



"The Herald" Newsletter

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*"For in Christ Jesus you are all children of
God through faith." Galatians 3:26*

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SAGES RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 28th

We will honor and celebrate our new and seasoned St. Peter's Sages on Sunday, August 28th. A Sage is any member who has reached the age of 80 or more. We are inviting all Sages to attend either traditional worship service. This year, we welcome back having a reception in the Narthex but it will follow the 9:45 a.m. service only. Also, the 28th coincides with the summer's Hymn Sing Prelude when anyone can request singing a verse or two of a favorite hymn. Sages have priority, so if you have a hymn to request, please let us know. We will try to accommodate as many requests as possible. If you have any questions or would like to submit a hymn request, call Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 or the church office at 717-569-9211. No need to R.S.V.P. for attending a service or the reception. Blessings to all our Sages!

Seniors Are God's Excellent Servants

Congregational Event

*Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of
some, but encouraging one another, and all the
more as you see the Day drawing near. -
Hebrews 10:25*



**September 11, 2022
12:00 Noon
Delp Road Grassy Area**

All food will be supplied.
Come for fun, fellowship and games!

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August Worship Schedule

- August 7 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:00 AM – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Deacon April Trout preaches
9:00 AM – Outside Portico Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Craig Ross preaches
9:45 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Deacon April Trout preaches
9:45 AM – New Day Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Craig Ross preaches
- August 14 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Jen Schlener, traditional worship pianist)**
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Please note that we will return to our Fall Sunday schedule on September 11th. The Sunday morning schedule will be as follows:

Traditional Worship at 8:00 AM & Livestream (Sanctuary)
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 AM
New Day Worship at 10:45 AM & Livestream (Family Life Center)
Traditional Worship at 10:45 AM
(Sanctuary)

Please make note on your calendars.



Mission Campaign

St. Peter's Family,

We read in Matthew 7:24-25, *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock."*

This verse feels appropriate to us, as a major campaign investment, the rebuilding of our parking lot, has just been completed. As we all witnessed, our parking lot did not offer us the most stable of physical "foundations" over the last few years. But thanks to 106 households, we have met this major campaign project goal. Thank you!

But even more important than this physical "foundation" is the spiritual foundation we share as disciples of Jesus Christ, which St. Peter's fosters in each of us. The *Faith in Our Future* campaign affords every St. Peter's family member the opportunity to lay an even deeper personal faith foundation, with God guiding us to be living disciples to others.

If you have not already offered your financial treasure to support this campaign, we challenge you to join this journey now! We continue to make steady progress. As of July 9th, 106 households have supported the *Faith in Our Future* campaign, pledging treasures totaling \$941,180! These treasures include \$495,735 in pledge payments and outright gifts. To date, Congregation Council has already put approximately \$380,000 to use, and we have asked our Council leaders to direct an additional \$100,000 toward completion of our remaining indoor and outdoor projects outlined in the campaign.

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 remain grateful for your gifts of financial treasure, continued prayers, discernment, and commitment to the success of *Faith in Our Future*! Thank you!

With Faith in Our Future,

Jen and Adrian

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Update from St. Peter's Call Committee

The Call Committee completed a major step in the call process, the completion of the MSP – **Ministry Site Profile**. The Ministry Site Profile is a brief but comprehensive document that captures the essence of St. Peter's. It contains basic information – addresses, telephone numbers, size, mission, and budget of the church—but also the church's perceived strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and needs.

The Call Committee thanks you for completing the survey earlier this year and providing other feedback to the committee. This served as the basis for writing the MSP.

The Call Committee held a meeting with Bishop Dunlop and the Church Council in late June to review the MSP, and to receive feedback and approval of the document from the Church Council. The MSP was sent to the ELCA and will be used in preliminary discussions with potential Senior Pastor candidates. The bishop or his designee will provide the names of candidates to the Call Committee soon.

Please feel free to reach out with questions to any committee member: Nancy LeFevre, Molly Olmstead, Steve Roberts, Margaret Strausser, Adrian Young and Chair, Jeff Smith.

Jeff Smith, Chair

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FAREWELL TO ADAM LEFEVER HUGHES

Please be aware that on August 7th our Director of Music, Adam Lefever Hughes, will be completing his service among us as our Director of Music. Copied here is a portion of an email he has sent out addressing his decision, to those who have been involved in our music ministry.

