



Congregational Meeting Voting Results

I want to thank members of St. Peter's for attending, participating and voting on May 7, regarding the distribution of proceeds from the sale of the vicarage at 40 Delp Road.

133 members participated and voted by written ballot. 89 members voted for 100% allocation of the proceeds to debt reduction. The vote reflected a commitment to create a stronger financial footing to support future ministry at St. Peter's.

The proceeds were paid to the lender on Monday (5/8) to reduce the principal of the variable rate loan.

Thank you to Council Vice-President Adam Gegg for chairing the meeting during my absence. With the help of Paul Berkebile and Mark Aho, Adam did an excellent job of preparing a presentation that clearly addressed the concerns of members of St. Peter's.

Thank you to everybody involved!

See you at St. Peter's on Sunday!

Greg Hand
Council President

Giving your Talents: Usher

For the next several weeks, the Stewardship committee is highlighting many of the talents seen and needed at St. Peter's. As you have heard for years, your church cannot function without the many volunteers required on an ongoing basis. As you read about the needs, please consider trying one of these opportunities to serve St. Peter's.

Having served as an usher for many years, it is a rewarding experience. You reconnect with people you haven't seen in a while, and have a chance to make a first impression on visitors.

It's an hour commitment on a Sunday morning.

Serve during worship service approximately once every other month. You may serve as an individual or as a family. Children are welcome! Arrive half an hour before the service, greet worshipers, distribute Bulletins and open doors for people entering the sanctuary until the service begins. Help with offering collection and communion as needed. After the service, straighten up the books, tear out any sign in book pages and set it at the end of that row, and check the pews for anything that doesn't belong. At each service there is a head usher that will give you specific instructions. Contact the church office if you are interested in serving.

Besty Linn

Ocean Grove Choir Festival

On Sunday, July 9, a chorus including hundreds of singers will gather in the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove, NJ, to sing the 69th annual Ocean Grove Choir Festival.

The choir festival is a wonderful service of praise to God, featuring a variety of choral anthems conducted by guest conductors. I have served as guest conductor for this event many times.

The auditorium seats 6,000 and features a magnificent Hope-Jones pipe organ.

Congregational hymn singing, music from brass and organ, and choral masterworks create a musically unforgettable experience.

The large chorus is made up of singers from all over the east coast, as well as those who come from across the country to participate. Anyone is welcome to sing, regardless of church affiliation - they need to purchase the music and learn the parts before July 9. St. Peter's will host regional rehearsals for the Ocean Grove Choir Festival, led by Deborah and me. Singers from Lancaster county will gather in our sanctuary weekly (starting on June 7) to prepare to sing in Ocean Grove in July. All singers need to attend the dress rehearsal, which is 2:00-5:00 p.m. on July 9, just before the choir festival that evening. For information about singing, and where to purchase the music (approx. \$22.00), please contact me at tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org.

In addition to members of the chorus, the choir festival is open to all who would like to attend as part of the audience, and no tickets are required. A freewill offering will be taken, which supports the ministry of the Ocean Grove Campmeeting Association. Many people also attend the afternoon dress rehearsal as part of the audience. The concert in the evening is always well attended.

Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg has made arrangements for a bus for those who would like to travel together. This is open to both singers and those who would like to be part of the audience. The cost is \$60.00 for the round trip, and the deadline to sign up is May 19.

The bus will leave ZLC on July 9 at 8:30 a.m. and return around midnight. For more information, please call 717.393.1145 or check the music bulletin board outside the St. Peter's Choir Room.

For more information on either SINGING IN, or ATTENDING the Ocean Grove Choir Festival, please contact me at tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org, check in with me on Sundays, or visit <https://www.oceangrove.org/choir-festival>.

Yours in Christ,
Tom Berdos

Worship for May 14

Festival of St. Matthais, Apostle

Traditional Worship & Communion

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

Preaching: Sister Dottie

New Day Worship & Communion

10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Ross



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10 Delp Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Upcoming Schedule

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.

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 & Carolyn McNaughton; Altar Guild: Pam Preston.

New Day — Communion Assistant: Sharon Schaefer.

Coffee Bar — Mark & Donna Aho.

Flowers Deliverer — Christine Smith & Ken Shirk

May 21

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Diane Gegg; Greeters: Tom & Pat Badorf; Ushers: Ben DeLeonardis & Don Wenrich; Welcome Center: Susie Roderick; A/V: Tom Badorf; Communion Assistants: Jo Boltz & Susan Ketchum; Altar Flowers Deliverer: Liz O'Brien.

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Ena Marie Banks; 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.

New Day — Communion Assistant: Debbie Stover.

New Member Class — Will be offered on Sunday, May 14 at 9:15 a.m. 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism — The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on June 3 at the 8:00 service. Those interested in baptism may email Pastor Ross, craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org.

Confirmation — Join us next Sunday as we celebrate the rite of Confirmation with this years class: Thomas Bowman, Haley Miller, Iain O'Brien, Grayson Rotz, Jake Russel, Gabreil Seitz and Tori Vasold.

Tanzania Mission Committee — TMC would like to thank you for your support this past month in purchasing S. Clyde Weaver sub coupons that can be used throughout the year at many of the Clyde Weaver locations. 400 coupons were sold. You have helped the orphans of Busoka as \$1,000 has been raised and will be forwarded to Busoka through our Lower Susquehanna Synod. You continue to make a difference in their lives. We applaud you!

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 inclement.

Free Organ Recital — "Our fabulous organist, Deborah Berdos, will be one of the featured performers in the Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists' free recital at the First United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 8, at 7:00 PM! Their 1959 Moller pipe organ—expanded, refurbished, and boasting an impressive sound (one of the largest in Lancaster)—will come alive at the hands and feet of local organists as they raise funds for their scholarship efforts. For over fifty years, the Chapter's members have offered their talents in this concert for the benefit of the community and of the scholarship fund for future organists. Visit their website at www.lancasterago.org for more information."

Office Hours — Beginning June 2, the church office will be closed on Friday's at 12 noon. Regular office hours will resume after Labor Day.

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

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