



"The Herald" Newsletter

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

May 2022



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"May grace and peace be yours in
abundance." 1 Peter 1:2

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Dates to Remember



Our Summer worship times change in May. Beginning May 29th our worship times will be 8:00 and 9:45 a.m. Traditional Worship and 9:45 a.m. New Day Praise Worship. Outdoor Worship continues at 8:30 a.m. under the portico. Sunday School ends on May 22nd. These times will be in effect until September. We look forward to seeing you at church!

The Rite of Confirmation

On Sunday, May 22nd, having completed their Confirmation Ministry program, the following 9th graders will be confirmed into adult membership in the church at one of our three morning worshipping congregations.

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| Jack Bowman | Emily Edelman |
| Max Nork | Jocelyn Parise |
| Sara Rager | Chase Reheard |
| Jacob Soslow | |



We rejoice with these families and their sons and daughters, as they embrace this milestone in the Christian lives. Confirmands will receive a certificate of confirmation and a gift from St. Peter's, and will have their class picture taken. We ask you to pray for these young men and women, as they renew and embrace the baptismal promises their parents made on their behalf roughly fifteen years ago.

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May Worship Schedule

May 1 Phillip & James, Apostles

8:00 AM – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches
8:30 AM – Outside Portico Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Ross preaches
10:45AM – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches
10:45AM – New Day Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Ross preaches

May 8 Easter 4

8:00 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches
8:30 AM – Outdoor Portico Service of Holy Communion, Sister Dottie preaches
10:45AM – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Ross preaches
10:45AM – New Day Service of the Word in the FLC – Sister Dottie preaches

May 15 Easter 5, Senior Recognition Sunday

8:00 AM – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches
8:30 AM – Outside Portico Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Pretz preaches
10:45AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Sister Dottie preaches
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May 22 Easter 6, Confirmation Sunday

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May 29 Easter 7, Summer Service Schedule Begins

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Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, May 31st at 8:30 a.m.

Call Committee Asks For Your Help

By now, hopefully you've heard that the call committee is asking for everyone to please take an online survey. This survey helps do two things. First, it allows the call committee to know what the congregation feels is important in a new pastor, and second, it gives an incoming pastor insights into our community. We are hoping to reach 100% participation. If you have not taken the survey yet please follow the QR code. This code to the survey can be scanned to your phone and it will take you to the survey.



Here is a link to the survey if you prefer to take it online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FF2B7LL>. If you need a paper copy please contact the office. Calling a senior pastor is something we all want to be a part of and this is the first way you can help.



Mission Campaign



St. Peter's Family,

Easter Blessings to you and your family! It is with continued hope and joy in our Risen Jesus Christ that we share this month's campaign update.

Our progress continues. As of April 12, 106 households have supported the *Faith in Our Future* campaign, pledging treasures totaling \$941,180! These treasures include \$448,653 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 also can print a campaign pledge/gift form from the website. No pledge or gift is too small (or too large)!

We are nearing the transition from the first phase of the campaign, which has been focused on exterior and interior maintenance, security, lighting, and technology needs. We are nearing the point of having the necessary cash in hand for all of those projects to be completed. Over the last few weeks, we have been working very closely with Mark Aho, Property Committee Chair, and Paul Schultz, our parish administrator, to revise the projected costs of a few remaining projects, namely technology needs for our worship services. As we all know, inflation continues to impact costs from groceries to fuel and everything in between!

Within the next two months, we expect to pivot to the mission-focused second phase of the campaign: debt reduction (which will allow more funding of mission-oriented work) and the Mission Fund. We know many of you are looking forward to this shift, so get ready!

During this time of transition within our congregation, we remain grateful for your continued prayers, discernment, and commitment to the success of *Faith in Our Future*! Thank you!

With Faith in Our Future,

Jen and Adrian

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

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

Volunteer Recognition Reception



Volunteer Recognition will be held on May 1st at all services. Each of you gives of your time and talent, and it's your turn to be honored! We will have refreshments between the services, so stop by for a cup of coffee and to grab a cookie.

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.



New Members

We give thanks for the new members who have joined the St. Peter's family this spring. They were formally received in worship in April. Please welcome them warmly.

Kathleen & Gil Bailey, 30 Westwind Circle, Lititz, PA 17543

Gil and Kathy are transferring their membership from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster. They are previous members and we are happy they are back with us. Gil and Kathy are retired and enjoy Pastor Ross's sermons.