“For the last several years I have been discerning what my next steps might be and how God is continuing to call me in service to the church. For years I have been a member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, serving in a variety of volunteer and paid roles. I have recently accepted a position as the Education Coordinator for the ALCM. This new venture will put my organizational skills and education to work in service to those who serve the church, helping to provide them with resources that enable them to serve to the best of their ability. Although I am excited about this new possibility, it is bittersweet. I will greatly miss the people at St. Peter's and have nothing but gratitude for the time we have spent together proclaiming the gospel. This August will mark 7 years of ministry here and I will have many wonderful memories of our accomplishments here, but even more so I will carry with me the memory of the relationships forged here.”

We wish Adam the very best and ask that you keep him in your prayers for his new service role to our Lutheran community.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Some interesting historical facts about St. Peter's

- Six days after the dedication of St. Peter's first church building on July 2, 1881, President Garfield was shot. His death followed on September 19th. The 1880's were “times that tried men's souls.” Our first church was a modest, wooden structure located in our present day cemetery. A small sign marks the location.
- Rev. Isaac Bobst of Clear Spring, Maryland was elected pastor on June 1, 1890. His salary was \$500 per year. In 1891 the Council raised his salary to \$700. In 1893 his salary was increased to \$725. He asked to be excused from one service in July as vacation.
- The first women to serve on Church Council were Lonnie Leaman and Clara Fichtner. Both were elected in the year 1975.
- In March 1979 there was a partial meltdown of Unit 2 reactor at Three Mile Island. St. Peter's was selected as a possible location to shelter evacuees.
- Our longest serving pastors are Rev. Craig A. Ross from 1986 to present day (36 years) and Rev. Clay E. Rice from 1919 to 1954 (35 years).

Livestreaming Options

Livestreaming options are available for the 8:00 a.m. Traditional and 9:45 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>.

There have been some issues with the Traditional Livestream services the past few weeks. We are striving to have them working each week. If you have difficulty joining online, here are the links you can use to access the services.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLchet49yt-WuV0lwXJZNNOC2QJlm2Jdyw>

Here is the link for the New Day Services

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLchet49yt-WveKbIhrVBQDN0hM2KoGE87>.

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.

Adult Christian Education

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The votes are in! Wednesday Morning Bible Study will reconvene in the Café beginning September 7th from 9:30-11:00 a.m. And the class has voted for the topics they would like to study!

Our topics for the year will be:

MAJOR STUDY – The Gospel of Matthew
MID-YEAR STUDY – Angelic Beings in the Bible

September's Class Schedule will be:

September 7 – Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew
September 14 – Matthew 1-2
September 21 – Matthew 3-4
September 28 – Matthew 5-6



Bring a Bible ... bring your questions ... bring what you know about our topics. Pastor Ross leads the class discussion, and loves when you enhance his observations with what you know and the questions you raise. Church members and friends are welcome.

Drivers Needed for Sages Sunday Recognition August 28

We are looking for a few volunteers to give a ride to and from church for one of our Sages so they can enjoy the Sunday Sages Service in their honor. Rides are needed for either the 8:00 a.m. or 9:45 a.m. service. If you can help, please call the church office at 717-569-9211 or Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 for more details. You can also sign up on the sheet outside the church nursery. Thank you!

Christian Nationalism Event

You are invited to attend a lecture by Dr. Greg Carey from the Lancaster Theological Seminary as he presents "Christian Nationalism, What everyone needs to know". This event takes place at St. Peter's in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 14th at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES, COUPLES OR INDIVIDUALS TO HELP IN WORSHIP

St. Peter's is starting a new way for families, couples or individuals to help during worship. Everyone can learn to serve. We will be offering training as acolytes, ushers, lectors and presenting the offering or the wine and bread. Please don't let the number of jobs scare you away. Each of these important jobs is easily done. Come to a training session to learn more (no obligation). Attend either session: August 14th or August 21st at 9:00 a.m. for a 45 minute session.

Please contact Betsy Linn at betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org and let her know of your interest and which session you will be attending.

Church Council Meeting Minutes Available

During the June council meeting, the May council minutes were approved and during the July council meeting, the June 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.

