



"The Herald" Newsletter

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

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*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew
a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10*

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The Season of Lent Begins in March

Our Lenten journey begins this month with Ash Wednesday services on March 2nd and Sunday Lenten observance beginning on March 6th. We hope you will 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 on April 17th.

Lenten Series – The Lenten Game of Clue



Mid-Week Worship

Scripture is full of clues that allude to the identity of Jesus and his death and resurrection. – are we like those in the time of Jesus who often ignored the clues or simply didn't understand? Is the death and resurrection just something that happened in the past or do these stories still have meaning for us today?

March 9th – Matthew 2:1-12
(Not your typical baby gifts)

March 16th – John 1:29 – 35
(The Sacrificial Lamb)

March 23rd – John 2:13-22
(Raising the Temple in 3 days)

March 30 – John 12:1-8
(Anointed for Death)

April 6 – John 16:12- 23
(Death – the final mystery)

Services will be held 8:00 a.m. under the portico and again at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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March Worship Schedule

March 1 Shrove Tuesday

6:30 PM – Palm Burning Service under the Portico (Bring your 2021 Palms. Palms also available.)

March 2 Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM – Service of Communion & Imposition of Ashes in our church cemetery (62 Valley Rd.), Pastor Ross preaches

7:00 PM – Service of Communion & Imposition of Ashes in Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches



March 6 Lent 1

8:00 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches

10:45AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches

10:45AM – New Day Service of Communion in the FLC, Pastor Ross preaches



March 9 Mid-Week Lenten Services

8:00 AM – Outdoor service with Holy Communion under the Carport, Pastor Ross preaches

7:00 PM – Sanctuary service of Holy Communion, Pastor Ross preaches

March 13 Lent 2

8:00 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches

10:45AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches

10:45AM – New Day Service of the Word in the FLC, Sister Dottie preaches

March 16 Mid-Week Lenten Services

8:00 AM – Outdoor service with Holy Communion under the Carport, Sister Dottie preaches

7:00 PM – Sanctuary service of Holy Communion, Sister Dottie preaches

March 20 Lent 3

8:00 AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches

10:45AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches

10:45AM – New Day Service of Communion in the FLC, Pastor Ross preaches

March 23 Mid-Week Lenten Services

8:00 AM – Outdoor service with Holy Communion under the Carport, Pastor Ross preaches

7:00 PM – Sanctuary service of Holy Communion, Pastor Ross preaches

March 27 Lent 4

8:00 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches

10:45AM – Service of Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches

10:45AM – New Day Service of the Word in the FLC, Sister Dottie preaches

March 30 Mid-Week Lenten Services

8:00 AM – Outdoor service with Holy Communion under the Carport, Sister Dottie preaches

7:00 PM – Sanctuary service of Holy Communion, Sister Dottie preaches

Shrove Tuesday Palm Burning



We will gather safely (social distancing) on Shrove Tuesday for our brief Palm Burning liturgy on March 1st at 6:30 p.m. under and around the portico at the entrance to the church building. If you have palms in your house from previous years, bring them along. If not, we will have pre-filled bags of palms you can pick up for your family to toss into the Shrove Tuesday fire. The palms that are burned will be used in our two Ash Wednesday services on March 2nd.

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022



St. Peter's will offer two worship opportunities to mark Ash Wednesday this year. We will have an outdoor worship service at 8:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Cemetery at 62 Valley Road. We will also have an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We hope that with these two offerings you will be able to join your community of faith, as we begin our Lenten journey.



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>.

Thank You For Your Financial Support

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you, from your Congregation Council, Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee and Church Staff for your faithful and consistent financial stewardship. Your willingness to consistently mail in offerings, use our online giving platforms of Tithe.ly or Simply Giving, place your offerings in the plate on Sunday mornings, drop envelopes at the office or donate automatically through your financial institution, have enabled us to meet the obligations of our congregational budget, meet all of our benevolent commitments to local, national and global ministry partners, and make significant additional gifts to a variety of local ministries that have been especially challenged by the pandemic.

Please continue to help us continue our solid financial start for the year through your continued faithfulness in stewardship. If you have yet to pick up your envelopes, please call the church office (717-569-9211) and stop by to get them – they are in the narthex on tables. If you would like information about our online giving platforms, please call the church office for information. If you are now primarily using an online platform to donate, and no longer need your boxed giving envelopes, please call the Church Office and leave a message for our financial secretaries to assign you a digital giving offering number.

Thank you for being the “cheerful givers” that St. Paul identifies in his second letter to the Corinthian church (2 Cor. 9:7).



Mission Campaign

St. Peter's Family,

As of January 24, 105 households have supported the *Faith in Our Future* campaign, pledging treasures totaling \$940,080! These treasures include \$425,207 in pledge payments and outright gifts. To date, Congregation Council has received access to \$380,000 in contributed funds that are already being put to good use. You can continue to monitor progress 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.

