



“The Herald” Newsletter

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

September 2022



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*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...”*
Galatians 5:22

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Fall Worship Schedule

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 10:30 AM & Livestream (Family Life Center)

Traditional Worship at 10:30 AM
(Sanctuary)

Please make note:

The 2nd Traditional Service & New Day will be at 10:30 AM.
Outdoor Worship will be discontinued.



Congregational Event

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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September Worship Schedule

September 4 -- The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Hand preaches
9:00 AM – Outside Portico Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Ross preaches
9:45 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Pastor Hand preaches
9:45 AM – New Day Service of Holy Communion in FLC, Pastor Ross preaches

September 11 -- The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

September 18 -- The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM – Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, Pastor Hand preaches
10:30 AM – Service of the Word in the Sanctuary, Pastor Hand preaches
10:30 AM – New Day Service of Holy Communion in the FLC, Pastor Ross preaches

September 25 -- The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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



Livestreaming Options

Livestreaming options are available for the 8:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:30 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-WveKblhrVBQDN0hM2KoGE87>.

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

Weekdays

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Ross's Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 14th. The class meets in the Café from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. The class has chosen as their major topic of study, The Gospel of Matthew. Since our Sunday lectionary Gospel lessons (the Bible passages we read in worship on Sunday mornings) will be drawn primarily from the Gospel of Matthew, starting in December, our class will have an opportune time to engage in some disciplined insight into the gospel lessons we will read in church most Sundays.



We will take a modest winter break, starting in January 2023 to enjoy our mid-year mini-series on the topic of “Angels in the Bible.” Then we will return to Matthew to finish the rest of the year.

All you need is a Bible ... and an inquisitive mind ... and a desire to learn a little more about the book that is the heart of our faith. Whether you come every week, or just once or twice on your days off, you will be able to enjoy some Christian fellowship with others while also learning about this magnificent heart of our faith.

If you will be joining us for the first time, and would like to receive weekly reminders about the coming Wednesday topics, email Pastor Ross and he will add you to the class email distribution list (which is blind copied to preserve the privacy of your email address).

Please direct any questions to Pastor Ross at craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org.



September Pub Theology – Wednesday, September 21st – 6:30 p.m. – place to be determined. Watch for more details in our communications. Topic will be “Can we Talk?” What can and can’t we talk about in church. RSVP to Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org

Sundays

Adult Sunday School - 9:15—10:15 a.m.

Please join in for conversation with the POD Class on Scripture, theology and living out our discipleship in the world. This class will meet in room 102.

There will be other “mini” classes that will meet throughout the year focusing on different topics – watch for more information as it becomes available.

Church Council Meeting Minutes Available

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.



Mission Campaign

St. Peter's Family,

Gratitude and anticipation – perhaps the two most palpable emotions we are holding, as we share this exciting mission campaign update with you!

We launched *Faith in our Future* in April 2021, and less than 18 months into the three-year campaign, 106 households have helped us secure pledges totaling \$941,180 with pledge payments and outright gifts totaling \$507,399.42. This sharing of God's financial abundance has allowed us to either complete or enter the final planning stages of all the capital components of the campaign! The progress of these items is outlined in the matrix on the next page. This truly is a moment to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the generosity given thus far in the campaign. THANK YOU!

The project update matrix shows the approximate campaign budgets that were used to build the \$1,250,000 million campaign back in late 2019, in addition to the actual and/or projected budgets (based on current estimates). As you will see, our expenses exceeded the approximate costs by \$118,885. Is this the result of poor planning? No. Instead, the cost increase is directly tied to the supply-chain and inflationary turbulence that has ensued since 2019. Does this mean we will decrease our goals for the next phase of the campaign? No!

While we're answering questions – albeit rhetorical ones, we also want to debunk a myth we understand is making its way through the congregation. It did NOT cost \$400,000 to fix the parking lot. The final total cost to repair the parking lot was \$281,706. The increase in expense was directly tied to the increase in cost of materials.

What's next? For those of you who have been waiting to support the second phase of our mission campaign: Mortgage Reduction and Mission Funding, NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT! You can print a campaign pledge form from our campaign website at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/mission-campaign/>. We will be communicating more details in the coming weeks about the impact of reducing our current mortgage debt and the exciting plans of how the Mission Fund dollars will be put to good use in our community, near and far.

