



“The Herald” Newsletter

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“ You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14, NIV

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Fall Worship Schedule

Please note that we will return to our Fall Sunday schedule on Sunday, September 11th. The Sunday morning schedule will be as follows:



Traditional Worship at 8:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 AM

New Day Worship at 10:45 AM (Family Life Center)

Traditional Worship at 10:45 AM (Sanctuary)

Please make note on your calendars.



***Come One,
 Come All
 to our Annual
 Church Picnic!***

**Sunday, September 11th
 12:15 p.m. – FLC/Café/Outside**

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Council News

A Message from Your President

Greetings from Council! It is difficult to believe that it is September! We have had a busy and productive past few months. We held a Council meeting in the spring with all of our committee chairs and Council members. The purpose was to establish relationships between committee chairs and their Council liaisons as well as to begin looking at our vision/mission statements to determine a revision. In addition, we held a Town Hall Meeting in April to introduce committee chairs and review committee functions with the congregation.

Council meets every second Monday of the month with the exception of this September when our meeting will be held on the third Monday, September 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Our meetings begin with an opening prayer and a reflection on a chapter of a book that we are studying, *Called by God to Serve* by Robert F. Holley and Paul E. Walters. These chapter reflections often lead to relevant discussions about who we are and how we serve. We then progress to the approval of minutes and treasurer's report followed by a review of committee reports, agenda items, old business and new business, president's and rostered leaders' reports adjourning with the Lord's Prayer. We welcome your attendance at any time.

We are currently planning another Town Hall Meeting for Sunday, October 23rd, at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,

Cindy Geesey, Council President



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 4: *The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Name Tag Sunday

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 9:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Services of Holy Communion at 8:00, and Service of Word at 9:45

--*Vicar Avery preaches*

Sunday, September 11: *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Sunday School Kick-off Weekend – Welcome Back Name Tag Sunday

New Day Service of Word at 10:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Services of the Word at 8:00, and Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

Sunday, September 18: *The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

New Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Craig preaches*

Traditional Services of Holy Communion at 8:00, and Service of Word at 10:45

--*Pastor Sarah preaches*

Sunday, September 25: *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

New Day Service of Word at 10:45 a.m.

--*Vicar Carr preaches*

Traditional Services of the Word at 8:00, and Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Craig preaches*



Christian Education

Sunday Mornings classes – 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Crosspoints (Conference Room)



September 11:

Discussion leader: Neil Snyder

Guided by a wonderful series of lessons produced by Select Learning entitled “Reformation Roots”, CrossPoints will begin to look at the Reformation Era that begins with the church suffering from moral decay and fierce defensiveness and ends with a fracturing of the church into many smaller pieces. The series’ major themes of authority and freedom are woven throughout, and even the casual listener will see many social, economic, political and religious parallels to today’s world that will offer boundless opportunities for discussion and comment.

At first, we will survey how the church came to be so diverse and divided and how historical events paved the way for those courageous voices, even before Luther, to address issues of faith, reason, and authority - emboldened and aided by the rise and spread of humanism and intellectual and spiritual inquiry. We will follow this series of twelve presentations periodically throughout our program year, ending in May of next year, as one way in which St. Peter’s can join in the 500th anniversary celebration of the Reformation.

September 18:

Discussion leader: The Rev. Richard Geib

Next year the Christian world celebrates the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther and what came to be known as the Protestant Reformation. It was in October of 1517 that he nailed his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany and thus started a movement that one great historian said “set all of Europe ablaze!” Why do we celebrate an event that did “change the world” but is now 500 years old? Is the Reformation still relevant to our faith today? What were and remain some of Lutheranism’s strengths and weaknesses now that 500 years have passed? Or should we be more concerned about the ecumenical movement and planning for one united Christian Church! Why remain Lutheran? Join us for a good discussion.

September 25: “The End of Christianity”

Discussion leader: The Rev Dr John Emmert, Retired Episcopal priest and friend of St. Peter’s, adjunct consultant in the Clergy and Congregation Care program of the Samaritan Center.

Recently, some of you may have seen articles or interviews referring to Robert P Jones’ new book *The End of White Christian America*. Jones is founder of the **Public Religion Research Institute**, which seeks to gather data and interpret contemporary trends in American religious thought and behavior. The book is his latest offering on the subject. Others of you may know of theologian Douglas John Hall’s book, *The End of Christianity and the Future of Christianity*, or writings by Phyllis Tickle and Dianna Butler Bass. This class will consist of a brief overview of this data and analyses, and ponder their meaning for us, as a congregation of (primarily) White American Christians, who still find church attendance and membership meaningful. Though some may find it helpful to read or peruse the books, it will not be necessary for participation in discussion of these trends and their impact on us.