Like many of you, we anxiously await spring -- and not only for temperatures above 30 degrees! Warmer days will allow our outdoor facilities projects, namely our parking lot repairs, to get underway. With the warmer weather, we also hope to see more of you in church each Sunday. This pandemic has certainly disrupted our church life, but we are committed to continuing the momentum around our campaign!

As soon as we can gather more comfortably in person, we plan to celebrate our campaign success to-date, and talk more about the second half of the campaign, where we will focus on broadening our mission impact.

Again, we 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)

Church Council Meeting Minutes Available

During the February council meeting, the January 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.

Safe Church Updates



Beginning on Ash Wednesday, (March 2) we will be relaxing the building mask requirement for all **Vaccinated** persons only. We are still requiring our kids 5 and under who have not had the chance to receive a vaccine to continue to mask. Masks will still be required for singing in worship. In the event there is a spike in cases, we may decide to go back to the mask requirement.

We plan to return to Sunday outdoor worship as soon as the weather cooperates and we continue to offer two livestream options. We hope that people with pre-existing conditions or those not feeling 100% still wear a mask. Masking is still a good defense against the spread of Covid. We recognize that many in our community will continue to wear masks, even if they are vaccinated and we need to be respectful of their health concerns as well. If someone asks us to mask in a meeting, please be considerate and wear a mask – we don't know what others' medical conditions may be and this is a small way we can protect those around us.

We will continue to monitor the numbers and outbreaks. We are hoping that we can continue to move in a positive direction as it pertains to our ministries that have been affected by this pandemic.

Adult Christian Education

Weekdays

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

This month we continue our journey through our “Women of the Bible” series. Tune in to talk about **Chloe ... and Mary & Martha of Bethany ... and Abigail ... Tamar ... Delilah ... Bathsheba ...** maybe even the **Witch of Endor**. Join us if you are curious. 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.



March Pub Theology – Due to the Wednesday Lenten services, our March Pub Theology will take place on Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at Uncommon Pizza and discuss the Saints of the Lutheran Church – who are they and why do they matter???

Please contact Sister Dottie for more information. (dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org)

From the Archives

Lancaster Intelligencer – March 13, 1920 – A sauerkraut supper will be given in the basement of St. Peter’s Lutheran church at Neffsville on Saturday from 3 to 8 o’clock. The affair is under the auspices of the Ladies’ Aid Society. Besides the regular supper, oysters, cakes and ice cream will be served.

Lancaster New Era – March 5, 1920 – The funeral of Martin B. Hollinger of Lancaster, formerly of Neffsville was held in the Lutheran church on Monday. Mr. Hollinger carried on the business of coach-making while in the vicinity. The funeral was well attended.

Social Ministry

Community Meal Day

Community meals are continuing twice a month and are serving 65 meals each time. March Community Meals will be Wednesdays, March 2nd and 9th at Grace Lutheran Church from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. For more information about volunteering, please contact Kathy Berkebile at kberkebile@comcast.net.



Community Meal



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

Lydia’s Closet Clothing Bank will be open on Saturday, March 5th 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).

New Member Classes: March 20 & March 27



We will be having classes for visitors who are considering becoming members of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church. Classes will gather at 9:15 a.m. on March 20th and 27th. The first session will focus on meeting the pastor and fellow new members. The second session will focus on ministries of the church as well as getting connected to members of the St. Peter’s family. Interested? Contact Pastor Craig Ross, craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org or call the church at (717) 569-9211.

Prayer Chain Ministry

If, during Lent, you have decided to increase your prayer life, why not consider joining the Prayer Chain and pray for your church family and their friends as they have needs? You will receive the requests as we receive them, either by email or a phone call. You pray the request for one week. If you have any interest, please contact either Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406 for more information and to sign up! We would love to have you join us in this very important ministry!



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

Health & Wellness

SLEEP AWARENESS



Launched in 1998, Sleep Awareness Week in March is a national public education campaign that celebrates sleep health and encourages the public to prioritize sleep to improve health and well-being. It shouldn't surprise anyone that there are areas of concern impacted by poor sleep.

Drowsy Driving – responsible for more than 6400 US deaths annually.

Workplace – Sleep-deprived employees are 70% more likely to be involved in a workplace accident. Poor sleep leads to slow reaction times, lapses of attention, errors of omission, problem-solving ability and decreased productivity.

School start times – many adolescents are sleep deprived. The National Sleep Foundation is championing awareness on the importance of sleep health, and making efforts to adopt permanent Standard Time (because of its alignment with our circadian biology).

Older populations & Long-term care – Nighttime sleep disruption is a common characteristic of long-term care residents. Often, older populations have other conditions that impact their sleep. Lack of sleep or disruptive sleep impacts their overall health.