Please accept our sincere gratitude for your gifts of financial treasure, continued prayers, discernment, and commitment to the success of *Faith in Our Future*, as we lead with excited anticipation for the next phase of our campaign! Thank you for continuing on this journey with us.

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)

***Faith in Our Future* Mission Campaign**

Project Update

Exterior Building Maintenance Campaign budget = approximately \$200,000 Actual = \$343,280	
Replace Rooftop heating/cooling Units	Completed
Repair and repave parking lot and storm drain; move dumpster enclosure	Completed
Landscape and grounds upkeep - Church campus	Completed
Interior Building Maintenance Campaign budget = \$185,000 Actual/Projected = \$133,605	
Replace heating/cooling control system	Completed
Repair boilers	Completed
Replace control system for chillers	Completed
Repair floor Leak and re-tile room – Duck Room	Completed
Security and LED lighting of parking lot	Completed
Install LED Lighting in Sanctuary	Removed from project list: currently no LED options available for our high-wattage lights
Install remote door locks for North and Ramp Entrances	In progress – expected to be completed in September
Add security cameras for North, Ramp, and Main entrances	In progress – expected to be completed in September
Technology Campaign budget = \$40,000 Actual/Projected = \$64,000	
Install New Wireless Microphone System (Family Life Center)	In progress – project to address all AV and acoustics needs in the Family Life Center expected to be completed by the end of 2022
Upgrade A/V for Live Streaming Systems	Completed
Mount Projectors and Screens for Café, Family Life Center and Augsburg Alley	Completed
Mission and Ministry Campaign budget (furniture) = \$20,000 Actual = \$23,000	
Refurnish Narthex	Completed
Purchase Cargo Van	Deferred – determined to be a lesser priority and now is cost prohibitive
Establish Mission Fund	Planning underway
Decrease Mortgage Debt	Planning underway

Prayer Chain Ministry

As you start thinking about your Fall schedule and being active at church again, (after living in a COVID world) please consider joining the prayer chain. All your committee work is done how it suits YOUR schedule in YOUR time frame! You'll receive the requests as we receive them (either by email or a phone call). You pray for the request for one week, again as it suits YOUR schedule! Please contact either Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406 Ginny.gerhart@gmail.com OR Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 angmosh@gmail.com for more info or to sign up! We would love to have you join us!



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

Health & Wellness

September: National Recovery and Suicide Prevention Month

National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible.

Every family is unique, but all families share a bond that can be used to support one another during trying times. While there is no one-size-fits-all solution for helping a family member who is drinking too much, using drugs, or dealing with a mental illness, research shows that family support can play a major role in helping a loved one with mental and substance use disorders. When a family member is experiencing a mental or substance use disorder, it can affect more than just the person in need of recovery. Evidence has shown that some people have a genetic predisposition for developing mental and substance use disorders, and may be at greater risk based on environmental factors, such as having grown up in a home affected by a family member's mental health or history of substance use. Families should be open to the options of support groups or family therapy and counseling, which can improve treatment effectiveness by supporting the whole family. It is also important to remember that the unique challenges that come from helping a loved one with a mental or substance use disorder can be taxing, so caregivers should take steps to prioritize their own health as well. Family members may be more likely to notice when their loved ones are experiencing changes in mood or behavior. Being able to offer support, family members can connect those in need with treatment, resources, and services to begin and stay on their recovery journey.

During the pandemic, the rate of these diseases increased, and suicides spiked. Fortunately, people have become increasingly comfortable talking about their mental health, particularly these past few years. But the topic of suicide is still scary for many people. Some are afraid that by asking someone if they are having thoughts of suicide, it will put the idea in their head, or push them to take their lives. Research shows this is not true. Some are worried that they won't know what to do, or how to help, if the person tells them, they are thinking about suicide. **September 4-10, 2022 is National Suicide Prevention Week.** It is only by learning more about what leads someone to suicide, the ways we can help to prevent it, and what resources are available, (and not being afraid to ask when we're worried about someone, or for help when we need it ourselves), that we can empower our communities to address this leading cause of death. We all have mental health. It's time we take the next step, ask more deeply about what someone is experiencing, and if we need it, find help together.

