



# “The Herald” Newsletter

## St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

Worship. Learn. Gather. Serve.

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*“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.”*  
2 Thessalonians 3:16

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### Live Streaming Continues



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/>

### Live Streaming From the Sanctuary



You may have noticed that the last few weeks **Church@Home** has been live streamed from the sanctuary. Wiring a network port in the AV room has allowed us to move out of the Teichmann house and into the sanctuary.

At this time we are using a borrowed camera that is functioning as a higher quality webcam. Church leaders are leading worship with the sanctuary as a background. A more sophisticated camera option



has been ordered and will be available later this summer. In the future, with the aid of the PTZ (pan-tilt-zoom) camera, the worship space can be used in a more interactive way.

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## **AUGUST 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

**Sunday, August 2: *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Craig Preaches*

**Sunday, August 9: *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

*Sister Dottie Preaches*

**Sunday, August 16: *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Sarah Preaches*

**Sunday, August 23: *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Craig Preaches*

**Sunday, August 30: *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

Live Streaming Service of the Word at 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Sarah Preaches*



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## **Safe Church Recommendations**

Due to the recent protocol put out by Governor Wolf with groups limiting to 25 persons, especially indoors, we recommend waiting until Labor Day or after for in person worship. We will reevaluate at our next Safe Church meeting which is August 13<sup>th</sup>.

In person Christian education is also on hold and will again be discussed at our August meeting.

A final decision on preschool classes is on hold pending local school district decisions.

Issues that are guiding our recommendations:

- Governor Wolf's recent order of groups limiting to 25
- The taxing on the HVAC system for total outside air which would increase the humidity in the sanctuary on hot days.
- Lack of adequate ventilation in our Christian education wings.
- Lack of volunteer teachers for in person classes.
- Responses of the worship survey that stated that 60 percent of persons who responded did not feel ready to come to in person worship.

We are hoping to continue our community meal distribution. We also have a need for volunteers for Lydia's closet. Many of our current volunteers are unable to serve at this time. We are looking for persons who are willing to give some time to help, with masks and social distancing. Contact Sister Dottie at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org) if you can help.

## **Weekly Updates**

Please watch the church website <https://www.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 of congregational life in a digital world. You'll 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.



## Adult Christian Education

### Ways to Connect in Our Community

[stpeterslutheran.org/live](http://stpeterslutheran.org/live)

#### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We have started our second summer session, studying the “Book of Revelation.” I’m calling it “Speed Dating with John of Patmos.” We will meet via Zoom on three consecutive 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! Dress Code is ... pajamas, shorts, or baggy sweatshirts ... whatever makes you comfortable. If you want a Zoom link to the class, please email Pastor Ross at [craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:craig.ross@stpeterslutheran.org)



Upcoming classes are:

July 29 – Revelation Introduction & Chapters 1-6

August 5 – Revelation, Chapters 7-14

August 12 – Revelation, Chapters 15-22

#### Crosspoints Sunday School Class

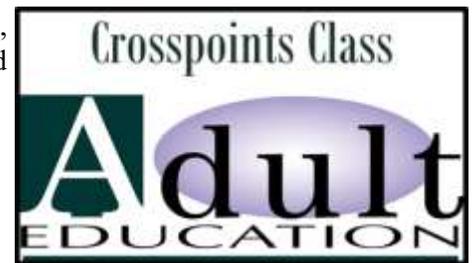
We are continuing our summer session of Crosspoints Adult Education Classes, with discussions around a series of questions that class members have submitted for consideration.

In August, we will discuss the following topics ...

August 9 – Religious, but not Spiritual ... How Do You Respond?

August 23 – The Liturgy of the Church: Old and New

All our classes are self-contained into one Sunday session, so you are free to join for one class or for both of them for the summer. We hope to see you. This is a vibrant class of believers who are not afraid to ask the challenging questions of life and faith.



#### 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 videos, 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>

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

Thank you for being faithful stewards of God's good gifts. We give thanks for the many ways that you have enabled the continuation of St. Peter's mission in the midst of very trying times. 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/>



## **Stewardship Update**



Our records through the end of June 2020 indicate that we are currently 2.2% ahead of financial giving compared to last year's (2019) giving summary at the mid-year point. Three of our four giving categories that make up our normal giving (General Fund, Debt Reduction and Loose Plate Offerings) are all up from last year. The only place we are behind last year's giving numbers is in our Easter offering, which was clearly impacted by having no in-person worship services. Your Council, Stewardship, Finance and Staff leaders could not be more pleased with your strong stewardship efforts. Thank you, and may the blessing of your personal stewardship discipline continue.