To promote better sleep, try to foster these healthy habits:

- Build a sleep routine, including going to bed/getting up at the same time each day, regardless of the day of the week.
- Regularly exercise during the day, (not prior to bed). It will help your body relax throughout the day & at bedtime.
- Finish eating 2-3 hrs before bed & limit caffeine.
- Remove distractions from the bedroom (TV, tablets & phones, due to blue light).
- Invest in a good mattress, pillows and sheets. They're worth it, to support your neck/spine & maintain an ideal body temp.
- Remove sources of noise (or subdue them with white noise, or a fan. Yes, snoring is included).
- If you're told you snore, and have periods where your breathing stops briefly, see your physician for evaluation.

Hopefully you can incorporate these habits into your day/night. Let's face it, there's nothing like a good night's sleep.

“In Touch” Ministry



The “In Touch” Card Team Ministry is looking for volunteers to join in making and sending cards to Church members. Please contact Movita Groff 717-569-0101 or Ann Larrick 717-569-4448 if you can help in this very important ministry.

Administratively Speaking ...



This issue I dedicate to the memory of your Property Committee Chair and my friend, **Carville “Bud” Benton** who died in the service of His Lord on February 14, 2022, here at St. Peter’s.

I started as your Parish Administrator on March 24, 2021. Right from the start I could see that Bud was a great leader and was exceptionally organized. I could see that he loved this church and our Lord deeply. He mapped out every project that needed to be done like a military general plans for a battle. Obviously, a skill he learned in the military in Vietnam and later through years of experience as a project leader at the defense contractor, Lockheed Martin.

The first project I observed as a participant was the church mulch day in May of 2021. Bud was the first to arrive and the last to leave that day. We spread 43+ scoops of mulch

around the church. Bud did not just stand around and give orders; no, he grabbed a rake and a pitchfork and worked four hours like many others who participated that day.



This was not unusual for Bud. I would mention a problem to Bud and the next thing I knew, Bud was walking through my door in his work clothes ready to get to work. One day I heard a knock on my outside window. It was Bud, ready to replace the worn-out window weather stripping on office windows after I told him staff were stuffing plastic bags under them to keep the cold air out. That’s the kind of man and leader he was.



In just 11 months Bud had become my friend as well. As we worked together on planning projects, he would share with me just a glimpse of who he was and what he had done in his career. I enjoyed those times and will miss them deeply.

I could go on about my reflections of Bud but I will end this sad memorial with a funny story Bud told me about his time in Vietnam. He told me that the barracks had a problem with rats...so, he and his buddies found a boa constrictor and made it their pet to take care of the rat problem. However, one day a new guy was getting into bed and guess what he found? Yep, a curled-up snake waiting for him. Bud’s commanding officer told Bud “get rid of the snake!” Such was life in the jungles of Vietnam.

If you are seeking a way to honor Bud’s memory, consider joining the Master’s Men (still no women yet) and volunteer to help with projects and repairs. Bud did not work alone. He had a great and very active Property Committee, some of whom I see at church a few times a week. I want to thank Mark Aho for stepping forward to take on project management of two large projects planned for 2022 – re-landscaping around the church and in parking lot beds and the repaving of the parking lot. Now, please be in earnest prayer for a new Property Committee Chair. The Property Committee is devastated by the loss of our leader and friend and sends its heart-felt condolences to the Benton family.



Paul Schultz

Parish Administrator

2021 Financial Summary

Paul Schultz, Parish Administrator started March 21. His accomplishments and process changes during 2021 included:

- Automatic payments set up for recurring bills like utilities and insurance.
- Investment/Gift Clearing Account set up as approved by Council to receive and liquidate non-endowment donations of stock, bonds, and mutual funds.
- New independent accounting firm was hired to complete the 2020 compilation to meet Fulton Bank's stipulations.
- Worker's Compensation audit completed. Refund of \$1,350 due to Paul's research and documentation regarding church and preschool closure during 2020/21 school year.
- Recommended that Finance Committee moved to 2nd Monday, and Council moved to 3rd Monday so that financial statements could be reviewed and approved by Finance Committee, PRIOR to Council meeting.
- Proper approval of Finance Committee minutes, with appropriate motions for all necessary approvals by Finance Committee in order to pass to Council for final approval.

2020 Compilation completed by a newly selected independent accounting firm (Walz Group) in July 2021. Changes to financial statements:

- 2020 Heating/ cooling rooftop units purchase moved to Assets.
- Donor designated donations for special ministry areas (like Mission Ministry) classified as a Donor Restricted Net Asset (surplus) at end of the calendar year so that funds can be spent the following year, as donors intended.
- St. Peter's is the chartering church for the Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops that meet at St. Peter's. Due to bankruptcy of PA Dutch Council, their funds and assets belong to St. Peter's, and therefore, we are responsible for their finances. Paul Schultz and Terry McGuigan worked with the scoutmasters to create proper processes for review, reconciliations, and proper financial accountability.