Stacey Bailey (Sienna), 8 Sandstone Ct., Lititz, PA 17543; Phone : 717-875-0424; Email: staceymbailey@gmail.com

Stacey is a former member of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Holland. She has a daughter, Sienna who is in the 2nd grade. Stacey is a Behavioral Health Counselor for Lancaster General Health - Penn Medicine. Stacey and Sienna were attracted to St. Peter's children's programs and enjoy the supportive environment and friendliness.

Dick Brown, 2207 Dixie Dr., York, PA 17402; Phone: 717-880-8896; Email: zebra1944@gmail.com

Vinny & Abby Greco (Nicholas. Natalie), 372 Breckenridge Way, Lancaster, PA 17601; Phone: 717-507-8155; Email: hummr2@yahoo.com

Abby and Vinny have two children, Natalie (Kindergarten) and Nicholas (2nd grade). They were attracted to St. Peter's for the options available for children to learn about the faith and become a part of a church community close to their home. The children enjoy going to church and feel uplifted by the people around them. Abby is employed at Fulton Bank, HR Department.

Lester & Crystal Heiser (Scarlet, Trey), 461 Hawthorne Dr., Lancaster PA 17603; Phone: 717-598-6324; Email: lcheiser33@gmail.com

Jean Pretz & Joel Janisewski (Miriam, Ruth), 241 Stanley Ave., Landisville, PA 17538; Phone: 717-945-9036; Email: jean.pretz@gmail.com

Jean and Joel were attracted to St. Peter's by the children's programs and commitment to social justice. They find that Christian education for their children and meaningful worship help them stay connected in our faith community. Jean and Joel have two daughters, Miriam (6th grade) and Ruth (2nd grade). Jean is a professor at Elizabethtown College.

Gary & Dawn Troxell, 50 Agape Drive, Ephrata, PA 17522; Email: dawnmtroxell@gmail.com

Gary and Dawn are transferring from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster. They enjoy the traditional worship services here at St. Peter's and the friendly sense of community. Gary is a music teacher for Menchey Music School and Dawn is a Merchandising Assistant for Kreider Farms. You may have heard Gary play his clarinet at a recent worship service.

John & JoAnn Wolfe, 1001 E. Oregon Road, Cottage 1615, Lititz, PA 17543; Phone: 717-569-0781; Email: jandjwolfe01@gmail.com

John and JoAnn are transferring their membership from Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster. St. Peter's meets their spiritual needs and they feel very comfortable here.

Adult Christian Education

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

This month we finish 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:

May 4: 2 Kings 13-16
May 18 2 Kings 21-23

May 11: 2 Kings 17-20
May 25: 2 Kings 24-25

Don't forget to think about a topic you might like to study this coming fall when class resumes again in September. Current possibilities on the table are ... Angelic Beings in the Bible, Hebrews, Non-Canonical Gospels, Pastoral Epistles, "Loaded" Biblical Words. Maybe you have more. Email them to Pastor Ross.



May Pub Theology – Wednesday, May 18th – 6:30 p.m. Place to be announced. Please RSVP to Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org.

Adult Sunday School Class - CREATION SESSION

Join Pastor Pretz and the regular Adult Sunday class on May 1st at 9:15 a.m. in the Narthex to discover together what the Creation Accounts tell us about God and His People. Students and young adults and seniors are welcome to join us for this session and future discussions of Scriptures and issues. Bring a lawn chair if you don't want to sit on a folding metal chair!



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>.

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.

Social Ministry

Community Meal Day

Community meals are continuing twice a month and are serving 65 meals each time. May Community Meals will be Wednesday, May 4th and May 11th at Grace Lutheran Church on North Queen Street from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. For more information about volunteering, please contact Kathy Berkebile at kberkebile@comcast.net.



Community Meal



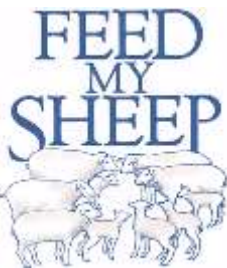
Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank at St. Peter's

Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank will be open on Saturday, May 7th 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).