Christian Education (continued)

Faith and Values (Room 100)

This fall the Faith & Values class asks “What do I think about... and how does my faith inform me?” We’ll be discussing how Christians, and specifically Lutherans, think about some issues that are close to the heart and topical.

Fall Topics include:

Peace, War and Terror
Immigration
The Economy and a Living Wage
Criminal Justice and Crime
Genetics
Race Relations



Faith & Values meets Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in Room 100. All are welcome!

Pastor Pretz’s Bible Study (Room 118)

“*Today’s Gospel Study*” will be the title of Pastor Jeff Pretz’ Bible Study sessions during the Sunday School hour. Each Sunday we will look at the Gospel Lesson appointed for the day and look for more insights and applications that may or may not parallel the sermons of the day. We will be meeting in the room 118, which is past the bathrooms, down the ramp and immediate right and through the doors to the third door on the right. Bring your own Bible and any other resource you would like to bring. We will begin on September 11th at 9:15 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. The first session will be looking at Luke 15:1-10, the appointed Gospel for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 24) . This is not a series of prepared studies, but will be our informal study and reflections. Everyone is welcome!

Our World, God’s Eyes (Cry Room)

How would Jesus react to our priorities, worries, doubts, lifestyles, etc.? Using the Nooma video series as a basis, we explore challenging and joyful circumstances in our lives through God’s eyes. Join us as we continue the journey and seek to see common events through His perspective as we strive to live a God-centered life. Join us during the Sunday School Hour in the Cry Room.

Fall Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Mark your calendar now for **Wednesday, September 14th** for our first Wednesday Morning Bible Study Class of the fall. This year we will again have a two-semester system in which we study two different topics. We will start the year exploring the topic **How the Bible Came to Be**, and examine the complicated process of story-telling, oral tradition, and scribing that has led to this magnificent book that never grows old and continues to speak to modern generations of people. Following that excursion of a few weeks, we will enter the book of Genesis in the mid-fall for the remainder of the year, as we examine the foundations of our faith through the patriarchs and the formation of the people of God.



Why not consider joining this vibrant group of 40-50 fellow believers this fall as we study familiar material in ways that always open up faith discussion, historical reflection, and theological questions. We have a strong class that has the involvement of both church members and community members, which creates an atmosphere that is rife with conversation and insights offered from both leaders and participants. Pastor Ross facilitates the class which meets in the Café on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Friends are welcome. Modest snacks and drinks are provided.

September Pub Theology:

Wednesday, September 21st, 6:30 p.m.

Aroogas Route 462, 125 S. Centerville Rd-Lancaster, PA 17603

RSVP to Sister Dottie at dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org

Bring a theological or biblical question that you always wanted to explore! This is a non-threatening gathering in which we can discuss religion without judgement!



Community Relations Ministry



Your Community Relations team wants to make sure we all find ways to stay connected and keep up-to-date on what's happening here at St. Peter's. One of the best places to start is at our newly redesigned website (www.stpeterslutheran.org).

Now that we are approaching the new Fall schedule, be sure to check it often for updates and the latest information on worship, events, announcements, youth and adult education, service opportunities, and so much more! You can also access it from your smartphone or tablet any time of day, whether you're at home or on-the-go.

Look for an exciting new series beginning this Fall called, "Music Thursdays". Every Thursday our Music Director, Adam Lefever Hughes, will be highlighting different areas of our music program including profiles of various choir and handbell members, backgrounds on some of our hymns, and information about upcoming musical arts events. Look for them on our website blog as well as our other social media sites.

And if you haven't already done so, be sure to check us out on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. Then "Like" us, follow us, watch us and interact with us so that we can all stay connected!



NEW Church Directory – COMING SOON!!

We are excited to announce that a new church directory is in the works! And we need all of YOU to help us make it a success!!

Whether you are a member of St. Peters or haven't officially joined but consider our church your home, all are welcome to participate! How? It's EASY!! Just email us a family photograph and we'll do the rest!

Some features of the new directory include:

-It's Informal – Rather than making appointments with a professional photographer, we are asking you to provide us with a current family photo. It doesn't have to be formal, just something that showcases your family's unique spirit and personality. Photos can be sent to: directory@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org.

If you could use some help, we've got you covered. We will have volunteer photographers (aka church members with cameras) available in between worship services on Sunday, October 16th and Sunday, October 23rd to take pictures. No appointments are necessary.