Other

- Payroll Protection Program (PPP) government loan was forgiven March 2021. The revenue and expenses for the PPP were charged to 2020, even though loan was forgiven in 2021.
- Church reimbursed for all prepaid mission campaign expenses.
- Fixed rate Commercial Loan for 2005 building mortgage was refinanced in February 2021 to 3.85% - \$1,728 savings per month
- ECFA (Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability) membership application submitted. A Christian member organization which will be a sign to membership that church is correctly receiving and spending your donations.
- All financial-related discussions will remain on Finance Committee agenda until topic is thoroughly discussed, resolved, and/or approved, then forwarded to Council review.
- Maintenance of vicarage house conducted, which included a new roof and a radon fan.

2021 Pre-Compilation Year-end Financial Statements

- Electronic Giving 2021 - 52% of Total Offering/Debt Reduction
- Total 2021 Offerings received were 92% of budgeted offering; Weekly offerings 97% & Special offerings, which includes plate offerings were 24% of budget.
- Debt reduction income was 103% of budget.
- Net Profit \$176,912 (after Mission Campaign removed); includes \$137,378 from endowment gains.

Preschool -

- Heather Kramer, Director
- 64 students, 12 staff, mornings only (smaller school than pre-pandemic)
- New lunch program called **Prayground** which is a ministry driven lunch and learn environment.
- Preschool scholarship fund was established with Hirko \$5,000 donation to help families with preschool tuition, as needed. Funds are restricted. Total donations \$5,300. \$1,000 expended for scholarships in 2021.
- Preschool committee formed to include HR, Property, Finance, and Preschool Committee members.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF 2021 (pre-audit)

negative diff: actual less than budget

	2020	2021	2021	
	YTD	YTD	YTD	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Diff YTD
Weekly Offering Income	855,961	861,423	889,878	(28,455)
Special Offering Income	30,558	16,782	68,705	(51,923)

Offering Income Totals	\$ 886,519	\$ 878,205	\$ 958,583	\$ (80,378)
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Debt Reduction Income	\$ 162,828	175,878	170,762	5,116
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$ (79,334)	(83,811)	(164,265)	80,454
Income less Expense	\$ 83,494	\$ 92,066	\$ 6,497	\$ 85,569
Other Income	303,145	297,910	188,128	109,782
Gen Fund Expenses	(1,015,478)	(1,091,270)	(1,153,207)	61,937
Income less Expense	\$ 1,318,623	\$ 1,389,179	\$ 1,341,335	\$ 47,844

Total Income	1,403,672	1,766,255	1,317,473	448,782
Total Expense	(1,094,812)	(1,264,098)	(1,317,472)	53,374
INCOME less EXPENSE	\$ 308,860	\$ 502,157	\$ 1	\$ 502,156

Summary: YTD Net Income is \$502,157 > Budget

Mission Campaign

Mission Campaign- Rev	\$ 51,180	414,262	\$ -
Mission Campaign- exp *	\$ -	(89,017)	\$ -
Net for 2021	\$ 51,180	\$ 325,245	\$ -

Net after Mission Campaign \$ 257,680 \$ 176,912

* **Mission Campaign expenses in 2020:** Note that \$133,000 for rooftop heating/cooling equipment was purchased as an asset rather than an expense per accounting rules. This is not shown above.

Preschool Operation

	2020	2021	2021	
	YTD	YTD	YTD	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Diff YTD
PRESCHOOL - Income	\$ 60,114	100,051	73,261	26,790
PRESCHOOL - Expenses	\$ (177,106)	(85,546)	(73,261)	(12,285)
Income less Expense	\$ (116,992)	\$ 14,505	\$ -	\$ 14,505

Pandemic year

School closed in
March

FINANCIAL SUMMARY of JANUARY 2022

negative diff: actual less than budget

	2021	2022	2022	
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Diff YTD
Weekly Offering Income	59,413	69,836	76,175	(6,338)
Special Offering Income	165	663	23,483	(22,820)

Offering Income Totals	\$ 59,578	\$ 70,499	\$ 99,658	\$ (29,158)
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Debt Reduction Income	\$ 12,593	12,476	27,492	(15,016)
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$ (13,539)	(5,901)	(21,060)	15,159
Income less Expense	\$ (946)	\$ 6,575	\$ 6,432	\$ 143
Other Income	7,473	6,376	13,263	(6,887)
Gen Fund Expenses	(105,927)	(71,058)	(152,770)	81,712
Income less Expense	\$ 113,400	\$ 77,433	\$ 166,033	\$ (88,600)

Total Income	79,644	99,002	140,413	(41,410)
Total Expense	(128,840)	(81,444)	(173,829)	92,385
INCOME less EXPENSE	\$ (49,196)	\$ 17,558	\$ (33,417)	\$ 50,975

Mission Campaign

Mission Campaign- Rev	\$ -	9,651	\$ -
Mission Campaign- exp	\$ (9,374)	(4,486)	\$ -
Net	\$ (9,374)	\$ 5,165	\$ -

