



# “The Herald” Newsletter

## St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

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*“Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength . . .” Psalm 22:19*

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### Live streaming worship



Please join us for worship each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. for Church @ Home. Worship features our Lutheran liturgy, prayers for the community, a sermon from one of the rostered leaders, music from our staff musicians, Adam Lefever Hughes and Erik Teichmann, as well as special music from members of our congregation.

Be church together on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/live/>

### Weekly Updates

In an effort to keep you as up-to-date as possible, we will be offering weekly updates on news from St. Peter’s. We hope it will help you stay connected to the variety of moving parts in our congregational life and ministries. Please watch the church website [stpeterslutheran.org](http://stpeterslutheran.org) every Wednesday afternoon at approximately 4:00 p.m., for a short article updating news around the church for the week. It is our attempt to keep you connected to “all things St. Peter’s” and the continual unfolding and developing of congregational life in a digital world. You will find updates on worship life, new Zoom groups that are beginning, news from the broader church and how it affects our life together, and service opportunities that may present themselves within our church and out in our community.

Please check out our most recent update at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/2020/05/weekly-update-may-27/>

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## JUNE 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We fully expect that we will remain in live-stream worship for the month of June.

### **Sunday, June 7: *Holy Trinity***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.  
*Sister Dottie Preaches*

### **Sunday, June 14: *Second Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.  
*Pastor Sarah Preaches*

### **Sunday, June 21: *Second Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.  
*Pastor Craig Preaches*

### **Sunday, June 28: *Second Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.  
*Pastor Sarah Preaches*



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## Frequently Asked Questions - Covid-19

Beginning in May, Lancaster county and the state of Pennsylvania have raised questions about “opening up” businesses and locations in and around the state. With some shifts in phases of Covid-19 response, the church leadership wanted to offer some answers to frequently asked questions.

To see the article in full, please visit <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/2020/05/frequently-asked-questions-covid-19-opening-up/>

## Offering Checks

Under the current pandemic situation, and with concern about having frequent meetings of the group of money counters, the financial secretaries, Norm Yunginger and Randy Shue, are handling the money counting together every other Monday. The mail is checked every day and checks are placed in our drop safe until the financial secretaries are in the office to handle it. That is the reason for the delay.

For the foreseeable future, we are planning on continuing to do money counting this way, realizing it can add a delay to the timing for checks to clear. We hope you understand and can appreciate the need for caution during this time. Our suggestion is to give any check to the church some time (1 to 3 weeks) before it clears before getting too concerned. Please continue to feel free to contact the church with any concerns or questions.

## Portals of Prayer



The church has received the current “Portals of Prayer” devotional booklets for July - September. If you are interested in receiving one, please contact Sandy Shattuck at [sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org). and she will mail a booklet to you. You may also call the church office and leave a message with your address, as someone is checking phone messages each day. We also have several “Portals of Prayer” for April - June if you would also like to receive that issue.

## **What Does the “Yellow Phase” Look Like at St. Peter’s**

As of June 5<sup>th</sup>, Governor Wolf put Lancaster County in the "Yellow Phase". As you may have read, this means that some of the rules have relaxed. Groups of no more than 25 may congregate, as long as there is social distancing and wearing of masks. What does this mean for the church? We will continue to have our Church at home and virtual church meetings. While some of you may wonder why we can't have meetings with 25 or less people, this would still preclude some groups from meeting. The bigger issue right now is that we would have to disinfect all areas after each meeting. We do not have all of the supplies or personnel needed for deep cleaning.

We are grateful for the patience and understanding during this difficult time. We all want to be able to come "back to church". The health and safety of our parishioners is paramount and when we feel we can assemble safely, we will do so.

### **Safe Church update....**

Be aware our safe church committee continues to meet to discuss what is needed to safely open up the church when we are able to gather. We are collecting information from the CDC, WHO, Department of Homeland Security and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. We are also following the guidelines of the Governor's office.

### **Updates to the Church Directory**

Sometime in the next few months, you will be receiving a call from either a staff member or a volunteer asking to update your family's information. You will be asked to correct your address, phone numbers, and email addresses since much of our data is outdated. We are also trying to categorize our adult children as to whether they are attending or have moved on to another worship experience.

