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Combined Service for Retirement Celebration

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 this Sunday, June 30. There will be a combined Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. where we'll 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.

A memory box will be provided on Sunday for you to leave a note for Pastor Ross. Should you wish to send a note or card, you may drop one in the office, send by email for them to print out for you, or write one at the celebration event or at the service on Sunday. We will place all of your good wishes in a memory box for him to take home.



Quick Notes

CHOIR FESTIVAL — Want to sing at the beach? Tom Berdos will once again be one of the festival conductors at the Ocean Grove Choir Festival on Saturday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in Ocean Grove, NJ. There will be rehearsals at St. Peter's on July 16 and 18, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Details about the festival are here *oceangrove.org/choir-festival* and you can contact Tom at *tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org* to let him know of your interest.

NAMETAG SUNDAYS — Starting July 7 name tags will be provided for everyone at worship to wear so Pastor Linda and Rev. Cliff Hanus are able to get to know everyone. You are welcome to bring your nametag if you have any from home or work.

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR VBS — Under the Sea VBS will run from July 7-11 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The program will feature Bible stories that take place near bodies of water. Activities will include music, dance and movement, cooking, crafts, and games. On the last night, July 11, there will be a family picnic and closing program. Please sign up your children or grandchildren (ages 4 through 4th grade) using the QR code.



HELP NEEDED FOR VBS — We need a few more adults to help make our VBS program a success for our kids who are participating, July 7-11 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.. No prep needed. If you can help out, please contact Sister Dottie at *dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org*

QUILTERS NEW 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. We donated a total of 45 quilts to two programs, Gaudenzia's Centro Primavera and Vantage programs.

THANK YOU — 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 age group, 5-12 and another ages 13-18. Centro Primavera is located in North Philadelphia and is specifically for students that are at 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.

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Worship for June 30

Combined Traditional Worship, Service of the Word & Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Pastor Ross preaching Livestream at stpeterslutheran.org



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Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

June 30

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Thompson McConnell; Greeter: Vicki Legath; Ushers: Thompson McConnell, The Rotz Family, Kathleen Bailey, Bob and Patti Courtois; Welcome Center: Cheryl Oeschger; A/V: Bob Preston; Communion Assistants: Kevin & Weston Groff; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue; Altar Guild: Debbie Shue.

Flower Delivery — Karen Feldt & Judy Wenrich.

July 7

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Ginny Stickler; Greeters: Stephen & Diane Gegg; Ushers: Eric May & Tom Rothfus; Welcome Center: Bob & Phyllis Hollinger; A/V: Angela Moshos; Communion Assistants: Kevin & Weston Groff; Altar Guild Coordinators: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Shirley Dombach.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Lois Miklas; Greeters: Bonnie Detz; Ushers: Cortes family; Welcome Center: Mark & Darla Cardin; Acolytes: Cortes family; A/V: Bill Schlener.

Flower Delivery — Lois Benton & Jo Boltz.

July 14

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Diane Gegg; Greeters: John & Jill Kerchner; Ushers: Cindy Miley & Kyle Templeton; Welcome Center: Thomas Rothfus; A/V: Benjamin DeLeonardis.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Ashley Miller; Greeters: Sara Gable; Ushers: Nancy Beauregard & Scott Glassford; **Welcome Center:** Rich & Ann Larrick; **A/V:** Bob Preston; **Communion Assistants:** Shirley Schlener & Debbie Stover; **Altar Guild Coordinators:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Barb Cooper. **Flower Delivery** — Lois Benton & Jo

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July 21

8:00 a.m. — Acolytes: The Rotz Family; Lector: Larry Wilcox; Greeters: Randy & Susan Ketchum; Ushers: Mark & Angela Moshos; Welcome Center: Ron & Joan Beck; A/V: Tom Badorf; Communion Assistants: Jo Boltz & Bob Courtois; Altar Guild Coordinators: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Susan Chever.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Jane Musser; Greeter: Scott Glassford; Ushers: Jim & Jane Savidge; **Welcome Center:** Clarence Simon; **A/V:** Dave Tilley.

Flower Delivery — Christine Smith & Ken Shirk.

July 28

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Ena Marie Banks; Greeters: Luther & Catherine Kimmich; Ushers: Liz O'Brien & Don Wenrich; Welcome Center: Bob & Edee Bedford; A/V: Mark Burkholder.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Anneliese Owen; Greeters: Jillian & Joann Gorner; Ushers: Scott & Sharon Breeden; Welcome Center: Sherry Weller; A/V: Bill Schlener; Communion Assistants: Kathleen Bailey & Judy Logan; Altar Guild Coordinators: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Jeff & Anneliese Owen.

Flower Delivery — Debbie Shue & Cheryl Oeschger.

St. Peters is Getting a New Phone System

On Tuesday, July 2, we will be installing a new phone system. It will take most of the day and the church may not have phone service until late in that afternoon. If you need to contact the church, please plan to call on either Monday or Wednesday next week. We plan to be up and running as quickly as possible. Once the switchover has taken place, please notify the church office if you experience any problems when calling the church, so we can address them. It will take a few days to tweak the system for St Peter's needs.

The new phone system will save the church thousands of dollars per year since we will no longer be leasing our phone system and phone sets long term. Special thanks to the IT (Information technology) Taskforce – Randy Shue, Alwin Phillipa, Doug Whiteley, and the chair of Property Committee, Mark Aho, in helping to select the right phone system for the church. The IT Taskforce will be working with me in replacing older office computers that will not work on the Windows 11 operating system. Keep us in your prayers as we begin planning for this at the end of the summer. If you have IT experience, consider joining our team! — Paul Schultz, Parish Administrator