Net after Mission Cam- \$ (39,822) \$ 12,393

Preschool Operation

	2021	2022	2022	
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Diff YTD
PRESCHOOL - Income	\$ (1,499)	16,866	12,596	4,270
PRESCHOOL - Expenses	\$ (4,745)	(10,502)	(17,211)	6,709
Income less Expense	\$ (6,244)	\$ 6,364	\$ (4,615)	\$ 10,979

Pandemic year
School closed in
March 2020.
Reopened Sept 2021



MUSIC News



Worship Leadership Schedule

Sunday	8:00	10:45
Mar. 2	No Choirs	(7:00pm) Herald Choir
Mar. 6	No Choirs	Youth Choir
Mar. 13	No Choirs	Herald Choir
Mar. 20	No Choirs	Herald Choir
Mar. 27	Exsultate Ringers, Children's Choir	Herald Choir

Musical Arts – Sunday, March 27, 2022, 4:00 p.m. – Principally Harps, Harp Duo

On Sunday, March 27th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., St. Peter's Musical Arts concert series presents Mindy Cutcher, principal harpist for the PA Ballet Orchestra, and Janet Witman, principal harpist with the Kennett Symphony. These two fabulous musicians will present a concert of duet harp music, an oft overlooked orchestral instrument, in our beautiful space. Free to all; bring a mask.

Children and Youth Music on Sunday Morning

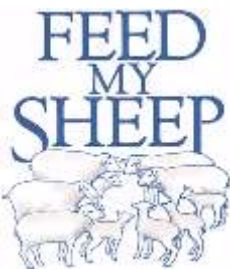
After many, many pivots with children's and youth choirs this year, St. Peter's children and youth are going to move to making music during Sunday school. Children 1st through 4th grade will sing songs with the Director of Music in the Family Life Center at the start of Sunday School. Youth 5th through 8th grade will sing songs with the Director of Music either in Augsburg Alley or in the music room, depending on instrument needs, near the end of Sunday school time. Thank you for your patience and we hope that this plan will allow for the best experience for all of our young believers!

Mid-week Lenten Services

Come to our mid-week Lenten series under the Portico at 8:00 a.m. or in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. We'll be reading, singing, and thinking about the clues Jesus gave the disciples about his death and resurrection.

Masks Optional, Except for Singing

You'll notice that the church's mask policy is relaxing a bit as we come out of this most recent spike in Covid cases. You may wonder, why are we masking while singing? The extra airflow associated with singing has been associated with higher probabilities of spreading Covid. While we are doing much better than we were in the dead of winter, we are taking measured steps toward relaxing our mitigation practices here at St. Peter's. We're starting with lessening the masking. As long as cases continue to trend downward, the worship committee, church council, safe church committee, and worship staff will continue to speak weekly about what our practices should be. As always, if you have comments to share, please share them with the church council, worship committee, safe church committee, Pastor Ross, Sister Dottie or the Director of Music, Adam Lefever Hughes.



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in March: *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!***



Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

Sometimes our perspective on the world around us is too short-sighted. "Living in the moment" is sage advice when it comes to enjoying the experiences that unfold before you each day. But when that perspective loses track of where we have come from and where we are going, we are at risk of under-appreciating the moment of time in which we live. And we are at risk of forgetting those places from which we have emerged in life, and the places which await us on the horizon. Moments in time like this, lead to a lot of frustration in our world and in our lives.

As I write to you in March of 2022, we are tired of wearing masks, as we begin a third yearly cycle in the Covid world. We are frustrated with continued restrictions on our freedoms, and are sometimes angry at those who orchestrate those restrictions because of their bestowed authority in the communities they lead. I have the privilege of seeing that frustration from both sides. I do have some modest authority along with other staff members and lay leaders at St. Peter's, to advise what we collectively believe is good and sensible safe practice in our church gatherings. But I also live in the larger communities of our city and state, in which others bear authority which both enables and restricts the choices I make in my personal and family life. SO I see the world through two different sets of lenses.

In that light, as we stand on the threshold of Lent 2022 ... I invite you to take a step back in time with me to the beginning of Lent 2021. We had no in-person worship inside our building as we began Lent last year. We had some modest outdoor worship services under our portico for those brave enough to tolerate the cold temperatures. But the majority of our worship was conducted via live stream. I did have a baptism for Easter Vigil last year ... but it was taped in the sanctuary with a very small gathering of the family members of our two baptismal candidates. My Wednesday Bible Study was led exclusively through Zoom, as were our Sunday adult education classes. Virtually all of our activities happened either remotely online, or in outdoor settings (and we were grateful for these gatherings, because in 2020, we were scared to have ANY in person gatherings). These were bleak days ... we were already a year into the pandemic, and I'm not sure that we felt that we had made much progress since the outbreak of Covid in Pennsylvania.

