



Congregational Meeting

As President of St. Peter's Church Council, I encourage all members to attend the upcoming congregation meeting on May 7 at 9:15 AM to vote on one of two options that Council is presenting for distribution of funds from the sale of the vicarage at 40 Delp Road. The decision to hold a congregation meeting has raised some questions, which I will address:

Why did we take a survey?

The motion that was approved by the Congregation at the March 12, 2023 meeting that authorized the sale of the vicarage also required Council to seek input from the Congregation prior to a decision being made on the distribution of the funds from this sale.

Why is the congregation making this decision?

It is required under the Church Constitution. Paragraph C12.05d of the Church Constitution states that:

"Congregation Council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this congregation, shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption, and may incur obligations for more than four percent in excess of the anticipated receipts only after approval by a Congregation Meeting."

The congregation must vote to approve the expenditure of funds from the sale of the vicarage since it will exceed four percent of the anticipated receipts of the church budget for this year. Although Council acknowledges this provision is somewhat unclear as to whether this situation is one that is prohibited under this paragraph, we believe that it is best for members of the congregation to have the final say on matters that involve such a large disbursement of church funds. Additionally, some have expressed the desire that the congregation have a vote in this decision.

Why have we been given two options?

The survey revealed two strong preferences between 100% debt reduction, and a slightly lower percentage for debt reduction with at least 10% allocated to a property emergency fund.

- Over 38% indicated that 100% of the proceeds from the sale should be applied to debt reduction.
- Over 50% of those responding felt that 80% or more should be applied to pay off the principal of the variable rate loan.
- Slightly over 50% of those responding felt that 10% or more of the proceeds should be held in a property emergency fund.
- Only 25% of those responding identified program ministry as a desired distribution.

I acknowledge the valid concern expressed about the need to support program ministry. Ministry is an essential part of our mission at St. Peter's. Unfortunately, the dramatic increase in the interest rate of the variable rate loan during the past year has the potential to severely restrict future ministry at St. Peter's. I believe that members have prayerfully and thoughtfully responded to the survey. On behalf of the council, I encourage each of you to attend and participate in the congregation meeting and vote on May 7.

In Christ,
Greg Hand

High School Senior Recognition — Will take place at all three services on Sunday, May 14. Forms have been mailed - if you have a senior and haven't received information, please contact Sr. Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org.

End of Year Church Picnic — We will be having an "end of year" congregational picnic on Sunday May 21 after worship. Join us for lunch and games. We will eat outdoors on the Delp road side if it is nice. Hamburgers,

Hot Dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided. NO RSVP needed - just come for some fun and fellowship - we will be eating indoors if the weather is in-clement.

New Member Class — Will be offered on Sunday, May 14 at 9:15 AM during the Sunday School hour in Conference Room #2 (near the Family Life Center). Please contact Pastor Ross (craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org) if you plan to attend.

Worship for April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Traditional Worship & Communion

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Ross

New Day Worship & Communion

10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Sister Dottie



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10 Delp Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

April 30

8:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Jo Boltz; **Greeter:** Mary Ellen Koptez; **Ushers:** Liz O'Brien & Tom Rothfus; **Welcome Center:** Martha Fulmer; **A/V:** Tom Badorf; **Communion Assistant:** Nancy LeFevre & Ginny Strickler; **Altar Guild Coordinator:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Flowers Deliverer:** Tim & Sharon Fickes.

10:30 a.m. — **Lector:** Becky Lutz; **Greeter:** Paul & Tricia Hough; **Ushers:** Ann Larrick & Cheryl Oeschger; **Welcome Center:** Sherry Weller; **A/V:** Bob Preston; **Communion Assistants:** Thompson McConnell & Jeff Pretz; **Altar Guild Coordinator:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Lori Weaver; **Altar Flowers Deliverer:** Tim & Sharon Fickes.

New Day — **Communion Assistant:** Jenny Sassaman.

Coffee Bar — Shirley Dombach & Phyllis Hollinger.

May 7

8:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Patti Courtois; **Greeter:** Cindy Miley; **Ushers:** Eric May & Kyle Templeton; **Welcome Center:** May Ann Oberholtzer; **A/V:** Mark Burkholder; **Communion Assistants:** Bret Hoffmaster & Nancy LeFevre; **Altar Flowers Deliverer:** Lois Benton.

10:30 a.m. — **Lector:** Lois Miklas; **Greeters:** Rich & Ann Larrick; **Ushers:** Cortes family; **Welcome Center:** Jean

Pretz; **Acolytes:** Cortes family; **A/V:** Bill Schlener; **Communion Assistants:** Clint Frontz & Carolyn McNaughton; **Altar Guild:** Cheryl Oeschger; **Altar Flowers Deliverer:** JoAnn Boltz.

Coffee Bar — Mark & Angela Moshos.

May 14

8:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Don Deibler; **Greeter:** Gene Olson; **Ushers:** Rotz family; **Welcome Center:** Shirley Dombach; **Acolytes:** Rotz family; **A/V:** Jordan Lambert; **Communion Assistants:** Robert Courtois & Diane Gegg; **Altar Flowers Deliverer:** Christine Smith.

10:30 a.m. — **Lector:** Judy Logan; **Greeter:** Thompson McConnell; **Ushers:** Jim & Jane Savidge; **Welcome Center:** Dave & Lis Wolf; **A/V:** Dave Tilley; **Communion Assistants:** Todd Benner & Paul Berkebile; **Altar Guild:** Pam Preston; **Altar Flowers Deliverer:** Ken Shirk.

New Day — **Communion Assistant:** Sharon Schaefer.

Coffee Bar — Mark & Donna Aho.

May 21

8:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Diane Gegg; **Greeters:** Tom & Pat Badorf; **Ushers:** Ben DeLeonardis & Don Wenrich; **Welcome Center:** Thomas Rothfus; **A/V:** Tom Badorf; **Communion Assistants:** Jo Boltz & Susan Ketchum; **Altar Flowers**

Deliverer: Liz O'Brien.

10:30 a.m. — **Lector:** Thompson McConnell; **Greeters:** Craig & Lisa Rodenberger; **Ushers:** Schaefer family; **Welcome Center:** Jim & Martha Fulmer; **Acolytes:** Schaefer family; **A/V:** Bob Preston; **Communion Assistants:** Shirley Gorner & Thompson McConnell; **Altar Guild:** Lori Weaver; **Altar Flowers Deliverer:** Debbie Shue.

New Day — **Communion Assistant:** Debbie Stover.

Coffee Bar — Mark & Donna Aho.

May 28

8:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Steph Gerber; **Greeters:** Susie Roderick; **Ushers:** Jo Boltz & Bob Courtois; **Welcome Center:** Ron & Joan Beck; **A/V:** Angela Moshos; **Communion Assistants:** Karen Peiffer & Jennifer Schlener-Thomas; **Altar Flowers Deliverer:** Arlene Dodd.

10:30 a.m. — **Lector:** Anneliese Owen; **Greeters:** Jim & Jane Savidge; **Ushers:** Dan & Karen Beck; **Welcome Center:** Sara Berlucchi; **A/V:** Bill Schlener; **Communion Assistants:** Gary & Dawn Troxell; **Altar Guild:** Beverly Swanson; **Altar Flowers Deliverer:** Sally Price.

New Day — **Communion Assistant:** Bill Sassaman.

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