



## Campaign Update

We continue to make progress with our mission campaign, Faith in Our Future, and offer the following update about giving and allocation of funds received.

**As of April 30, 106 households have helped us secure pledges totaling \$946,180 with pledge payments and outright gifts totaling \$686,511. Thank you!**

At its April meeting, our Congregation Council members approved another allocation of funds received: \$20,000 to cover the final capital expenditures for upgrades to the Family Life Center; \$62,500 to pay mortgage debt principal on the variable rate mortgage; and \$87,500 to create the Mission Fund.

Previously, Council also approved a \$25,000 allocation to our mortgage debt principal. Moving forward, funds will be allocated evenly between mortgage debt principal and the Mission Fund.

A note about our reporting cycle: we receive updates from our Financial Secretary, Randy Shue, monthly, and strive to share updates soon thereafter. We remain grateful for Randy's partnership in so carefully recording these campaign gifts and working closely with us. THANK YOU, Randy!

As always, you can continue to track our progress at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/mission-campaign/>

And we still need YOU to join our effort to reach our campaign goals to fund the final two components of the mission campaign: Mortgage Reduction and Mission Fund. **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 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 <https://www.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. Thank you.

With Faith in Our Future,  
*Jen and Adrian*

## Giving your Talents

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.

### Communion Assistants

In addition to serving as a communion assistant myself I take the schedule of services for which we need communion assistants and then use the master list of volunteers to schedule them to serve communion. Each month has a list of services for which we will serve communion. There are several church seasons that require 6 communion assistants a week. That list is provided by Pastor Ross to all the scheduling coordinators such as Altar Guild, Lectors, and Communion Assistants.

#### *Description of activity:*

Serve communion elements (usually the wine cup) at communion worship services, once every month on average, but possibly more in festival/holiday seasons. Open to adults and confirmed teens. Training is easy and will be provided. The more volunteers, the fewer times you are needed to serve.

Right now, there is a desperate need for communion assistants. There are 2 assistants needed each time communion is served. If the volunteer slots cannot be filled the option is to return to intinction as our method for taking communion. — *Karen Peiffer*

## Worship for May 7

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

### Traditional Worship

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

*Preaching: Pastor Ross*

### New Day Worship

10:30 a.m.

*Preaching: Stacy Chavis*



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## Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

### 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.

**10:30 a.m.** — **Lector:** Paul Berkebile;  
**Greeters:** Rich & Ann Larrick; **Ushers:**  
Cortes family; **Welcome Center:** Jean  
Pretz; **Acolytes:** Cortes family; **A/V:**  
Bill Schlener; **Communion Assistants:**  
Clint Frontz & Paul Berkebile; **Altar  
Guild:** Cheryl Oeschger.

**Coffee Bar** — Mark & Angela Moshos.

**Flowers Deliverer** — Lois Benton &  
JoAnn Boltz.

### 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

**Special Congregational Meeting This Sunday** — The special congregational meeting is May 7 at 9:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The only business to be acted on in this meeting will be to vote on which of two options will be adopted for the use of the financial proceeds from the sale of the 40 Delp Road property. Those two motions are as follows: (1) Use 100% of the proceeds of the sale of the 40 Delp Road property for debt reduction on the variable rate portion of our loan principal. (2) Use 90% of the proceeds of the sale of the 40 Delp Road property for debt reduction on the variable rate portion of our loan principal, and the remaining 10% for a Property Emergency Fund. These motions were approved by the Congregation Council with a unanimous vote from those present at the meeting on April 17, 2023. **See hand-out in the Narthex by the Welcome Center table.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org).

**Coffee Bar** — We are fast approaching the end of the coffee bar season. May 21 will be the last Sunday the coffee bar will be open before we take a break for Summer. Please join me in thanking the following individuals for hosting the coffee bar and/or providing us all with delicious treats to enjoy with our coffee. Pat & Tom Badorf, Sharon Breeden, Shirley Dombach, Phyllis Hollinger, Shirley Gorner, Joann Gorner, Cindy Miley, Angela & Mark Moshos, Pam & Bob Preston, Amy Smith, Barb Beyer, Carol Bedford, Word of Life Deaf Church, Linda Siems and Karen Feldt. As you can see the list is not very long and we would welcome more help to lighten the load on these wonderful volunteers. If you would like to help host, bake, or donate purchased treats for the coffee bar in the fall. Please contact Donna Aho at 717-371-0310 or [ademaho@comcast.net](mailto:ademaho@comcast.net). Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in September.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** — Meets in the Café & Zoom from 9:30 —11:00 a.m. If you would like to receive weekly reminders about the upcoming topics, email Pastor Ross at [craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org). We will finish our study of the Gospel of Matthew in the next couple of weeks. Class members are asked to start thinking about potential topics for our next study starting in September.

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

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