Lastly, if you would prefer to use the photo from our most recent directory, we can, but you need to let us know. You can call the church office at 569-9211 or email directory@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org.

-It's Flexible – Because the directory will be available digitally via PDF files, it can be easily updated to accommodate new members, family status updates, etc. Paper copies of both the pictorial directory and contact information will be available by request at the church office. Complete updates of the directory will be provided twice a year.

*Note: If you would like to make sure your contact information is up-to-date, please contact Sandy in the church office at sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org.

-It's FREE! – By utilizing our Shepherd's Staff system, we are able to simply incorporate pictures with the current contact information to develop a photo directory. You provide the picture and we'll do the rest!!

BUT IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!! So send us your pictures and help us make this a great directory! If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Palic at stephpalic@gmail.com.

Prayer Chain Ministry



From Your Prayer Chain.....

YOUR Prayer Chain is looking for members!!! Did you take the Spiritual Gifts survey this Spring, receive your results in August and learn you have the gift of Intercession?? Intercession is the gift that enables a believer to pray with the certainty that prayer is heard and, when requests are made, answers will come. If you believe in the power of healing that occurs through prayer, that going to the Lord in prayer is the place to go for direction, you know with certainty that Jesus is listening and is responding, then we would ask you to consider joining us! This important ministry works and is easier than some because you do on your own time, when it is right for YOU! We receive requests a few times a week and then pray for that request for two weeks. A listing of on-going requests is also prayed for daily and each member has a list of church families they pray for throughout the year. ALL requests are CONFIDENTIAL and treated with respect and discretion. Again, everything is done on YOUR time and how it works best for your busy life. We meet two times a year for about an hour, to discuss any issues that might arise and share ideas of how praying for each other works for us and have a video and discussion. We also do a book study together, to help us grow in our faith and prayer life. We are small in number, but we are always available to help our church family when needed. IF this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact either Angela Moshos (392-6201) or angelamoshos@hotmail.com OR Ginny Gerhart (626-7406) or ginny.gerhart@gmail.com for more information. Watch the October HERALD and Sunday bulletins for announcements of our Fall All-Member Meeting Luncheon and feel free to attend and see what we are all about. 'Be still and know that I am God' Psalms 46:10

Poem Prayer for September 2016

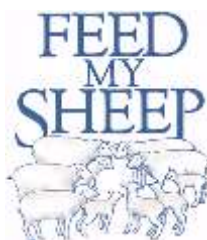
*By: Janice Riegel,
St. Peter's Prayer Chain*

GREETINGS TO A NEW CHURCH YEAR

As we say goodbye to summer,
A new church year we see
With bell ringers, choirs, and church school
all waiting there for me.

Children, happy and excited,
Eagerly come to learn
The teachers provide the lessons
To teach them about God's word.

Within this holy house of God
Where we welcome one and all,
We quietly sit and listen
As God lets us hear His call.



The Sheep are Hungry! Please Help Feed Them

Needed in September: *Peanut butter; jellies and jams; canned fruits; canned pasta; canned tomato products; spaghetti sauce; boxed macaroni and cheese; 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 Council of Churches Food Bank. ***Thanks for your donations!***

Social Ministry



Lydia's Closet clothing bank at St. Peter's IS NOW OPEN - we are collecting gently used children's clothing –We are desperately in need of size 4 toddler thru girls /Boys XL as well as NEW underwear and socks.

Our September Distribution Day is Saturday, September 3rd from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Our monthly Clothing Bank Prep Night is Tuesday, September 22nd from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Contact Molly Olmsted, Social Ministry chair at astaloo@me.com

New Outreach: Weekly Bulletins And Church Service CD'S Available for Mailing

Are you no longer able to make it to church on a regular basis? Would you like to receive the weekly bulletins and/or a CD from our Sunday service by mail? Do you know of a family member who may benefit from this outreach? St.Peter's In Touch Team would be glad to mail a bulletin weekly and/or a CD to you or a family member. Let us know by contacting Kathy Burke at JKBURKE@windstream.net or Christine Smith at 299-0949. You may also call Sandy in the church office at 569-9211. We would be happy to add you to our list. Also, let us know if you would like a regular bulletin or a large print version.



From your Health & Wellness Committee

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH

September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, and the Health and Wellness Committee wants to call to your attention some alarming statistics.

- One in 3 children in the United States is overweight or obese
- Childhood obesity puts kids at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

The good news? Childhood obesity can be prevented!! Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for kids to eat healthier and get more active. St. Peters has tried to do this by placing some healthy options on our Sunday goodie tables during social time.

