



Campaign Update

St. Peter's Family,

As we approach the two-year mark of our mission campaign, *Faith in Our Future*, we are sharing a progress report and a **call for your engagement**.

As of March 1st, 106 households have helped us secure pledges totaling \$946,180 with pledge payments and outright gifts totaling \$679,997. Thank you! Of the dollars received, \$505,000 has been allocated to the capital projects component of the campaign (which now has been completed!) and mortgage debt support. We have also asked Congregation Council to approve another sizeable allocation to support both mortgage debt reduction and the creation of the Mission Fund! As always, you can continue to track our progress at stpeterslutheran.org/mission-campaign

For those of you who were not inclined to support the interior and exterior physical plant projects of the church, NOW is the time to commit to the final two components of the mission campaign: Mortgage Reduction and Mission Fund. If you have been tracking our current operating budget, you appreciate that our mortgage debt is a significant monthly expense. **Debt reduction was included in this campaign specifically because our campaign consultants heard from YOU that tending to this debt in a timely fashion was essential to allow for operating resources to be used for other ministries. For those of you who share that sentiment, we ask you to commit to the campaign at this mid-point.**

If you are called to join us in supporting these critical components of the campaign, you can print a campaign pledge form from our campaign website at stpeterslutheran.org/mission-campaign

We remain steadfastly committed to this congregation and to this campaign, and we are grateful for your prayers and financial support. We appreciate you continuing this journey with us.

With Faith in Our Future,

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Children's Ministries

Announcing: Children's Ministries' annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held in coordination with the Palm Sunday Breakfast on April 2nd, beginning at 9:00 am in the Family Life Center. There is no Sunday School on that day. Breakfast will be first, and the Egg Hunt (rain or shine) for grades preK/K through grade 4 will begin at 9:45 am. Please consider joining us for this fun family event! All are welcome. Registration is required. Watch for more information on how to register in the very near future. Thank you!

Needed: Children's Ministries is in need of candy donations to fill our eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring your candy donations to the office by March 24th. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School will be held from July 16 to July 20! We are excited to announce the theme this year: Hero Hotline. Our heroes, our children, will have fun and discover how heroes can work together to bring peace. You don't want to miss it!! More information to follow.

Welcome Center Volunteers

Our scheduler makes assignments for each Sunday of the month and sends them to the office.

The church office posts the entire monthly schedule for the upcoming month in which you will serve in the weekly Herald. This will give you time to see if you can be there. If you cannot be there, try to exchange with another person assigned for that month and report it to the office. If that fails, try to get someone from the list of volunteers provided by the office. If that doesn't work for you, call the office and they will try to fill it. Since the office personnel is not available after 12 Noon on Friday, or they have a Holiday, or you have an emergency, call the Scheduler, Martha Fulmer at 717-394-2232, and she will cover your absence in some manner.

The Welcome Center has become more than a place for new people coming for the first time. Worship assistants check in there so we can be sure all duties are covered, some members like to stop to talk or ask questions, and some people use it as a place to meet another member.

The end result should be to serve as an ambassador in welcoming any and all people to have a meaningful time worshipping GOD. Regardless of what you are called upon to do at this post, that should be your primary function. Enjoy, it is a great way to get to know people.

Worship for March 12

Third Sunday in Lent

Traditional Worship

8 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Ross

Traditional Worship & Communion

10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Ross

New Day Worship

10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Sister Dottie



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Upcoming Worship Assistant & Volunteer Schedule

March 12

8:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Ann Marie Strubel; **Greeter:** Betsy Kemper; **Ushers:** Eric May & Liz O'Brien; **Welcome Center:** Shirley Dombach; **A/V:** Angela Moshos.

10:30 a.m. — **Lector:** Karen Feldt; **Greeters:** Dan & Karen Beck; **Ushers:** The Schaefer family; **Welcome Center:** Rich & Ann Larrick; **A/V:** Dave Tilley; **Acolytes:** The Schaefer family; **Communion Assistants:** Thompson McConnell; **Altar Guild Coordinator:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Jill Mowery.

Coffee Bar — Tom & Pat Badorf.

March 19

8:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Larry Wilcox; **Greeters:** Lloyd & Marty Bull; **Ushers:** Tom Rothfus & Kyle Templeton; **Welcome Center:** Mary Ann Oerholtzer; **A/V:** Jordan Lambert; **Communion Assistants:** Randy & Debbie Shue; **Altar Guild Coordinator:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Phyllis Hollinger.

10:30 a.m. — **Lector:** John Ford; **Greeters:** Sharon & Scott Breeden; **Ushers:** Dan & Karen Beck; **Welcome Center:** Sandi Hirko; **A/V:** Bob Preston.

Coffee Bar — Mark & Donna Aho.

Congregational Meeting: The Congregation Council has announced a specifically called congregational meeting for Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to address a motion to sell the 40 Delp Road house, garage and property (informally known as the vicarage). Additional details can be read in a letter from the Council.

Concert News: St. Peter's will host another concert by Allegro Orchestra on Saturday, March 18, at 7:30 pm. This is a ticketed event. Visit their website, allegrolancaster.org, under "Upcoming Events" to order your tickets. Be sure to select the March 18 concert date. Members of St. Peter's receive a \$5 discount per ticket by entering code "STP" at checkout.

Exultate Ringers, our intergenerational handbell choir for beginning ringers. Open to students in middle school and older, and also to adults of all ages. Family members are encouraged to ring together, but you do not need to bring family members to participate. This spring we will be working on ringing hymns on handbells and choir chimes, with the goal of ringing them in worship at our traditional services. No music reading skills are required (seriously!). Rehearsals will be on Mondays, 6:15-7:00 p.m., beginning on March 20. For more information, contact Tom Berdos at tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org.

Sages Maundy Thursday Service: Sages, mark your calendar for Thursday, April 6. St. Peter's will host a Sages Maundy Thursday Service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. All of our Sages (those aged 80 or over) are invited to attend. Pastor Craig Ross will preach and Deborah Berdos will play the organ. Family and guests of Sages are welcomed as well. Lunch will be served in the Narthex following the service to allow time for fellowship. Please call the church office at 717-569-9211 or Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 to let us know you will attend by Monday, April 3rd. If you need a ride, let us know as well. Sign up is also available on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery. We look forward to seeing you on the 6th!

Easter flower deliveries: Need your help to deliver an Easter plant or two to some of our members. Some aren't able to make it to service and some haven't been to church in awhile. If you could find time on Easter Sunday or in the days to follow, please sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board outside the church nursery, contact Christine Smith at 299-0949 or email cjsmith1984@gmail.com.

Rev. Craig Ross, Senior Pastor • Sister Dottie Almoney, Director of Education & Outreach

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