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“His Love Endures Forever.”
Psalm 136

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In an abundance of caution and under the advice of medical professionals, St. Peter’s has suspended all activities including all Sunday morning worship and education, preschool and all gatherings at the church until further notice. As Covid-19 continues to dramatically alter our normal routines, we endeavor to keep you informed. Please know that we take your health and safety very seriously. In the absence of being able to be together physically, we hope to provide a sense of community and Christ-centered love and support in this time of social isolation. We will be experiencing church differently with online streaming events. We invite you to worship together in the comfort of your home with Church @ Home, offered live on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. The link can be found at stpeterslutheran.org/live. Church @ Home features traditional and contemporary music, sermon, children’s sermon and prayers. In addition to joining the worship service live on Sunday mornings, you are invited to view additional spiritual resources at stpeterslutheran.org/covid-19. We continue to keep you in prayer and ask you to keep our health care workers, civic leaders and the vulnerable of our society in prayer.



If you are wondering why you are receiving the online version of the “Herald” newsletter. . . we are striving to reach out to as many people as possible to communicate the various online resources that we are making available to you during this time. Some of you receive the “Herald” by mail, but during this time we are only able to send it digitally.

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Holy Week and Easter Services



Holy Week and Easter videos and services can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster/>, our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersLutheranLancaster>, or our website at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/holy-week/> or <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/easter> .

Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Join Sister Dottie Almoney for a time of devotion as we ponder Jesus' love and commandments for us.

Good Friday Live Stream Service, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Sarah Teichmann for a livestream service featuring the Gospel story of the cross, beloved Good Friday hymns, and prayers.

Easter Saturday Vigil, April 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Craig Ross invites you for a devotional video offered from our church sanctuary. We will touch down for a couple of minutes in each of the four sections of the Great Vigil's liturgical experience: The Service of Light, the Service of Readings, the Service of Baptism, and the Service of Holy Communion. We will be reminded of the rich biblical and liturgical tradition of preparation for Easter morning!

Easter Sunday Live Stream Service, April 12th at 10:45 a.m.

The Easter service will be livestreamed from our homes to yours and will feature beloved Easter hymns, special music, prayers, and the Easter message of Jesus' resurrection and God's love.



Adult Christian Education

Ways to Connect in Our Community stpeterslutheran.org/live

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

In spite of our need to gather through the miracle of Zoom, we are plowing through the Book of Romans, the last of our traditional "Seven authentic letters of St. Paul". Consider joining us online, either through Zoom video or just audio. Pastor Ross continues to facilitate the class which meets digitally on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Friends are welcome. Modest snacks and drinks are provided . . . In your kitchen.

April 1 - Romans Chapters 4-5

April 8 - Romans Chapters 6-9

April 15 - Romans Chapters 10-12

April 22 - Romans Chapters 13-16

April 29 - Ephesians & Colossians



If you are interested in being involved in Wednesday Morning Bible Study Zoom session, please contact Pastor Craig at craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org.



April Pub Theology: Virtual Pub Theology, Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Please contact Sister Dottie if interested at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org.

Crosspoints (Hosted by Pastor Craig craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org)

Faith and Values (Hosted by Pastor Sarah at sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org)

If you are interested in being involved in a certain Zoom session, please reach out to the staff member who is hosting the session.



The following lists memorialize and honor individuals who have touched our lives in one way or another.
The gifts of money will go to the Benevolence Fund.