Here are just a few ideas you can incorporate into your and children's lives:

- Encourage families to make small changes, like keeping fresh fruit/veggies within reach, and going on a family walk after dinner.
- Talk to your teachers and school administrators, asking them to provide healthy food options and daily physical exercise for students.
- Ask your doctor (or nurse) to be a leader in your community, to support programs that prevent childhood obesity

Finally, remember that your children, grandchildren, and even neighborhood children will mirror what they see – therefore we have to eat healthier and get more active too!

Cooking for Crowds Training



For all persons who use our kitchen to prepare food (fellowship events, scouts, mid-week dinners, educational events, community meals, etc.)

Wednesday September 7th – 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

This is a mandatory training for anyone who wants to be able to use our kitchen.

Fee paid by the church. No pressure test – just information on how to shop/prepare/cook and store food. Please RSVP to Sister Dottie or the church office by September 3rd.

Global Missions

News and Views from the Global Missions Committee IT'S COMING!!

What did you do this summer? Did you head for the mountains and lakes? Did you opt for the beach and the ocean? Did you take your kids or grandkids to an amusement park with water rides? Did you plant a garden and water those plants so they would grow and produce fresh, nutritious food for your table?

What do all these activities have in common? **WATER!!** Refreshing, life-giving WATER!

IT'S COMING!! What's COMING? Beginning on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**, and continuing through **OCTOBER 16**, we at St. Peter's have an opportunity to support the ELCA's **WORLD HUNGER CAMPAIGN**. We'll learn the importance of water in people's lives. We'll see – and the pastors will feel – how big and heavy a 40-pound jug of water is. Why a 40-pound jug of water, you ask? This is what many women in under-developed regions of our world must walk miles to fetch and then carry (on their heads) back to their families EVERY DAY. They need to do this in order to raise their children, cook their food, wash their clothes, and drink to stay alive.

By our participating in this significant campaign, we will help bring WATER – and FOOD -- to untold numbers of families who don't have the luxury of water spigots, water hoses, or community wells.

Be ready! IT'S COMING!! Let the **DRUM BEATS ROLL!!** (Hint as to what's coming)

Christine Mummert, Chair, St. Peter's Global Missions Committee

Always Being Made New: World Hunger Campaign

Do you remember the success of the Malaria Campaign last Fall? The members of St. Peter's raised over \$5,000 to fight the deadly effects of malaria. This Fall the Global Ministry Committee will be heading the World Hunger Campaign. The goal is set: \$5,000. The campaign begins September 25 featuring African drums and concludes October 16 with a "Taste of the World" Luncheon featuring flavors from around the world (and good ol' American tastes, too). Tickets for the luncheon will be sold between the services and after church beginning September 25. Proceeds go to fight world hunger.

From the Tanzania Mission Committee (TMC):



Mum's the Word: The TMC is having a fall flower sale to benefit Busoka and the orphans. Flower coupons for fall chrysanthemums (9" pot--you can specify the color) will be sold in the narthex on Sept. 11, 18, and 25. Each coupon will cost \$10. Then, on the first or second Saturday in October (to be determined) take your coupon(s) to Stauffer's of Kissel Hill (SKH) at the Litz location and redeem it/them for the potted plant(s) you ordered...(you have already paid for them)! More information will follow in the weekly bulletins and the October Herald. Thank you

for your support as the TMC tries this new venture!

Mark Aho's Visit to Busoka

Here is the initial report provided by Mark Aho upon his return from visiting the Konde Diocese and Busoka Lutheran Church (our companion congregation) this past July. It is extremely interesting and well worth the read. Mark will expand his report with pictures and videos at the World Hunger Initiative luncheon to be held after late service on **Sunday, October 16**. He will also be speaking at various other church functions/activities in the near future.

Konde Diocese - Busoka Visit:

Summary narrative

Mark Aho

August 1, 2016

Busoka is both a village name and the designation for a central church location within the Konde Diocese Central District. The church building is located in the Busoka village area but the pastoral duties include 9 "preaching points" surrounding Busoka divided into 2 sections for administrative purposes. The current "pastor" is actually an Evangelist which is a title representing training less than a full pastor. The Diocese has a shortage of full pastors so some locations are staffed with an Evangelist. (I will refer to the pastor position for either of these). *(continued on next page)*

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Church services are held every Sunday at Busoka however it is only periodically that all the preaching points are asked to gather there as they did for my visit. Otherwise the pastor makes rounds to all the preaching points in rotation. When a pastor is not at a preaching point, lay leaders lead the Sunday service. The church purchased a small 150cc motorcycle for the pastor.

