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Holy Week at St. Peter's

Sunday, March 24

Traditional Palm Sunday Services at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. (FLC)
Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 a.m. (FLC)

Wednesday, March 27

Pub Theology at 6:30 p.m. (Scooters)

Thursday, March 28

Sages Service & Reception at 11:00 a.m. Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group Lenten Lock-In at 6:00 p.m. (through Friday at 9:00 a.m.)

Friday, March 29

Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil Service at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m. Traditional Easter Services at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Financial Summary February 2024						
General Fund Only						

	February 2024			YTD February		
	Budget	Actual	Difference	Budget	Actual	Difference
Income Total	\$86,281	\$97,102	\$10,821	\$180,151	\$184,694	\$4,543
Expense Total	(\$101,041)	(\$85,831)	\$15,210	(\$202,083)	(\$157,545)	\$44,538
Net Income (Loss)	(\$14,760)	\$11,270	\$26,031	(\$21,932)	\$27,149	\$49,081
	February 2024			YTD February		
OFFERINGS	Budget	Actual	Difference	Budget	Actual	Difference
Weeklyl Envelope	\$61,458	\$71,125	\$9,667	\$131,505	\$151,909	\$20,404
Plate/Special	\$1,625	\$1,444	(\$181)	\$2,250	\$2,264	\$14
Debt Contributions	\$15,333	\$11,741	(\$3,592)	\$30,667	\$13,968	(\$16,698)
TOTAL	\$74,416	\$84,310	\$5,893	\$164,422	\$168,141	\$3,720

January Average Sunday Attendance: 243

Fulton Bank Commercial Loan Balance (Fixed Rate 3.85%): \$822,966

January Finance Facts:

- Feb YTD Offering Total is 10.22% > Feb YTD 2023 Offerings, and within 8% of Pre-Covid Feb YTD 2020 Offerings.
- Total Income is 3.5% < Feb YTD 2023.
- Feb YTD Expenses were 15% < Budget, and 22% < Jan 2023, due to lower Property, Debt Service, Admin, and HR Expenses for the month.
- YTD Feb. Synod commitment is paid in full.

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 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.

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!

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

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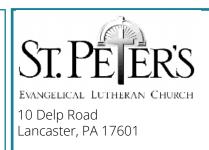
Worship for March 24

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

Pastor Ross preaching Livestream at stpeterslutheran.org

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

Pastor Ross preaching



Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

March 24

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Steph Gerber; Greeters: Travis & Susan Chaby; Ushers: The Rotz family; Welcome Center: Bob & Phyllis Hollinger; Acolytes: The Rotz family; A/V: Tom Chever; Communion Assistants: Bret Hoffmaster & Eric May.

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Jeffrey Pretz; Greeters: Vicki Legath; Ushers: Dan & Karen Beck; Welcome Center: Cheryl Oeschger; A/V: Dave Tilley; Communion Assistants: Thompson McConnell & Jeff Pretz; Altar Guild Coordinators: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Cheryl Oeschger.

March 31

9:00 a.m. — Lector: Ginny Stickler; Greeters: Stephen & Diane Gegg; Ushers: Liz O'Brien & Jo Boltz; Welcome Center: Thomas Rothfus; A/V: Bill Schlener; Communion Assistant: Ginny Stickler.

10:45 a.m. — Lector: Nicolette Simon; Greeters: John & June Crisp; Welcome Center: Sherry Weller; Ushers: Scott Glassford, Shirley Gorner, Sasso Family, Jeff & Annelise Own; A/V: Bob Preston; Communion Assistants: Gregory Hand & Shirley Schlener; Altar Guild Coordinators: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Debbie Shue.

Quick Notes

SUB COUPONS — This Sunday is the last chance to purchase S. Clyde Weaver sub coupons from the Tanzania Mission Committee. Coupons will be sold in the Narthex before and after church services and at the Palm Sunday Breakfast. For \$7, you receive a coupon to take to your nearest S. Clyde Weaver store for an 8" sub, customized to your liking. (You can upgrade to a 12" for minimal cost). These make great gifts for teachers, neighbors, etc., and are good through mid-November, so consider buying extras. Thank you for your support of the people of Busoka!

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR SAGES SERVICE— We need drivers to help with Sage service on Thursday, March 28. Pick up around 10:30 a.m. and return around 1:00 p.m. Contact Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 or *cjsmith1984@gmail.com*. Thanks for considering helping.

YOUTH GROUP LENTEN LOCK-IN — Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. through Friday at 9:00 a.m. We will have fun and games, as well as complete a Lenten service project and other activities centered around the theme of Holy Week. This will culminate in a Good Friday breakfast and youth-led Stations of the Cross for the Grades 5-12 families. For more details, please see Leslie McCarthy at lesliericemccarthy@gmail.com.

EASTER FLOWERS — One or two people are needed to help arrange potted flowers in the church on Friday, March 29, from 8–10 a.m. We're also looking for volunteers to sign up to deliver an Easter plant to one of our members who may not be able to make it Easter Sunday. Sign up on Parish life bulletin board or call Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 or *cjsmith1984@gmail.com*.

BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOP — Please join us for a workshop facilitated by the leaders of the Lower Susquehanna Alliance of Braver Angels called "Depolarizing Within" on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 a.m.–noon in the Family Life Center. This workshop will help us examine our own inner polarization and teach us how to have healthy conversations without condemning or ridiculing others with whom we may disagree. 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. All are welcome to participate, regardless of whether they attended our previous Braver Angels event. Please register with the QR code. Questions can be directed to Jean Pretz, jean.pretz@gmail.com, or Bob Bowman, bowman.robert@outlook.com.