The goal is to establish an accurate membership role. It is part of the important strategic plan that is being developed. If you receive a message, please respond, it is important to our future!

Please feel free to contact Betsy Linn at [betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org) with any questions.



### **Sign up to be part of a Virtual Small Group**

St. Peter's staff members are leading Zoom small groups, and would like you to be part of their group. Go to <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/virtual-groups-signup/> to sign up for a group. Are you in desire for a small group you don't see listed? Reach out to one of your church leaders today and brainstorm with them about how we can be church together!

### **St. Peter's YouTube Channel**

Are you longing for a music moment with Adam Lefever Hughes? Did you hear about Christine Healy's Yoga video, but you missed them in May? No worries, you can catch these videos and many more on our YouTube Channel! Visit and explore by going to: <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpeterslutheranlancaster>

### **Phishing Scams**

Your Church Staff will never solicit donations of gift cards or similar items over email. We've heard reports of a scam targeting members from an email claiming to be from a church leader. If you see something that looks suspicious, please let us know!



## Adult Christian Education

### Ways to Connect in Our Community [stpeterslutheran.org/live](http://stpeterslutheran.org/live)

#### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We have finished our engagement of the “seven authentic letters of St. Paul.” We spent two Wednesdays talking about evangelism this past month. And we will probably continue a week or two into June to finish examining a few of the non-Pauline epistles that are often attributed to his hand. We meet via Zoom each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:00 a.m. It is never too late to join. Each class is an encapsulated lesson in and of itself, while also being part of a larger biblical book study. Snacks are ... whatever you want ... you’re in your home!

Upcoming classes are

**June 3 – 2 Thessalonians & Colossians**  
**June 10 – 1&2 Timothy & Titus**

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



**Pub Theology:** Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for conversation - topics vary from week to week. Contact Sister Dottie at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org). if you want to be included in this group meeting.

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

**Crosspoints** (Hosted by Pastor Craig at [craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org) )

**Faith and Values** (Hosted by Pastor Sarah at [sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org) )

#### Faith & Values Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.

Join the Zoom Faith & Values for conversation on where our faith encounters some of life’s crossroads. Special attention focused on conversation toward faith, faith practices and spiritual growth in the midst of the covid-19 crisis. Contact Pastor Sarah Teichmann ([sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:sarah.teichmann@stpeterslutheran.org)) to be connected to this group.

#### “Looking to Sunday” Bible Study

**Tuesdays from 12:30-1:00 p.m.**

Join Pastor Sarah on Tuesdays during the summer at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom (for now) as we take a look at some of the Bible readings for the next Sunday. It's a relaxed setting with the Bible and conversation.

## Prayer Chain Ministry

### HELP WANTED!

- 1) Work in your own home - a difference from most other ministries. With the prayer chain you stay home and serve.
- 2) No dress code! Pray in your pjs & robe if you'd like.
- 3) Part-time position with full-time benefits.
- 4) Flexible hours - pray when it suits your schedule, even if you wake up in the middle of the night, God is there to hear your prayer.
- 5) Educational background is unimportant.
- 6) No special training, skills or experience required - basically you are just talking to God.
- 7) At most, two meetings a year at church, which include fun and fellowship.
- 8) No yearly performance reviews.
- 9) Excellent benefits - your salary is heavenly.
- 10) ALL can pray, age or sex doesn't matter - we have a few men, and all ages are welcome.
- 11) Opportunity for growth is unlimited - your spiritual life will be enhanced.
- 12) Want the 'job'? Just make a phone call. We know this is a silly and feeble attempt at recruiting new members, however, WE REALLY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!



Please call either Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406 with any questions or to sign up. We would love to have you join us!

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

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## Social Ministry

### **Emergency Food Collection**

We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items for people in need. There is a bin in the front of the main church entrance where the food can be placed. It is picked up daily. Foods needed:

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta/sauce
- Boxes of macaroni and cheese
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned veggies and fruits
- Snacks for kids (granola bars, boxes of raisins, etc.)
- Canned meat- tuna, chicken, etc.



Thank you for continuing to meet the needs of our community – if you have questions, please contact Sister Dottie.