Standing in 2022, we are clearly in a better place. We have our three worship services in-person and in place again, even though our numbers are less. We have educational classes in person, which also in some cases allow remote learners to join. We have simplified the practice of our sacraments of communion and baptism ... but we do practice them in person and among our communities of faith. Groups are able to meet in the building again, if they are willing to abide by our guidelines about good practice. Visits are once again being made to the hospital and we are gradually returning to in person home-communion visits for those who are comfortable receiving those visits. And starting in March, with the onset of the Lenten season, we will ease our mask requirements inside the church building. We will still mask when singing, but with new case numbers continuing to drop, we feel comfortable allowing some moderation of mask usage for those comfortable with that practice.

There is much to be thankful for. Personally ... I am thankful for vaccines ... and I am thankful for those who recognize the value of those vaccines ... I am also thankful that most of you allow me to continue to wear my mask in many places and encounters in which I am not required to mask, but where I choose to mask, for the safety of my loved ones, and for those in the church community who may be at greater risk than me and with whom I have face-to-face contact. And I am grateful each and every time you make a choice to consider how your actions will affect those around you ... both those you love, and those you barely know.

We are in this together as the body of Christ. Yes, we are free as Americans to exercise lots of choices for which we do not need justification. "Inalienable rights" is the operative phrase, I believe. But we are also sisters and brothers in Christ, who are invited to curb our own freedoms for the good (and I would add) the safety of others. I, for one, am grateful to be a citizen of both this political kingdom and the faith community as well.

See you (live) in church,

Pastor Ross



Volunteer Steward Message

Happy March! So far, our snow totals have been minimal. I'm hopeful we can get through this month without any blizzard surprises.

We seemed to have turned the corner with Covid. Cases are continuing to drop and we should be able to be outside soon. It's always a good feeling to get out into the sunshine. We'll soon be getting our gardens ready for spring flowers and vegetables. For me, it's a time of renewal, with a feeling that all will soon be well with the world.

As you come back to in-person worship, have you noticed how the pews are starting to fill? It feels so good to be back in our community, seeing people we might not have seen for two years!

Many of our committees are up and running, and some are even meeting in person. The Quilters have been back in the building for a while, making warm quilts for people in need. Our Community Meals group continues to provide meals twice a month. The Tanzania Mission committee supports our companion congregation, Busoka Lutheran Church, and funds raised support the orphans, the church and the Busoka Community. The Communications committee is meeting monthly to share everything that is happening here. Have you checked the St. Peter's calendar lately? It is full of opportunities to participate in everything from social gatherings, educational groups and chances to help direct your church.



Is there a group that has had some type of impact on your life? My son had a serious injury last year. He was added to the Prayer Chain, and I believe with all those prayers, he was afforded the best outcome possible. I'm so thankful for the members who spend a few minutes each day praying for those in need. It's amazing to see all the repairs/fixes that our Property committee does for our building. I'm sure many of you have no idea the scope of their projects. Everything from changing lightbulbs in the sanctuary, which is no easy task, to fixing a running toilet to avoid the cost of a plumber. Who hasn't had sticker shock from an emergency plumber visit!

Each of these groups 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@stpeterslutheran.org

Betsy Linn
Volunteer Steward



Volunteer Recognition

Please mark your calendar with a "save the date" for May 1st. You will want to be here to be celebrated! There will be a Volunteer Recognition between the services. More info to come.

ST. PETER'S KIDS

Dear Families,



Welcome back! Sunday School has been up and running since February 6th! Our Sunday School schedule has returned to the pre-pandemic time schedule. It begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 10:15 a.m. PreK/K 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 continue to meet in the café with Megan Thompson as our lead teacher and Brett Miller (and daughter!) leading our games! In addition, Dr. Adam Lefever Hughes is leading the opening songs! 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 did a little “catch up” during the month of February. Since we didn’t want to skip over Epiphany, we had a lesson on Epiphany and The Wise Men on 2/6. The Beatitudes were the focus of the gospel lesson on 2/13, so we connected the Beatitudes with Loving God and Others and, of course, Valentines’ Day! We circled back to the Wedding at Cana on 2/20, and it was surprising to learn the perceptions of weddings from a child’s point of view! And then, Transfiguration Sunday was celebrated on February 27th.



Looking into March, our lesson topics include: Tempted, God’s Promise to Abram, the Parable of the Fig Tree, and the Prodigal Son. Each week after the story and lesson, we extend the learning to a related craft/s and games. Our goal is to enhance Christian education in a fun, learning, loving and safe environment. You can register for Sunday School by visiting <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/learn/>

On February 17th, our Children’s Ministry Committee held a zoom meeting with Christine Hofmann as our chair person. The primary purpose of the meeting was to plan for an Easter Egg hunt (stay tuned for dates and times) as well as Vacation Bible School this summer. Those events will be here before we know it! Please consider joining us. Many volunteers are needed.