The village region of 9 preaching points has an estimated population of about 750 with over 100 orphans. All figures are approximate as no one seems to have an exact tally. Busoka is part of the Konde Central District that has 13 congregations. Each of the 7 Konde Districts has a presiding District Pastor reporting to the Assistant to the Bishop.

Central - Rev. Bernard Mwangobola - based in Itete (does not speak English)

Southern - Rev John Mwasakilali - (Pastor John whom we have met and who translated for me)

The alter parament St. Peter's donated was presented at the church service as were T-shirts for the church council and a verbal description of other donations. The rest of the gifts were discussed and distributed at a meeting in the pastor's house with the Partnership Committee (soccer balls, towels, soap, kitchen utensils, \$600 for orphan education and pastor house work). In addition, pads and pens went to the local primary school, pastor stoles went to the Diocese and doilies were used for those hosting us at various locations.

The orphans sang a thank you song, participating in a special meal on Sunday after church and in their new shoes. A St Peter's member donated a sizable sum specifically for new shoes. Each child was allowed to go to a nearby village market and select their own shoes.

Busoka got an electricity line, paid for by the church, only last November. It goes only to the church, church office and pastor's house. The village has no electricity or in-house plumbing. There is water to several central taps which is fed by gravity through plastic pipes from a nearby river. Water will be supplied directly into the pastor's house soon.

The pastor's house is incomplete. They were finishing up a septic system as I was there and are working to finish inside bathrooms. The roof has a leak from the initial installation that needs to be fixed and there are no ceiling boards yet - rooms open to the roof rafters. The kitchen has not been started - cooking is still done in a separate thatch roofed kitchen/chicken coop combo next door. The walls have yet to be painted. Work progresses only as funds are available as loans are not generally available. The Evangelist, his 2 daughters and 1 son live there. His wife passed away earlier this year.

The last of the 3 church buildings is the church house which contains the church secretary office and supplies of building materials and dried corn.

While the Busoka region is very cash poor the climate is good for growing crops year round. Some land is set aside for the pastor and church while individuals farm land surrounding their homes. Crops range from corn, beans, cassava, bananas, cacao, coffee, peanuts, mango, avocado, yam, sugar cane, papaya and millet. There is some irrigation from the river water that is piped in. The soil has average fertility - ok but not great. Crops are generally grown seasonally and mixed in the fields. Labor is all manual and very time consuming. There is enough to keep most people fed decently but little surplus and very little meat. Chickens are common and eggs are consumed by most. Rice and ugala (a processed corn meal porridge of sorts) are staples with rice being grown in the lowlands around Lake Nyassa in this region.

A small building with a mechanical corn sheller and grinder was recently built. The idea is to try to process and sell any corn surplus but Busoka's remote location and poor road access makes this questionable with other villages better located doing the same thing.

The church choirs were amazing with traditional dances having been adapted to christian worship. Most congregations have 3 or more choirs. Youth, fellowship, worship, etc. Offerings are taken by people walking up and putting their offering in wooden containers. They may be more that once during the service - one for contributions toward pledges or tithes and one for general donations. People have personalized folders in a rack that they take, use and put back every week. Those who do not have cash offer crops, animals and other goods that are then publicly auctioned after the service so that the church ends up with cash.

There is a great deal more to report in terms of the government, Konde activities, education system, healthcare and Tanzania in general but this should provide background of Busoka and start the information sharing. Lots more to come!!!

Mark

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Update!- The Stewardship Committee would like to thank our generous congregation for an incredible increase of 16% in YTD Stewardship Giving. Total giving through July, 2016 was \$550,369 vs. \$474,563. Thanks to each of you for increasing your tithe over last year and for continuing to do so during the summer months. And thanks for helping to carry out God's mission in this world.

How many ways can you give?!- a short survey

Remember when your weekly offering was "cash"? And then came checks! And then came "Simply Giving" And then came automatic "bank deductions"

In the interest of awareness and convenience, the Stewardship Committee wants to make your "giving life" as easy as possible. This brief survey is designed to better understand the current ways in which our congregation gives to the church and to provide alternative options if desired. We would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete this survey and deposit it in the "survey box" in the narthex.