Easter Memorial Gifts in Memory of:

- Loves Ones, given by Paul & Kathy Berkebile
- W. Clair & Irene M. Brunner, given by George & Barbara Boyer
- Marjorie Halverson, given by Sandy Chaby
- Alice R. Geib, given by family
- Craig B. Sargent, given by Jan Gigl
- Art Wetzler, Jr., given by Donna Wetzler
- Mr. & Mrs. William Cooper, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Sitler, and Elizabeth Cortright, given by Dennis & Louise Sitler & family
- Alice R. Geib, given by family
- Our Mimi – Jeanette Sherk, given by Jackson & Cameron Gerber
- My Mom – Jeanette Sherk, given by Stephanie Gerber
- William & Louise Hutchison and John & Marjory Owen, given by Jeffrey & Anneliese Owen
- Loves Ones, given by Richard & Carol Shaefer
- My Beloved Parents – John R. & Catherine S. Gall, given by Linda Gall
- My Mother-in-law, Mary Lou Stoltzfus, given by Linda Gall
- Cindi M. Rhinier and Michael J. Brooks, given by Family
- Mr. & Mrs. William H. Richards and Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. McCarney, given the Richards family
- Hiram Richards, given by Marilyn Jean Richards
- Zachary Chaby and Beau Zabel, given by family

Easter Memorial Gifts in Honor of:

- Our Grandparents, Steven Sherk and Joan Gerber, given by Jackson & Cameron Gerber
- Our Children and Grandsons, given by Dennis & Louise Sitler



Prayer Chain Ministry

Have you been saying “extra prayers” throughout the day lately? Do you find yourself reading something and then closing your eyes and saying a little prayer? Does something happen in your life and you look up and say/think “I know that was you God”? If you do any of these, then you are already saying daily prayers! Why not consider joining the prayer chain and adding prayers for your fellow church members and their families? We are one of the few church committees where almost all your committee work is done at home, when it suits your schedule.



We really could use you! If you have been thinking about joining the chain, NOW would be a GREAT time!! Please contact either Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406 or Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 with any questions or to sign up! ‘Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances’ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12

JESUS, HE DIED FOR US

By Judy Wenrich

He died for us. He cried out loud,
“Father, forgive them, this unknowing crowd”.

He bowed His head, His final hour was near.
It rained (reigned), that silent sound.
He died for us.

And why did He sacrifice? What was the price He paid?
Who was this God made man? What was the Plan?

And who then are we that He chose but to die that way?
How can we ever repay the debt we owe?

We too will die. We each will cry,
“Father, forgive me, unworthy as I am”.

This is my final hour but for your grace and power;
though mortal beings we, our souls survive.

And that’s why He sacrificed, that’s what He came to prove:
that though the body dies, our souls arise.

Nearer than hands and feet, His spirit freely given;
God’s gift, a promise kept, died so that we may live.

We all go out, strive to come in (from Psalm 121),
breath into every soul -- return to Him.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The dedicated knitters and crocheters of St. Peter’s supply our community with prayer shawls. These items touch the lives of those who are homebound members of St. Peter’s family and those undergoing cancer treatment. Each person is given a shawl that is lovingly made out of soft and warm yarn to provide comfort as well as a prayer from our St. Peter’s congregation. Thank you to those who help make this ministry possible.



If you are able to knit or crochet, or if you know someone who is in need of some comfort, please contact Laretta Stutzman at lstutzman1007@gmail.com.

Health and Wellness Committee

April 2020 National Awareness – Defeat Diabetes, Alcohol Awareness and IBS



April is a month calling attention to many issues and diseases, which is why Public Health Week is celebrated 4/6 – 4/12/2020. Everyone deserves to live a long & healthy life in a safe environment. Together we must tackle the causes of poor health and disease risk among individuals in our community. Where we live, work, worship and play impacts each of us and can determine our health and how long we live.

Defeat Diabetes focuses on the recognition of unnatural and unhealthy lifestyles: eating processed & refined foods, and sedentary lifestyles. These conditions are the principal culprits for the rise of problems like obesity and related diseases like Type 2 Diabetes. Through a combination of a healthy and balanced diet based on whole, fresh foods, (especially fruits and vegetables), and active and mindful lifestyles, individuals can take action to preserve their own health and the health of their family and friends.

Alcohol Awareness helps to reduce the stigma so often associated with alcoholism, by encouraging communities to reach out to family, friends and neighbors with information about this disease. It is genetically predisposed and fatal if untreated, but with help, many people can and do recover. It is estimated that ~20 million individuals and family members are living lives in recovery! So it can be accomplished, with support and love.