We will offer **first communion instruction** to children and their parents on Sunday, April 3rd, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. I will meet with the children while their parents meet with Pastor Ross. A light lunch will be served. Children will then receive their first communion on Easter, Sunday, April 17th, at the service of choice. All children from kindergarten age and older are invited to attend this important milestone in their faith journey.



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...



March Youth Event:

Sunday, March 6th – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Grades 5-12

What does it feel like to be food insecure?



We will be having a “hands on” simulation on what it means to be food insecure. We will be breaking off into “families” and your family will go shopping with a certain amount of money to purchase food for a meal. We will talk about what it means to be “food insecure”.

Parents are needed to drive to the grocery store and to help in the kitchen. Contact Sr. Dottie if you can help out.

April Youth Events:

Sunday, April 3rd – Youth Easter Egg Hunt and Games– 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. – Grades 5-12

Pizza will be served –sign up on the link to bring drinks, chips, veggies and dessert. We will have an Egg Hunt and other “Easter” related activities. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4AAEA723A4F94-april>

Saturday, April 9th – Youth helpers needed for our children’s egg hunt. 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Watch for the Sign Up Genius to sign up to help out.



Lancaster Confirmation Camp for youth who will be going into grades 6-9 in the fall of 2022 — Join youth from other Lancaster Lutheran Churches at Camp Kirchenwald for a week of fun and learning! We will be looking at the Bible and many of the confusing stories that are in our scriptures. There will be hiking, swimming, cook outs and much more! Look for the information to be coming soon! Cost is \$100.00 for the week! Contact Sister Dottie for more details.

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

St. Peter’s Preschool



February flew by this year! Our students started the month with Groundhog Day and mixed feelings over his longer winter prediction. February 1st was the beginning of National Children’s Dental Health Week. We were lucky to have Steph Wertz come in from Sunshine Pediatric Dentistry and teach us some ways to keep our teeth and mouth healthy. Some other things the children celebrated in February were “Twosday”, Valentine’s Day, President’s Day and our favorite - Sister Dottie’s birthday!

Our teachers were busy with all of the above celebrations and still managed to fit in a great training opportunity. Our staff attends Manheim Township School District’s Early Learning Exchange, which meets 3 times a year, to discuss ways we can help our students. This month we were placed in different kindergarten classrooms to observe and collect ideas to help our students be better prepared for kindergarten.

We also completed our parent/teacher chats and welcomed 2 new Millersville students. Enrollment material went out to the public on February 1st and we are almost full for next school year. Please contact me with any questions regarding our program or enrollment for next year.

If you have any questions or would like to set up a tour, please contact our director, Heather Cramer. heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org

Heather Cramer, St. Peter’s Preschool Director



Groups and Events

50+ Group — During our 50+ meetings we heard about walking tours and a cemetery tour with Robert Frick. The cemetery tour is in conjunction with the Parish Resource Center and is being held June 16th at 8:30 a.m. A bus will leave from their location at 2160 Lincoln Highway E. past the East Town Shopping Center. The cost is \$45 and you can register by calling them at 717-299-1113. Bob also mentioned that he is part of the downtown Lancaster walking tour which happens every day Wednesday through Sunday at 1:00 p.m. He would be happy to serve as our guide if we make arrangements with him. The cost would be \$7 for seniors, \$8 for others and \$1 for children. Please let me know if you are interested in a custom tour. Contact Debra Shue at 717-318-8848 or at DJShue52@comcast.net.

Upcoming 50+ Group Speakers — **Thursday, March 3rd at 1:00 p.m.** in the Chapel, Pastor Ross will be our guest speaker.. His topic will be “Lent and Holy Week Traditions” and we will follow current Covid protocols.

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 join us at our March 10th WELCA meeting.** After a light breakfast, Adam Lefever Hughes will present an informative program discussing The Church Year. 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 March 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in the Café. Meetings last about one 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 Book Club — Our next meeting will be held on March 21st 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 1960s. It's quite a short book but packed with valuable information that we can find helpful in the 2020s. Please contact Molly Olmsted at astaloo@me.com if you're able to join.



Summer Camping Corner — Is your child or youth interested in attending church camp this summer? St. Peter's offers a \$75 scholarship per child to Nawakwa or Kirchenwald to help offset the cost. Contact Sister Dottie for more details.



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.

Updates To The Church Directory

Last Call! A new directory will be released in the beginning of March. 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 information 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, as it is significant to our future! Feel free to contact me with any questions at Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

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.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13th!

Make sure you move your clocks forward one hour
before you retire on Saturday night, March 12th.

Don't be late for church!



NewsLetter DEADLine

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MARCH 10TH

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



PLEASE HELP SAVE MAILING COSTS!!!!

PLEASE CONSIDER signing up to receive the online version of the "Herald" Newsletter and help us save on our mailing costs. Contact Sandy Shattuck in the Church Office at 717-569-9211 or sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org to sign up and start receiving the "Herald" by email.