SAMHSA's National Helpline

[1-800-662-HELP](tel:1-800-662-HELP) (4357)

TTY: [1-800-487-4889](tel:1-800-487-4889)

Text: [435748](tel:435748)

samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline

Substance Use Treatment Locator

findtreatment.gov

Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator

findtreatment.samhsa.gov



Fellowship

Church Picnic Sunday, September 11th



We will be having our annual church picnic after worship services. Tables and chairs will be set up outside near the memorial garden. All food will be provided.

We will be having a cake walk (baked good donations needed!), a tie dye activity for kids and youth and games. Join us for food and fellowship. Questions can be directed to Lynn Fyfe, Fellowship Chair at lynnfyfe@comcast.net



Property Committee

Parking lot wrap up –

This is the largest project the church has undertaken in some time so I wanted to share some information. Under Bud Benton's leadership, and with Mission Campaign support, the need to refresh the parking lot was identified as a critical need. A sub team was created and a local engineering firm was engaged to write a specification for the work and to qualify bidders. The Mission Campaign originally allocated \$110,000. Bidding commenced in late 2021 and Kreider was selected with the following details:

North parking lot (oldest section) - \$145,471

South parking lot (newest section) - \$80,057

New dumpster pad and enclosure - \$29,995

The cost was substantially higher than originally estimated due to the poor condition of the north lot which required extra reinforcement in order to be confident of a 15 year+ life. The dumpsters were relocated due to the old location violating zoning regulations. All bidders included escalation clauses for the cost of asphalt (based on oil prices) which impacted the final cost negatively (\$20,028).

A change order that was negotiated (\$5,755) was to increase the size of the dumpster enclosure to accommodate our recycling containers. With those larger containers we are now removing trash and recyclables less frequently to save money each week. All work was completed on time and as bid for a total of \$281,306 including reconstruction of 2 main drains. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Your Property Chair,
Mark Aho



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FACEBOOK PAGE!
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

Social Ministry

Community Meal Day

Monthly Community Meal at Grace Lutheran, Lancaster will be Wednesdays, September 7th and September 14th. 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, September 3rd** 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).



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 extra cost in addition to school supplies. Place cards in the drop box on the table outside the church office. Questions about the uniforms can be directed to Liz O'Brien at Elizabeth.t.obrien@gmail.com.



God's work.
Our hands.

Sunday, September 11th – we are in need of the following for this Sunday:

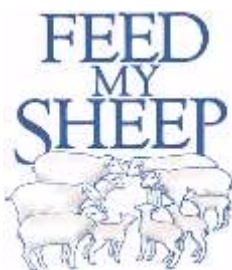
Please bring a few items from the list to donate to the Welcome place, a homeless shelter for men and women held at Ebenezer Baptist Church —

Men's medium underwear and T-shirts, ankle or crew socks for men, ponchos, ear plugs, razors

Donations needed for the School District of Lancaster —

Boxes of tissues, hand sanitizer, clorox wipes, individually wrapped snacks for classrooms, prize bin items

Items may be placed in the box in the Narthex.



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in September: *Peanut butter; jellies and jams; canned fruits; canned pasta; canned tomato products; spaghetti sauce; canned low sodium soup; boxed macaroni and cheese; instant stuffing & potatoes; canned yams; complete pancake mix & syrup; canned tuna and chicken; tuna, beef & chicken helper; cereal; instant oatmeal; ground coffee.* 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!***



We Welcome Eldonna Filardi

Interim Organist

Eldonna Filardi joined our church staff on August 21st as our interim organist. She has been a lifelong musician, serving positions in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania as an organist, choir director and director of music. She has also been involved in vocal training and accompaniment roles for chamber and ensemble musical groups. Eldonna has served in congregational, professional, academic and community settings. We hope that you will welcome her warmly to St. Peter's.

Here is a brief bio to get to know Eldonna a little better.

