



## Quilters News Update



The St. Peter's quilting group recently ended their work sessions for the summer. We wanted to give everyone an idea of what we have accomplished since September, 2023 until May, 2024. We completed 129 quilts which were donated to various non-profit groups in our local community. Below is a thank you note we received from Gaudenzia for the 45 quilts we donated to two of their programs.

On behalf of Gaudenzia's Centro Primavera and Vantage programs, I wanted to say "Thank YOU" for the lovely quilts given to us. They are so wonderful and colorful. They will provide warmth and comfort to all that receive them.

Centro Primavera's two summer programs start in a few weeks. We have one program for 5-12 year olds and another for 13-18 year olds. Centro Primavera is located in North Philadelphia and is specifically for students that are high risk for Substance Use Disorder due to family use/exposure to drugs and alcohol and other traumas. We are very excited to have the quilts for the students to use if they need a "hug". They will be able to utilize their blankets and at the end of the summer program they will take them home with them as a wonderful memory of their time spent with us.

Vantage has 3 families that are moving out in the near future and these quilts will be helpful as they move into their own apartments, a halfway house, or other housing.

## Quick Notes

**INTERIM MINISTRY** — St. Peter's Church Council has entered into an agreement with Pastor Harold Hand to continue to serve St. Peter's as a part-time interim pastor with Pastors Linda and Cliff Hanus during the coming year. Pastor Hand has provided valuable ministry to our congregation during the past two years. We are delighted to have him continue to serve St. Peter's during the transition following Pastor Ross' retirement.

**MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERING** — Our next volunteer opportunity at St. Paul Penryn is this Saturday, June 15. We hope to send a small group of 1-2 car loads of youth volunteers 5th grade and up (will need 1-2 adults) every third Saturday of the month to the food pantry when it is open on Saturday mornings. First time volunteers are asked to report at 8:30 a.m. for a quick orientation. The food pantry runs from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**PUB THEOLOGY** — Our next pub theology will be Wednesday June 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Steve and Diane Gegg. They will be making burger sliders. Each person is asked to bring a side dish or dessert and a drink to share.

**ST. PETER'S POWER PACKS PROJECT COMMITTEE COULD USE YOUR HELP** — We are beginning our summer sign ups, and would love for you to join us. Volunteers are needed for occasional help. We have divided our tasks into two jobs- picking up the packs and delivering them to St. Peter's around 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and greeting the families at distribution to give them their packs from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you would like more information or are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Fyfe at (717) 951-3932 or [lynnfyfe@comcast.net](mailto:lynnfyfe@comcast.net).

**NEWS FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE** — If the purchase of a cemetery plot or making plans to use the cremation garden at the cemetery is on your "to do" list, now is the time to complete the task! St. Peter's Lutheran Church cemetery rates will increase 20% on July 1, 2024, due to increases in cemetery maintenance and operational costs. Please contact the parish administrator for further information at [office@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:office@stpeterslutheran.org).

**ALTAR GIFTS** — Please consider donating flowers, communion wine and bulletins during the summer months, a time with decreased support. Altar flowers are delivered to our shut-ins, so this is an important ministry. To donate, fill out the form on the bulletin board by the office, or on St. Peter's website. We thank you for your support. Please call the office with any questions.

## Worship for June 16

### 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

9:30 a.m.

*Pastor Ross preaching*



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## Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

### June 16

**8:00 a.m. — Lector:** Susan Ketchum;  
**Greeters:** Lloyd & Marty Bull; **Ushers:**  
Gene Olson & Don Wenrich; **Welcome**  
**Center:** Ron & Joan Beck; **A/V:** Mark  
Burkholder; **Communion Assistants:**  
Karen Peiffer & Jennifer Schlener-  
Thomas; **Altar Guild Coordinator:**  
Debbie Shue; **Altar Guild:** Melanie  
Burkholder.

**9:30 a.m. — Lector:** Jordan Lambert;  
**Greeters:** Scott & Sharon Breeden;  
**Ushers:** Alan & Beverly Swanson;  
**Welcome Center:** Clarence Simon;  
**A/V:** Bill Schlener.

**Flower Delivery —** Cheryl Oeschger &  
Kathy Burke.

### June 23

**8:00 a.m. — Lector:** Eric May;  
**Greeter:** Travis & Susan Chaby;  
**Ushers:** Liz O'Brien & Benjamin  
DeLeonardis; **Welcome Center:** Bob  
& Edee Bedford; **A/V:** Jordan Lambert.

**9:30 a.m. — Lector:** Becky Lutz;  
**Greeters:** Dick & Loretta Chubb;  
**Ushers:** Jeff & Anneliese Owen;  
**Welcome Center:** Cheryl Oeschger;  
**A/V:** Dave Tilley; **Communion**  
**Assistants:** Kathleen Bailey & Jane  
Musser; **Altar Guild Coordinators:**  
Debbie Shue; **Altar Guild:** Cheryl  
Oeschger.

**Flower Delivery —** Cathy Graver &  
Becky Lutz.



The time has come to say goodbye to our faithful Senior Pastor, Craig Ross, due to his retirement. His last day with us will be Sunday, June 30th. We will be having a combined service on June 30th at 9:30 a.m. in which we will honor him. Following the service, a light lunch will be provided in the Family Life Center where you can greet Pastor Ross and his family. Pastor Ross is aware of the service and the luncheon and requested for it to be held on-site at St. Peter's after the worship service.

Pastor Ross's relationship with St. Peter's began in 1981 when he served as an intern. He was called to serve as assistant pastor in 1986 and as senior pastor in 1994. During his ministry, he performed 693 baptisms and over 250 weddings. He shepherded more than 20 interns.

Should you wish to send Pastor Ross a note or card, you may drop one in the office, email [office@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:office@stpeterslutheran.org) for them to print out for you, or write one at the celebration event. We will place all of your good wishes in a memory box for him to take home.

We hope you can join us as we say "Well done good and faithful servant" to Pastor Ross as he finishes up his long tenure as our Senior Pastor.