1. How do you currently make your contributions? (please check all that apply)
 - a. Cash or check in plate
 - b. Check via mail
 - c. Simply Giving
 - d. electronic deduction from checking account
2. If alternative forms of giving were offered which ones would you most likely consider? (please check all that apply)
 - a. Credit card (online at church website)
 - b. Smart phone giving
 - c. Text Giving
3. What age group do you fall into? (please check one)
 - a. 18-23
 - b. 24-34
 - c. 35-44
 - d. 45-54
 - e. 55-65
 - f. 66-95
4. Comments on giving preferences

Thanks for your giving and for your help!

Stewardship Committee



Evangelism News

Spring 2016 New Member and Shepherd Reunion

To our New Members Spring 2016 class: You are invited to a New Member Reunion on **September 25** during the Sunday School hour. We will meet at 9:15 am in the Church Café for light refreshments, time to re-meet some of your classmates and shepherds, and good fellowship. See you there!

New Member Kiosk

Have you been attending St. Peter's for a while and you're not sure who is a new member? In our lobby area there is a kiosk with the pictures of new members and their families. Be sure to check out their pictures and when you see them in person offer a big welcome. It has only been a few months since these wonderful new folks have joined our faith family, and your extra effort can go a long way to help them be part of our community of faith!



Spiritual Gifts

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit”

The gift for this month is **MUSIC/VOCAL**

Music/Vocal is the gift that gives a believer the capability and opportunity to present personal witness and inspiration to others through singing.

As a member of the Herald Choir, this is a gift that is dear to my heart. I have sung in a church choir ever since I was a child. I remember sitting in church as a little girl, getting through the sermon just waiting for the Senior Choir at Zion Lutheran Church, Manheim, to sing their anthem. It was my very favorite part of the service! We need more people in our choirs. Many people have good voices and love to sing but do not have the ability to read music. If you are one of these people and that is holding you back, give the choirs at St. Peter's a try! You can learn to read music by being a member and also will be able to use your gift to praise God. And you will also have fun!

Mary Ann Frontz

Scripture References (NRSV):

Deuteronomy 31:19 – *(God's instruction to Moses)* “Now therefore write this song, and teach it to the Israelites; put it in their mouths, in order that this song may be a witness to me against the Israelites.”

Ephesians 4:18-19 – “... but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing songs and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.”

Colossians 3:16 - “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”

If you have this gift,

You have the physical ability, motivation, and the artistic skills to make sounds that bring joy to others.

You understand where this gift is coming from and to Whose credit it should be given.

You understand how this gift should be used and you are moved to use this gift to God's glory.

Connections to Ministry:

Worship Leader, Choir Member, Vocal Soloist

For information on serving in our music ministry, please go to the Serve page at www.stpeterslutheran.org.

Click on the Worship Link, then click on Music under the Worship.

If you have the spiritual gift of *Music/Vocal*, please consider serving in any one or more of the ministries listed above! *If you have not taken the assessment, please go to St. Peter's website at www.stpeterslutheran.org. Scroll down the Home page and click on Serving in the middle of the first paragraph. Scroll down the Service page and click on Take the Survey. Or, contact Mary Ann Frontz and she will email you a copy. Assessments are also available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.*

Art Hallway Ministry

The Art Hallway Ministry was recently established to help us celebrate God's gift of artistry and creativity in each of us. God is the original artist, and we now have a dedicated area to share the gifts He has given us with each other.

Located just around the corner from the choir room, the Art Hallway provides museum-like gallery space for rotating exhibits and is available for everyone to display and enjoy. Our team has been busy making updates to the hallway including the addition of two curio cabinets which allow us to display not only hanging art and photography, but also objects and artifacts. (The cabinets are lighted and will be locked at all times for security).

Calling all artists! As we prepare for future exhibits, we are asking anyone with the gift of artistry to please contact us. If you have a collection of any kind that you would like to display – either large or small – we would like to discuss the possibility of showcasing your artwork in a future exhibit. Contact any member of our team for more information: Fred Husson (fhusson2033@comcast.net), Brian Tolbert (brtphoto@aol.com), Kathy Groff (klgroff@me.com), Kim Sterner (kesterner@comcast.net) or Joan Martin (joaninpa@comcast.net).

St. Peter's Library

KIDS' BOOKS DONATED TO ST. PETER'S LIBRARY

Thank you to Linda Siems, who has donated some wonderful new books geared for kids!

Appropriate for Grades 4-5:

If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution by Kay Moore

If You Lived in Williamsburg in Colonial Days by Barbara Brenner

Three Ships Come Sailing by Gilchrist Waring

The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau

And appropriate for Grades 1-3:

Archaeologists Dig for Clues by Kate Duke

These books can be found in the children's section grouped according to age and grade. They are then placed in alphabetical order in their group by the author's last name.