## **Benevolence Payments**

Please be aware that through the month of July, we are fully up to date on all of our benevolent commitments, and have also paid in full the yearly funds 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.

## **HVAC Update**

Our church staff has been meeting with technicians from the HVAC company Dynatech Controls, in order to receive training on the newly installed HVAC control system. While the system is somewhat complicated, there is a great opportunity to manage the heating and cooling needs of the church through modern digital technology. This new system allows us to have a very healthy fresh air exchange in our church sanctuary and narthex, which is a critical component in getting back to worship when the government restrictions are eased and we have our safety protocols in place. Please be patient with our church staff as they learn the nuances of the new HVAC system, and learn to control it and use it to the church's advantage.

## **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 roll. 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.

## Strategic Planning

Do you remember back to the beginning of 2020? I know it's foggy and some memories are hazy, but back in January 2020 we began our Feasibility Study for a Mission Campaign. Richie and Rachel Musser from Kirby-Smith Associates came and gave temple talks and offered a Q&A session. Many of you filled out questionnaires and surveys and spoke directly with Richie and Rachel.

On March 9, Richie Musser offered the results of the Feasibility Study to the council. Shortly after this meeting, the church responded to the Covid-19 crisis. The in-person Town Hall presentation of the Feasibility Study became the March 31 webinar presentation. You can find it at <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/mission-campaign/>

While St. Peter's has yet to vote as a congregation to move forward on a Capital Campaign, this vote will occur, whether in person or by digital means. More information about that process will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, leaders from Stewardship, Finance, and the Campaign Steering Committees wanted to keep up the positive momentum and began to look into the process of creating a strategic plan. Based on our mission and vision, this plan will focus on ways we may strategize our ministries and create a 'blueprint' for the stewardship of our campus facilities.

In the July Council meeting, the council moved to form a Strategic Planning Committee and to contract with Richie Musser to begin the process of Strategic Planning. This process will be grounded in our mission and vision statements, and from these statements clear objectives and goals will be defined. The process will also include a Ministry Audit gathering vital information from ministry leaders. From this process we hope to see with eyes of faith on the ways that God is calling us into God's future.



Greetings church partners!

As we continue serving our neighbors in Lancaster County and meeting the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter and transportation, we could use your help.

We are in great need of volunteer help in our intake area, the Clothing Hub and the Food Hub.

When: Anytime, we most need help during service hours - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and afternoons until 4:30 p.m.

Where: The Lancaster County Food Hub, 812 North Queen St., Lancaster.

Why: We could use more helping hands as we serve others! Mask wearing is mandatory and we are taking protocol seriously to ensure we protect the health of our volunteers, clients and staff.

**Can you Help?** Please email our Interim Executive Director, Alex Schramm at [aschramm@lcfoodhub.org](mailto:aschramm@lcfoodhub.org).

Please visit our website: [lancasterfoodhub.org/volunteer/](http://lancasterfoodhub.org/volunteer/) to learn more.

Thank you,  
The Lancaster County Food Hub Staff



## Prayer Chain Ministry

DID YOU KNOW..... it's been 5 years since Angela & Ginny took on the Leadership role of the Prayer Chain from Pat Ross and the late Joan Ralston? While they have made a few changes and adjustments, Joan and Pat had created such a good program, it made the transition fairly easy. Angela and Ginny continue to be here for you if you need them. If you have any interest in joining this group, please call either Angela Moshos (717) 392-6202 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406. "We would love to have you!"



"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10



## Social Ministry

### **Our Monthly Community Meal - August 5<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church**

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



Community Meal



During this unusual time, we are not able to open up Lydia's Closet as we have in the past. We are planning to set up an order type system where people will contact Molly Olmsted and tell her what they need and volunteers will pull the clothing for them. We are also currently looking for additional volunteers who would be willing to help. We will be following strict protocol with masks and social distancing. Please contact Molly Olmsted at [astaloo@me.com](mailto:astaloo@me.com)



## Health and Wellness Committee

### **Make sure to keep your physician visits & immunizations**



During this pandemic, it's still very important that everyone with chronic conditions, and children who need immunizations keep their physician visits. These "follow up visits" and "well child checks" are important to assure conditions are monitored, and children are assessed for proper development, secure immunizations, and maybe uncover and treat anything that may be found.