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Worship Assistant Schedule for March

	LECTORS	GREETERS	USHERS	WELCOME CENTER
March 2 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	Thompson McConnell	Russ & Lois Vollmer	The McConnell Family	Christine Ponti
March 6 8:00 a.m.	Patti Courtois	Brent & Susan Bearinger	Bob Courtois Cindy Miley	TBA
10:45 a.m.	Margaret Strausser	Bob & Shirley Gorner	Alan & Beverly Swanson	James & Martha Fulmer
March 13 8:00 a.m.	Stephanie Gerber	Janis Sharkey	Steve Gegg	Susie Roderick
10:45 a.m.	Jim Gotwald	Alan & Beverly Swanson	Dan & Karen Beck	Sherry Weller
March 20 8:00 a.m.	Ann Marie Strubel	Andrea Sherman	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger	Mary Ann Oberholtzer
10:45 a.m.	Greg Hand	Scott Glassford	Bob & Shirley Gorner	Mark & Darla Cardin
March 27 8:00 a.m.	Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Travis & Susan Chaby	Don Wenrich	Ron & Joan Beck
10:45 a.m.	Jordan Lambert	Kerry & Chris Hess	Bob & Abby Brestensky	Dave & Lis Wolf

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March Flower Delivery Schedule

No Flowers During Lent

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	thompsonmcconnell42@gmail.com
Ushers	Nancy Beauregard	rigger1564@comcast.net
Welcome Center	Jamie Rottmund	jrottmund@gmail.com

Worship Assistant Schedule for March (continued)

	A/V	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	ALTAR GUILD COORDINATORS	ALTAR GUILD
March 2 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	Dave Tilley	TBA	Debbie Shue	Lori Weaver
March 6 8:00 a.m.	Tom Chever	Ginny Stickler Mary Jane Wilcox	Debbie Shue	-
10:45 a.m.	Randy Ketchum	Todd Benner Clint Frontz	Debbie Shue	Loretta Chubb Linda Gall
March 13 8:00 a.m.	Jordan Lambert	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	Bill Schlener	Dottie Almoney Thompson McConnell	Debbie Shue	Barb Cooper
March 20 8:00 a.m.	Angela Moshos	Bob Courtois Eric May	Debbie Shue	Shirley Dombach
10:45 a.m.	Bob Preston	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
March 27 8:00 a.m.	Tom Badorf	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	Dave Tilley	Jeffrey Pretz Janet Roberts	Debbie Shue	Jeff & Anneliese Owen



NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — MARCH 2022

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Lector	James Moshos	Lisa Teichmann	Megan Thompson	Lisa Teichmann
Communion Assistant	Mindy Rottmund	No Communion	Bill Sassaman	No Communion
Ushers	Brian & Brittany Booher	Heath & Anna Edelman	Bill Sassaman	John & Jan Hess



LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. Palm Burning (Portico & Sanctuary)
7:15 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday, March 2

8:00 a.m. - Ash Wednesday Service (Church Cemetery)
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. - Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, March 3

1:00 p.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Chapel)
7:00 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 6

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary and Livestream)
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 & Communion (Family Life Center & Livestream)
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group (FLC)

Monday, March 7

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
7:00 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Room 100) Al Anon (Cry Room)

Tuesday, March 8

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

Wednesday, March 9

8:00 a.m. - Lenten service (Portico)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & Zoom)

Wednesday, March 9 (continued)

1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)
7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 10

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

Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12

Daylight Saving Time clock change

Sunday, March 13

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
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, March 14

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, March 15

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
1:30 p.m. - Book Club (Cry Room)
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (Uncommon Pizza)
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)

Wednesday, March 16

8:00 a.m. - Lenten Service (Portico)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & Zoom)
7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, March 17

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

Friday, March 18

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

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MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 20

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary & Livestream)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir (Music Room)
9:15 a.m. - New Member Class (Café)
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 and Livestream)

Monday, March 21

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, March 22

10:30 a.m. - Widows Group (Café)

Wednesday, March 23

8:00 a.m. - Lenten Service (Portico)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & Zoom)
7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, March 24

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

Friday, March 25

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

Sunday, March 27

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
9:15 a.m. - Canticle Choir (Music Room)
9:15 a.m. - New Member Class (Café)
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)
4:00 p.m. - Musical Arts Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, March 28

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)

Wednesday, March 30

8:00 a.m. - Lenten Service (Portico)
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & Zoom)
7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, March 31

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

**If you have any questions,
please contact me at
sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org.**

Sandy Shattuck
Editor & Parish Secretary



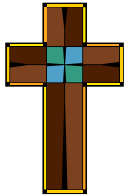
EASTER FLOWERS & MEMORIAL GIFTS

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.

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Please check _____ in memory or _____ in honor

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_____ I will pick up my plant.

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

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.