Prayer Chain Ministry

As summer is winding down and you are beginning to think about fall activities, please consider joining the prayer chain. All your work is done from home, on your time when it's convenient for you! You'll receive the request by email and you pray the request for a week. Don't have email? Not a problem! We have a volunteer who would love to call you once a day as we get requests! Please direct any questions to Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406, co-chairs. We would love to have you join us in this ministry!



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

Health & Wellness

Focus on Psoriasis



Psoriasis affects more than 3% of the U.S. adult population = more than 7.5 million U.S. adults. *Armstrong et al., JAMA Derm 2021*. Psoriatic symptoms often start between ages 15 and 25, but can start at any age. Men, women and children of all skin types/colors can get psoriasis.

Each August, the National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) unites its community to show support, celebration and dedication around a common commitment: finding a cure for psoriatic disease.

What Is Psoriasis? Psoriasis is a disease with an unclear cause that is characterized by inflammation caused by a dysfunction of the immune system. It causes inflammation in the body. There may be visible signs of the inflammation such as raised plaques and/or scales on the skin. Normal skin cells completely grow and shed (fall off). However, with psoriasis, instead of shedding, the skin cells pile up on the surface of the skin. Some people report that psoriasis plaques itch, burn and sting. Plaques and scales may appear on any part of the body, although are commonly found on the elbows, knees, and scalp. Inflammation caused by psoriasis can impact other organs and tissues in the body. People with psoriasis may also experience other health conditions, like psoriatic arthritis. Symptoms of this include: swelling, stiffness and pain in the joints and areas surrounding the joints. It can go undiagnosed, particularly in its milder forms. However, it's important to treat it early, to help avoid permanent joint damage.

Causes and Triggers: While scientists do not know what exactly causes psoriasis, we do know that the immune system and genetics play major roles in its development. One thing we do know: psoriasis is not contagious. You cannot catch psoriasis from another person. Usually, something triggers psoriasis, causing symptoms to appear or worsen. Triggers vary from person to person.

Treatments: Psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis treatments aren't one-size-fits-all. That's a good thing, because it means that you can work with your health care provider to find the right psoriasis treatment, or combination of psoriasis treatments, that reduces or eliminates *your* symptoms. Treatments for psoriatic arthritis are available and can help relieve pain, reduce swelling, help keep joints working properly, and possibly prevent further joint damage. Your health care provider will recommend treatments based on the type of Psoriatic arthritis, its severity, and your reaction to treatment.

Some Treatment options:

Topical lotions - applied to the skin, often over the counter or by prescription. Phototherapy (light therapy) – exposing the skin to UV light on a regular basis under medical supervision.

Systemics: Prescription drugs that are taken orally, by injection or by infusion and work throughout the body.

Complementary and Integrative Medicine: practices or products that are not considered to be part of conventional or Western Medicine.

All of us probably know someone with psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis. It's a disease that used to have a stigma associated with it: “It's contagious! You can catch it”. Let's help support people with this disease, by helping them get the treatment they need: Advise them to see their physician, there are treatments that help.

Social Ministry

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
Philippians 2:4*

Collection for the Welcome Place

Providing emergency shelter so men & women facing homelessness have a warm place to sleep. Sponsored by the Lancaster Food Hub – held at Ebenezer Baptist church. Place items in the bins in the Narthex.

- ◇ Men's medium underwear and T-shirts
- ◇ Ankle or crew socks for men
- ◇ Ponchos
- ◇ Ear plugs
- ◇ Razors

Watch for more needed items....

Food Hub Needs

Place in the Feed My Sheep Shopping Carts

- ◇ Peanut Butter
- ◇ Canned Soup (Low Sodium)
- ◇ Low Sugar Cereal
- ◇ Individual cups of unsweetened applesauce
- ◇ Canned meat/ tuna in water
- ◇ Unsalted nuts
- ◇ Brown rice
- ◇ Whole wheat pasta
- ◇ Shelf-stable ready to eat meals
- ◇ Microwavable macaroni and cheese cups
- ◇ Ground coffee



Community Meal Day

Monthly Community Meal at Grace Lutheran, Lancaster will be Wednesday, August 3rd. Meal prep helpers and food distribution help is needed. We serve at Grace Lutheran Church in town. Those interested in helping should contact Kathy Berkebile at kberkebile@comcast.net.



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

Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank will be open on **Saturday, August 6th** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. To volunteer, please contact Molly Olmsted at astaloo@me.com.