IBS or Irritable Bowel Syndrome is actually common, with an estimated 10 – 15% of the population impacted – yet many people remain undiagnosed and unaware that their symptoms indicate a medically recognized disorder. The most common signs are: abdominal pain/cramping/bloating that is typically relieved or partially relieved by having a bowel movement. Along with that, there is excess gas and diarrhea or constipation, sometimes alternating, with mucus in the stool. Do not wait to seek help from your physician if you have these symptoms. In April we focus attention on the importance of an IBS diagnosis, its treatment and the quality of life issues that are impacted.

Let's start new conversations with our family, friends & neighbors, about health issues, to help build a healthier community.



Spiritual Gifts Assessment

Since you will be inside for the near future, please consider completing the Spiritual Gifts questionnaire now available on line at the St. Peter's website. It only takes about 15 minutes and will help you determine where your spiritual gifts lie. Follow this link to complete the assessment. A copy of the results will be sent to you and me to be used when help is needed.

Please stay safe and healthy! <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/serve/spiritual-gifts-assessment/>

Please contact Betsy Linn with any questions. betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org

Parking Lot Beauty

Spring is here! It will soon be time to get the garden islands around the parking lot ready to go. We have only ONE left that is available to be beautified. If you like digging and planting, this is the ministry for you! Please let me know if you are interested in making a difference in how our parking lot looks! betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org



THANK YOU to my St Peter's family for your prayers, cards, phone calls and texts during my brother's illness and death all while we were in Florida. It meant more than you will ever know.

Ginny & Karl Gerhart and family

Tithe.ly and the Way We Give



The Easter season is approaching and as you ponder ways you may give in service to the Lord, we invite you to think of ways you may offer your charitable giving.

As we worship from our homes and gather by digital means, we can also give our offering digitally, as well.

Simply visit stpeterslutheran.org/give on your phone, tablet, or computer to give a gift immediately, or take a moment to set up a recurring gift on a schedule that works for you. You can give whenever and wherever as a way to faithfully respond as God's stewards. You can easily control how much you want to give and when, and change your recurring gift at any time. Your contributions will be recorded on your church giving statement.

We are building a community of faith by God's grace. Your gift given through Tithe.ly will help ensure that our ministry and mission continue, as we serve the Lord.

You can visit stpeterslutheran.org/give and sign up to give with your credit or debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Visit stpeterslutheran.org/give and give it a try today!



Stewardship- Even as we endure the concerns of the coronavirus and the decline of the stock market, it is important to recognize that it is our faith in God that ultimately sustains us. It is the leadership and messaging of our pastors, the peace and tranquility of our services, and the sharing of our time and talent which defines "church" and its importance to all of us. Thanks, from the Stewardship Committee, for continuing to financially support St. Peters and our congregation.

Long Range Planning

Are you a planner? Would you like a chance to guide St. Peter's for years to come? Then the Long Range Planning Committee is for you! LRP is looking for a few additional members to help guide the future of our church. The committee meets one evening per month. They develop and maintain a strategic plan for the congregation. With all the good things happening, consider being a part of this dynamic committee. Contact Betsy Linn, for more information at betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org.

Want Ad Wednesday

Don't forget to check FaceBook on Wednesdays when a Want Ad will be posted highlighting a need at St. Peter's. There are many areas seeking volunteers, and this is a good way to see what's needed.

Communication: The Website Is Your Friend!

Please go to our website www.stpeterslutheran.org to find out the latest schedules and calendar events. Check out blog posts to help you plan or to engage your faithful preparations this season. Be sure to check out our Facebook page as well (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster>) for posts about upcoming events or to catch the beauty and joy of a past event.

If you have questions about events and schedules that you can't find on the website, don't hesitate to contact a staff member. We would love to hear from you.

Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Music Ministry Minute Videos

Check out our Facebook Page and YouTube channel for weekly videos from our Director of Music, Adam Lefever Hughes, about music ministry. Topics will include how hymns shape our faith, ways to engage with music and faith, and theological interpretations through the lens of music. Keep on singing!



