



## Introducing Braver Angels



We are excited to announce a new initiative at St. Peter's and want to invite all members to join us. St. Peter's will be hosting two events led by Braver Angels in February and April, and they will help us to focus on common ground despite our differing perspectives and viewpoints.



Braver Angels is a national organization with a local presence here in Central Pennsylvania, which is dedicated to "bringing Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic." Braver Angels has a specific program for faith communities, where they bring depolarizing skills and experiences to congregations and faith-based organizations.

As a congregation of almost 1,000 members, we vary in our ages, viewpoints, and life experiences. Yet we share a belief in a gracious and loving God and we all strive to follow Jesus in this world. We believe that we can strengthen our congregation and our ministry together by better listening to one another and learning from each other. Braver Angels are experts in helping people and congregations do this.

Our congregation is in a period of transition, and as we navigate transition together, we need to be able to hear from each other about what we love about our church and how we envision our future together. It can be easy to avoid conversation about challenging topics because we do not like conflict. But by avoiding these conversations we miss opportunities to learn from each other and can fail to recognize what we have in common, which is a commitment to our faith and to the future of St. Peter's.

The first event will be an introduction to the work of Braver Angels. Titled "Crossing the Continental Divide," it will be held Sunday February 25 from 9:15-10:15am in the Family Life Center and will be led by Linda Beck, ambassador for the Lower Susquehanna Alliance of Braver Angels. The follow-up workshop will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9am-12pm in the Family Life Center. The workshop is "Depolarizing Within," and will be facilitated by Nita Landis and Melissa Gizzi, co-chairs of the Lower Susquehanna Alliance. The Braver Angels facilitators have a great deal of experience working with community organizations and congregations, and we are eager to bring their expertise to St. Peter's.

We encourage you to mark your calendars and make it a priority to participate in these events.

In peace,  
*Pastor Craig Ross*  
*Sister Dottie Almoney*  
*Greg Hand, President, Congregational Council*  
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## Worship for Feb. 11

### Traditional Worship, Service of the Word & Communion

8:00 a.m.

*Pastor Ross preaching  
Livestream at [stpeterslutheran.org](http://stpeterslutheran.org)*

### Traditional Worship, Service of the Word & Communion

10:30 a.m.

*Pastor Ross preaching*



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## Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

### February 11

**8:00 a.m.** — **Lector:** Patti Courtois;  
**Greeter:** Janis Sharkey; **Ushers:** Mark &  
Angela Moshos; **Welcome Center:** Tom  
Rothfus; **A/V:** Jordan Lambert; **Communion  
Assistants:** Kevin & Weston Groff; **Altar Guild  
Coordinator:** Lori Weaver.

**10:30 a.m.** — **Lector:** Lois Miklas; **Greeters:**  
Scott & Sharon Breeden; **Ushers:** Adam &  
Rachel Shaffer family; **Welcome Center:**  
Ken Shirk; **Acolytes:** Shaffer family; **A/V:**  
Dave Tilley; **Communion Assistants:**  
Kathleen Bailey & Debbie Stover; **Altar Guild  
Coordinator:** Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:**  
Barbara Cooper.

**Flowers Deliverers:** Liz O'Brien & Debbie  
Shue; **Coffee Bar:** Tom & Pat Badorf.

### February 18

**8:00 a.m.** — **Lector:** Don Deibler; **Greeter:**  
TBD; **Ushers:** The Rotz family; **Welcome  
Center:** Bob & Edee Bedford; **Acolytes:**  
Rotz family; **A/V:** Tom Chever; **Communion  
Assistants:** Randy & Debbie  
Shue; **Altar Guild Coordinator:** Lori Weaver;  
**Altar Guild:** Nancy LeFevre.

**10:30 a.m.** — **Lector:** Ashley Miller; **Greeters:**  
John & June Crisp; **Ushers:** Dave & Lis Wolf;  
**Welcome Center:** Sherry Weller; **A/V:** Bill  
Schlener; **Communion Assistants:** Gary &  
Dawn Troxell.

**Coffee Bar:** Amy Smith.

## Quick Notes

**PALM BURNING SERVICE** — Join us for our annual Palm Burning service in our Narthex on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. Following a brief liturgy, we'll adjourn to the carport and burn ashes from last year's Palm Sunday service. The ashes will be mixed later in the evening for use in the Ash Wednesday services. Bring your palms if you have them. We'll have some on hand if you don't have any.

**LENT IS ON THE HORIZON** — Mark your calendars for February 14, Ash Wednesday. We will have a shorter outdoor service in our St. Peter's Cemetery (62 Valley Road, on the right at the flagpole) at 7:00 a.m. and a sanctuary service indoors in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Both services offer Imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

**LENTEN SERVICES** — Lenten Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Café on the first five Wednesdays in Lent. February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20.

**MUSICAL ARTS CONCERT SERIES RETURNS THIS MONTH** — On Sunday, February 25, at 4:00 p.m., the Musical Arts Concert Series will present our next concert, the Summit Hill Bluegrass Band in concert. This concert should be lots of fun, and would be great for audience members of all ages! A freewill offering will be collected. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This may also be a nice event to invite friends and family to attend as well.

**ST. PETER'S CHOIR FESTIVAL** — We are building the community chorus for the St. Peter's Choir Festival, a concert of choral music (with a few special extras) to be held on Sunday, May 19. At this concert we will receive a freewill offering to benefit the Manheim Township Ambulance Association. We'll sing seven choral anthems in a variety of styles, from classical to gospel. We'd love to have you singing with us! Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., beginning on April 4. Please email [tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org) if you would like to sing.

**BOOK FAIR** — The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! Our theme is Dive into Books! The book fair will be open in the Church Library, February 18-25, with the exception of Monday, February 19 for President's Day. We hope that you will make your child or grandchild a Deep Diver by supporting us as we encourage reading for all age levels! *Sundays:* 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. *Tuesday-Friday:* 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.