# The weekly Herald



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### **Quick Notes**

**ALTAR GIFTS** — You can now reserve your Altar gift online for flowers, communion wine or bulletins to commemorate your loved ones.. Go to *stpeterslutheran.org/sunday-altar-gifts/* to complete a simple online form and make your payment online or by check.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS NEEDED** — We could use more communion assistants. A few minutes of training is all it takes! Email the church office at *office@stpeterslutheran.org*, if you have interest.. Thank you!

**THANK YOU** — Pastor Ross extends his thanks to church leadership and to everyone who was part of his 40th ordination anniversary. The kind words, shared memories, and cards were much appreciated.

SUNDAY NURSERY ASSISTANTS NEEDED — Our Church Nursery Coordinator, Alyssa Kerper, staffs the nursery during the 9:30 a.m. service, but she needs your help! Safe Church practices require us to have two adults or teens in the nursery when small children are present. If you use the nursery when you worship, or are simply willing to help out, please call the Church Office and let us know what means of contact Alyssa can use to connect with you.

GROCERY CARDS FOR SALE — On the first and third Sunday of each month, you can purchase grocery cards and contribute to the church debt reduction. We have cards in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100 for Stauffers of Kissel Hill, Giant, Weis and Oregon Dairy. Simply purchase the cards at face value, spend as you wish, and 5% of each sale stays here at church. Cards are also available to purchase during the week in the church office.

## Upcoming Worship Assistant & Volunteer Schedule

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**8:00 a.m.** — Lector: Ginny Stickler; Greeters: Travis & Susan Chaby; Ushers: Tom Rothfus & Kyle Templeton; Welcome Center: Susie Roderick; A/V: Jordan Lambert.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Gary Troxell; Greeters: Dick & Loretta Chubb; Ushers: Shirley Gorner, Brian Tolbert & Nancy Beauregard; Welcome Center: Clarence Simon; A/V: Dave Tilley; Communion Assistants: Clint Frontz & Carolyn McNaughton; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue; Altar Guild: Barb Beyer.

Flowers Deliverers: Christine Smith & Christine Smith.

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT** — St. Peter's Preschool enrollment is now open to the public and filling up quickly! Please contact Heather Cramer for more information or to set up a tour at heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org.

A PLEA FROM LYDIA'S CLOSET — We are in need of summer clothing, sizes 5 to Adult. Socks and underwear must be newly purchased. Thank you for helping make this ministry a success. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, email astaloo@me.com.

HERO HOTLINE VBS — It's time to register for Vacation Bible School. St. Peter's welcomes families and friends with children in grades PreK – 4th grade. Hero Hotline VBS runs, July 16 – July 20 from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration will close on July 10. See back page for registration information. To register online, visit stpeterslutheran.org/vbs/

HELP NEEDED — The Property Committee is doing a great job for St. Peter's but they need a few 'helpers' to complete some easy maintenance jobs around the property. If you have any skills at all, you can be a big help for your church. This is a one time commitment; you do not need to serve on the committee to help! See this week's Herald for current needs or contact Mark Aho, Property Chair, for more information at ademaho@comcast.net.

**LIVE-STREAMING** — On Sunday, July 2, and Sunday, July 9, we will be testing the bandwidth of our network by live-streaming all three of our services. Our hope is that, if this works, we will be able to stream the late traditional service sometimes in order to allow our online community to hear our special musical offerings. Stay tuned for the results of our experiment and how it will affect our fall programming!

**ANNOUNCEMENT** — Pastor Ross and family are in Maryland this weekend, celebrating the 1st birthday of their granddaughter, Harper. He will return to the office on Monday afternoon.

**WELCOME GUEST** — This Sunday we welcome guest organist Ross Ellison, and thank him for his musical leadership in our worship.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** — A reminder that during the Summer months, the St. Peter's offices will close on Friday's at noon.

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## Worship for June 25

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Traditional Worship 8 a.m.

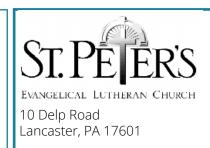
Preaching: Pastor Hand

Traditional Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Hand

New Day Praise Service 9:30 a.m.

Preaching: Sister Dottie



## **Financial Summary**

#### Financial Summary Jan-May 2023

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

	2022		2023		2023			
General Fund Only:	May	May YTD	May		May YTD			
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Act23-Bud23	Act23-Act22
Weekly Offering Income	63,522	348,400	77,000	61,320	422,198	330,104	(91,794)	(17,996)
Special Offering Income	2,333	11,830	2,323	531	7,926	14,127	6,201	2,297
Offering Income Totals	\$65,855	\$360,229	\$79,323	\$61,851	\$430,124	\$344,531	(\$85,593)	(\$15,698)
Debt Reduction Income	6,833	51,437	11,005	30,779	55,428	95,335	39,907	43,898
All Other Income	3,055	31,952	5,076	2,613	42,311	39,183	(3,128)	7,231
Total Other Income	\$9,888	\$83,389	\$16,081	\$33,392	\$97,739	\$134,518	\$36,518	\$51,129
Total Operating Income	\$75,744	\$443,618	\$95,404	\$95,243	\$527,863	\$479,049	(\$48,814)	\$35,431
TotalOperating Expense	\$85,132	\$428,659	\$96,541	\$123,488	\$496,398	\$482,195	(\$14,203)	\$53,536
Operating Net Income/(Loss)	(\$9,388)	\$14,959	(\$1,138)	(\$28,244)	\$31,465	(\$3,146)	(\$34,611)	(\$18,105)

Vicarage Sale Realized Gain: \$167,385

YTD Net Icome: \$164,239

(Includes Vicargae Realized Gain; Accounting Entry for Year-end)

\*Note: Vicarage sold for \$325,000. However, after subtracting out the inital purchase price of \$117,000 and the closing costs on its sale, Realized Gain is \$167,385

Fulton Bank Commerical Mortgage Balances as of

5/24/23: \$987,773

Fixed Rate Balance \$862,327 (3.85% interest rate) Variable Rate Balance: \$125,445 (7.75% interest rate)

Additional Variable Rate PRINCIPAL Payments: \$326,915 5/8/23: Vicrage Proceeds, per church vote: \$306,125 5/24/23: Special donation for principle payment: \$20,790

#### Financial Highlights for May YTD:

- Operating income is 9.2% below Budget (Offerings YTD are behind \$85,547), while Operating Expenses are 2.9% below Budget.
- At this time, we are witholding 20% of our monthly budgeted Lower Sesquehanna Synod benevolence commitment. We hope to increase our Synod commitment as funds allow.
- Our total commercial loan balence is under \$1 Million for the first time in many years!

Thank 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 2023 Operating Budget.

If you are travelling this summer, please consider making your normal donations online at: stpeterslutheran.org/give/

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. — *Your Finance and Stewardship Committee*