School District of Lancaster Uniform Drive



We will be collecting **Walmart** gift cards through the end of September for uniforms for low income students. Many parents are struggling to make ends meet and this is one additional cost in addition to school supplies. Questions about the uniforms can be directed to Liz O'Brien at Elizabeth.t.obrien@gmail.com.

From the Tanzania Mission Committee

“Cheers” from Busoka

On July 11th the orphans of Busoka were given a very special blessing. They were recently given clothing and a nice meal thanks to the generosity of St. Peter's. The smiles and the waves show their appreciation and thanks to all of you.

The children were able to shop for needed supplies and necessities at the local village market. The photos are of a very joyous bunch of kids having lunch and sharing the joy of knowing they are loved and cared for by the Busoka Church and their friends from Saint Peter's from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. They raise their bottles of soda to their beloved aunties and uncles in Christ. Love in action! FYI - More news and updates from Busoka can be found on the Saint Peter's blog.



Busoka Orphans toast Saint Peter's with joy and gratitude.

Individual donations can be made for the orphans through electronic giving, the Sunday offering or sending funds to the church office. Please be sure to designate your gift "For the orphans of Busoka" on your check or electronic giving.

The Tanzania Mission Committee will begin planning for our Annual Cookie Walk for the Busoka Orphans at our August meeting.



Busoka Orphans near market after buying necessities - LOVE IN ACTION.



Busoka Orphans getting new school uniforms and other clothing.

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 (remote and on site). 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.

Property Committee – July 2022

While there are always active projects for the Property Committee with our large facility, summer is usually an especially busy time. This year is no exception with the re-energizing of preschool activity and a general reawakening after the trials of a pandemic. Our active Mission Campaign has also provided some much needed funding to address some long standing needs. Here is a quick activity update:

- ◇ Parking lot paving is complete including main drain repairs



- ◇ A new dumpster enclosure is now in compliance with zoning requirements
- ◇ Several damaged or leaking downspouts have been repaired
- ◇ The preschool playground in the courtyard is being refreshed
- ◇ All emergency lighting batteries replaced
- ◇ Many lights converted to LED for energy savings and reduced maintenance
- ◇ New narthex furniture arrived in July
- ◇ New bookcases in the Preschool Library
- ◇ Asbestos abatement, new tile floor and paint in the Preschool Bear room
- ◇ Room 102 converted for Preschool use to increase capacity
- ◇ 9 dead pine trees removed from west end property boundary
- ◇ New security cameras and door controls contracted to be complete by fall
- ◇ Quotes for acoustic and display improvements for the Family Life Center
- ◇ North entrance concrete stair and railing repairs



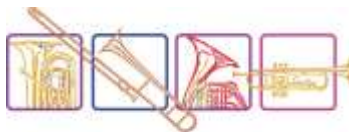
In addition to all this project work there is always the routine maintenance to keep everything functional and comfortable. If you see an issue you can always report it to the office or any member of the Property Committee. If you are interested in helping us, we are always looking for committee members or even folks willing to help with an occasional project that fits their interest and talents.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Mark Aho

Chair, Property Committee

MUSIC News



Lancaster British Brass Band – August 6, 7:00 p.m.

The Lancaster British Brass Band makes their summer appearance at St. Peter's on Saturday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. This is the highlight of the summer as they fill our sanctuary with beautiful music. Come early, and please carpool if possible, so that as many people can make use of the parking lot as possible.



Hymn-sing Preludes – 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 or we can sing a verse or two of several hymns as our prelude for these days. August 28th will be the special Sages Edition of our hymn-sing prelude with suggestions coming mostly from our Sages.

Groups and Events

Widows Group — The Widows Group meetings are continuing at St. Peter's and are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. and usually last about one hour. Our next meeting will be on August 23rd in Room 100. If you are interested in meeting with some other women, please call or email me for the details. We discuss what is going on in our lives and some fun things as well. I look forward to hearing from you!

Betsy Linn- betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org



50 + Group — 50 Plus Summer Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at noon in Augsburg Alley. PLEASE be certain to SIGN UP in advance on the sheet outside the nursery, so we have adequate food for all attending!! Please complete this sheet no later than July 31st. Please bring a covered dish or picnic food item to share with the group. Don't forget to indicate which sandwich you would like and how many of them. Beverages, paper supplies, utensils, hot dogs, hamburgers, and cheeseburgers will be supplied. Contact Debbie Shue if you have any questions, 717-318-8848 or djshue52@Comcast.net.

