The weekly Herald



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Sages Recognition Sunday

This Sunday we invite all our beloved Sages (those eighty years and older) to join us for worship as we recognize and honor you for your service to the church. A reception will be held for you in the Narthex between services. No need to RSVP and please invite family and friends. If you need a ride or have questions, call the church office or Christine Smith at 717-299-0949.

Volunteer to Help the Welcome Center

Do you have a spare 30 minutes every three months? We are looking for someone to schedule the volunteers for the Welcome Center. It is an easy task that is completed only every 3 months. You will receive a list of current volunteers from the office. A template will be provided to you to use. Please consider helping to keep this important ministry going. Please contact the church office for more information.

A Note from the Worship Committee

We are extremely gratified by your generosity in responding to our requests to support the funding of Sunday bulletins, flowers, and Communion elements. These gifts in honor or memory of loved ones are an important part of supporting our weekly services. We currently have openings for fall slots (or you can plan ahead and choose to commemorate some events in 2024!). You may use the convenient online form located at *stpeterslutheran.org/sunday-altar-gifts* or pick up a form on the bulletin board next to the office door. Thank you!

The Vulgaris Family would like to extend their appreciation to Pastor Ross and the entire St. Peter's family for your thoughts and prayers as we mourned the loss of wife/mom/and friend, Dee Vulgaris. The support we received was overwhelming and is a true reflection of the spirit of "St. Peter's Nation".

WELCA Update

After 10 years of faithful service as presidents of the WELCA for St. Peter's, Sally Rager and Kathy Caldwell will be stepping down. These ladies have given endless time, talents, and support to our church. They will remain active members of WELCA as we move forward. Please take a few minutes when you see them to say "thank you" for their tireless efforts.

WELCA does not meet over the summer. The next meeting will be September 14th at 9 a.m. in Augsburg Alley. A light breakfast will be served. We welcome all women. You do not need to attend St. Peter's so invite friends to the meetings. At our September meeting we will be assembling the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We have 90 kits at this time. Please remember to bring items for the kits to the September meeting. We have already donated many personal care items for women and babies to Vantage House and will continue to collect items for them also. As we move forward for the upcoming year, Kathy Berkebile will be the new president with a team of active ladies in support roles. There are plans for upcoming meetings which should be exciting. These include topics on Health and Wellness. Watch closely for further information and dates. Kathy Berkebile, 717-725-0162 kberkebile@comcast.net.

Prayer Chain

We gladly accept prayer requests year-round and feel honored you trust us with your requests. However, our prayer chain mailbox at church doesn't always get checked weekly. PLEASE if you have a request, the best & quickest way to get it to us is by calling the request in to the church office, sending an email to *churchoffice@stpeterslutheran.org* or by filling out a prayer request card and putting in the offering plate. As always, any questions should be directed to Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406.

Upcoming Worship Assistant & Volunteer Schedule

August 27

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Susan Ketchum; Greeters: Susie Roderick; Ushers: Eric May & Don Wenrich; Welcome Center: Phyllis Hollinger; A/V: Jordan Lambert. Communion Assistants: Jennifer Schlener-Thomas, Nancy LeFevre;

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Jordan Lambert; Greeters: Rich & Ann Larrick; Ushers: Brian & Christine Hofmann family; Welcome Center: Clarence Simon; Acolytes: Hofmann family; A/V: Bill Schlener; Communion Assistants: Kathleen Bailey & Carolyn McNaughton; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue &

Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Trish Hough.

Flowers Deliverers: Cathy Graver & Becky Lutz.

September 3

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Eric May; Greeters: Bob & Phyllis Hollinger; Ushers: Eric & Tamara Rotz family; Welcome Center: Mary Ann Oberholtzer; Acolytes: Eric & Tamara Rotz family; A/V: Tom Badorf; Communion Assistants: Ginny Stickler & Bill Sassaman; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue; Altar Guild: Nancy Miller.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Jim Gotwald; Greeter: Vicki Legath; Ushers: Brian Tolbert & Lis Wolf; Welcome Center: Rich & Ann Larrick; A/V: Bob Preston.

New Day — Communion Assistant: Sharon Schaefer.

Flowers Deliverers: Tim & Sharon Fickes.

Rev. Craig Ross, Senior Pastor • Sister Dottie Almoney, Director of Education & Outreach **Contact Information** 717.569.9211 stpeterslutheran.org • office@stpeterslutheran.org

Worship for Aug. 27

Time After Pentecost

Traditional Worship 8 a.m.

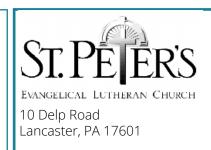
Preaching: Pastor Ross

Traditional Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Ross

New Day Praise Service 9:30 a.m.

Preaching: Sister Dottie



Financial Summary

Financial Summary Jan-July 2023

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

	2023 July		2023		
General Fund Only:			July YTD	July YTD	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Act23-Bud23
Weekly Offering Income	87,001	71,330	571,265	457,969	(113,297)
Special Offering Income	370	611	8,472	20,317	11,846
Offering Income Totals	\$87,371	\$71,941	\$579,737	\$478,286	(\$101,451)
Debt Reduction Income	11,206	33,774	77,839	159,200	81,360
All Other Income	10,336	10,362	60,357	233,303	172,946
Total Income	\$108,913	\$113,077	\$717,933	\$870,788	\$152,855
Total Expense	(\$98,587)	(\$89,350)	(\$697,673)	(\$658,235)	\$39,438
Less Gain on Sale - Vicarage*		•		(167,385)	
Operating Net Income/(Loss)	\$10,326	\$23,727	\$20,260	\$45,168	\$24,908

^{*}Note: Vicarage sold for \$325,000. Realized Gain on Sale of Home is \$167,385.

Fulton Bank Commerical Mortgage Balances as of 7/31/23: \$970,708

Fixed Rate Balance \$853,647 (3.85% interest rate) Variable Rate Balance: \$117,061 (7.75% interest rate)

Variable Rate Principal Payments:

2/15/2023: \$25,000 Mission Campaign 3/20/2023: \$18,935 Alleman Estate Gift 3/31/2023: \$62,500 Mission Campaign

4/4/2023: \$250 Boy Scout Gift

5/8/2023: \$306,132 Net proceeds - Vicarage Sale

5/24/2023: \$20,790 Special Donation

Total: \$433,607

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 St. Peter's!

— Your Finance and Stewardship Committee Members