### **Our Monthly Community Meal - June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church**

We will continue to hand out boxed meals outside the church. We have served approximately 50 people. All leftover food items get donated to Transitional Living Center.

Community Meal



## Health and Wellness Committee

### JUNE: SKIN CARE AND THE SUN



The sun is finally shining and summer isn't far behind. Time to think about skin care!

We know with warmer weather comes longer days with more frequent, and more intense, sunshine. While every dermatologist will tell you the importance of wearing sunscreen year round, they all agree that it's even more important during the warmer months. The UVA/UVB rays can be more intense and the damage to your skin accumulates over your lifetime. Using a high-SPF sunscreen, 30 SPF at minimum, can reduce the accumulation of chronic UV damage that's linked to non-melanoma skin cancer and aging (you know – those wrinkles and “age” spots).

And, even though it's trendy to wear those beanies year round, they don't offer any protection when it comes to shielding your face from the sun. Hats play an even more important role. A broad-brimmed hat provides excellent sun protection for the skin-cancer prone areas such as the face, neck, scalp and ears. Look for a tightly woven hat that has at least a two-inch brim, to provide the best protection.

Melanoma, the most serious of skin cancers, is on the rise! Please enjoy the warmth of being outdoors, but also take care of yourself, and your skin.

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### LNP ARCHIVES - Lancaster New Era *Artistry in Ministry - June 26, 1977*



How do you express your gratitude to more than 700 adults and youngsters who have been your “family” for the past year? **William L. Stomski**, completing a one year internship as vicar of **St. Peter's Lutheran Church**, Lititz Pike and Delp Road, used his unique talents to arrive at a solution. The 25-year-old student of the ministry decided to do an original oil painting of St. Peter as a gift to the congregation of the church. Stomski conceived the idea early this year and spent more than 40 hours in the actual painting of the portrait. Today has been designated as St. Peter Day with the Reverend Richard E. Geib, pastor of the church, blessing the painting and participating in the congregation's acceptance of the gift. According to Stomski he did not use a model for his work. The portrait is his own interpretation of St Peter acquired from his readings and studies. The coloring of the robe also presented a particular challenge since he wanted it to blend in with the furnishings in the church's new parlor/chapel where the picture will be permanently hung. (The painting is now hanging in our church narthex/gathering area).

*Thank  
You*

“We want to thank our church family for all the prayers, thoughts, meals and caring comments during Scott's and my recent illness. We want to thank Pastor Ross, Pastor Sarah, and Adam for their prayers and thoughts as we worked through this very long drawn out illness. We couldn't have kept going forward without everyone's assistance. We appreciate everyone! Thank you.”

*Beth & Scott Glassford*

## **Giving Thanks for The Ways You Give**

Your financial stewardship remains strong. We could not be more grateful. We have been able to keep our entire staff employed, and each week we find new ways to create connections with the congregation from our homes and through digital platforms. Thank you for mailing in your contributions and for using Tithe.ly or Simply Giving for your contributions. For more information about digital giving visit <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/give/>



## **Paycheck Protection Program Loan**

Please be aware that St. Peter's applied and qualified for one of the financial support programs within the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act. The Payroll Protection Program (PPP) provides a low interest (1%) loan to small businesses for the purpose of keeping employees on the payroll, with a smaller portion of the loan that can be used for interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities. After the program was announced, it was expanded to include churches. Gary Williams, our Parish Administrator, spent countless hours attending online seminars offering training on how to apply for the loans, and successfully submitted an application for St. Peter's. A large portion of the loan is expected to be forgiven if it is determined to have been used to fulfill payroll commitments and rent/mortgage/utilities costs that have not been supported by sufficient congregational offerings.

The Finance Committee at its May meeting agreed to hold the balance of the loan until we get through the summer months and farther into the fall, so as to determine how much shortfall exists in our personnel, mortgage and utility costs. That will also allow us to gather as the congregation at our Annual Meeting to discuss options and choices together. We are so very grateful that through the month of May we have been very close to paying all of our financial commitments through the generosity of you, our members and your offerings. Let's keep it up through the summer!