Music Thursdays

Music Thursdays are a chance for the people of St. Peter's to make music and share it with the St. Peter's community. Watch Facebook and YouTube for weekly videos of music made by our musicians, community members, and special guests.

Zoom to Music

Interested in joining a discussion on music ministry in the church? Want to connect with fellow musicians in this time of social distancing? Join a music ministry zoom call to stay connected.

Send an email to adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org to receive information.

Triduum – The Three Days

What a crazy month. As I have seen in a few different places, I didn't plan on giving up this much for Lent. Did you?! As we're entering into April, continue to stay connected to worship and mark this time of the church year by heading to stpeterslutheran.org/live or by checking us out on Facebook.



St. Peter's Neffsville to Break Ground Sunday

From the LNP Archives – Lancaster New Era – April 3, 1959

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Neffsville, will bless the new church site and hold groundbreaking ceremonies for their new church Sunday at 3 p.m. The new church will be located at the corner of Lititz Pike and Delp Road. Construction will begin the early part of next week and is expected to be completed the end of January, 1960. Guest speaker for the ceremony will be the Rev. Martin L. Tozer, D.D., superintendent of the Home Mission and rural church work of the Central Pennsylvania Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The new church will be of colonial architecture with a capacity in the sanctuary of 300 including the choir. At the rear of the sanctuary will be an area, divided by folding doors, which will accommodate 185 more persons when needed. This area also will provide educational facilities for the church school.

To the south of the main structure will be a wing containing four classrooms, lavatories, and a boiler room. In the future the congregation hopes to erect facilities for a fellowship hall. Parking facilities will be provided on the new site, which consists of approximately five acres. Total cost including sub-contracts will not exceed \$210,000*. St. Peter's was organized in the Spring of 1880 by 30 members of Salem, Kissel Hill. The Rev. Ernest W. Huston, pastor of the church, assumed his duties in 1955. (*Based on current inflation rates \$210,000 would be equal to \$1,867,285 in 2020.)

New Members

We give thanks for the new members who have joined the St. Peter's family this spring. We welcome several families who took part in our Spring New Member class. Please take a look at their pictures on the kiosk in the Narthex and Family Life Center.

Dan & Rachel Albert (Noah, James, Maddie) - 1063 Snapper Dam Road, Landisville, PA 17538,

Email - Dan.R. Albert@gmail.com

Dan and Rachel enjoy the welcoming atmosphere of the New Day Service and have found St. Peter's to be a wonderful community. Dan is Assistant Chemistry Professor at Millersville University and Rachel is Assistant Professor at Lebanon Valley College. They have three children - Noah, James and Maddie.

Bob & Linda Baker - 1305 Brighton Ave., Lititz, PA 17543

Bob and Linda are transferring their membership from Highland Presbyterian Church. They were attracted to St. Peter's by the Preschool program and find that openness, honesty, friendship and education are what is important to them in their faith community. Bob is a retired businessman and Linda is a retired Manheim Township teacher.

Erin Baker (Annabelle) - Email - bakererinmarie@icloud.com

Erin is transferring from Church of the Apostles, Lancaster. She was attracted to St. Peter's by the Preschool and a strong sense of community and youth environment. Erin is employed in the service industry and has a daughter, Annabelle.

Rich & Diane Beil - 127 Goldenfield Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603, Phone - 610-417-6082,

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Rich and Diane are transferring their membership from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Schoenersville, PA. They were attracted to St. Peter's by the active congregation, meaningful worship, fellowship with other believers and being able to volunteer.

Joseph & Lois Billoni - 2001 Harrisburg Pike, BB314, Lancaster, PA 17601

Joe and Lois are transferring their membership from Christ Lutheran, Elizabethtown. They are retired and enjoy the friendly faith community here at St. Peter's.