Craft Show Help — We are in need of several persons to help with the Craft Show. Help is needed for set up on Friday, November 25th from 9:00 a.m. to noon (marking spaces on the floor and putting numbers on tables); Friday evening, November 25th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for vendor placement; and Saturday, November 26th from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for vendor placement and holding customers from entering the craft show until 9:00 a.m. Please contact Movita Groff at 717-569-0101 or Kim Sterner at 717-396-7739.



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Pastor's Letter

“RESILIENCE”

“A good half of the art of living is resilience.”

Alain de Botton

Dear Friends:

There are many ways to describe the Christian Church. Some assessments we embrace fondly, as we enfold our lives in the comforting warmth of their commendations, like a well-loved quilt. Other appraisals leave us a little shaken, as we consider moments in time when the Christian Church lost sight of the mission to which God called us. But despite the ups and downs that have been part of the Christian Church's history for almost two-thousand years, one assessment is inarguable ... the Church has been **resilient**. That resilience finds its rock-solid foundation, through one form or another, in Jesus' call to embrace God's mission to the world. And that mission has always been most faithful when it has grown out of Jesus' words to the disciples at the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel: *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.* We call it the Great Commission for a reason. The moments of excellence are those historical moments when we have seen the mission of the church grow in a faithful expression of service to the world. The moments of difficulty that have arisen for the Church on earth, have typically accompanied periods of time when we have lost sight of the core mission of the church.

I share this reminder about where one finds the heart of any Christian community, because of the period of staff transition that we find ourselves experiencing at the moment. Several of you have asked me if things are OK here at St. Peter's, because in the span of twelve months we have bid and will bid Godspeed to two of our four FT program staff leaders ... Pastor Sarah and Adam Lefever Hughes. (And if several people have asked me the question in person, there are a few others are asking themselves the question silently.) The plans Congregation Council has put in place regarding the call process for our next pastor and the search process for a new musician are intended to make this an orderly transition, and will set us in place for a final staff transition, when I retire in June of 2024. Is it hard to say goodbye to each other? Of course it is. Church communities thrive on relationships, and build their community of Christ through them.

BUT ... But ... but ... the true heart of any Christian community is always the vibrant expression of mission found in the Great Commission with which Jesus challenged the Church immediately prior to his ascension into heaven ... and with which Jesus continues to challenge us today. We are in the midst of a Mission Campaign that is intended to paint some of the broad strokes of that mission through upgrading our physical facilities, strengthening our financial base through some debt reduction work, and then executing the exciting part of the plan, putting flesh to that mission in and through programs of outreach to those near and far

What that means is that YOU are the heart of this Christian community ... YOU are the ones who spend the greatest length of time serving God through the ministries of St. Peter's ... YOU are the missionaries to our local community and world. Staff members come and go, and we all strive to embrace and enhance the mission of God's church through our particular callings while we are here. But you who are the bedrock of this community of faith, and you are the missionaries to the world into which St. Peter's has been called. So as we prepare to say goodbye to Adam on August 7, we also recognize that at the same time we continue to re-awaken the practices and gatherings that helped form our mission prior to the pandemic. Adam's ministry, in a significant way, has helped us shape that mission. You are called to do the same as together we embrace God's call to serve in the world.

See you in church, in live and digital fashion,

Pastor Ross

From the Director of Music

Endings and Beginnings

I have struggled to find the words to put in this, my final Herald Article for St. Peter's. I could speak of so many large events in the life of this congregation during my seven years here: Church musicals (It's Cool in the Furnace, Noah's RemARKable Voyage, and even the remote rendition of The Singing Bishop); a Hymn Festival; Musical Arts concerts of the British Brass Band and the Hershey Handbell Ensemble; VBS; Congregational Meetings; Easters; Christmases; and more. These are landmark events that are easy to think about as being the highlights of one's time together. And yet, I find myself thinking of some of the more simple things: spending time with many of you in rehearsals, exploring words and music that speaks to the relationship between God and humanity, singing a cappella verses of Amazing Grace or other beloved hymns together.



