



November 12, 10:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting



In advance of the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 12, at 10:30 a.m., please review the documents at stpeterslutheran.org/annual-meeting

There is a lot of important information that you will need to know in order to be prepared to participate.

An Excerpt from Pastor Ross' Report

Dear Friends in Christ:

Life is never boring in church, right? Well, apart from a few sermons by the senior pastor. This year has been no exception. We seem to have settled into a new normal. In person attendance averages about 250 worshippers each week. Sometimes we have a bit more, sometimes a bit less. It is not on par with pre-pandemic attendance, but then few things are the same as they were in life prior to COVID. I am quite grateful to those of you who continue to make the effort to be present in worship. Online worship is convenient and a wonderful option for connecting to Sunday church when you are out of town or ill - but it just isn't the same as in person worship with your fellow believers.

We are also blessed by those of you who continue to financially support the ministries of St. Peter's, even when you are not here in person, through your use of our online giving programs. We thank you from the depth of our hearts for your consistent offerings. We were also deeply blessed by recent gifts of

roughly \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$83,000 which allowed us to pay off the portion of our mortgage note that had a significantly higher variable interest rate associated with it. The elimination of that portion of our building debt allows the Finance Committee to be able to anticipate more accurately what our debt service will be going forward.

To those of you who are also volunteering regularly as worship leaders, we are equally grateful. The ability to have lectors and ushers ... communion assistants and acolytes ... choir members and musicians... altar guild servants and nursery attendants ... AV leaders and live stream tech persons ... allows us to embody the goal of participatory worship. We can always use additional help, so that those who serve can sit with their friends and family members when they are not leading worship. I would challenge each of you reading this to consider volunteering. None of these jobs are difficult or onerous, and the privilege of actively leading worship with others is a special gift in our faith lives. If you are not sure where you would best fit, I and others would be glad to chat with you to help you decide...

Find the rest of Pastor Ross' report & all other important documents at stpeterslutheran.org/annual-meeting

Worship for Nov. 12

Unified Service Traditional and New Day Worship Service of Communion

9:00 a.m.

Preaching: Sister Dottie

Annual meeting to follow at 10:30 a.m.



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10 Delp Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Upcoming Worship Schedule

November 12

9:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Diane Gegg;
Greeters: Thompson McConnell;
Ushers: Jo Boltz & Kyle Templeton;
Welcome Center: Bob & Phyllis
Hollinger; **Acolytes:** Adam & Rachel
Shaffer family; **A/V:** Bill Schlener &
Bob Preston; **Communion Assistants:**
Brett Hoffmaster & Nancy LeFevre;
Altar Guild Coordinator: Lori Weaver;
Altar Guild: Beverly Swanson.

Coffee Bar: Amy Smith.

Flowers Deliverers: Cheryl Oeschger
& Kathy Burke.

November 19

8:00 a.m. — **Lector:** Steph Gerber;
Greeters: Tom & Pat Badorf; **Ushers:**
Liz O'Brien & Gene Olson; **Welcome
Center:** Ron & Joan Beck; **A/V:** Angela
Moshos; **Communion Assistants:**
Karen Peiffer &
Jennifer Schlener-Thomas; **Altar Guild
Coordinator:** Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:**
Cindy Blaney.

10:30 a.m. — **Lector:** Craig Boyhont;
Greeter: Craig & Lisa Rodenberger;
Ushers: Dave & Lis Wolf; **Welcome
Center:** Jean Pretz; **A/V:** Dave Tilley.

Coffee Bar: Mark & Donna Aho.

Flowers Deliverers: Cathy Graver &
Becky Lutz.

Quick Notes

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY — Sunday, November 12 will be one combined service for Traditional and New Day worshippers in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. (with nursery available) followed by the Congregational Meeting at 10:30 a.m. Instead of Sunday School, there will be activities in Augsburg Alley for children from pre-K through grade 4 at 10:30 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP — Sunday, November 12, the youth group will meet from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Grades 5/6 will be talking about food insecurity through games and videos. They will have walking tacos for dinner. Grades 7 and up will do the \$1 dinner challenge – where they will travel to the grocery store as families and try to purchase items to make for their dinner. We will have a follow up discussion on food insecurity and cost of nutritious food.

PUB THEOLOGY — Do you wonder how to read and interpret Scripture, especially troublesome or contradictory passages? How do Lutherans understand the Bible? Join us for our November gathering of Pub Theology on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Uncommon Pizza. Contact Sister Dottie for questions.

GINGERBREAD BASH — Children's Ministries Committee is excited to invite all families and friends to join us for our second, annual Gingerbread Bash to be held on Friday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. It is an interactive family event designed to have participants engage in building a gingerbread nativity scene while also making Christmas ornaments, hearing the Christmas story from the Bible, and singing Christmas songs. Families and friends are asked to bring a disposable plate of cookies to share, and we will provide hot chocolate, milk and coffee. For planning purposes, please complete either a paper registration form, available in the narthex or register online by visiting our website and clicking on announcements to register. The deadline for registration is November 27.

CRAFT SHOW — Please join us for our 5th annual craft show on Saturday, November 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center and surrounding classrooms. This event will consist of crafters and vendors and their unique creations made lovingly by hand. Bring your friends and family and shop in a relaxed festive atmosphere! You will find something for you and everyone else on your Christmas list! Food will be available for purchase as a youth group fundraiser.

COOKIE WALK — The Tanzania Mission Committee invites everyone to St. Peter's 16th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9. It will be held in the Family Life Center from 9:00 a.m. to noon or until the cookies sell out. We invite you to bring family and friends to buy Christmas cookies from this incredible assortment of homemade cookies. We are offering two size boxes, the small box for \$8 and the large box for \$15. As always, all proceeds go to help educate and support the orphans in the Busoka Lutheran Church parish in Tanzania.

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