From the Archives

Neffsville's first physician was Dr. Edward J. Bowman who practiced from 1853 until his death in 1882. He built the large yellow house near the square in Neffsville, now a bed and breakfast called "Bowman House." His successor, Dr. Elias H. Witmer, who later lived in the same house, was a well-known physician and was very influential in the development of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and its first Sunday School with Dr. Witmer as its first superintendent. On June 26, 1881, the completed wooden, frame church was dedicated, and the Sunday School was organized. A small sign marks the spot located in our church cemetery, off Valley Road. This was a turbulent period in our nation's history. President Garfield was shot and later died on September 19, 1881, also the first permanent, national labor movement started, and thirteen more states joined the union. This was a time that "tried men's souls" but against this background, our founding fathers (and mothers) were not deterred.



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in May: *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!*

COMBINED ISSUE FOR JUNE/JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER — ARTICLES DUE MAY 10TH

Newsletter
DEADLINE

Articles for the June/July 2022 "Herald" are due in the church office no later than **May 10th**. This is a combined issue for June and July. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Prayer Chain Ministry

During the first quarter of 2022, your prayer chain remained very active! We have received over 55 requests through the church office and from emails. We have also received over 25 requests from our website/online. Some of these online requests are heartbreaking and we wonder how badly someone has to be hurting to search through church sites to put a request in. We always treat this with dignity and respect, knowing and trusting God knows the situation.



We are in the beginning stages of planning our first All Member meeting in over two years! Anyone who is thinking about joining the prayer chain is more than welcome to come and “see what we are all about”! Please watch your bulletins in early May for an announcement of the date and time.

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

Health & Wellness

National High Blood Pressure Education Month



May is National High Blood Pressure Education Month. We want to raise awareness about the impact high blood pressure can have on your health.

Blood pressure: written as two figures, is measured as the pressure when the heart has pumped (systolic) and when the heart is in between beats (diastolic). When the heart pumps, blood pressure is higher than when it is in between beats.

Normal Blood Pressure Levels: Systolic < 120 mmHg/Diastolic < 80mmHg

At Risk Blood Pressure Levels: Systolic 120-139 mmHg/Diastolic 80-89mmHg

High Blood Pressure Levels: Systolic 140 mmHg or higher/Diastolic 90 mmHg or higher



Health Risks Of High Blood Pressure:

Also known as hypertension, high blood pressure increases the risk of serious diseases such as heart disease and stroke. In the U.S., heart disease is the most common form of death, while stroke is the third leading cause. Other risk factors of high blood pressure include congestive heart failure & kidney disease. **In the U.S., approximately 1 in 3 adults has high blood pressure, however most people are not aware they have this condition due to a lack of signs or symptoms.**

How can I maintain low blood pressure or reduce my high blood pressure?

- Monitor your salt intake (the majority of people consume more than twice the level of recommended sodium intake!). Guidelines recommend up to 2,300mg of sodium per day for an adult. Those at higher risk should consume up to 1,500mg of sodium a day. Higher risk groups include those who have diabetes, kidney disease, existing high blood pressure and African Americans.
- Eat potassium rich foods which help lower blood pressure. Potassium rich foods include fish, green leafy vegetables, bananas, citrus fruits and potatoes.
- Lifestyle changes help reduce blood pressure. These include maintaining a healthy body weight, regular exercise, quitting smoking and following a healthy low sodium diet rich in fruit and vegetables.
- Monitor your blood pressure. There are affordable monitors available to use at home.
- See your provider for check-ups. High blood pressure is a silent killer, so know your numbers.

Administratively Speaking ...

In the past few months you may have seen our Music and Worship Director, Adam, swinging his head back and forth while playing the piano. No, he was not swaying to the beat of the music. But, he was swinging back and forth like a child's see-saw from a broken, adjustable piano stool. Along came Rich Larrick (and his trusty sidekick, Paul) to the rescue. We determined that screws that held the seat to the lower base had sheered off causing the seat to swing back and forth on the center rod. After some brainstorming and my trusty 90-degree drill attachment, we had Adam's seat as good as new and ready to be placed back in service.



Landscape replanting project update...

The Property Committee would like to thank the congregation for its generous donations to the Lititz Pike side replanting. Over \$3,000 has been received thus far and over 40 of the plants were selected in memory or in honor of someone or a pet. You can still select your plant and contribute to the cost of the replanting project. In the June edition of the Herald we will be listing the donors, their loved one, and the plant they selected. This will also appear in a Sunday bulletin as well. And, by the way....**the planting has been completed!** It will no doubt be mulched by the time this Herald goes to press. Again....THANK YOU!