You may have heard that parents are avoiding taking their children to the doctor's office because of the Coronavirus. Therefore their children may be missing important vaccines.

With the potential for school to be back in session in the fall, it's necessary to make/keep these visits.

Adults are no different. Many of us avoided the doctor's office over the past few months, even though telemedicine visits were made available, or we were experiencing problems. It's time to call and get our health evaluated and things back on track. Our health depends on it.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month, and flu season is not too far away. We must make sure that we get our flu shot this year, as the symptoms of seasonal flu and Coronavirus are similar. We are all at risk for both. So, think about your children and your spouse, but all of us should make sure we think about *our* health, and seek out those visits as recommended by our doctors.

## **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).

### **Devotions@Home**

Our Devotions@Home weekly resource for personal study and worship continues this month. This resource includes daily lectionary readings as well as some prayers, information about Sunday services, and a song of the week. We hope you will continue to cultivate 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.



## **Groups and Events**

### **Widows Group**

The Widows Group meetings are continuing at St. Peter's in the Memorial Garden. They last about 1 hour. If you would be interested in joining, please call or email Betsy Linn for the details. We discuss what is going on in our lives and some fun things as well.

I look forward to hearing from you!

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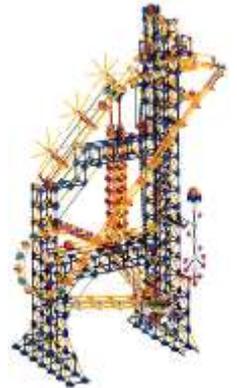


## Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends:

One of my vacation activities, that carried through three of the days our little Sammy was visiting with us here in Lancaster, was building the Kinex Ball Factory. This is an oldie, but goodie in the toy world. I remember building the Ball Factory more than 20 years ago on Christmas Day ... all of Christmas Day, if my memory serves me ... so that by the time St. Stephen's feast day rolled around on December 26<sup>th</sup>, Justin could actually play with it. It triggered in Justin a love of many Kinex products that is still with him, in some ways (as evidenced by his unwillingness to part with the thirty-gallon plastic bin of Kinex pieces in our basement), along with all the various assembly booklets that originally accompanied those pieces.

Snapping together the 3,152 plastic pieces that make up the Ball Factory, gives a person time to think. And think, I did. The tower is made with only 15-20 different types of plastic pieces. They are different shapes and colors and sizes. Some look stronger than others ... some connect more easily than others ... there are more of some pieces than others ... some are more flexible than others ... every one, however, needs to be snapped into place. Every one has a significant role in the overall ensemble of construction. Every piece is part of the greater whole. You know where I am going with this, don't you?



As I built, and also listened to CNN droning on the TV in the background, I found myself thinking of the world we currently live in ... at least here in America. We have great diversity in terms of identities, races, ideologies and passions. We have great diversity in terms of how well we "fit" into the ensemble of the culture around us. And some of us (like my delightful Kinex pieces) are more pliable than others who cherish rigidity. Some of us are loved and admired and marveled over. Some are tolerated and resented and seen as just plain old contrary. But we all fit into the construction of whatever "We the people" means in our constitution. And I found myself recalling the counsel of one of our "Saints Triumphant" ... Earl Popp (God rest his soul), who regularly advised me to revisit the Constitution, for the purpose of seeing in print, the goal (idealistic as it may have been) of a vast array of diverse people coming together into "one nation under God." Yes, I snuck into the mix, a bit of our Pledge of Allegiance, too.

As I look at our world, I see people consumed with "absolutes" ... radical, isolated and narrowly defined values that struggle to play nicely with others. I see sharply defined litmus tests by which everyone is judged (and often found lacking). I see camps of people circling the wagons, and holding others at bay. And I wonder how we can find a path to unity in the midst of our diversity, when there is just so much anger and righteous indignation flying through our preferred platforms of communication. I wonder how we can find our way back to the ideology of the Constitution. I wonder what Earl Popp would think. I wonder what his sage advice would be.