Anthony & Ashley Gaenzle (Noah, Elijah, Grace) - Email - anthonygaenzle@gmail.com

Anthony and Ashley have three children that attend preschool here at St. Peter's. They enjoy the genuine people, laid back and happy atmosphere and people that care. Anthony is employed as Head of Marketing at Saxton and Stump.

Scott & Junko Greineder (Seiko)

Scott and Junko enjoy the fellowship and learning of the word at St. Peter's. Scott works at Fulton Financial, East Petersburg and Junko is a teaching assistant at Brecht Elementary. They have a daughter, Seiko, in the 5th grade.

Robert & Susan Long - 330 Rumford Road, Lititz, PA 17543, Phone - 717-517-8879, Email - sac71928@aol.com

Bob and Susan heard about St. Peter's from their daughter, Christine Rishell and family. They were attracted by the warm friendliness, meaningful messages and sharing community. Bob is retired as Principal at Dover School District and Susan is retired as Teacher of pre-first and first grade at Dover School District.

Tony & June Murse - 2364 Henbird Lane, Lancaster, PA 17601, Phone - 717-569-5260, Email - Tonymurse@aol.com

Tony and June are transferring from Trinity Lutheran, Lancaster. They enjoy the music and the interesting and thoughtful sermons. Tony and June were attracted to St. Peter's by the warm, friendly and welcoming people.

Kristen Reeser (Dylan, Gabe, Wes) - 107 Greenfield Dr., Leola, PA 17540, Phone - 717-682-8740,

Email - knreeser@gmail.com

Kristen is transferring from Trinity Lutheran Church, New Holland, PA. She was attracted to St. Peter's by the youth programs and contemporary service. The positive influences for children serving together and the friendships are important to her in a faith community. Kristen has three children - Dylan, Gabe and Wes. She is a CRNP at Lancaster General Health.

Robert & Sandra Smith - 304 Spiraea Place, Lancaster, PA 17601-2685, Phone - 610-442-6250,

Email - spgs51@verizon.net

Robert and Sandra are transferring their membership from Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown, PA. They feel like St. Peter's is an extension of their Allentown church and feel very comfortable and welcomed here. Robert is a retired college professor and Sandra is a retired nurse.



Pastor's Letter

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

- Pope John Paul II

Dear Friends:

As I write, our world is gripped in fear over a virus that seems to be unstoppable at the moment. Each day ... and sometimes multiple times a day ... we hear new developments and learn about new restrictions. By the time you read this article we are a few weeks into our online streaming Sunday worship. It has been a wonderful experience in so many ways ... the gracious leadership of the Teichmanns in hosting it and organizing it in their home ... the flood of people, you and some friends of the church, tuning in to worship ... and the opportunity to remember that there are many ways to “do church”. We do miss Holy Communion ... and the sharing of the peace ... and of course, the coffee bar. We are human ... sometimes the bedrock of our lives shakes a bit. And sometimes anxiety can be a pretty powerful force. It can color the moment in which we find ourselves, and darken our world-view.

As I write, my guess is that we will have still more deaths in our Lancaster community and our world, before things start to turn around, and our scientists and medical minds get ahead of this virus. Hopefully none of those deaths will be ones that touch down in our community of faith or in the lives of our church members. But even if our community is spared that fatal blow, some people somewhere will have lost a parent or a sibling or a child ... some already have as I write. Death will still touch us here in that we will mourn the loss of life, no matter where it is experienced. What is a Christian expected to do in such a situation? Yes, we are people of hope ... but we are also human ... and fear sometimes finds footholds in the crevices of our soul.

Pope John Paul's words offer us a reminder of how we find our way through this morass of uncertainty. For his words allow us to be human. We can own our uncertainty ... we can admit our fear ... and we can grieve the loss of lives in the most literal sense of the word. But his words also proclaim to us that we are people who will not despair. Because no matter how potent the brokenness may be that attacks our world, it can never take away our trust in the resurrection and our hope for life again. Our God is a god of life. We have always known that in a broken world, the finality of this life does not find its fullest expression in the world in which we live, but in the world that awaits us. That is our hope.

