



St. Peter's Preschool Updates

St. Peter's Preschool and Church collected over 25 gallons of pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. These tabs will be recycled and the money will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House to help families with a place to stay while their child is getting medical treatment. We will continue to collect tabs, please drop yours off in any of our containers placed throughout the church and preschool.



For our next community service project we will collect items for Thrive & Grit in October. We are filling "comfort bags" for the patients at Ann Barshinger Cancer Institute again. Please watch thriveandgrit.org for more information.

On Monday, September 11, St. Peter's Preschool opened for the 2023-24 school year! Twenty staff welcomed 77 students this year. We were able to open a new 3 year old class this fall and expand our Playground program. We have three 4/5 year old classes, three 3 year old classes and a young 3's class. There are a few spots available. Contact Heather Cramer, Preschool Director, at heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org or 717 569-9211 with any questions or for a tour.



Upcoming Worship Assistant & Volunteer Schedule

September 24

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Ann Marie Strubel; Greeters: Travis & Susan Chaby; Ushers: Gene Olson & Kyle Templeton; Welcome Center: Benjamin DeLeonardis; A/V: Jordan Lambert.

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Lois Miklas; Greeters: Dick & Loretta Chubb; Ushers: Geoff & Anneliese Owen; Welcome Center: Libby Stoner; A/V: Bob Preston; Communion Assistants: Clint Frontz & Shirley Gorner; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue; Altar Guild: Beverly Swanson.

Coffee Bar: Mark & Angela Moshos.

Flowers Deliverers: Tim & Sharon Fickes.

Quick Notes

LIVING IN COMMUNITY NEW DAY SERMON SERIES —

September 24: Matthew 20:1-16. Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve -we treat each other accordingly.

NOTICE OF VOTE — Notice of Vote on Constitutional Changes the ELCA adopted a number of required constitutional changes at the end of last year that St. Peter's will review and vote on at our annual meeting this November. The Council reviewed these changes at their August meeting and recommended the congregation likewise approve them. A document outlining the proposed changes is available in the church office for your review, as well as a copy of the current constitution for your reference. If you would like an electronic copy of these documents sent to you, or if you have any questions about the proposed changes or procedure for approving constitutional amendments, please contact Leslie McCarthy at lesliericemccarthy@gmail.com.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM TRIP CANCELED — Our previously scheduled September 30, trip to Washington, D.C. has been canceled. Questions can be directed to Sister Dottie.

NEW MEMBER CLASS — Persons interested in exploring membership at St. Peter's are encouraged to join us in our fall New Member class on **November 5 at 9:15 a.m.** in Conference Room #2 (Room 129, church library), which adjoins our family Life Center on its south side. We'll chat a bit about Lutheranism, life at St. Peter's, ministries that you might be interested in, and any other questions you may have. Please email Pastor Ross craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org or JoAnn Harriger JoAnn.Harriger@stpeterslutheran.org with the following pieces of information: (1) The names of any in your household that are joining; (2) your mailing address and phone number, and (3) a digital picture of those who are joining. Please email Pastor Ross with any questions you may have.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH REHEARSALS BEGIN OCTOBER 5 — On Sunday, December 17, we will present Handel's Messiah at St. Peter's. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings, 7:30-8:30 p.m., beginning October 5. Singers will need to purchase music (\$10.00), which will be available at rehearsals.

ANNIVERSARY CHURCH PLATES — St. Peter's commemorative anniversary plates up for grabs. See the table in the Narthex for a free memento of the church's long history in Neffsville. Please take one or more if you have an interest. We are cleaning house and plan to dispose of any of these that are left over.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES — Invites you to join our team as we prepare for activities this coming year. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, serving as Sunday School leaders and assistants (no preparation required), and helping to plan and deliver events such as the Gingerbread Bash in December, the Easter Egg Hunt in coordination with the Palm Sunday Breakfast, and Vacation Bible School. Any amount of dedicated time is greatly appreciated. We look forward to an exciting year!

Worship for Sept. 24

Time After Pentecost

Traditional Worship
8 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Hand

**Traditional Worship &
Communion**
10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Hand

New Day Praise Service
10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Pastor Ross



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Financial Summary

Financial Summary Jan-Aug 2023

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

General Fund Only:	2023		2023		Aug YTD Act23-Bud23
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Weekly Offering Income	52,536	50,086	623,801	508,054	(115,747)
Special Offering Income	202	644	8,674	20,961	12,287
Offering Income Totals	\$52,738	\$50,730	\$632,475	\$529,016	(\$103,459)
Debt Reduction Income	11,006	12,879	83,779	168,559	84,781
All Other Income	9,596	3,078	75,019	234,645	159,626
Total Income	\$73,339	\$66,686	\$791,272	\$932,219	\$140,947
Total Expense	(\$118,231)	(\$103,949)	(\$816,904)	(\$762,470)	\$51,434
<i>Less Gain on Sale - Vicarage*</i>				<i>(167,385)</i>	
Operating Net Income/(Loss)	(\$44,891)	(\$37,262)	(\$22,631)	\$2,364	\$24,996

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

Fulton Bank Commerical Mortgage Balances as of 8/20/23: \$947,122

Fixed Rate Balance \$849,331 (3.85% interest rate)

Variable Rate Balance: \$97,791 (8.00% interest rate)

Variable Rate Principal Payments:

2/15/2023: \$25,000 Mission Campaign

3/10/2023: \$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

8/5/2023: \$15,000 Special Donation

Total: \$448,607

Note: We received a \$15K donation for principal on variable rate loan on 7/31/23. Payment was made on 8/3/23.

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