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A message from the Council President

One of my favorite passages of the New Testament is 1 Corinthians 12 in which the apostle Paul reminds the members of the church in Corinth of their diversity and unity, and most importantly the calling to serve as their gifts and talents enable them.

We are the church. We are in transition with the retirement of Pastor Ross, who faithfully served our congregation for 38 years. We will miss him, but the mission and work of St. Peter's is one that calls each of us more than ever. We look forward to continuing our mission and work with Intentional Interim Pastors Linda Hanus and Cliff Hanus. Now is a good time to consider how each of us can use our individual gifts and service in the continued service of St. Peter's.

As a member of St. Peter's since 2018, I have been impressed by how many have stepped forward to ensure that we have a meaningful worship experience every Sunday. I have been impressed by how many of you serve one another through prayer, visitation, and notes of encouragement to other members. I have been impressed by your witness to the love of Christ through outreach to the community in donating food, clothing and other items.

St. Peter's is a large body with many parts and areas of service, whether it is church council, our committees, Christian education, worship, or home visitation.

Please prayerfully consider your time and talents and how they can best be used to serve St. Peter's and witness to the love of Christ in our community as we move forward during this transition.

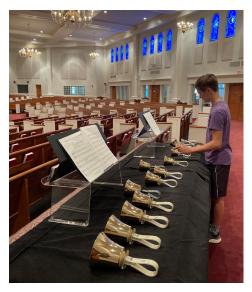
If you have any questions about opportunities for service, please reach out to members of the church council or the chairs of our committees supporting the work of St. Peter's.

Christ's Peace, Greg Hand

New Handbell Shelves







Weston Groff and Tom Berdos built these movable handbell shelves last week. They will allow us to have bell music in the back of the sanctuary from time to time. It's a nice option to add to our regular chancel setup. Watch for it to be used in worship this summer!

Pastor Linda Hanus, Interim Pastor • Sister Dottie Almoney, Director of Education & Outreach

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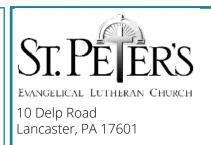
Worship for July 14

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

Pastor Hand preaching
Livestream at stpeterslutheran.org

Traditional Worship, Service of the Word & Communion 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Hand preaching



Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

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 — Christine Smith.

July 21

8:00 a.m. — 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 — Liz O'Brien & Debbie Shue.

Quick Notes

of gently used clothing, new socks, new underwear, and shoes in anticipation of the back-to-school season! We are especially short on girls' clothing, all seasons and all sizes (starting at size 5). We need more for boys as well. This ministry supports families who need help making sure their growing children have clothes for school and play. Please take some time to sort your clothing and shoes and donate what you no longer need - there are families who would love to have your gently used items. Please, no swimsuits or hats. New socks and underwear are always in demand. If you see a great sale while out shopping, snag that deal and pass it on to Lydia's closet families! All donations can be placed in the bin at the entrance to the church under the portico. We are also looking for help sorting clothing and staffing the closet on the first Saturday of each month. Use the QR code to sign up.

BEWARE OF EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE SCAMS — Scammers are quick! We only added Pastor Linda to our website a week ago, and already bad actors are impersonating her via text message, so it's only a matter of time before the spam emails start. Remember, all of our staff email addresses end with @stpeterslutheran.org. Any others are fake and you should report as spam, delete, and let the office know at office@stpeterslutheran.org. Be safe out there!

OCEAN GROVE 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 7:00 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. Contact Tom at tom. berdos@stpeterslutheran.org to let him know of your interest.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING — Bon voyage to the St. Peter's youth and chaperones attending the youth gathering in New Orleans July 16-20! We hope you have a very fun and meaningful trip.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERING— At St. Paul Penryn: July 20 and August 17. There is a new monthly volunteering opportunity in support of the food pantry at St. Paul Penryn, where the youth supported with donations in January. 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.