## **St. Peter's Benevolent Relief Fund**

A screenshot of the Tithe.ly mobile application interface. The header shows the church name 'St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church' and location 'Lancaster, PA 17601'. The main form includes fields for 'Amount', 'Card number', 'Email', and 'First Name'. A dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of giving categories: '01 General Fund', '06 Debt Reduction', '10 Special Endeavors', '11 Disaster Relief', '13 World Hunger', '104 Evangelism Outreach', '107 Global Missions', and '09 Covid-19 Relief', which is currently selected. There are also checkboxes for 'Cover fees?' and 'Setup automatic giving?'. At the bottom, there is a 'Give \$0.00' button and a privacy notice.

At their April meeting, your Congregation Council approved the formation of a Benevolent Relief Fund, that has as its purpose, "To offer modest, temporary financial assistance for those whose livelihoods have been compromised by COVID-19." One-time grants of up to \$1,000 may be extended to church member households in which job loss or furlough has occurred. Evidence of job loss or furlough shall be required. Recipients will not be required to pay back the grants, but will be encouraged to do so (in total or in part) in the spirit of "paying it forward." Those who need to submit applications can do so by contacting one of the rostered staff members at St. Peter's, and a small packet of information can be mailed or emailed to you.

For persons who would like to support this benevolent ministry at St. Peter's, donations of any amount may be mailed into the church, or donated through our Tithe.ly online giving platform. If you donate by mail, please memo the check "COVID-19 Relief." If you give through Tithe.ly, please give through the "Covid-19 Relief" option on the Tithe.ly page. The image on the left shows you what to look for.

Our thanks to each of you who will find a way to reach out to others in their time of need, whether it be financially, tangibly through food or other donations, or with the human capital of words of support sent through the mail, email or digital phone options.

## **Benevolence Payments**

Please be aware that through the month of May, we are fully up to date on all of our benevolent commitments, and have also paid in full, the yearly commitments to our local benevolent commitments here in Lancaster. With your strong and sacrificial offerings, we have been able to be generous to local charities and missions which are part of our benevolence budget, as they struggle to keep their ministries vibrant and functioning, also.

## Worship and Music at St. Peter's

### Summer Hymn Sing Sundays!

We will continue our tradition of hymn-sing preludes on the first Sundays of the month throughout the summer months. We'll spend the first few minutes of our Church@Home broadcast on singing a verse or two of the songs you submit. To submit your requests, please send an email to [adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org).



### Music Ministry Zoom Meetings

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. To receive information, please send an email to [adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org).

### Devotions@Home

Starting this month, look for a new Devotions@Home weekly resource for personal study and worship while at home. This resource will include daily lectionary readings as well as some prayers, information about Sunday services, and a song of the week. This will be a wonderful way to cultivate, or continue, a practice of daily engagement with scripture.

### Special Music

Would you like to enhance our Church@Home services with some special music? Take a video of yourself making some music and send it to Adam at [adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:adam.hughes@stpeterslutheran.org). You can do as many takes as you like and send your favorite one to be included during our worship services. We want to see all of you making some beautiful music while at home!



## Communication: The Website Is Your Friend!

Please go to our website [www.stpeterslutheran.org](http://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.

### 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](mailto:betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org)



## **Pastor's Letter**

*And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5)*

Dear Friends:

Lots of new things going on these days. I don't need to tell you that. From the way you prepare to leave your home, to the way you shop, to the way you "do church", to the way you visit with your extended family members ... many things are new. If you are a creature of habit as I am, then this might be a frustration to you. Your routines are shattered and your rituals are compromised. When I wake up each morning, I like the idea that I can predict how certain parts of my life will unfold in the eighteen or so hours that await me. Needless to say, I don't like most of the mornings I awaken to, in that my predictions have no validity, while surprises and chaos populate my neatly orchestrated world.

...and then I actually begin my day. And I find that the unsettled nature of things is often counter-balanced by great surprises in my day. As I am getting out of my car at church to check the mail for the day, I meet a neighbor who wants to thank St. Peter's for allowing her family to use the parking lot as a scooter haven for her kids. Or I see one of our church members caretaking one of the parking lot "islands" and beautifying our property (or maybe it is really the laying of flowers on the dying body of a parking lot that has seen its final days of existence). Or I see three cars and five people set up in appropriate social-distancing format, casually laughing and talking about life in their worlds. Or I see Gary, one of our neighbors taking one of his numerous daily walks through our parking lot, who alerts me that the food bin outside the front doors is getting pretty full.

