 a.m.	Dave Tilley	Paul Berkebile Thompson McConnell	Debbie Shue	Lois Vollmer
April 24 8:00 a.m.	Mark Burkholder	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	Bob Preston	Clint Frontz Margaret Strausser	Debbie Shue	Cheryl Oeschger

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — APRIL 2022

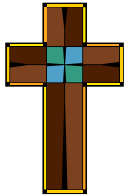
	April 3	April 10	April 17 Easter Sunday	April 24
Lector	Bob Preston	Cheryl Laub	Jenny Sassaman	James Moshos
Communion Assistant	Sharon Schaefer	Jenny Sassaman	Bill Sassaman	No Communion
Ushers	Mark & Sharon Schaefer	Brian & Brittney Booher	Heath & Anna Edelman	Bill Sassaman

EASTER FLOWERS & MEMORIAL GIFTS

Easter Flowers or a Memorial Gift may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Please fill out the form below and **return it to the church office by Monday, April 4.**

A listing for Flowers and Benevolence Gifts will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

MEMORIAL GIFT TO ST. PETER'S BENEVOLENCE FUND

\$_____ Gift Envelope # _____

Please check _____ in memory or _____ in honor

(Print name(s) of those to be honored or in memory of as you desire printed in the bulletin)

Given by

EASTER FLOWERS (assortment) all \$8.00 each



\$_____ Total Envelope #_____

Please check _____ in memory or _____ in honor

(Print name(s) of those to be honored or in memory of as you desire printed in the bulletin)

Given by

Please check: ☐ I will leave my plant to be delivered to a homebound member.

_____ I will pick up my plant.

_____ I will leave my plant to be placed on the grave of _____
at St. Peter's Cemetery.

(Flowers may be picked up after the 10:45 a.m. Service on Easter)

**Please return this form and check payable
to "St. Peter's Lutheran Church" no later than April 4.**



LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL CALENDAR

Friday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 2

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

12:30 p.m. - Tom Kenyon Visitation (Narthex)

1:00 p.m. - Tom Kenyon Funeral (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 3

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

8:30 a.m. - Outdoor Service (Parking lot)

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 & Communion (Family Life Center & Livestream)

12:00 p.m. - Communion Instruction (Café/Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. - Youth Group (FLC)

Monday, April 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. - Moral Mondays Book Club (Zoom)

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

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

Tuesday, April 5

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

Wednesday, April 6

8:00 a.m. - Lenten service (Portico)

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. - Lenten Service (Sanctuary)

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

Thursday, April 7

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

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

Friday, April 8

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

Saturday, April 9

10:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 10

Herald Deadline

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

9:15 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Parking Lot)

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)

Monday, April 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. - 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, April 12

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

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

Wednesday, April 13

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, April 14

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

11:00 a.m. - Sages Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 p.m. - Sages Reception (Narthex)

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 15

9:00 a.m. - Waffles & Worship (Café)

12:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary)

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

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Worship (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 16

7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 17

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

9:15 a.m. - Outdoor Service (Parking Lot)

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)



LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL CALENDAR

Monday, April 18

Church Office Closed

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

6:30 p.m. - Council Meeting (Conference Room)

7:00 p.m. - Moral Mondays Book Club (Zoom)

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

Tuesday, April 19

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

1:00 p.m. - Communication Committee (Zoom)

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

Wednesday, April 20

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & Zoom)

6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (TBD)

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

Friday, April 22

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

Sunday, April 24

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

8:30 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Parking Lot)

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, April 25

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

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

6:30 p.m. - Human Resources Committee (Zoom)

6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Room)

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

Tuesday, April 26

11:00 a.m. - Widows Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, April 27

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & Zoom)

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

Friday, April 29

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



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE APRIL 10TH

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

**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.