I am happy to report that we have had a few more people using our library! If you are interested, almost all of the books that have been read by St. Peter's Book Club can be found in the Fiction or Non-Fiction section. Please contact Mary Ann Frontz or Pat Ross if you would like to find a book or if you need any help regarding borrowing a book. The library is open whenever the church is open!

Our library is one of St. Peter's Hidden Treasures! Why don't you go on a treasure hunt the next time you are in church!

Groups and Events

50 Plus - Please join us for exciting entertainment and good fellowship on Thursday, September 1 at noon in the Café. Our guest entertainer will be Tony Grochowski, he will share the music of the 40's, 50's and 60's as we sing along with him. Tony was part of a vocal group in 1956, "The Three Friends" and rode to the top of the charts in New York City. Now he brings warm memories to many groups in the area. Please bring your own place setting and beverage, plus a COVERED DISH TO SHARE! If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 569-7740.

Just for Fun Group - DINNER AND BUNKO, September 24th at 6:00 .p.m at the home of John and Kathy Burke. If you have not played Bunko - it is an easy game and takes no intelligence or prior knowledge. Requires the ability to laugh and have fun! Please bring a salad or a dessert to share. Sign up sheet will be by the Nursery. We have room for 24 people. Questions? 627-6968

Just for Fun Amish Dinner - Dinner in an Amish home has been arranged by Edee Bedford on Saturday, October 8th at 5:30 p.m. The home is very easy to locate, directions/map will be provided. Food served will be similar to an Amish Wedding Dinner. \$20.00 per person must be paid to Edee Bedford by September 24th. Sign up on yellow sheet posted on the community bulletin board. The number of participants is limited. Any questions, please call Edee at 569-5992.

WELCA Meeting! - We will meet on Thursday, September 8th at 9:00 AM in Room 124. After a light breakfast we will be assembling our Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. All women are welcome. The September item for next year's Health Kits is a light-weight bath-size towel size 52" X 27", dark color recommended. Any questions, contact Sally Rager, 569-6119 or Kathy Caldwell, 569-9959.

Attention Married Couples - The September 16-18 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is now full. (You may contact the Directors listed below to be on a waiting list.) However, there is still room for YOU at the October 21-23 Weekend at Olmsted Retreat in Ludlow, PA. Please consider if it is time for you to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty that God intends. Olmsted Retreat is a beautiful, serene location in the Allegheny National Forest, a couple hours north of Pittsburgh. Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday at approximately 3 PM. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are covered by a \$100.00 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish to give at the end of the weekend. Registrations are limited, so sign up TODAY by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the fee with a credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.



Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends:

My family has already booked our October weekend in Happy Valley for this year's Penn State Homecoming. It is the weekend when State College hosts its yearly celebration of the Penn State Alumni Blue Band. Our two kiddos and a daughter-in-law-to-be are yearly participants in the Alumni Band. The PSU Blue Band and Alumni Bands are kind enough to also invite some local athletes from State College to join them on the field of Beaver Stadium to play some pick up football in between the band exhibitions. My understanding is that some of those local athletes will have friends visiting from Maryland, and they may join us for the band celebration, too.



In some ways, the second Sunday in September serves as a bit of a homecoming here at St. Peter's, as the variety of family events, vacations, and travels which take us away from Lancaster for the summer months come to a conclusion, and more of us are around on Sunday mornings for church and Sunday School. While there is no band exhibition planned for the 11th, we will have plenty going on as we kick off our fall worship schedule, have a special welcome back Name Tag Sunday, start up again our active Sunday School program for both children and adults, and close the morning with our Church Picnic following the late services that day. The vitality that the start of Sunday School brings to the church is palpable each year on the second Sunday of September, and we expect no less this year.



As we gather, we have much to be thankful for to God, and to all of you who are the stewards of God's blessings. To date, our attendance is up a bit this year from last, even including our attendance goose-egg for the "lost Sunday of communal worship" on the big snowstorm weekend at the end of January. You have been good stewards of your Sabbath observance time. Our offerings have been consistent throughout the year thus far, and we enter the fall without the typical offering deficit we often face at the end of September. You have been good financial stewards. We have reached out to many in our parish and beyond through our Visitation Team ministries, our Vacation Bible School program, our social ministry outreach, and our Prayer Chain ministry. You have been good stewards of your talents and gifts. As we gather again to kick off our active fall schedule and ministries, take a few moments to thank God for motivating you in your personal stewardship of time talent and treasure. And of course, I know I will ...