So, my prayer is that as you read this, normal life may be a glimmer on the horizon. But if not, I would invite you to reflect on Pope John Paul's faithful wisdom. Cry for those who have been lost. Mourn the departure of innocence that might have suggested to us that this kind of contagion would never find a strong foothold in our nation. And grieve the reality that we face. But do ... not ... despair. We are people of the resurrection ... we are people who look to a world beyond this one ... we are people of hope. Hopefully, as you read this ... I'll ...

...see you in church...eventually,

Pastor Craig

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Pastor Sarah's Message

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Alleluia!

How do you experience Easter joy?

Well, first...what words come to mind when you hear the word “*joy*”?

I was reading Ross Gay's *Book of Delights* and he had a particular turn of phrase describing joy that caught my attention. Joy is “somehow terror and delight sitting next to each other, their feet dangling off the side of a bridge very high up.” (*Ross Gay, Book of Delights, pg. 45*)

Perhaps this joy exists in the midst of both terror and delight—a link to what is lost and what is found. It connects us to the fragile, tender moments we share and also somehow this joy is able to reach into the terror, the holes that have been created in our lives by loss and pain, and somehow find a place to dwell. Actually, these holes...the sorrows in our life...that when we join them together, join your sorrow to mine and our sorrow to another's, that somehow this bond...this compassion...this community...creates places for joy to dwell.

Perhaps in this way, joy is like the resurrection itself. In the midst of death and gloom where we only expect dark—somehow God's presence is there. In our Biblical witness, we encounter joy, *chara* in the Greek, when what was lost has been found, what was once dead is now alive.

This joy is closely connected to the life-giving moments of the Holy Spirit shared with us by the resurrected Christ. The Biblical understanding of joy, *chara*, is linked to grace (*charis*), gifts freely given (*charisma*), and gratitude we have for joy (*eucharistia*).

Joy lives in the glue that binds the Good Friday story of death and the Easter Sunday good news of life. It's in joy's song where we hear the promise that death does not have the final say. New life is promised through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Author and social researcher, Brene' Brown notes that the experience of joy can itself be intense and also make us feel vulnerable. We fear that the feeling won't last or will invite disaster upon ourselves. Too often we turn away from joy for fear of pain.

And yet Easter, the resurrection story, tells us *that it is in* the darkest, most hope-deprived places where God's presence and power show up, and these places are transformed into light-filled, hope-filled, life-filled places of joy.

God is inviting you to live and experience joy—joy through grace, joy through the gift this day can bring, joy found in giving thanks, joy shared in community.

So my dear friends, share joy. Talk about a joy you have. Point to this joy—for in it, you may be seeing the face of God.

Peace,

Pastor Sarah

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Youth & Family Ministry News...

Calendar

Grades 5-8 Check in/Virtual Discussion - Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.

Senior High Discussion - Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.

High School Senior Recognition - Sunday, May 10th at all three services. You will be receiving form in the mail to fill out and return by Wednesday, May 6th.

Contact Sister Dottie if you don't receive one.

Summer Events



2020 Summer Confirmation Camp (grades 6 thru 9) – June 14 thru June 20th Camp Kirchenwald- We will join youth from other area Lancaster County Churches. Our Theme will be based on the Affirmation of Baptism – Cost is \$250 for the week.

2020 Summer Sr. High Leadership Camp for grades 10-12 – June 14th through 20th at Camp Kirchewald. Our Senior High youth will work on leadership skills with our confirmation campers, help plan camp worship, work on communication and team building – Cost is \$100.00.

2020 Summer Beach Retreat (youth going into grades 9- recent grads) – Friday August 14th thru Sunday August 16th at Cape Henlopen State Park in Lewes, Delaware – Our theme is “Survivor”- a weekend of fun in the sun, learning, games and of course boardwalk and beach time! Cost is \$150.00.

Contact Sister Dottie at dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org for more information about these events!