Eldonna Marie Filardi holds a Bachelor of Sacred Music degree from Nyack College. She majored in piano performance with additional studies in voice, organ, conducting, pedagogy, and handbells. She pursued graduate studies at Westminster Choir College. She has taught music at a number of private schools in the New York Metropolitan area, directing and accompanying choirs of all ages. She has been a member of the Rainbow Ringers. Eldonna has worked in several churches as Director of Music, organist, choir director, and handbell director. She was an adjunct professor of music at William Paterson College, accompanying faculty and students for vocal and instrumental recitals, concerts, auditions, juries, lessons, competitions, festivals, and musical productions. Eldonna has been accompanist for the Royal Academy of Dance classes and exams. She also accompanied the Ridgewood Choral and the Canticum Sacrum choir. Since moving to Lancaster County several years ago she has continued to be active as an accompanist.



In addition, Eldonna maintains a very busy private piano and voice lesson studio. She occasionally performs as a piano soloist and especially enjoys performing as accompanist for vocal or instrumental soloists and for choirs in concerts and recital programs. In 2001 she had the privilege of performing with the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra. In April of 2003, as a Hodgkin's Lymphoma survivor, she accompanied several singing friends in a benefit concert for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society entitled "Songs of Hope".



CHOIR REHEARSAL START UP — Herald Choir rehearsal will be starting on Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Eldonna Filardi, Interim Organist/Choir Director at eldonna.filardi@stpeterslutheran.org.

Thank You From Adam Lefever Hughes

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all the kind messages, well wishes, and gifts given over these last few weeks. Your grace-filled notes of encouragement have been a blessing as my time at St. Peter's has come to a close. I will cherish them in the weeks and months to come. It has been an honor to serve among you and I feel so blessed to have walked with St. Peter's these last seven years along the way. God's peace to you all.

Adam



Gifted to Serve

The Offering of Time and Talent

Each month your Stewardship committee will bring you a new feature! A member will share how their being part of a ministry helps them spiritually and how it keeps them connected to St. Peter's. You will also hear more about the different ministries and the opportunities to serve your church family and community.

Sherry Weller is the chairperson of the Mutual Ministry Committee. She is graciously sharing her thoughts.

“The Mutual Ministry Committee functions as the liaison between the rostered leaders, the congregation, and the community. We embrace a healthy practice of inclusion, by listening to and observing the life of the congregation. With the help of those in the congregation, (and community), we hope to recognize areas that may warrant attention, or remain a positive part of the church. We serve as the conduit between the people, Pastor Ross and Sister Dottie, discussing the various topics brought to our attention, as well as reviewing all aspects of the church's ministries. We serve on the Committee with the church's mission/vision in mind, and to further grow the church and its outreach.

Along with my family, St. Peter's is an important part of my life. Being part of this Committee for the past 5 years has kept me connected to the church in many ways. Working in healthcare, I've recognized the importance of open communication and on-going education. This Committee is an important part of the church's foundation. Open dialogue regarding concerns and/or positive aspects of the church's worship services, and all activities, is essential.”



Tanzania Mission Committee

Busoka Church Building Update

Here is an update on the building progress:

Roofing materials were purchased and stored in the Saint Peter's House.

Busoka Arambee (a congregational appeal African style) was able to raise funds for an architect/contractor to install the roof in September.

More updates coming soon. Thank you for your continued support of Busoka.



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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF 2022 (Jan-July)

negative diff: actual
less than budget

	2021
	YTD
	Actual
Weekly Offering Income	505,499
Special Offering Income	4,105

Offering Income Totals	\$ 509,604
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Debt Reduction Income	\$ 94,487
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$ (86,954)
Income less Expense	\$ 7,533
Other Income	54,418
Gen Fund Expenses	(595,073)
Other Income less Expense	\$ 649,491

Total Income	658,509
Total Expense	(682,028)
INCOME less EXPENSE	\$ (23,519)

Note: Excludes Mission Campaign and Preschool. See below.