And for every surprise in the church parking lot, I have a dozen surprises awaiting me in my home and neighborhood. I see neighborhood kids rolling by on their scooters, not looking as if they have somewhere to go, but are just enjoying the thrill of the ride. I see dogs getting walked by their owners that have the time to stop and sniff my hand, and look at me with that pleading "*have you got a snack for me*" look all dogs have. I have neighbors stop to say hello ... well ... because they have the time to do so, when normally they do not. And when I do go out in the car, I drive by the lady on the corner of our neighborhood who is caretaking a remarkable garden of diverse and beautiful flowers in the beds in her front lawn.

I like routines and things that are predictable. I am the paramount "creature of habit." "Boring" is not a word that I despise. But the new world in which we live is winning me over, bit by bit. And I continue to find modest places of joy and laughter all around me. Who says the world is going to hell in a handbag? What kind of nonsense is that?

... see you in (digital) church,

*Pastor Craig*

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### **Parking Lot Beauty**



Once we are set free, our parking lot will receive a "gardening" touch. All of our islands have been claimed. It's certainly an important ministry since it's the first thing our visitors see when attending! Thank you to our members that will, at some point, be able to make them pretty once again.



## Pastor Sarah's Message

Dear friends in Christ,

Every so often, when writing a newsletter article, I go back in time and revisit what I wrote the year before. It helps me not repeat myself over and over again, but it's also fun to see what you and I were up to in the ministry and faith life of St. Peter's.

Well, last year at this time, we all clearly had summer on the brain, and the summer was shaping out to be like many summers before. Last year my pastor's message focused on summer reading suggestions, asked for candy donations for the Lititz July parade, and there was *one* little reference I made to how you could possibly watch church online. As the great Bob Dylan sang, "The

times they are a-changin'!"

During these weeks that have turned into months, we have discovered new ways to be community and church with each other, for each other, and for the world God so loves.

And yes, these summer months will look different for all of us. Even as the nation and our own state may begin opening up, we realize that we will be experiencing a new normal. We must learn new ways to be with each other, to learn how to be for each other, and to find new ways to reach out to our community and the world God so loves.

I am writing this article in mid-May, intended to be published at the beginning of June, and I humbly realize what we may not know now, that we will know then. For each week we learn what the future may hold. Each week your church staff gathers, prays, discerns, and researches ways that we may be church together. I encourage you to visit <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/blog/> for a weekly post on Wednesday afternoons entitled "Weekly Update". I also encourage you to visit our News section <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/announcements/> to receive updated announcements. And let's not forget about the weekly E-NEWS that (I hope) is delivered to your email box each week. If it's not, please let me know!

"The times they are a-changin'!" ***But some things DON'T change.***

**A summer reading suggestion:** I've been enjoying *The Book of Delights* by Ross Gay. He has been teaching me to notice the small delights that are in our world, that open my heart and mind on a daily basis.

**A summer podcast suggestion:** While you're mowing the lawn, tending to the garden, or simply relaxing, check out the Brene Brown podcast "Unlocking Us." <https://brenebrown.com/unlockingus/>

**Donations:** Okay. Maybe not candy donations for a parade, but we've been keeping a bin outside of the church for food donations. Donate a nonperishable food item, and help our local community be filled with good things.

**Sharing Good News:** This is the perfect time to be an evangelist, and in a non-scary or threatening way. You know that worship service you watched online? Share it! Did you see a music moment or prayer time video? Share it on Facebook! Invite a friend to experience good news, messages of hope, and the story of God's unconditional love for you.

Peace,

**Pastor Sarah**

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FACEBOOK PAGE!  
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

## Youth & Family Ministry News...

### Youth Zoom Meetings:

Grades 5-8 – Saturday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.  
Grades 9-12 – Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.



Contact Sister Dottie for the zoom info for the meetings. We will be discussing various topics each week. A great way to stay connected!

### June 7<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Family Game Night!

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Families will play against each other...we will play categories, and a trivia game!  
Watch for the zoom info through email.



Keep an eye out for more virtual youth meetings....watch your email!



Contact Sister Dottie at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org) for more information about these events!

