



Mental Health Awareness Month



Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in May in the United States since 1949, and was started by the Mental Health America organization.

Mental health is an incredibly important part of overall health. With a growing number of Americans experiencing mental health symptoms, we need to advocate for improving our national health care system.

We need more resources, (Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Counselors and others), to help meet the needs of the American people. Furthermore, insurance companies should be required to cover mental health visits, medications, and on-going services.

Thankfully, Senator John Fetterman was brave enough, and set an example for everyone. Many appreciated his announcement of his clinical depression diagnosis. We learned how he sought treatment for as long as was necessary, and returned to work with any needed medication and lots of support.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness helps to fight stigma, provide support, educate the public, and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families. Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, let's join the national movement to raise awareness about mental health, and the need to improve healthcare for those who experience mental health symptoms.

Quick Notes

RITE OF CONFIRMATION — This Sunday, we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation with this year's class: Thomas Bowman, Haley Miller, Iain O'Brien, Grayson Rotz, Jake Russel, Gabriel Seitz and Tori Vasold.

END OF YEAR CHURCH PICNIC — This Sunday is our "end of year" congregational picnic. Join us after worship 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Last Day of Sunday School for all ages is this Sunday, May 21. We will resume Sunday, September 10.

LAST YOUTH GROUP EVENT — Last Youth Group Event of the School Year, The Lawn Games Challenge: Will be held during the Congregation-wide picnic this Sunday. Join us outside for some fun and games to celebrate the end of the school year.

HYMN SING — Sunday, June 4, Tom and Deborah will lead a congregational hymn sing before each traditional service. Please come ten minutes before the service starts, ready to request a favorite hymn from the hymnal.

CELEBRATION — Join us on Sunday, June 4 as we celebrate the 40th ordination of Pastor Ross. There will be a cake reception in the narthex in between worship services. There will be no New Day this Sunday. We are asking our New Day worshipers to join us in the Traditional Service at 10:30 a.m.

DISASTER RESPONSE MISSION — Pastor Glenn Beard and those who participated in the most recent disaster response mission trip will be gathering to tell their stories and show photos from their trip on Sunday, June 11 in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 600 E. Main Street, Lititz, beginning at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to join them and allow them to say, "thank you" for supporting this very important outreach ministry.

CHURCH ENVELOPES — Just a reminder, many church envelopes remain in the Narthex. Please secure yours if you haven't already. Do you know someone who could use help with pick-up & delivery of them? As we continue to address costs, we appreciate any assistance. Envelopes will remain on the table until the end of the month, then moved to the church office. Thank you.

ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY — It was established as an independent state on May 14, 1948. This year, the Jewish Homeland turns 75 years old. David Ben-Gurion, the former head of the Jewish Agency, proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel and U.S. President Harry S. Truman recognized the new nation on the same day in 1948. Many of our St. Peter's members have had the great pleasure of visiting Israel on one of Pastor Richard Geib's many pilgrimages.

Worship for May 21

Rite of Confirmation

Traditional Worship & Communion

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

Preaching: Pastor Ross

New Day Praise Service & Communion

10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Sister Dottie



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Financial Summary

Financial Summary Jan-Apr 2023

***Excludes: Cub/Boy Scouts, Mission Campaign, and Endowment investment activity*

General Fund Only:	2022		2023		2023		Act23-Bud23	Act23-Act22
	Apr	Apr YTD	Apr	Apr	Budget	Actual		
Weekly Offering Income	73,760	284,877	89,369	67,199	345,197	269,084	(76,114)	(15,793)
Special Offering Income	6,493	9,497	3,339	9,221	5,603	13,596	7,993	4,100
Offering Income Totals	\$80,253	\$294,374	\$92,708	\$76,420	\$350,801	\$282,680	(\$68,121)	(\$11,694)
Debt Reduction Income	9,283	44,603	11,206	20,638	44,422	64,557	20,134	19,953
All Other Income	7,021	28,897	5,889	175,733	37,236	203,954	166,718	175,057
Total Income	\$96,557	\$367,874	\$109,803	\$272,790	\$432,459	\$551,191	\$118,731	\$183,317
Total Expense	\$86,423	\$343,527	\$97,208	\$85,018	\$399,857	\$361,694	(\$38,163)	\$18,167
Net Income - Gen Fund	\$10,134	\$24,347	\$12,595	\$187,772	\$32,603	\$189,497	\$156,894	\$165,150

Fulton Bank Commerical Mortgage Balances as of 4/19/23: \$1,322,228

Fixed Rate Balance \$866,600 (3.85% interest rate)

Variable Rate Balance: \$455,628 (7.5% interest rate)

Additional Variable Rate PRINCIPAL Payments: \$306,125
Vicrage Proceeds, per church vote: \$306,125

Upcoming Worship Assistant & Volunteer Schedule

May 21

8:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Ena Marie Banks; **Greeters:** Tom & Pat Badorf; **Ushers:** Ben DeLeonardis & Don Wenrich; **Welcome Center:** Susie Roderick; **A/V:** Tom Badorf; **Communion Assistants:** Jo Boltz & Susan Ketchum.

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.

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

Flowers Deliverer — Liz O'Brien & Debbie Shue.

Coffee Bar — Mark & Donna Aho.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your prayerful consideration of how you will support the ministry of St. Peter's through your own time, talent, and financial treasures. We appreciate your attendance at church and Sunday School, your engagement in our ministries inside and outside of our church walls, and your offerings of financial treasures that support our Budget for 2023.

'Should you have any questions about the monthly financial report, feel free to contact the Church Treasurer, Sherry Moul, or the Parish Administrator, Paul Schultz, at 'churchadmin@stpeterslutheran.org' or by calling or visiting the church office. We thank you for your generous donations to support the ministry of OUR church.

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