Mission Campaign

Mission Campaign- Rev	\$ 293,245
Mission Campaign- Exp *	\$ (78,217)
Net	\$ 215,028

2022	2022	2022
YTD	YTD	Diff YTD
Budget	Actual	Bud vs Act
534,223	465,642	(68,581)
14,485	12,272	(2,213)

\$ 548,708	\$ 477,913	\$ (70,795)
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102,083	73,132	(28,951)
(79,512)	(77,221)	2,291
\$ 22,571	\$ (4,089)	\$ (26,660)
99,248	70,836	(28,412)
(668,007)	(596,835)	71,172
\$ (568,758)	\$ (525,999)	\$ 42,760

750,039	621,881	(128,158)
(747,519)	(674,056)	73,463
\$ 2,521	\$ (52,174)	\$ (54,695)

Net WITH Mission Campaign **\$ 191,510** **\$ 1,622** **\$ (272,178)** **\$ (273,800)**

* Mission Campaign expenses in 2022: Note this includes the \$281,306 for repaving project

Cumulative totals for Mission Campaign since 2020: Donations rec'd \$554,517 Expenses (\$475,939) **Net \$78,578**

Over the three year campaign- Pledges made \$946,180; Pledges paid \$543,172; **Expected \$403,008** **THANK YOU!**

Preschool Operation

	2021
	YTD
	Actual
PRESCHOOL - Income	\$ 100,051
PRESCHOOL - Expenses	\$ (85,546)
Income less Expense	\$ 14,505

Pandemic year

2022	2022	2022
YTD	YTD	Diff YTD
Budget	Actual	Bud vs Act
151,152	31,846	(119,306)
(151,152)	(74,729)	76,423
\$ -	\$ (42,883)	\$ (42,883)

School
reopened in
Sept 2021

Tuition comes
in Aug & Sept.
for the fall term.

Several parents paid in advance in Sept- Dec 2021 for the full school year ending in May 2022.

In 2022, preschool budget year converted from a School year Sept-Aug to a calendar year like the church.

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 September 27th in Room 100. If you are interested in joining, 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

Funeral Planning — We will be holding an informational program on *What it Takes to Pre-Plan a Funeral* on Wednesday, September 28th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The program will be presented by Mark Burkholder, a long-time member, who works at the Snyder Funeral Home. Most of us prepare for what is possible, but seldom for the inevitable. Today, more and more people are arranging their funerals in advance of death. Pre-arranged and/or pre-funded funeral, cremation and cemetery arrangements considerably ease a family's burden when death occurs. It can also play an integral part in financial planning. There are many reasons to pre-arrange a funeral: To make sure an individual's wishes are represented after their death; To protect family members and loved ones from having to make difficult decisions during an emotional time; To simplify the financial responsibilities associated with paying funeral expenses, and protect against increased costs (pre-funded funerals). *There is no obligation or expectation by attending this program. It is for informational purposes only.* Please contact Betsy Linn if you plan to attend so we have enough materials to share. Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org or 717-569-9211

50 + Group — Please join us on Thursday, September 1st at noon in the Café for lunch, fellowship, entertainment and education. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Frick. He will begin his series on "Together they Made the Modern American First Ladyship", beginning with Eleanor Roosevelt and ending with Laura Bush. If you have not joined us for Dr. Frick's series, you are missing a good time with education. If you have Showtime on your TV, there is a good miniseries about First Ladies, including Eleanor Roosevelt, Betty Ford, and Michele Obama. Please bring your own sandwich, place setting, a beverage, and a snack to share. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 717-318-8848 or email djshue52@Comcast.net.

WELCA — We will meet on Thursday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m. in Room 124. After a light breakfast we will be assembling our Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The signup sheet for future programs as well as refreshments will be available! Please bring any items you have collected for future Vantage Kits and Personal Care Kits to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you! All women are welcome! Come join us! Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 717-569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 717-371-7296.
With blessing, Sally and Kathy

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.

Thank You From Judy Logan

To all my wonderful St. Peter's friends, I just want to thank all of you for your kindness and compassionate words of condolence to me and my family upon Vernon's death. He will be missed, but he is with us always.

Judy Logan



Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends:

September is upon us ... the time of year when we think about returning to routines and re-engaging familiar patterns in our lives. Church is one of those parts in our lives that invites this feeling of re-engagement. Even if you have been worshipping with us over the summer, there is a special feel about church in the fall. Your staff and lay leaders are excited about getting back into our normal Sunday routine of worship, education and fellowship. We expect you will be equally excited to take another step back into normal church life.