I have no answers, as you already know. But as a Christian, I trust that the goodness and the respect and the honor that God has built into our very souls, will in time win the day. I believe that we will find a way through the current fire-storm of anger and judgment and pain. I believe that God is not quite done with us yet. And I believe that the Spirit of God will inspire, in time, the gift of community that has always characterized the "Communion of Saints" both living and dead, and God's hope for God's own people.

Until that time, may we continue to press and click together the pieces of our world that lie around our feet in a hot mess of colors and shapes and callings. And may we come to see the remarkable design that God has in store for us. It will not be a ball factory, obviously. But it will be something equally delightful. God promises us that, and a whole lot more.

See you in virtual church,

*Pastor Craig*

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Check this link for a "real" Kinex project ...

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Metropolis-a-Knex-Ball-Machine>



## **Pastor Sarah's Message**

Dear friends in Christ,

Have certain words changed meaning for you?

A few months ago, the word "church" for the most part meant a specific place. I would tell my family, "Okay, I'm heading off to church. I'll see you later today!" Without question, they knew that I was heading to 10 Delp Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. These last couple of months I've changed my words to say, "Okay, I'm heading to the office" or "Okay, I'll be on the church campus. See you later!"

Why the change in wording?

Well, as you have experienced first-hand, our definition of "church" has changed. For months we have been "church together" even though we've been worshipping in the comfort of our own homes, we've been gathering via Zoom for meetings, Bible studies, and fellowship, and have been praying for each other, crying with each other, and celebrating each other's milestones...all from a distance. We have been, we still are, and we will be the church. As church together, we continue our mission of "building a community of faith by God's grace."

Even as we plan for ways that we can be physically together at 10 Delp Road, we will continue to be church together whether that is in person, via digital means, or prayers shared on the wings of the Holy Spirit.

We have grown into community as a church at home, and we continue to grow this community as God calls us into the next steps and next stages.

We will do this together, guided by the Spirit's gifts to use our reason, tradition, and good science. And we can give thanks for the guidance and leadership offered by members of our worship committee, covid-19 task force, and council.

We will do this together, guided by Christ's command to love God and love our neighbor...the easiest way we show this love is by donning on masks, washing our hands, and giving each other space.

We will do this together, as church, whether that means we are together in-person or together in-spirit.

Being church, means that we are in community, and for our community who is not ready to be in-person, we are still community, and we will still worship together via live stream.

Being church means that we keep communicating with each other. Have you completed the re-opening survey?

If not, go to <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/covid-19/re-opening-survey/>

Whether you can't wait to sit in the pews or you feel more comfortable being church digitally, we need to hear from you! You help us be church together. You are part of our mission in building a community of faith by God's grace.

Peace,

***Pastor Sarah***

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### **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.

## From the Director of Music

### Music Ministry in a Time of Airborne Pandemic

If you saw the article in the July Herald about music in the church, you may be wondering a little about what music ministry at St. Peter's may look like. For a realistic, science-backed take on this reality take a look at [this article from the New York Times](#). Since singing together inside is one of the easiest ways to spread the virus, we will simply come up with other ways to engage in music ministry for the time being. Here are some of my hopes.



We can use this time to grow inwardly. Through personal study of the psalms, hymn texts, and other songs, we may gain new insights into how God is working in our world. These insights may spur us to ever deeper love for our neighbors, particularly those who have been marginalized.

We can use this time to continue to develop musical and artistic skills in response to God's free gift of grace. I am planning to offer a class on church music fundamentals. We will gather via zoom and using hymns, we'll explore topics such as reading music, basic vocal technique, and how music ministry shapes our faith. I'm also planning to offer a book study or two which will explore ideas about church, worship, and church music.

We can use this time to make music in our homes. Just because we can't sing together, doesn't mean we have to stop singing. By taking home a hymnal from the church you can continue to praise God with singing hymns. We can sing together via Zoom meetings, or you can just sing whenever you want! Make a habit of singing a song each morning when you wake up, or each night before going to bed. Singing can be a chance to express yourself, ingest words of peace, or digest what happened during your day. Make use of it as a tool to brighten your existence!

Church music may look a little different for a while, but that doesn't mean it has to stop. Let's view this as a time of grand experiment. We may not always like what we end up with, but the journey of exploration may allow us to see a side of God that until now had been hidden to us. Peace to you and your families and keep the song going.

