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St. Peter's Represented at Ocean Grove Choir Festival



Tom and Deborah Berdos led a group of St. Peter's singers and other community members to the Ocean Grove Choir Festival on Sunday, July 9. This yearly event is held in the historic Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, directed by Dr. Jason Tramm and featuring hundreds of singers, exciting guest conductors, brass ensemble, and Dr. Gordon Turk on the magnificent Great Auditorium pipe organ. It was a wonderful time making music together. Consider joining us next summer!

From the Communications Committee:

Thanks to a larger than expected turnout on Sunday morning, we ran out of bulletins at the 9:30 service and had a chance to test out our new bulletin QR code link! Here are some things we learned:

- 1. Many people cannot get cell coverage in the narthex or sanctuary. If that is the case for you, please use the WiFi. Choose the WiFi name "St. Peters Guest" or "Church" and the password is the church phone number "7175699211". We will add that to the QR code signs and bulletins to make it easier.
- 2. Some folks thought they couldn't access the bulletins because they don't have the Dropbox app or a Dropbox account. You do not need either of those to access the bulletins. When you follow the link, it will ask you to go to the app or to Dropbox.com. Choose Dropbox.com and you will not need to sign in.
- 3. Phone screens are tiny! If you want to read the bulletin in a digital format, you might prefer to do it on a tablet rather than a phone.
- 4. New things can seem hard at first but end up being really cool! Please ask for help if you want to give this a try but can't figure it out by yourself.
- 5. I still want to hear what you think of this, so let me know how it worked for you or why you don't want to try it. Both of those perspectives are equally helpful for us. *jillmemmert@gmail.com*

July is Healthy Vision Month

Join the National Eye Institute (NEI) for Healthy Vision Month. The theme for 2023 is: Healthy Vision: A Family Focus.

This year, help inspire families to team up and learn how to protect their vision together. As we get older, finding eye diseases early is important, because many are easier to treat in their early stages. In addition, the NEI is highlighting their information on eye conditions and available webpages, as well as the focus is the Hispanic/ Latino population, who have a higher incidence of vision problems. Their webpages have updated content and materials to support Spanish-speaking Hispanic/Latino families and caregivers.

Check out NEI's comprehensive webpages about eye conditions and diseases. Get up-to-date and evidencebased information about common eye conditions and diseases in English and Spanish such as: Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD), Amblyopia (Lazy eye), Astigmatism, Cataracts, Color Blindness, Diabetic Retinopathy, Dry Eye, Floaters, Glaucoma, Pink Eye and Retinal Detachment.

Just as you visit your healthcare provider for a yearly exam, (healthy physical, or to monitor conditions), scheduling that visit with our eye doctor is an important step in maintaining overall good health.

Worship for July 16

Time after Pentecost

Traditional Worship & Communion 8:00 a.m. Preaching: Sister Dottie

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New Day Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Preaching: Pastor Ross

Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

July 16

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service — Lector: Larry Willcox; Greeter: TBD; Ushers: Ben DeLeonardis & Kyle Templeton; Welcome Center: Mary Ann Oberholtzer; A/V: Angela Moshos; Communion Assistants: Diane Gegg & Nancy LeFevre; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue; Altar Guild: Cindy Blaney.

9:30 a.m. Traditional Service —

Lector: Craig Boyhont; Greeter: Scott Glassford; Ushers: Cheryl Oeschger & Geoff & Anneliese Owen; Welcome Center: Sherry Weller; A/V: Dave Tilley.

New Day — Communion Assistant: Debbie Stover.

Flowers Deliverers: Cathy Graver & Becky Lutz.



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Quick Notes

ALTAR GIFTS — You can now reserve your Altar gifts online 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 office@stpeterslutheran.org if you have interest. Thank you!

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 St. Peter's. Cards are also available to purchase during the week in the church office.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT — St. Peter's Preschool enrollment is now open to the public and filling up quikcly! Please contact Heather Cramer for more information 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.*

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! Contact Mark Aho, Property Chair, for more information at *ademaho@comcast.net*.

JUST FOR FUN — Join us Monday, July 17, at noon for the Just for Fun Lunch, at Fiorentino's Restaurant at the Lancaster Airport. The sign up sheet is on the table outside the church office window or you may contact Kathy Burke 717-627-6968 to sign up. Sounds like a FUN time, see you there!

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