Here's a challenge for you. Why don't you consider picking up one new church activity in church life this fall. Think of it as your "one step closer to normalcy." We have to start somewhere, and what better place to start than with the heart of our congregation ... the people of God offering their praise of God in worship? You can serve in solo fashion, picking something like lectoring, or helping in the AV room, or joining in with other altar guild members to help caretake our worship life. Or you can serve as a family, with different members being part of a family team of leaders, with one acolyting and another helping minister communion elements and another pair serving as ushers. We are always better with a rich diversity of spirits and passions leading the various parts of our worship services. And those mentioned here are not the only possibilities. If you have questions about where you might best serve, feel free to call me and we can talk through options that might fit your talents and passions. Or contact the office so that we can connect you to one of our lay leaders of the various parts of roles that are part of Sunday worship.

If your passions lie in other areas like education or fellowship and socialization, I know that Sister Dottie and Cindy Geesey would love to connect you to a class setting as a leader or helper in our Sunday School ministries. And Donna Aho can always use additional hands in our coffee bar ministry. And the Welcome Center can always use a fresh face or two to greet visitors and members alike. This is your church, and while staff members come and go, you are the ones who bring consistency and energy to the koinonia fellowship Christians enjoy when we worship God, pray for those in need, and sing our praise.

My typical closing salutation is rarely more passionately expressed to you ... your loved ones ... and your friends ... than it is this month ...

See you in church,

Pastor Ross



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.



Volunteer Steward Message

A new start! That's how it feels in September, especially if you have school age children or teach. Isn't there a commercial about it being the most wonderful time of the year? I'm so excited about all the wonderful things happening here. Sunday School is starting September 11th, we are having our traditional picnic, we have people signing up to help with Sunday morning worship, and many other positive things are happening.

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. We have time and talent forms you can complete which will help you choose what you might enjoy. Now is a great time to see how you can become more involved and support your church!

See you in church (volunteering, hopefully)!

Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward Betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org 717-618-9615

Youth & Family Ministry News...

Check out our new classrooms and youth room!



Grades 5/6 – meet in room 128 – complete with snacks/ a Keurig for Hot chocolate and weekly trivia questions. We will connect the Biblical story with our daily lives as Christians. Leaders will be Crystal Heiser, John Olmsted and Sister Dottie.



Grades 7/8 – meet in room 130 – across from library – also complete with snacks/a Keurig for hot chocolate and a place where we learn about what it means to be a disciple of Christ! Leader is Molly Olmsted.



Our new Youth Lounge will be located in room 106 - it is still under construction for a picture but will be ready by September 11th – complete with sofas, chairs, a television, games, a Keurig for hot drinks, snacks and a small fridge.

September 11th

9:15-10:15 a.m. - Sunday School Open House and God's Work our Hands Sunday. See the article for items needed under "God's work our hands Sunday" or on the back of the youth calendar.

12:00 p.m. - Church Picnic – there will be pillowcase tie dying, a cake walk (baked goods donations needed) and games – food provided.

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



9TH Grade Confirmation

Those of you with 9th graders in your home for the coming school year should have received a letter in August with information about 9th Grade Confirmation Class. Pastor Ross is the primary teacher for the class again this coming year. If you did not receive a letter and have a 9th grader in your household that you would like to have involved in Confirmation, 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,

“By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer’s best of weather and autumn’s best of cheer.” - Helen Hunt Jackson



Yes, September days are here, and we are excited to begin Sunday School on September 11th! We will, again, be offering Sunday School to our PreK/K children in the Frog Room led by Julia Kroesen. A huge thank you to Julia for taking the lead in providing Christian education to our youngest population! The curriculum will be based on Spark House Bible stories with innovative crafts, games, and, of course, snacks!

For grades 1 through 4, we are excited to offer a Biblical theme-based curriculum that will also engage children in interactive, rotating components: an opening with a story and music; a creation station, art activities; an exploration station, science and cooking; and an adventure station, games. Our first theme will be creation.

We are excited to announce that we have a new program for our children in preK thru 4th Grade!

PreK/K will meet in our new “Prayground” area in the old youth lounge and grades 1-4 will meet in Augsburg Alley - Grades 1-4 will begin with an opening in the large space of Augsburg Alley then break off into three smaller groups which will rotate weekly through three different areas – Creation station (art, legos, kinetic sand, crafts) Exploration Station (Science and cooking, escape rooms, etc.) and Adventure Station (games, physical activities). Creation and Exploration stations will have several stations set up where the kids can choose what activity to engage.



