



A message from the Council President

Grace and peace to you, the members of St. Peter's. I hope and pray that your summer has been filled with joy and health. Covid has made a comeback with the mutation of the virus. Please be careful while enjoying your fellowship with family and friends in these final few weeks of summer.

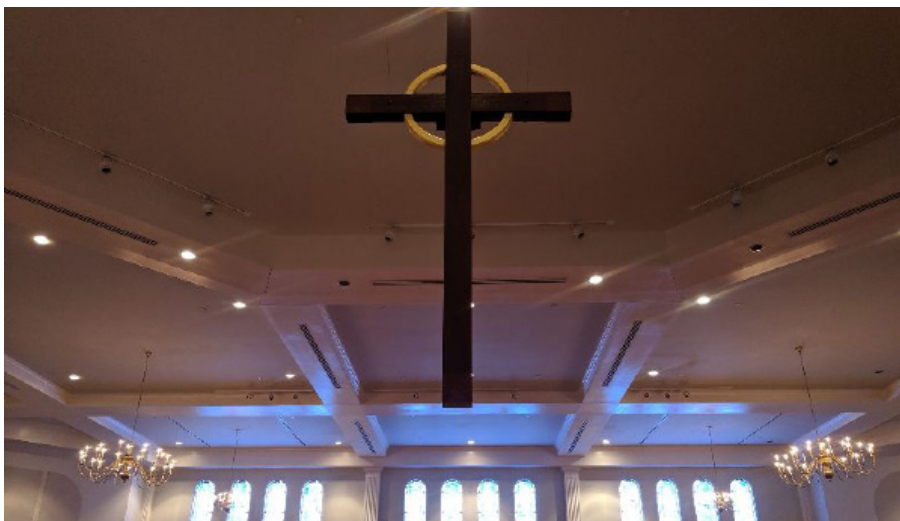
As we approach September, I am reminded of the ELCA's 2024 theme: "God's work. Our hands." I am reminded of this as we transition to a full schedule of worship and education activities this fall.

The nursery supports families worshipping here at St. Peter's and helps us to pass our faith to future generations as families form habits of worship in their early years. At least two people are needed to staff the nursery on Sundays due to legal requirements. Please let us know if you or someone you know would be interested in serving in the nursery on a rotational or permanent basis. There are certification requirements for those who staff the nursery. St. Peter's staff members are available to assist in helping interested individuals in meeting the certification requirements.

Town Hall and Congregational Meetings will be here before we know it. Two things you need to know now about those meetings:

- We want your input about church ministry and areas of outreach: Please address those concerns to a member of council, committee chairperson, Sister Dottie, Pastor Linda or me. If funding is necessary to support those areas of ministry or outreach, we ask that you notify that you notify the chairperson of the committee responsible for the proposed activity or ministry and the chairperson of the finance committee, Paul Berkebile for planning purposes. We do not want to overlook necessary areas of ministry in the budget planning process.
- Volunteers for council and committees: Please prayerfully consider areas where you can serve St. Peter's. Council members, including myself, are term limited and selected by a congregational vote at the annual meeting. Volunteers for committees are accepted on an open and continuous basis. More details will follow about council and officer positions early this fall.
- Transition Process: I invite you to visit the Lower Susquehanna Synod website and examine Appendix 1 (Mission Planning for Congregations in Transition) found at Call Manual for Congregations. We are in a process of change. Important questions include: What is God calling us to do together? How do we find new ways to engage in our community? How do we invite others into the life of our congregation? Let us be grounded in scripture and prayer.

Blessings to you in Christ Jesus,
Greg Hand



Honoring Two Pillars of Our Community

Two pillars of the St. Peter's community entered the church triumphant this week and we ask you to keep their families in prayer. Dick Shaefer's service will be held this Saturday, August 17, at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m. Thelma Aurand's service will be Tuesday, August 20, at 2 p.m. with visitation at 1 p.m. We were honored to have these sages as part of our lives.

Worship for August 18

Traditional Worship, Service of the Word & Communion

8:00 a.m.

*Pastor Linda Hanus preaching
Livestream at stpeterslutheran.org*

Traditional Worship, Service of the Word

9:30 a.m.

Pastor Linda Hanus preaching



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10 Delp Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Worship Assistant Schedule

August 18

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Jo Boltz;

Greeters: Tom & Pat Badorf; **Usher:** Bob Courtois; **Welcome Center:** Thomas Rothfus; **A/V:** Angela Moshos;

Communion Assistants: Bret Hoffmaster & Nancy LeFevre; **Altar**

Guild Coordinators: Debbie Shue; **Altar Guild:** Cindy Blaney.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Nicolette Simon;

Greeters: Paul & Tricia Hough; **Ushers:** The Sasso family; **Welcome Center:** Rich & Ann Larrick; **Acolytes:** Sasso family; **A/V:** Bob Preston.

Flower Delivery — Lois Benton & Judy Wenrich.

August 25

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Mark Burkholder;

Greeter: Susie Roderick; **Ushers:** Eric May & Kyle Templeton; **Welcome Center:** Ron & Joan Beck; **A/V:** Tom Badorf.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Janet Roberts;

Greeters: Jim & Jane Savidge; **Ushers:** TBD; **Welcome Center:** Clarence Simon; **A/V:** Bill Schlener; **Communion Assistants:** Gary & Dawn Troxell; **Altar Guild**

Coordinators: Debbie Shue; **Altar Guild:** Trish Hough.

Flower Delivery — Christine Smith & Ken Shirk.

Quick Notes

YOUTH AND PARENT KICK OFF MEETING — A youth and parent meeting for grades 5-12 will be held at 10:30 a.m. after the second service on Sunday, August 25 in the conference room. We will review the calendar for the fall, learn about the opportunities to participate in the St. Peter's youth musical ensembles, and hear about the plans for the new Senior High Sunday School class. Please bring any feedback and ideas. Youth are welcome to attend this meeting. No need to sign up - hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please reach out to Leslie McCarthy at leslicemccarthy@gmail.com.

NEW RINGERS WANTED — We are recruiting new ringers for our handbell choirs! If you would like to try ringing a handbell, please stop by the handbell tables after the postlude this Sunday, August 18 and we'll show you how. Music reading skills are needed to ring in handbell choirs, but previous ringing experience is not.

MEMBER HOSPITALIZATIONS — Please notify the office as soon as you or a member of your family is admitted to ANY hospital. We must rely on you to tell us. The hospitals do not contact us. Hospital visitation is an important ministry here at St. Peter's, but we can't visit you if we are not aware of your need. We'd rather receive several calls, than miss visiting you or your loved ones.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED — We're looking for volunteers to teach PreK/Kdg, grades 1-4, 5/6, and 7/8 classes in our fall Sunday School program starting September 8 at 9:15 am. No experience required—just a heart for our kids! All materials and setups are provided. Interested? Contact Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org.

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD — The first Lancaster Conference listening session regarding the election of the next Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod will take place on Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 3131 Columbia Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more about the election process. The election will be held at our 2025 Synod Assembly next spring.

LAST CHANCE TO UPDATE DIRECTORY INFO — The updated directory is ready to go. This is your last chance to update your photo and/or your contact information. Please send to: directory@stpeterslutheran.org by August 24.

**Pastor Linda Hanus, Interim Pastor • Sister Dottie Almoney, Director of Education & Outreach
Pastor Harold Hand, Visitation Pastor • Tom Berdos, Director of Music**

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