I'm left thinking a bit about how our world would have us believe that endings and beginnings are separate events when our lived experience shows us they are the same. When something ends, another thing begins; it's just the way of things. We see this in our church year. As we come to the latter part of November and the beginning of December, the lines are blurred. We hear about the end of the world and how the things will come to be. But, then we hear of a new beginning, of the coming of the Lord. Sometimes I wonder if finding the beginning in the ending is the secret to life, but that's probably a thought for another article.

I count my seven years at St. Peter's as some of the most important in my life. I have learned so much from St. Peter's about ministry by getting to work with all of you in service to the gospel. In countless ways I have been buoyed by your care and love for one another, for me, and for the people you serve. God will continue to do amazing things through the people at St. Peter's and I know that my departure will only make way for God to accomplish those next great things here.

This has been a long discernment process for me (lasting two years or so) and I feel God's call to this new ministry where I will be helping to support other church musicians as they seek to share God's grace and love with their churches. Taking a step like this is never easy. That said, I know that God leads the way with a call and God's plan will unfold in God's time. As you pray for discernment for St. Peter's, I ask that you also pray for continued discernment and strength for myself and my family as we enter a new phase of our lives.

My hope and prayer for St. Peter's is the continued discernment of God's call for this assembly of the faithful. May God continue to call this group to serve the needy and the underserved populations of Lancaster County. May those larger events, but even more so those quiet moments with one another serve as a reminder that the Holy Spirit is always moving among God's people, challenging and inciting us to embody the love of God taught to us by Jesus the Christ. Peace to all of you.

In Christ's love,

Adam Hughes

FROM THE ARCHIVES Lancaster New Era - June 26, 1977

How do you express your gratitude to more than 700 adults and youngsters who have been your "family" for the past year? William L. Stomski, completing a one year internship as vicar of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lititz Pike and Delp Road, used his unique talents to arrive at a solution. The 25-year-old student of the ministry decided to do an original oil painting of St. Peter as a gift to the congregation of the church. Stomski conceived the idea early this year and spent more than 40 hours in the actual painting of the portrait. Today has been designated as St. Peter Day with the Reverend Richard E. Geib, pastor of the church, blessing the painting and participating in the congregation's acceptance of the gift. According to Stomski he did not use a model for his work. The portrait is his own interpretation of St Peter acquired from his readings and studies. The coloring of the robe also presented a particular challenge since he wanted it to blend in with the furnishings in the church's new parlor/chapel where the picture will be permanently hung.



From The Rev. Harold L. Hand, Jr., **Interim Pastor**

I am honored to serve as interim pastor at St. Peter's and I'm especially glad to work with Pastor Ross and your congregation's dedicated and most capable staff.

Having served 5 different congregations over a 40-year ministry, I retired at the end of 2018, and my wife Chris (a retired dental hygienist) and I moved to Strasburg in mid-2019. I was born and raised in Schuylkill County where I also served most of my time in congregational ministry. A graduate of Susquehanna University and the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, I was ordained in 1978, along with my twin brother, Ray.

Chris and I are the parents of 2 sons, Christopher and Jonathan, and the grandparents of a step-granddaughter and three young grandsons. Needless to say, visiting our family has been where we've spent much of our time in retirement.

I am most grateful to Pastor Ross and the staff and congregation of St. Peter's for the opportunity to share in ministry, most especially in preaching and leading worship and in member visitation in hospitals, nursing homes and home visits, as directed by Pastor Ross.

May the Love and Presence of God in Christ bless each of you always!

The Rev. Harold L. Hand, Jr.

Interim Pastor

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Volunteer Steward Message

How can it be August already? Soon we will be finishing vacations, working on back to school, and getting ready for fall. It's been a great few months at St. Peter's. Everything is back in full swing. We had over 60 children participate in VBS and we're gearing up for the fall.

This is a great time to re-commit yourself to your church family. There are many opportunities to participate in helping your church continue to thrive.

So, where do you fit in? the answer is easy-ANYWHERE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE! We would love to have you try an activity you haven't done before. Sort of like buying a car, test out a committee or social group. Who knows, you may love it!

I am always available to help you discern where your talents/gifts would be best used. Please contact me to chat on how you can best fulfill your ministry within your church.

To continue the legacy that is St. Peter's, your leadership definitely needs you. It cannot be done by them alone. Please help!

Betsy Linn,

Volunteer Steward

Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org





Youth & Family Ministry News...