The Opening Area



Creation Station



Exploration Station



We are seeking volunteers to lead and help with the stations for a 4 to 6 week time period for as often as your time permits throughout the year. Everything is scripted so no preparation is required. All materials and resources are provided. Please consider getting involved with your child’s Christian education and supporting our Sunday School program in this way. If you are able to volunteer, contact Cindy Geesey at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org.

In addition, we are asking families to preregister for Sunday School by going to our website and clicking on the link that is on the LEARN page. That will be very helpful for our planning purposes. Thank you!



As always, we welcome volunteers to serve on our Children’s Ministries Committee. Please respond to Cindy Geesey, Director of Children’s Ministries at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org with any amount of interest you may have. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you and your children in Sunday School!

Blessings,

Cindy Geesey
Director of Children’s Ministries



St. Peter's Preschool

It's that time of the year again....St. Peter's Preschool will resume on September 12th and we are excited to welcome 70 students to St. Peter's this fall. Our teachers, sextons, office staff and property committee have been so generous with their time this summer; and our preschool looks amazing! We have a new class this year in room 102, which will be our Owl Class. We are also looking forward to utilizing our new music room, children's library space and a new area for some cooking and science in Augsburg Alley. Our playground has had some TLC this summer too. New playground surfacing, some fresh padding around our monkey bars and some cleaning have made our playground quite the topic of conversation when our new students come in to visit.



This upcoming school year, we will be offering a “young” 3 year old class, two 3 year old classes, and three 4-5 year old classes. These classes will run from 9:00-12:00. Our optional, extended lunch program, Prayground, was a huge success last year. Due to this success, we are now able to offer Prayground Monday through Friday, from 12:00-1:30. Prayground will be led by St. Peter's Christian Educators, as well as preschool staff. This lunch program will include time for free play, Bible stories, crafts, music and of course lunch. Please remember all of these opportunities are on a first come first serve basis and space is limited.

We will continue to collect the pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, along with a few other community service projects.

I can't thank everyone enough, for all of the help and support our program received last year!

We have a small waiting list for the fall, please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding our program, setting up a tour or to request an application.

Heather Cramer

St. Peter's Preschool Director

heather.cramer@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.

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.

Worship Assistant Schedule for September

	LECTORS	GREETERS	USHERS	WELCOME CENTER
September 4 8:00 a.m.	Larry Wilcox	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger	Cindy Miley, Eric May	Shirley Dombach
9:45 a.m.	Lois Miklas	Mark Burkholder	Scott Glassford	Rich & Ann Larrick
September 11 8:00 a.m.	Ena Marie Banks	Betsy Kemper	Don Wenrich	Ron & Joan Beck
10:45 a.m.	Jordan Lambert	Dan & Karen Beck	Alan & Beverly Swanson	Clarence Simon
September 18 8:00 a.m.	Mark Burkholder	Lloyd & Marty Bull	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger	Christine Ponti
10:45 a.m.	Thompson McConnell	Scott & Sharon Breeden	Robert & Shirley Gerner	Art & Libby Stoner
September 25 8:00 a.m.	Iain O'Brien	Travis Chaby, Susan Chever	Tom Rothfus	Bob & Edee Bedford
10:45 a.m.	Anneliese Owen	Dick & Loretta Chubb	Bob & Abby Brestensky	Sherry Weller

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Worship Participant Schedulers		
Altar Guild	Debbie Shue	djshue52@comcast.net
A/V	Bill Schlener	billschlener@comcast.net
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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 September (continued)