*Adam*



## LNP ARCHIVES

### Intelligencer Journal – August 24, 1953

Miss Mary Elizabeth Duing, daughter of Mrs. Dora S. Duing, Lancaster R4, and the late Walter E. Duing became the bride of L. Fred Husson, son of Mr. & Mrs. L. S. Husson, Rohrerstown at 2 p.m. yesterday in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Neffsville. The Rev. Clay E. Rice, assisted by the Rev. C. L. Osenbach, officiated at the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Park E. Duing and was attended by Mrs. C. Arnold Duing as Matron of Honor. F. Earl Landis played the wedding music and Richard M. Foose, Rohrerstown, was vocal soloist. The bride wore a waltz-length dress of Swiss organdy and a full bouffant skirt. Following a reception at the home of the bride, the couple left on a trip through the New England states and Canada. The bride elect is employed in the General Office of Armstrong Cork Co. Mr. Husson, who is a junior at Franklin and Marshall College, is a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.



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# ST. PETER'S KIDS

A HUGE thank you to Sister Dottie for her expertise in the production of our Take Out Summer VBS! Due to the pandemic, we really needed to think “outside” the box for a creative way to engage our children in some fun Christian education. It took place from July 20<sup>th</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>. We had approximately 25 families participate. Parents picked up their pizza boxes on Sunday evening, July 19<sup>th</sup>. The boxes were filled with materials for the day-to-day activities related to Bible stories. The stories focused on food – Jesus’ Beach Breakfast, Elijah Helps the Widow, What’s for Lunch (the story of loaves and fishes)? Mary and Martha’s Dinner Guest, and the Last Supper. Each day provided a series of videos which included learning a new table grace, a puppet show, music, and healthy habits with Nurse Jill. Thank you to Pastor Ross and Pastor Sarah for providing the puppet shows, Adam and Erik for the music, and Jill Pretz for being Nurse Jill with healthy habits! The take out boxes also included hands on games and activities such as a game with chopsticks, recipes to make, and a “Flat Jesus” so children could take a photo with Jesus while doing their activities. We encouraged the photos to be shared on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook. Although not quite like our normal VBS, we still had lots of learning and fun! Thank you to all who participated! And, another thank you to Jill Kerchner for helping to assemble the boxes!



We are looking for new members to join our **Children’s Ministries Committee!** This is a fun way to get involved at the church! We may try a virtual zoom meeting in the near future. Anyone interested in helping to plan Children’s Ministries events (Santa Breakfast, Santa Workshop, Easter Egg Hunt, and Vacation Bible School) is encouraged to join. Please contact Cindy Geesey with any questions.



At this point in time, we are uncertain when or how Sunday School will look but rest assured, we are working on various options in coordination with our Safe Church Task Force. Stay tuned for additional information when it is readily available. Thank you for your patience!



WHEN WE ARE BACK TO NORMAL, WE NEED YOU! Have a bit of time to give of your talents to our educational programs here at St. Peter’s? We are looking for volunteers to work in our 2/3 and 4 year old and Kindergarten classes as well as our Rotation Sunday school (grades 1-4). All materials and lessons are provided and no experience is necessary! If you simply want to help out but not teach, there are many opportunities for you to do so. Grab a volunteer form at the Children’s

Ministries’ bulletin board and see what you can do to help out, or email Cindy Geesey to get started [cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org)

If you have any questions about Children’s Ministries, you may email Cindy at [cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:cindy.geesey@stpeterslutheran.org)

Blessings,  
Cindy



## Youth & Family Ministry News...

Please stay tuned for any updates of our Youth & Family Ministries. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sister Dottie at [dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:dottie.almoney@stpeterslutheran.org)



The children of the church, with their parents' help, have been connecting with some of our older parishioners. Although the world has opened up a little, many of our older members are still isolated in their homes.

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!



### St. Peter's Preschool



Hello to all our preschool friends and church family. This is a very challenging time for all of us who love and care for children. Under the advisement of state/local government, CDC guidelines, church leadership and our Safe Church Task Force, St. Peter's Preschool will postpone our September start date until ( hopefully ) January, 2021. In addition, we have suspended any new enrollment until further notice. This was a very difficult and complex decision, and was made with specific focus on the health and safety of our students, staff and families as well as the unique components of preschool education. We realize that we cannot fully replace the preschool experience and the socialization, language and relationships that form in classrooms. However, our teaching staff will be working on virtual options for students which will enable our preschool family to stay engaged and connected. Please know that we will miss our *in person* preschool life profoundly and look forward to the day we can reunite and fill our classrooms with joy, laughter and learning again.