What's next, Paul? Well, our dumpsters will be moved to the back of the property in May to comply with zoning regulations. At the end of April, ALL parking lot and exterior lighting will be converted to energy efficient LED! The church Café was converted to LED just before Easter. Week of May 31, Bear Room will get new flooring! Then, first two weeks of June, the long-awaited repaving of the church parking lot will take place. It is long overdue and is part of the Mission Campaign and we thank you for your gifts to accomplish this project. Lastly, we will be stripping and waxing tile floors around the church which have not been done since pre-pandemic. The tile flooring in the Café, youth lounge and hallways will sparkle once again! It's going to be a very busy Summer.

Narthex furniture update.... sadly, it has been delayed until the end of July due to worldwide supply chain shortages. However, when we begin coffee service on May 1st, we SHOULD have the café tables.

Consider joining the great group of guys (still no ladies) that help to maintain and repair God's house.

Paul Schultz
Parish Administrator



Communication: The Website Is Your Friend!



Please go to our website www.stpeterslutheran.org to find out the latest schedules and calendar events. Check out blog posts to help you plan or to engage your faithful preparations this season. Be sure to check out our Facebook page as well (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster>) for posts about upcoming events or to catch the beauty and joy of a past event. If you have questions about events and schedules that you can't find on the website, don't hesitate to contact a staff member. We would love to hear from you.



Worship Leadership Schedule

| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | 10:45 a.m. |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| May 1 | No Choirs | Herald Choir |
| May 8 | No Choirs | Herald Choir |
| May 15 | St. Peter's Ringers | Herald Choir |
| May 22 | No Choirs | Herald Choir |
| May 29 | No Choirs | No Choirs (9:45 a.m.) |

Easter Thanks!

Thank you to all who participated in Holy Week and Easter services. We proclaimed the good news of Jesus' saving death and resurrection in word, song, and action and it was wonderful! Thank you for being a part of our worshipping community!

Final Rehearsals for Ensembles

Exsultate Ringers have already finished their rehearsals for the year. Well done good and faithful servants! St. Peter's Ringers' last rehearsal is Monday, May 9th. Herald Choir's last rehearsal is May 19th. Thank you all for a great year!

Hymn-sing Preludes – May 29, June 26, July 31, and August 28

Hymn-sing preludes will occur on the last Sunday of each of the summer months. Come prepared to shout out your favorite hymns so we can sing a verse or two of several hymns as our prelude for these days. August 28th will be our special Sages Edition of our hymn-sing prelude with suggestions coming mostly from our Sages.



Groups and Events

WELCA — We will meet for our end of the year **Spring Luncheon** on Thursday, May 12th at **11:30 a.m.** in Room 124. We will be enjoying a **Pot Luck Lunch**! Please bring a dish of your choice to share. All women are welcome. Also, bring any items you have collected for our Kit projects. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 717-569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 717-627-7434.

Widows Group — Our meetings are continuing monthly, and the next meeting will be held on May 24th at 10:30 a.m. in Room 100, which is in the north side of the building. The door under the small overhang will be open. We would love to have you join us. Feel free to contact Betsy Linn with any questions.



Pastor's Letter

"Normal is all relative." --- Alethea Kontis

Dear Friends:

As I write to you, I can still feel the benediction of Easter Sunday worship this morning. Part of that blessing is reflected in the comments a goodly number of you shared on your way out of worship. To offer a paraphrased summary ... what many of you said as you left church was, "It felt like we got back to normal today." I affirmed the comments you shared, because church did feel more "normal" than it has for a while. Much of that normalcy was due to the pews being fuller than they have been for quite some time. Some of the feeling of normalcy was because we added a few additional musical components back into the liturgy which we have missed these past two years. My observation was that many of you are seeing your extended family members more regularly these days, as well ... an observation that was confirmed by their presence with you in worship today. That felt more normal for a festival Sunday, too. And silly as it may sound to you ... having a church that was full enough to carry congregational singing, brought a normalcy that is irreplaceable in any other way. I found myself a number of times this morning losing track of what I was singing, because I was enjoying YOUR singing of our hymns and liturgy. Yes, there was much to rejoice in this morning. It was a joy to be back in Easter Sunday worship in a fashion that at least resembled what is "normal" for our community of faith.