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

- ◇ September 11th – First day of Sunday School (9:15 a.m.) with the church picnic to follow
- ◇ October 29th – Trunk or Treat – 4:00-5:30 p.m. – Church parking Lot
- ◇ Our October Youth event is still being planned! Stay tuned!

Watch emails, the bulletin, the Herald, the Website and Facebook for additional offerings this fall!

What's new in our educational Ministry areas????

Our Youth Room has moved! It is now located in the hallway between the youth lounge and the Christian ed hallway - This room is a great area for our youth to gather, along with snacks, a Keurig machine, a refrigerator with drinks, games, a television and a dart board. This will be our Senior High Sunday School room as well!

St. Peter's Preschool Playground.

Is now located in the Youth lounge – This is the learning area for our preschool playground sessions and will be open for our younger St. Peter's children on Sunday mornings. There will be activities, toys, games, books and crafts for our younger children to keep them busy between Sunday School and Worship!

Expanded Children's Library

Visit our expanded Children's library at the end of the ramp towards the Christian Ed hallway. There are more shelves with books and a reading nook for our kids. Feel Free to take out a book from our library! A big thank you to Sally Longenderfer for all of her hard work on this important part of our educational ministry!

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

2022 Confirmation Camp Pictures – Camp Kirchenwald





9th Grade Confirmation

For those of you with fall 9th graders in your home, watch for a letter in early August with information about 9th Grade Confirmation Class. Pastor Ross and Joe Geesey are the co-teachers of the class again this coming year. If you do not receive a letter and have a 9th grader in your household, please contact Pastor Ross, so we can correct our class rosters and have your 9th grader ready to participate. The first class will be on September 11th.



ST. PETER'S KIDS

Dear Families,



Vacation Bible School was a HUGE success! **Food Truck Party – on a Roll with God!** We had approximately 62 children attend! Our theme was based on Matthew 6:11: **“Give us this day our daily bread.”** This verse reminds us that everything we have comes from God, but it also calls us to turn to God in prayer for what we need every day. Our chefs learned that **God is great**. If we share God’s blessings, we learned that **God is good**. We learned to **thank God for our food**. We learned that **by God’s hands, we all are fed**. We learned to **trust God to provide what we need to love and care for God’s people**. We hope your child/ren had an amazing experience!

I want to thank our leaders Sara Deno, Tara George, Julia Kroesen and Christine Hofmann for their time and dedication to this event along with the many volunteers, adults and youth, who assisted each night! In addition, many thanks to Pastor Ross for providing puppet shows and to Sister Dottie for leading songs. We are grateful for everyone who participated!



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!

Blessings,

Cindy Geesey
Director of Children’s Ministries
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.

Worship Assistant Schedule for August

	LECTORS	GREETERS	USHERS	WELCOME CENTER
August 7 8:00 a.m.	Patti Courtois	Luther & Catharine Kimmich	Thompson & Betsy McConnell	Shirley Dombach
9:45 a.m.	John Ford	Craig & Lisa Rodenberger	Dan & Karen Beck	Clarence Simon
August 14 8:00 a.m.	Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Adam Gegg	Don Wenrich	Bob & Edee Bedford
9:45 a.m.	Beth Glassford	Clarence Simon	Jim & Jane Savidge	Mark & Darla Cardin
August 21 8:00 a.m.	Stephanie Gerber	John & Kathy Burke	John Kerchner, Tom Rothfus	Mary Ann Oberholtzer
9:45 a.m.	Becky Lutz	Jim & Jane Savidge	Ann Larrick	Sherry Weller
August 28 8:00 a.m.	Anne Marie Strubel	Tom Rothfus	Liz O'Brien	Susie Roderick
9:45 a.m.	Jordan Lambert	Art & Libby Stoner	Geoff & Anneliese Owen	Dave & Lis Wolf

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Worship Participant Schedulers		
Altar Guild	Debbie Shue	djshue52@comcast.net
A/V	Bill Schlener	billschlener@comcast.net
Communion Assistants	Karen Peiffer	kpeiffer13@comcast.net
Flower Delivery	Christine Smith	cjsmith1984@gmail.com
Greeters	Vicki Legath	Vicki.legath@gmail.com
Lectors	Thompson McConnell	thompsonmcconnell42@gmail.com
Ushers	Nancy Beauregard	rigger1564@comcast.net
Welcome Center	Jamie Rottmund	jrottmund@gmail.com