### Camp Corner



As so many aspects of our lives have changed this spring, so must camp. The Lutheran Camping Corporation's board of directors made the difficult decision to cancel the summer camp season for 2020. As Mike Youse, executive director noted, "The road upon which we are traveling as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic is one none of us have been down before. However, in this challenging time, it is good to have a long and successful history of over 90 years of outdoor ministry experience to draw upon as we face this new reality and face tough decisions. We also trust that the Holy Spirit is walking beside us and guiding us. And just as Jesus walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus walks with us during these uncertain times." Please contact Joy & Lyle Hosler with any questions about camp at [joy@hoslerfamily.net](mailto:joy@hoslerfamily.net).

### St. Peter's Preschool



Our Preschool may be shut down physically during this challenging time for everyone, but we are keeping the bonds strong between our teachers, families and students. We've recorded stories, songs, cooking and exercise videos for our kiddos to enjoy, and we recorded a goodbye book TOGETHER on what would have been our last official day of school. Teachers have been reaching out in many different ways (including some classroom ZOOMS) to send love and support to the students they miss so much.

We are looking forward to starting our year again, hopefully in September! Please reach out with any questions about preschool enrollment to [lorraine@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:lorraine@stpeterslutheran.org)

Stay well everyone and know that we are learning and growing together during a time in our lives that can strengthen us as people of character and compassion.



**Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director**  
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# ST. PETER'S KIDS



As we continue to navigate a new landscape for children's ministries and based on government and health officials' guidelines, VBS, as we have known it in the past, will not be held this summer. However, we are looking for creative ways to possibly integrate our selected theme into the opening of Sunday School in September if that is possible. Prayerfully, our Sunday School year can begin and be filled with faith, fellowship, and fun!



Once again, Jill Pretz led our Joyful Noise Sunday School Choir this year! Children ages 2 through Kindergarten learned about the church seasons and God's love as they sang age appropriate Bible songs. The children also performed at our services in December. A HUGE thank you goes out to Jill for sharing her talents with these lucky kids!



A BIG thank you goes out to the over 30 volunteers who made this year's Sunday School a success! From the teachers, to the assistants, guides and station leaders, we couldn't do it without you! If you are interested in helping for the 2020-2021 school year or have any questions about Children's Ministries, email Cindy at [cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org)



Blessings,  
Cindy

**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.



## Cards and Letters



The children of the church, with their parents' help, have been connecting with some of our older parishioners. Please continue to send cards, letters and pictures when you are able. You can bring such delight to another with this simple task. Thank you!

## From the Volunteer Steward

Wow! Who would have thought we'd still be in our homes, in JUNE! Not me. I don't know what I was expecting, but it wasn't this. There are so many of us that have missed key events in our lives. But I think I feel sorriest for our seniors, graduating from high school or college. It's supposed to be such a happy time, and they've missed all those milestones, prom, graduation and the family celebrations. And it's not just the students affected, it's also the parents. We look forward to those events and treasure them. Hopefully, soon, you will be able to enjoy celebrating these special times.

We have been working on ways to keep people connected. One of those ways is all the Zoom meetings that are being held. I'm involved with the Widows Group and we've been meeting every 10 days. We discuss how we're surviving and sometimes play some trivia. If you would like to be included, contact me and I'll send you our next meeting date.

We've had a few of our members put their sewing talents to good use. They have been making protective gowns for Luther Acres and masks for Lancaster General Hospital. A big thank you to Ruth Schlegel and Rhoda Goss for participating in this needed work.

I'm sure there are many of you that are still volunteering in numerous ways. There are so many options to help those that have been affected more than others. We need to be aware of who is around us, and help in any way we can.

The Pastors, Sister Dottie and Adam have been holding their normal meetings, so there are several ways to stay in touch with fellow members. Cross Points, Faith & Values, Pub Theology, Music ministry, Bible Study and classes for some of our youth are being held weekly. If you would like to be included, here is the link to sign up, or you can contact me to send you in the right direction. <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/virtual-groups-signup/>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may be having.