As I share this enthusiasm for our Easter Sunday worship, I would be remiss if I did not also make note that the beauty and energy of this day does not allow us to be any less careful and intentional with our communal decisions, than we have been in the past. COVID has not disappeared from our world, our community, or our families. Hardly a week goes by for me that does not include an email or conversation about a church member being exposed to COVID through a family member or co-worker. So your staff and risk-management team will continue to take the pulse of COVID in our community through the resource sites and sources that we have been relying on these past two years. We do recognize that with every week that passes, there are more people in our community of faith who have either received vaccinations for the first time, or who have continued their booster shots. We rejoice over that news. We also continue to look forward to the day when our youngest church members can be vaccinated. But COVID will now be a part of our lives, like many other variations of flus and viruses.

So bear with us as we continue to vet a host of decisions around activities that are typical as the school year winds down to a close. We are doing our best to find the proper and sensible balance between living as hermits who are shut off from the world, and libertarians who care nothing for what goes on around us. We continue to strive to find a median way between the excesses of irrational fear and false bravado, so as to offer a responsible and sensible plan that both invites a gradual return to activities we have loved, while also exercising caution. I thank you ahead of time for your patience, understanding and support.

See you (live) in church,

Pastor Ross



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FACEBOOK PAGE!
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**



Volunteer Steward Message

Letter to Congregation

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! How wonderful to hear those words and truly understand what it means to us. We are freed from our sin, and are provided with eternal life. What better gift could there ever be?

There are so many ways to show how grateful we are. Coming to worship, attending education programs, speaking to a friend about your faith, giving time to your church, to name just a few. We all show our love for our faith in different ways. Are you looking for more ways to become involved? I could list all the volunteer opportunities, but that won't get you involved. What will is to ask yourself, how else could I increase my commitment to my faith, and to St. Peter's? What do I like to do? By asking yourself these hard questions, maybe you can find a place to share your talents. Because we all have them. Prior to the pandemic, and this is probably how we will start to identify our lives, we had over 500 members involved in some aspect of volunteering or attending a group. I would LOVE to get our involvement back to that level.

Take some time this spring to ask yourself, where do my talents lie, and where can I use them? As always, I am here to help you find a place to serve.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward
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Paid 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.



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.

ST. PETER'S KIDS

Dear Families,

April showers bring May flowers as the saying goes, and we certainly have had lots of April showers. Even though our Easter Egg Hunt had to be rescheduled, we were able to enjoy the festivities on our rain date! Everyone had lots of fun doing “the hunt,” crafts, and games! Thanks to all the volunteers, including our youth, Pastor Ross, our master puppeteer, and our “bunny” - all who helped to make this event a success!



We were able to revise some room changes for our Sunday School grades 1 through 4 starting April 24th. We are now doing our opening music and lesson in Augsburg Alley. We then divide into 2 groups. One group stays in Augsburg Alley for games related to the lesson. The other group goes across the hall to room 128 (also known as Katie's Corner) for crafts related to the lesson. PreK/K remains in the Frog Room. I want to extend a huge thank you to Julia Kroesen for leading the PreK/K class, Kristen Dubesky for substituting when needed, and Jill Pretz for teaching new songs to the children each week. Another huge thank you to Megan Thompson for leading the 1st to 4th grade class, Adam Lefever Hughes for leading the opening songs, Brett Miller and daughters for leading the games each week, Leslie McCarthy for volunteering to assist monthly, and Christine Hofmann, our Children's Ministries Chair.



Our lessons and activities for the month of May include Saul to Paul, Peter and Tabitha (also Mother's Day), Peter's Dream, and Lydia. Our last day of Sunday School is May 22nd. And, as Sunday School winds down, we begin preparations for Vacation Bible School! SAVE THE DATE: July 17th to July 21st. We are planning an amazing 5 days of Biblical, educational fun!! With that, we will need lots of volunteers! If you are willing and able, please contact me at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org. Thank you, in advance, for considering this worthwhile opportunity!



As always, we welcome additional volunteers to serve on our Children's Ministries Committee. Please respond to Cindy Geesey, Director of Children's Ministries with any amount of interest you may have at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org. Thank you, in advance, for considering serving our youngest children.



Blessings,

Cindy Geesey

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Youth & Family Ministry News...

