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Quick Notes

YOUTH GROUP OUTING — Youth Group Outing: Sunday, October 15, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Oregon Dairy Corn Maze. Team 5th/6th (with adult guide) and Team 7th-12th will attempt Oregon Dairy's famous 12 acre corn maze. Cost is \$10 per person. Please bring a water bottle. Dinner will be provided at the Oregon Dairy food truck after the maze. RSVP to Sister Dottie or lesliericemccarthy@gmail.com.

OCTOBER PUB THEOLOGY — Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the home/ barn of Shirley Dombach at 2060 Ellsworth Road, Lancaster. We will have Halloween/Reformation and All Saints Trivia! Bring a side dish and your favorite drink to share. Beef BBQ will be provided and all utensils! Contact Sister Dottie if you have any questions.

MUSICAL ARTS CONCERT SERIES — Join us at St. Peter's on Sunday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. as vocal duo, Amy Yovanovich and Christyan Seay perform classical, sacred, spiritual and Broadway favorites in concert. A freewill offering will be received. For more information, call 717-569-9211. Flyers are available on the table in the narthex if you want to share with a neighbor or post on a community bulletin board.

CRAFT SHOW HELP — We are in need of several people to help with the craft show. Help is needed for set up on Friday, November 24 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. for marking vendor spaces on the floor; Saturday, November 25 from 7:00-9:30 a.m. for vendor placement and holding customers from entering the craft show until 9:00 a.m. and also from 9:00-11:00 a.m. to hand out brochures. Please contact Movita Groff at 717-569-0101 or Kim Sterner at 717-397-7739.

WIDOWS GROUP— St. Peter's has an active group for widows that meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. We normally meet in the cry room for about an hour. This month, the group will be meeting for lunch at Fiorentino's, at the airport, on October 24 at 11:30 a.m. Feel free to contact Betsy Linn with any questions and to RSVP at 717-618-9615 or betsylinn1@gmail.com.

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND — Did you know that St. Peter's Preschool has a scholarship fund? This school year we were able to help two children attend preschool through donations from church parishioners and preschool parents. We would love to help others in the future, but our scholarship fund is currently low. If you would like to make a donation please feel free to drop something off with our office staff or contact Heather Cramer. Thank you in advance!

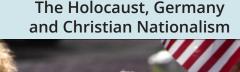
JUST FOR FUN — Fun, Fellowship and Food will meet Wednesday, October 25 at Scooters at 12:00 p.m. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet by the nursery. For questions, please call Edee Bedford at 717-569-5992.

TRUNK OR TREAT — Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m. in St. Peter's parking lot. We're looking for families/adults to come and participate in our annual Trunk or Treat event! Food, games and of course Trunk or treating in the parking lot for children and youth. Optional car decorating with prizes! Bring 75 goodies to give out for trunk or treaters! The event will be held in the family life center in the event of rain. All are welcome! RSVP to Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org to ensure we have enough games, prizes and

food for everyone!

BRING IN YOUR BOOKS TO SWAP! Starting October 22 there will be a table in the Library for donations. On October 29, tables will be set up in the Café so you can pick out some new-to-you books to enjoy on upcoming cold winter nights!

HANDEL'S MESSIAH TICKETS — Tickets for the December 17 presentation of Handel's Messiah will be available to the congregation of St. Peter's and to the concert participants before the general public. You may obtain your tickets on October 22 or 29 in the narthex. There is a \$20 suggested donation per ticket.





Our Crosspoints adult class has been studying Christian Antisemitism and the role of the church. We have discussed how most German churches fully endorsed the Nazi ideology while others who may have disagreed said nothing. There was a rise in German Christian Nationalism which twisted the message of the Gospel of Jesus. There was a discussion in this class about German Christian Nationalism that seems to have a connection to what is happening in our country today and that what happened over 75 years ago is still alive and well.

This Sunday, October 15, we will have a discussion on Christian Nationalism today. What is the theology, what does the Lutheran Church say about Christian Nationalism and how to we as Christians respond?

Please join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference room for learning and discussion.

Crosspoints Adult Sunday School 9:15 am Conference Room

October 15 — Christian Nationalism today

October 22 — Town Hall meeting- Sanctuary

October 29 — What led to Luther's

Reformation?

Worship for Oct. 15

Time after Pentecost

Traditional Worship & Communion 8:00 a.m.

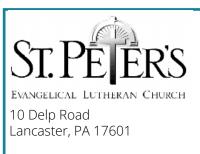
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Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

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New Day Worship & Communion 10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Sister Dottie



Dear St. Peter's members,

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, following a unified worship service at 9:00 a.m.

At this year's meeting, we will conduct typical business such as approving the 2024 budget and electing congregational officers and council members, and receiving a report covering the past year's finances. We will also hear an update on the Mission Campaign and vote on ratification of proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of St. Peter's, as directed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The ELCA adopted a number of required constitutional changes at the end of last year. The Council reviewed these changes at their August meeting and recommended the congregation approve them at this year's annual meeting. 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, please call the office. If you have any questions about the proposed changes or procedure for approving constitutional amendments, please contact Leslie McCarthy.

We need a quorum to conduct business. You should know how your congregation is being managed by your staff and fellow members. We ask that you take ownership of these items entrusted into the hands of the congregation gathered at this meeting. We hope to see you at 9:00 a.m. for worship and then at 10:30 a.m. for our meeting on November 12. We thank you ahead of time for joining us in person to conduct the business of St. Peter's.

You are also invited to attend the Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, October 22 at 9:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary, where these items will be reviewed in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

In Christ's Service, Gregory Hand, Council President

Upcoming Worship Schedule

October 15

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Mark Burkholder; Greeters: Randy & Susan Ketchum; Ushers: Cindy Miley & Tom Rothfus; Welcome Center: Shirley Dombach; A/V: Benjamin DeLeonardis; Communion Assistant: Diane Gegg; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue; Altar Guild: Jill Kerchner.

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Ashley Miller; Greeter: Scott Glassford; Ushers: Scott & Sharon Breeden; Welcome Center: Clarence Simon; A/V: Dave Tilley.

New Day — Communion Assistant: Bill Sassaman.

Coffee Bar — Betsy Kemper.

Flowers Deliverers — Christine Smith, Tim & Sharon Fickes.

October 22

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Jo Boltz; Greeters: Luther & Catherine Kimmich; Ushers: The Rotz family; Welcome Center: Phyllis Hollinger; Acolytes: Rotz family; A/V: Tom Chever.

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Nicolette Simon; Greeters: Jillian & Joann Gorner; Ushers: Jim & Jane Savidge; Welcome Center: Libby Stoner; A/V: Bill Schlener; Communion Assistants: Gregory Hand & Judy Logan; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue; Altar Guild: Trisha Hough.

Coffee Bar — Tom & Pat Badorf.

Flowers Deliverers — Lois Benton & Jo Boltz.

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

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