Please stay safe,

**Betsy Linn, Volunteer Steward**

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## Groups and Events



### Pray With Pastor Sarah

Pray with Pastor Sarah on Wednesdays at 9am. Every Wednesday, Pastor Sarah hosts a Facebook Live time of prayer. Join her by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster>

### Widows Group

Our meetings are continuing through Zoom every week or so for about an hour. If you would be interested in joining, please call or email me to help you get set up. We discuss what is going on in our lives, and some fun things as well. I look forward to hearing from you!

Betsy Linn [betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:betsy.linn@stpeterslutheran.org)



St. Peter's is a polling place for two districts in Manheim Township. Be assured that the Lancaster board of elections is setting up strict protocols for voting, including asking voters to wear masks, bring your own pens or supplying individual pens, standing 6 feet apart. Our church has also designated one bathroom for use. We will be deep cleaning the areas that have been used for voting. Don't forget to vote on June 2<sup>nd</sup>!

## 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

# JUNE CALENDAR

### **Monday, June 1**

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

### **Tuesday, June 2**

VOTING - Family Life Center/Café

12:30 p.m. - "Looking to Sunday" Bible Study (Zoom)

Pastor Sarah

7:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom), Adam Lefever Hughes

### **Wednesday, June 3**

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Zoom), Pastor Craig

1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen), Sister Dottie

2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Zoom), Pastor Sarah

4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)

7:00 p.m. - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Zoom), Pastor Craig

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

### **Thursday, June 4**

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

### **Saturday, June 6**

10:00 a.m. - Junior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie

### **Sunday, June 7**

9:30 a.m. - Senior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie

10:45 a.m. - Online Worship/Hymn Sing, St Peter's website/YouTube

11:30 a.m. - Virtual Coffee Time (Zoom), Pastor Craig

2:00 p.m. - Cross Points (Zoom), Pastor Craig

7:00 p.m. - Virtual Game Night (Online), Sister Dottie

### **Monday, June 8**

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

7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Tuesday, June 9**

12:30 p.m. - "Looking to Sunday" Bible Study (Zoom)

Pastor Sarah

1:00 p.m. - Communications Committee (Zoom), Pastor Sarah

7:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom), Adam Lefever Hughes

### **Wednesday, June 10**

Herald Deadline

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Zoom), Pastor Craig

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

### **Thursday, June 11**

7:00 p.m. - Safe Church (Zoom), Sister Dottie

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

### **Friday, June 12**

9:00 a.m. - Funeral Service Eric Roderick (Memorial Garden)

### **Saturday, June 13**

10:00 a.m. - Junior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie

### **Sunday, June 14**

9:30 a.m. - Senior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie

10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/YouTube

11:30 a.m. - Virtual Coffee Time (Zoom), Pastor Craig

2:00 p.m. - Cross Points (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Monday, June 15**

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

7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Tuesday, June 16**

12:30 p.m. - "Looking to Sunday" Bible Study (Zoom)

Pastor Sarah

7:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom), Adam Lefever Hughes

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

### **Wednesday, June 17**

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

### **Thursday, June 18**

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

### **Saturday, June 20**

10:00 a.m. - Junior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie

### **Sunday, June 21**

9:30 a.m. - Senior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie

10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/YouTube

11:30 a.m. - Virtual Coffee Time (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Monday, June 22**

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

### **Tuesday, June 23**

12:30 p.m. - "Looking to Sunday" Bible Study (Zoom)

Pastor Sarah

7:00 p.m. - Music Ministry (Zoom), Adam Lefever Hughes

### **Wednesday, June 24**

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

### **Thursday, June 25**

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

### **Saturday, June 27**

10:00 a.m. - Junior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie

1:30 p.m. - Mike Kauffman Graveside Service

### **Sunday, June 28**

9:30 a.m. - Senior High (Zoom), Sister Dottie

10:45 a.m. - Online Worship St Peter's website/YouTube

11:30 a.m. - Virtual Coffee Time (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Monday, June 29**

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (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 UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

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. Please contact Sandy in the church office if your email address has changed or if you are not currently receiving the newsletter digitally so we can add you to the list.

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

### JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE JUNE 10TH

Articles for the July 2020 "Herald" are due in the church office no later than **June 10th**. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email [sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:sandy.shattuck@stpeterslutheran.org). Thank you for your cooperation.



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