May Youth Group Event – Sunday May 1st - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us as we make candy for Mother's Day. Our dinner will be tacos as we also celebrate Cinco de mayo. Sign up here to bring food donations for dinner: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4aaca723a4f94-mayyouth>



High School Senior Recognition- Sunday May 15th

We will be recognizing our graduating HS Seniors at our 8 and 10:45 traditional services. Seniors have been mailed information. Seniors are asked to fill out a questionnaire and return it digitally. If you haven't received the information, please contact Sister Dottie ASAP.

Confirmation Camp



Confirmation Camp for grades 6-9 at Camp Kirchenwald from Sunday June 19 thru Saturday June 25 – Cost is \$100 per camper – We will be joining other area Lutheran Churches to explore our faith in the outdoors. Contact Sr. Dottie for registration materials.

Last Day of Sunday School for the 2021/2022 Christian Ed year is Sunday May 22nd.

We will return in the fall!

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



St. Peter's Preschool



Happy Easter from St. Peter's Preschoolers!!! We have had a great month celebrating spring. Wednesday morning Pastor Ross put on his annual Easter puppet show and it was a big hit. We have decorated our halls with colorful flowers, ducks, bunnies and other signs of Spring. On Friday, we had a special friend "Hop" by to wish us a Happy Easter!! Our Playground friends have been learning about Holy Week leading up to Easter, decorating eggs and enjoying time out on our playground. We will only have three weeks left until Summer vacation, the school year has flown by! We are excited to announce that enrollment for next year is completely full at this time, but we do have a waitlist. Please contact Heather Cramer with any questions at heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org.



Heather Cramer
St. Peter's Preschool Director



Worship Assistant Schedule for May

| | LECTORS | GREETERS | USHERS | WELCOME CENTER |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| May 1 8:00 a.m. | Iain O'Brien | Bob & Phyllis Hollinger | Eric May Bob Wenrich | Shirley Dombach |
| 10:45 a.m. | Paul Berkebile | Mark & Darla Cardin | Rich & Ann Larrick | James & Martha Fulmer |
| May 8 8:00 a.m. | Diane Gegg | Gene Olson | Bob Courtois | Ron & Joan Beck |
| 10:45 a.m. | Beth Glassford | Gerald & Bonnie Detz | Alan & Beverly Swanson | Clarence Simon |
| May 15 8:00 a.m. | Don Deibler | Michelle Wertz | Liz O'Brien | John & Kathy Burke |
| 10:45 a.m. | Anneliese Owen | Sara Gable | Bob & Shirley Gorner | Rich & Ann Larrick |
| May 22 8:00 a.m. | Stephanie Gerber | Mark & Angela Moshos | Bob & Phyllis Hollinger | Mary Ann Oberholtzer |
| 10:45 a.m. | Nicolette Simon | Scott Glassford | Jim & Jane Savidge | Sherry Weller |
| May 29 8:00 a.m. | Jennifer Schlener-Thomas | Lloyd & Martha Bull | Tom Rothfus | Bob & Edee Bedford |
| 9:45 a.m. | Steve Roberts | Joann & Jillian Gorner | Bob & Abby Brestensky | Art & Libby Stoner |

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

Worship Assistant Schedule for May (continued)

| | A/V | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | ALTAR GUILD COORDINATORS | ALTAR GUILD |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| May 1 8:00 a.m. | Jordan Lambert | Bob Courtois Diane Gegg | - | - |
| 10:45 a.m. | Dave Tilley | Todd Benner Paul Berkebile | Kathy Caldwell Barb Cooper Debbie Shue | Tricia Hough |
| May 8 8:00 a.m. | Angela Moshos | No Communion | No Communion | No Communion |
| 10:45 a.m. | Bill Schlener | Thompson McConnell Jeff Pretz | Kathy Caldwell Barb Cooper Debbie Shue | Cheryl Oeschger |
| May 15 8:00 a.m. | Tom Badorf | Randy & Debbie Shue | Kathy Caldwell Barb Cooper Debbie Shue | Melanie Burkholder |
| 10:45 a.m. | Bill Schlener | No Communion | No Communion | No Communion |
| May 22 8:00 a.m. | Tom Chever | No Communion | No Communion | No Communion |
| 10:45 a.m. | Bill Schlener | Shirley Gorner Margaret Strausser | Kathy Caldwell Barb Cooper Debbie Shue | Barb Beyer |
| May 29 8:00 a.m. | Jordan Lambert | Nancy Pokopec Ginny Stickler | - | - |
| 9:45 a.m. | Bill Schlener | Mindy Rottmund Janet Roberts | Kathy Caldwell Barb Cooper Debbie Shue | Loretta Chubb Linda Gall |





NARTHEX COFFEE BAR



Welcome back all members of St. Peter's.
We are so happy to serve you!