RIGHT OF REFUSAL WAIVER FOR PHOTOS — To insure the safety of our parishioners, St. Peter's has adopted a policy for the use of photos from various services, events and educational programs here at church. If you wish that your image or the image of your child(ren) NOT BE USED in any media that St. Peter's publishes, please pick up a “Right of Refusal Waiver” (a bright green form) from the literature racks in the narthex or at the Welcome Desk. For the form to be valid, a photo must be included with the form. Forms will be valid for the calendar year (until December 31). Each year a new form and updated photo will need to be filled. Please hand in the completed form with picture to the church office. Please contact Sister Dottie Almoney or Cindy Geesey if you have any questions.

ST. PETER'S KIDS



Congratulations to the following children for completing the **Communion Awareness Class on February 9th!** They were welcomed to the Lord's Table for the first time on February 23rd.

Nathan Vazquez
Taylor George
Noah Albert

Emma Sasso
Jeremy Hosler
David Smith

Easter Egg Hunt is CANCELLED!

Mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School!** This year it will be held **July 19-23** and the theme will be **Maker Fun Factory!** Please note, VBS will run Sunday through Thursday again this year and the time will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. each night. We are also looking for volunteers for the week. Please email Cindy at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org if you are willing to help!

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Geesey, Director of Children's Ministries at cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org.



St. Peter's Preschool

Our preschool is almost completely full for the upcoming 2020/21 school year. This is a great testament to the strength of our program and talent of our teaching staff. Waiting lists are forming and it seems like St. Peter's is the school with *buzz* in the community. Thanks to everyone who helps support the work we do here. We appreciate that so much. We have just a few openings left in our 2 and 3 year old classes. Please contact Lorraine.dibernardo@stpeterslutheran.org or call the church office at 717-569-9211 if you'd like information and a tour.

We are also addressing the current concerns about Coronavirus impact. We are carefully monitoring the constantly evolving nature of this virus and continue to implement and upgrade our present health/safety protocols. We remain committed to providing a safe and sanitary space for our students, families, staff and parishioners.

While we are not in session at this time as per Governor Wolf's PA school shutdown, our teachers are busy at home reaching out to their students and families to keep connections strong. If you'd like to see our staff (and some surprise guests) reading to our kiddos, the link below will get you there.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCob3kDm54w9noKYsm_fKPjg

Lorraine DiBernardo,
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From the Volunteer Steward

Letter to Congregation

I just wanted to take a moment to let you know your volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated here at St. Peter's. You have taken time from the 'busy-ness' of your own schedules to participate in all the ministry opportunities here. While the church has benefited from your service, your commitment to your faith through your works can not be overlooked.

At times it may seem that much of the work is 'behind the scenes,' and no one really cares. I must emphasize how our lives of service can have a tremendous impact on the world around us. Matthew 5: 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

You have helped see to it that our church fulfills its mission, vision, and values. Your willingness to use your time and talent has strengthened the ministry of our church community. With each minute you spend giving of yourself to St. Peter's, you are reinforcing the bonds of our congregation.

For all your time, effort, work and prayers, please accept the thanks and appreciation of this church, its leaders and staff, and me. You are truly a blessing to this congregation.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward

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To the world you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world. *Dr. Seuss*



Groups and Events

Suspension of Church Activities - Following the advice of medical professionals, church leadership in our Synod, Church Staff and Lay Leadership with in the congregation, St. Peter's has suspended all activities and all gatherings at the church until further notice. For further information and updates, please visit <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/covid-19>. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD:

WELCA will meet for the end of the year luncheon on May 14 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 124. We will be enjoying a potluck lunch. Bring your favorite dish for all to enjoy. Any questions, please contact Sally Rager, 717-569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 717-627-7434.

OUR MISSION

Building a community of faith by God's grace.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:12

OUR VISION

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church will show our love for God, our love for neighbors, and our desire to make disciples.

Because we love God, we will:

- Worship and pray together.
- Help each other develop a meaningful relationship with God.
- Model our faith to children, youth, and others.