Worship Assistant Schedule for August (continued)

	A/V	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	ALTAR GUILD COORDINATORS	ALTAR GUILD
August 7 8:00 a.m.	Mark Burkholder	Diane Gegg, Nancy LeFevre	Lori Weaver	Jill Kerchner
9:45 a.m.	Dave Tilley	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
August 14 8:00 a.m.	Tom Chever	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
9:45 a.m.	Bill Schlener	Shirley Gorner, Thompson McConnell	Lori Weaver	Sharon Breeden
August 21 8:00 a.m.	Angela Moshos	Karen Peiffer, Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Lori Weaver	Nancy Miller
9:45 a.m.	Bob Preston	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
August 28 8:00 a.m.	Tom Badorf	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
9:45 a.m.	Dave Tilley	Janet Roberts, Margaret Strausser	Lori Weaver	Lis Wolf



NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — AUGUST 2022				
	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Lector	Jenny Sassaman	Lisa Teichmann	Megan Thompson	Bob Preston
Communion Assistant	Bill Sassaman	No Communion	Sharon Schaefer	No Communion
Ushers	Brian & Brittney Booher	Bill Sassaman	Heath & Anna Edelman	John & Janet Hess

August Flower Delivery Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deliverer</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
8/7/22	Christine Smith	Anna Dowie
8/7/22	Tim & Sharon Fickes	The Eberly's
8/14/22	Debbie Shue	Lura Zeswitz
8/14/22	Christine Smith	Joan Groff
8/21/22	Cheryl Oeschger	Arlene Dodd
8/21/22	John & Kathy Burke	Sally Price
8/28/22	Cathy Graver	Anna Wertz
8/28/22	Lauren Bergren	Peggy Popp



Seeking Volunteers for Altar Flower Delivery

Starting in September, the altar flower delivery team will have one or two openings to deliver flowers to a member who can no longer attend church. You may deliver after the late service or on Monday. It is a nice opportunity for a family to engage with someone. If interested, contact Christine Smith at 717-299-0949. No skills needed!



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/stpeterslanaster>) 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.

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.



LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST CALENDAR

Monday, August 1

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
6:00 p.m. - Call Committee (Cry Room)

Tuesday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 3

1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Augsburg Alley)
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)

Thursday, August 4

12:00 p.m. - 50+ Fellowship Picnic (Augsburg Alley)

Saturday, August 6

10:00 a.m. - Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank
7:00 p.m. - British Brass Band Concert (Sanctuary)

Sunday, August 7

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

Monday, August 8

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee (Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 9

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

Wednesday, August 10

1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)

Sunday, August 14

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

Monday, August 15

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
6:00 p.m. - Call Committee (Cry Room)
6:30 p.m. - Council Meeting (Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)

Sunday, August 21

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

Monday, August 22

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
6:30 p.m. - HR Committee (Zoom)
6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 23

10:30 a.m. - Widows Group (Room 100)

Sunday, August 28

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

Monday, August 29

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
6:00 p.m. - Call Committee (Cry Room)



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.

THE NEXT ISSUE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER — ARTICLES DUE AUGUST 10TH

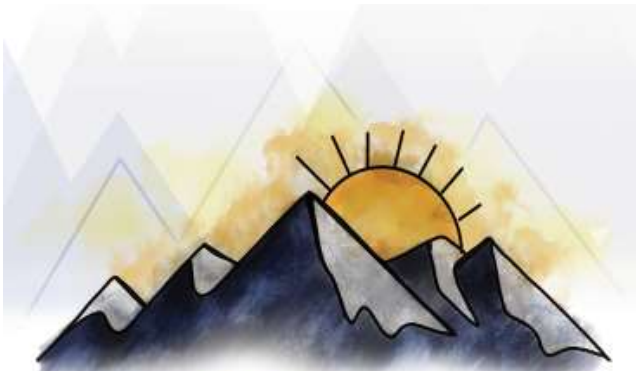
**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

Articles for the September 2022 “Herald” are due in the church office no later than **August 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.



Pursue
righteousness, godliness,
FAITH, love, steadfastness,
gentleness.
1 Timothy 6:11 ESV

If you have any questions,
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Sandy Shattuck
Editor & Parish Secretary