**Lorraine DiBernardo**  
**Preschool Director**

[lorraine@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:lorraine@stpeterslutheran.org)



**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 Almony or Cindy Geesey if you have any questions.

## From the Volunteer Steward

Has your world changed? Mine certainly has. Although we are able to be out and about, it still is not without caution. Who would have thought that masks would become a part of our daily life? Or how hand sanitizer has become the new perfume? Although each of these new developments helps the feeling of freedom, most of us still don't feel free. We are still attentive to the impact of Covid19 on our family and friends.

Your leaders at St. Peter's are trying to find a way to safely return to worship. Many of the decisions on how to return are based on the CDC guidelines that must be implemented to protect all of us. The Safe Church committee, led by Sister Dottie, has been actively putting measures into place to keep us safe.

We are still seeking leadership from our members. We have several key committees that are seeking members to lead us forward. Stewardship needs a leader. Steve Roberts is stepping down after providing direction for the past 7 years. And we need more people for Long Range Planning to help guide us into the future. These are just a small sampling of areas we'd like to provide with more help. As you start to get back into your life, please consider St. Peter's as a place to volunteer your time and talents. We Need You!

We are starting to have some small gatherings of certain groups at St. Peter's. One of these groups is the Widows Group. We will be meeting every 2 weeks outside in the memorial garden. We discuss how we're surviving and sometimes play some trivia or talk about memories. If you would like to be included, contact me and I'll send you our next meeting date.

The Pastors, Sister Dottie and Adam have been holding their normal meetings with some variations for summer, so there are several ways to stay in touch with fellow members through Zoom. If you would like to be notified of the meetings for Cross Points, Faith & Values, Pub Theology, Music Ministry, Bible Study and classes for some of our youth, 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**

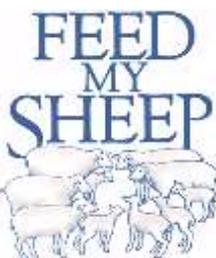
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## Grocery Cards



Please be aware that grocery cards are now available to purchase from the church office Tuesday through Friday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Please ring the doorbell and enter the narthex and proceed to the window of the office. You must wear a mask and someone will be able to help you from the window. Thank you.



## The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in August: *Peanut butter; jellies and jams; canned fruits; canned pasta; canned tomato products; spaghetti sauce; boxed macaroni and cheese; instant stuffing & potatoes; canned yams; complete pancake mix & syrup; canned tuna and chicken; tuna, beef & chicken helper; cereal; instant oatmeal.* Food Carts are in the Narthex. Items go to the Lancaster County Food Hub. *Thanks for your donations!*

## 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

# AUGUST CALENDAR

### **Saturday, August 1**

1:00 p.m. - Wedding (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, August 2**

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

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

### **Monday, August 3**

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

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (outside)

### **Wednesday, August 5**

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

1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen), Neil Snyder

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

### **Saturday, August 8**

1:00 p.m. - Graveside Service (Mike Kauffman)

### **Sunday, August 9**

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. - Crosspoints (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Monday, August 10**

Herald Deadline

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

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

### **Tuesday, August 11**

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

Pastor Sarah

### **Wednesday, August 12**

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

7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Zoom), Gary Williams

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Zoom), Adam Lefever  
Hughes

### **Thursday, August 13**

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

### **Sunday, August 16**

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

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

### **Monday, August 17**

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

7:00 pm - Finance Committee (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Sunday, August 23**

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. - Crosspoints (Zoom), Pastor Craig

### **Monday, August 24**

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

### **Sunday, August 30**

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

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

### **Monday, August 31**

9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting



## **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**

### **SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE AUGUST 10TH**

Articles for the September 2020 “Herald” are due in the church office no later than **August 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.



... fear not,  
*for I am with you;*  
be not dismayed,  
*for I am your God;*  
I will strengthen you,  
I will help you,  
I will uphold you  
with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



**If you have any questions,  
please contact me at**

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*Sandy Shattuck*

*Editor & Parish Secretary*