Because we love our neighbor, we will:

- Serve one another, especially the unseen and underserved within our congregation.
- Support those in need in our Lancaster community and in the world through our ties with the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.
- Love others boldly in a diverse and changing world, deepening relationships with our neighbors.

Because we desire to make disciples, we will:

- Seek to teach God's love through adult education, our programs for children and youth, and our preschool.
- Offer small groups that connect God's Word to our everyday lives and create communities of faith.
- Share the good news in creative and authentic ways with the St. Peter's family and with neighbors in our community.



LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 1

9:30 a.m. - Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom)

11:00 a.m. - Preschool Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, April 2

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Zoom)

11:00 a.m. - Preschool Meeting (Zoom)

8:00 p.m. - Faith & Values (Zoom)

Saturday, April 4

10:00 am. - Junior High discussion (Zoom)

Sunday, April 5

9:30 a.m. - Senior High discussion (Zoom)

10:45 a.m. – Online Worship (St. Peter’s website/Youtube)

2:00 p.m. - Crosspoints (Zoom)

Monday, April 6

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 8

9:30 a.m. - Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom)

11:00 a.m. - Preschool Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. - Pub Theology (Zoom)

Thursday, April 9

11:00 a.m. - Preschool Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service (website/Youtube)

8:00 p.m. - Faith & Values (Zoom)

Friday, April 10

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service (website/Youtube)

Saturday, April 11

Easter Egg Hunt — CANCELLED

10:00 am. - Junior High discussion (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Service (website/Youtube)

Sunday, April 12

9:30 a.m. - Senior High discussion (Zoom)

10:45 a.m. – Easter Worship Service (website/Youtube)

2:00 p.m. - Crosspoints (Zoom)

Monday, April 13

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 14

7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Zoom)

8:00 p.m. - Music Ministry - (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 15

9:30 a.m. - Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom)

11:00 a.m. - Preschool Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. - Pub Theology (Zoom)

Thursday, April 16

11:00 a.m. - Preschool Meeting (Zoom)

8:00 p.m. - Faith & Values (Zoom)

Saturday, April 18

10:00 am. - Junior High discussion (Zoom)

Sunday, April 19

9:30 a.m. - Senior High discussion (Zoom)

10:45 a.m. – Online Worship (St. Peter’s website/Youtube)

2:00 p.m. - Crosspoints (Zoom)

Monday, April 20

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 22

9:30 a.m. - Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom)

11:00 a.m. - Preschool Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. - Pub Theology (Zoom)

Thursday, April 23

11:00 a.m. - Preschool Meeting (Zoom)

8:00 p.m. - Faith & Values (Zoom)

Saturday, April 25

10:00 am. - Junior High discussion (Zoom)

Sunday, April 26

9:30 a.m. - Senior High discussion (Zoom)

10:45 a.m. – Online Worship (St. Peter’s website/Youtube)

2:00 p.m. - Crosspoints (Zoom)

Monday, April 27

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 29

9:30 a.m. - Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom)

11:00 a.m. - Preschool Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. - Pub Theology (Zoom)

Thursday, April 30

11:00 a.m. - Preschool Meeting (Zoom)

8:00 p.m. - Faith & Values (Zoom)

PREVIOUS WORSHIP SERVICES

Previous services can be accessed under the videos section of our Facebook page, or by visiting our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersLutheranLancaster>

A link to the "Live" page is on our website under the stream that links to recent service videos on YouTube.



PLEASE HELP SAVE MAILING COSTS!!!!

PLEASE CONSIDER signing up to receive the online version of the "Herald" Newsletter and help us save on our mailing costs. Contact Sandy Shattuck in the Church Office at 717-569-9211 or sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org to sign up and start receiving the "Herald" by email. Please note: You may also pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk or Literature Racks.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE APRIL 10TH

Articles for the May 2020 "Herald" are due in the church office no later than **April 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

“Be Still and Know That I am God”

Psalm 46:10



If you have any questions, please contact me at
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Sandy Shattuck
Editor & Parish Secretary

