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Quick Notes

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

MUSICAL ARTS CONCERT SERIES RETURNS NEXT WEEK — 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 if you would like to sing.

BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK— 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.

"CROSSING THE GREAT DIVIDE – FINDING COMMON GROUND" — Please join us for a very important event hosted by Linda Beck of Braver Angels called "Crossing the Continental Divide" on Sunday, February 25 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Braver Angels is a national organization dedicated to "bringing Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic" by seeking common ground despite their differences. As a community of faith made up of almost 1,000 members of varying ages, viewpoints, and life experiences, we want to make sure we know how to listen to one another and learn from each other so that we can work together through this period of transition in ministry here at St. Peter's. Questions can be directed to Jean Pretz, jean.pretz@gmail.com or Bob Bowman bowman.robert@outlook.com. For more information, see BraverAngels.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS NEEDED! We need leaders to help with grades 1-4. No teaching experience necessary - all of the curriculum is provided and ready to go. If you love working with kids, reach out to Brittney Booher, *BLBrown18@gmail.com*, Children's ministry chair or Sister Dottie at *dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org*.

YOUTH OUTING TO LASERDOME — Sunday, February 25 from 3-5 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. We will be checking out the new Verse Immersive experience and have time in the arcade.

PUB THEOLOGY — Join us Tuesday, February 27, at Uncommon Pizza at 6:30 p.m. for Lenten Trivia. We are inviting our friends from St. Thomas again. After Easter, we hope to get back to meeting regularly on Wednesday nights. RSVP to Sister Dottie at *dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org*.

SUB COUPONS COMING IN MARCH! The Tanzania Mission Committee will sell S. Clyde Weaver sub sandwich coupons to raise money for the people of Busoka, our companion congregation in Tanzania. Coupons will be sold in the narthex before and after services each Sunday from March 3 to 24. For \$7, you will receive a coupon to take to your nearest S. Clyde Weaver store for an 8" sub of your choice customized to your liking (you can upgrade to 12" for minimal cost). The subs are delicious and already paid for! These make great gifts for teachers, coaches, neighbors, etc. and are good through mid-November, so consider buying extras. Thank you for your support of the people of Busoka!

MIDDLE EAST TALK — Dr. Elias George, a Palestinian Christian who has lived and taught in the U.S. for many years, is leading a series on Middle Eastern history and how that history informs current conflicts. He is speaking at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Ave., on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel through March 20. Dr. George has also been an adjunct professor of Middle Eastern History and Arabic at Eastern Mennonite University and Franklin & Marshall College.

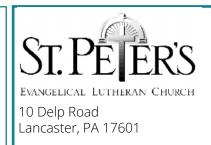
Worship for Feb. 18

Traditional Worship, Service of the Word & Communion 8:00 a.m.

Pastor Hand preaching
Livestream at stpeterslutheran.org

Traditional Worship, Service of the Word & Communion 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Hand preaching



Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

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 Troxell & Judith Logan.

Coffee Bar: Amy Smith.

February 25

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Jennifer Schlener-Thomas; Greeter: Christine Ponti; Ushers: Liz O'Brien & Gene Olson; Welcome Center: Ron & Joan Beck; A/V: Angela Moshos.

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Anneliese Owen; Greeters: Rich & Ann Larrick; Ushers: Alan & Beverly Swanson; Welcome Center: Dave & Lis Wolf; A/V: Bob Preston; Communion Assistants: Carolyn McNauhton & Dawn Troxell; Altar Guild Coordinator: Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Dawn Troxell.

Coffee Bar: Sharon Breeden & Jill Seitz-Baker.

Women's Retreat Wrap Up



We put another successful women's retreat in the books for January. Seventeen women gathered at Schreiber Haus at Camp Kirchenwald for conversation, learning and fun! Unfortunately, we had a late start due to the weather but arrived Saturday morning and left Sunday at lunch time. We had fruitful discussions on what the future of St. Peter's could look like! We came away excited and energized on creating new ministries and projects for our congregation both inside and outside its doors!



All women of all ages are welcome to join us! It is a great getaway weekend and a time to get to know each other better than we can on just a Sunday morning. Mark your calendars for January 17-19, 2025! Keep an eye out for more women's ministry events!