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Braver Angels Workshop Saturday April 13th 9am to noon, "Depolarizing Within"

Thanks to the 100+ members who attended our first Braver Angels event in February! This shows how many people are interested in learning how to overcome the divide we experience in our community. Braver Angels has agreed to provide a workshop at St. Peters for all who are interested in building their skills in overcoming polarization. The congregational council and church leadership support this workshop, seeing it as a way to help our congregation prepare for the transition in pastoral leadership and the process of visioning the future of ministry at St. Peters. (All are welcome to attend the workshop, regardless of whether they attended the February event.)

As people of faith, we are called to love our neighbor and recognize each person as a child of God, despite our differences. This workshop will help us build our skills in having healthy conversations built on mutual respect. This workshop also addresses how we may inadvertently be complicit in, or possibly even encourage, polarization. Polarization can be driven by how we talk with like-minded people about those on the other side. Too often, we stereotype, dismiss, or ridicule our fellow citizens who do not share our views. A key goal of this workshop is to equip participants with concepts and skills for bridging divides and engaging in conversations about differences in non-polarizing ways, in ways that protect relationships.

This free 3 hour in-person workshop teaches participants:

- How to be more aware of their own "inner polarizer"
- How to be critical without demonizing, dismissing or stereotyping large swaths of the population
- How to constructively intervene in polarizing social conversations with like-minded people

If you are interested in examining your own inner polarization and learning strategies to disagree without condemning or ridiculing others, please plan to attend. Please note that in this workshop, participants will not identify themselves as politically liberal or conservative. The activities are focused on self-reflection and building general skills for healthy respectful conversations with those with whom we disagree.

This event is free and facilitated by highly experienced Braver Angels leaders in our region. A continental breakfast will be offered beginning at 8:30 a.m. Register with the QR code to the right. In addition, a physical sign-up sheet is also located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Questions? Contact Jean Pretz jean.pretz@gmail.com or Bob Bowman bowman.robert@outlook.com. More information at www.braverangels.org.

Easter Services

Friday, March 29 Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

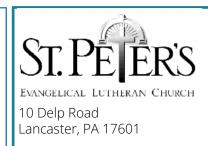
Easter Vigil Service 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunrise Service 6:45 a.m.

Traditional Easter Services 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Easter Sunday livestream at 9 a.m. at stpeterslutheran.org



Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

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 Owen; A/V: Bob Preston; Communion Assistants: Gregory Hand & Shirley Schlener; Altar Guild Coordinators: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Debbie Shue.

April 7

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Anne Marie Strubel; Greeters: John & Jill Kerchner; Ushers: Mark & Angela Moshos; Welcome Center: Bob & Edee Bedford; A/V: Tom Chever; Communion Assistants: Diane Gegg Ginny Stickler.

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Gary Troxell; Greeter: Sara Gable; Ushers: Jim & Jane Savidge; Welcome Center: Dave & Lis Wolf; A/V: Dave Tilley; Altar Guild Coordinators: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Trish Hough; Coffee Bar: Word of Life Deaf Church.

Quick Notes

EASTER FLOWER PICK UP DATES AND TIMES — On Easter Sunday, doors will remain open until 4:00 p.m. for flower pick-up. Monday, April 1, the church will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. On April 2-5, the church is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for flower pick-up.

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, children's ministry chair at *BLBrown18@gmail.com*, or Sister Dottie at *dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org*.

CAMP SUNDAY — Don't miss Camp Sunday, April 7. There will be camp themed songs, activities, and snacks for kids during the Sunday school hour and the 10:30 a.m. service. Wear your favorite camp shirt!

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP — Register now for Summer Camp at *LutheranCamping.org* for Camps Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. Summer camp runs June 16-August 9 with many options from a classic week of camp to high adventures! Take advantage of the "camp person" discount, early bird registration and multiple child discounts, as well as \$75 discount for church members. Forms and additional information are located on the bulletin board across from the office. Any questions, please contact Ashley Miller at 717-329-2397 or *ashley@andymiller.net*. See you at camp!!!

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY — The church directory will be getting a much-needed update this spring. We are asking for members to submit a new or updated photo and tell us the names of those in the photo. We also are updating our database at this time. Please let us know how we can best be in touch with you by providing the following information: Correct street address, email addresses and cell phone numbers for each member of your household who would like to receive information from St. Peter's whether or not your home phone is still active. Please send to: Directory@stpeterslutheran.org. Please contact Betsy Linn at the directory email with any questions.