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| May 1 | Volunteer Recognition |
| May 8 | Donna and Mark Aho |
| May 15 | Shirley Gorner |
| May 22 | Pat and Tom Badorf |
| May 29 | Memorial Day Holiday! |

Thank you to all the faithful members who continue to serve at the Coffee Bar. If all goes well, we will take the summer off and begin serving the Coffee Bar in the Fall of 2022. Have a blessed day ✝

| NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — MAY 2022 | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | May 1 | May 8 | May 15 | May 22 | May 29 |
| Lector | Sophia Romano | Lisa Teichmann | Megan Thompson | Bob Preston | Cheryl Laub |
| Communion Assistant | Bill Sassaman | No Communion | Jennifer Sassaman | No Communion | Sharon Schaefer |
| Ushers | John & Jan Hess | Mark & Sharon Schaefer | Brian & Britney Booher | Bill Sassaman | Heath & Anna Edelman |

May Flower Delivery Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Deliverer</u> | <u>Recipient</u> |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| May 01 | Becky Lutz | The Aurands |
| May 01 | Liz O'Brien | Phyllis Seitz |
| May 08 | JoAnn Boltz | Bertie Miller |
| May 08 | Lois Benton | June Hemsteger |
| May 15 | Nancy Pokopec | Anna Dowie |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Deliverer</u> | <u>Recipient</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| May 15 | Tim & Sharon Fickes | The Eberlys |
| May 22 | Debbie Shue | Lura Zeswitz |
| May 22 | Christine Smith | Joan Groff |
| May 29 | Cheryl Oeschger | Arlene Dodd |
| May 29 | John & Kathy Burke | Sally Price |



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MAY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary and Livestream)
8:30 a.m. - Outdoor Service (Parking lot)
9:00 a.m. - Volunteer Recognition
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, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

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

Wednesday, May 4

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café & Zoom)
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, May 5

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

Friday, May 6

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

Saturday, May 7

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

Sunday, May 8

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
9:15 a.m. - Outdoor Worship 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 & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center and Livestream)

Monday, May 9

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Call Committee (Cry 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, May 10

Herald Deadline
7:00 p.m. - Endowment Committee (Cry Room)
7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Library)

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

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

Friday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 15

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary & Livestream)
9:15 a.m. - Outdoor Worship 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 and Livestream)

Monday, May 16

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
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, May 17

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



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MAY CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 18

9:00 a.m. - Preschool Spring Fling (Sanctuary/Narthex)
 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
 6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (TBD)
 7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, May 19

9:00 a.m. - Preschool Spring Fling (Sanctuary/Narthex)
 7:00 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 22

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
 8:30 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Parking Lot)
 9:00 a.m. - Endowment Committee (Conference Room)
 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, May 23

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
 10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
 6:00 p.m. - Call Committee (Cry Room)
 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, May 24

11:00 a.m. - Widows Group (Cafe)

Wednesday, May 25

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

Friday, May 27

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

Sunday, May 29

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary and Livestream)
 9:30 a.m. - Outdoor Worship (Parking Lot)
 9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (Family Life Center and Livestream)
 9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
 10:00 a.m. - WOLD (Chapel)

Monday, May 30

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



UKRAINIAN EGG DISPLAY — Please check the narthex curio cabinet. A few of our talented members created an unusual display known as “pysanky”. A pysanka (singular) is an egg decorated with traditional Ukrainian folk designs using a wax-resist method. The designs are not painted on but written in melted beeswax using a stylus called a kistka, and then dipped in dye. After the egg has been decorated, the wax is removed from the egg by holding it over a candle flame. The egg is covered with clear varnish and will last indefinitely if handled with care. Our thanks to Nancy Ross and then Beryl Swisher, who led weekly classes in this ancient craft a number of years ago. Check out the article in LNP on April 17th in the Living Section. Here

is a link to the online version of the article: https://lancasteronline.com/features/faith_values/ukrainian-pysanky-eggs-on-display-at-st-peters-lutheran-church-photos/article_6c62591c-bc02-11ec-b528-fb7548eb940a.html

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.

**If you have any questions,
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Sandy Shattuck
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