	ACOLYTES	A/V	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	ALTAR GUILD COORDINATORS	ALTAR GUILD
September 4 8:00 a.m.	Sean & laian O'Brien	Jordan Lambert	Bret Hoffmaster Susan Ketchum	Debbie Shue	Melanie Burkholder
9:45 a.m.	—	Bill Schlener	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
September 11 8:00 a.m.	—	Angela Moshos	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	Patrick & Casey McCarthy	Bob Preston	Clint Frontz Judy Logan	Debbie Shue	Jill Mowery
September 18 8:00 a.m.	—	Tom Chever	Randy & Debbie Shue	Debbie Shue	Cindy Blaney
10:45 a.m.	Rose & David Smith	Dave Tilley	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
September 25 8:00 a.m.	—	Mark Burkholder	No Communion	No Communion	No Communion
10:45 a.m.	Silas & PJ Shaffer	Dave Tilley	Mindy Rottmund Jeffrey Pretz	Debbie Shue	Dawn Troxel



NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — SEPTEMBER 2022				
	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Lector	Cheryl Laub	James Moshos	Jenny Sassaman	Lisa Teichmann
Communion Assistant	Jenny Sassaman	No Communion	Bill Sassaman	No Communion

September Flower Delivery Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deliverer</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
9/4/22	Becky Lutz	Don & Thelma Aurand
9/4/22	Christine Smith	Phyllis Seitz
9/11/22	JoAnn Boltz	Nancy Shimer
9/11/22	Lois Benton	June Hemsteger
9/18/22	Liz O'Brien	Anna Dowie
9/18/22	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Jack & Carlene Eberly
9/25/22	Debbie Shue	Lura Zeswitz
9/25/22	Christine Smith	Joan Groff



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!



NARTHEX COFFEE BAR



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

September 4

September 11

September 18

September 25

Labor Day Holiday

Donna and Mark Aho

Phyllis Hollinger and Shirley Dombach

Amy Smith

Thank you for all of our wonderful volunteers who graciously and faithfully serve members of the Church. We are glad to be back and welcome everyone for some baked goodies and coffee/tea. Have a blessed day!



LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Thursday, September 1

12:00 p.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Café)
7:00 p.m. - Herald Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Saturday, September 3

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

Sunday, September 4

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, September 5

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
3:30 p.m. - Cemetery Committee (Conference Room)
6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday, September 7

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

Thursday, Sept 8

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

Saturday, September 10

Herald Deadline

Sunday, September 11

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center and Livestream)
12:00 p.m. - Church Picnic (Café/outside)

Monday, September 12

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
6:00 p.m. - Call Committee (Cry Room)
7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee (Conference Room)

Tuesday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)

Thursday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 18

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary and Livestream)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (Family Life Center and Livestream)
10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 19

9:00 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
10:00 a.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
6:30 p.m. - Council Meeting (Conference Room)

Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 21

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (TBD)

Thursday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 25

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center and Livestream)

Monday, September 26

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 Rm)

Tuesday, September 27

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

Wednesday, September 28

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
3:30 p.m. - Funeral Education (Sanctuary)

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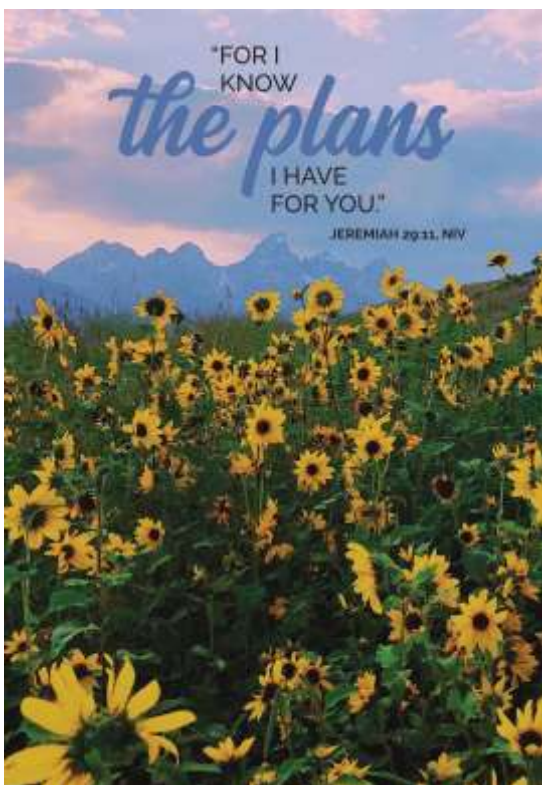
**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

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



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**If you have any questions,
please contact me at
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***Sandy Shattuck
Editor & Parish Secretary***