See you in church,

Pastor Ross

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PASTOR'S EMAIL DEVOTIONS

If you are looking for a new devotional opportunity for the fall, consider signing up for Pastor Craig's weekly email devotional. It is sent out early Monday morning each week through our website blog, so that you can start your work week with some reflection on faith issues. Devotions are also posted on our website blog each week along with our other blog posts. Sign up by sending Pastor Craig an email at craig@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org asking to be on the list. Or, you can visit our church Facebook page (St Peter's Lutheran – Lancaster) where it is also listed weekly.

COLLEGE EMAIL DEVOTIONS

If your son or daughter would appreciate a short weekly email devotion from Pastor Craig while away at college, please email your request to Pastor Craig craig@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org with the email address of your college student. Devotions are sent out from September through May. Or, your student can visit our church Facebook page (St Peter's Lutheran – Lancaster) where it is also posted.



Pastor Sarah's Message

Dear friends in Christ,

Welcome to Fall and the excitement that Fall brings! I always get excited about this time of year, not only because I look forward to the cooler temperatures and apple cider, but I look forward to all the ministry opportunities that happen here at St. Peter's. The summer months have been filled with planning and dreaming what may come this Fall, and I'm excited to share it with you.

Worship

We recently sat down and planned the fall season for the Traditional services and I am excited to see how Adam Lefever Hughes will use so many people's God-given gifts to lift our praises to the Lord. The New Day team is also excited to jump into the fall season. This month they are going to a seminar led by Paul Baloche, one of the leading contemporary Christian music artists in the country. I can't wait to see how they may bring what they learned to the New Day Praise service.

Outreach and Fellowship

Last month our staff sat down and went over our year-long calendar and it was a delight to see the many Christian education opportunities that will be made available. I was touched to hear how the clothing ministry, Lydia's Closet, is growing and how new shelves are being built to support the supplies that will clothe children in our township. I'm excited to hear about our vicar's project blending science and faith and ways that he hopes to build conversation through teaching, reading and social media. I'm delighted to see the many fellowship opportunities on the horizon that enables us to gather together.

Evangelism and Telling the Story

Last spring we released the new church website at stpeterslutheran.org and it has been a hub for communication that helps us tell the story of God's love in Christ. I am delighted to see weekly devotions, sermons, blog posts and announcements that help to tell the story of God's work and our ministry. We will gear up for a new member class next month, and we're having a reunion for our recent spring class on September 25.

Christian Education

In June several of the adult education leaders gathered together to talk about our hopes and dreams for this Fall. I hope that you join Crosspoints, Faith & Values, God's World-Our Eyes or our Wednesday morning and Sunday morning Bible studies. Good faith formation, great conversation, and always Holy Spirit led.

Can't wait to see how God will lead us forward. See you there!

Peace,

Pastor Sarah

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NEW WEBSITE



The new St. Peter's website is officially up and running! If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to bookmark the site (www.stpeterslutheran.org) and start exploring. And be sure to add it to your smartphone or tablet so you can stay connected with St. Peter's whether you're at home or on-the-go. If you have any questions, click the "Make a Suggestion" button highlighted in yellow at the bottom right of the website.

Letter From the Vicar



To all of God's beloved at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Phillip Clayton, in his book *Science and Religion: The Basics* stated that, "Religion is so basic to human history that the human species has been called *Homo religious*, the religious animal. That being said, few topics over the last 500 years have inspired as much heated debate as the relationship between religion and science. In the first part of the 17th century it was firmly held that the earth was the center of the universe and every other celestial body revolved around the earth. Galileo challenged this firmly held belief by illustrating that our solar system is just that, a heliocentric system where Earth and all the other bodies within this system orbit a star, our sun. Galileo was convicted of heresy by the church for his accurate illustration of our solar system and spent the rest of his life under house arrest until his death in 1642.

Much has changed since then, but the debate over the relationship between religion and science rages on. Every aspect of our lives are influenced by science in some way, from our toothpaste, to our food, to the very candles and sound system we use to worship God each and every Sunday. The importance of science in our lives would be impossible to over-estimate. While there are those on both sides of the debate that claim there can be no cooperative relationship between religion and science, there are currently a host of scientists and theologians including Ernest Simmons who uses the scientific concepts of quantum entanglement as a way to help us understand the very complicated religious concept of the Trinity; or Francis Collins, the head of the Human Genome project in the 1990's who sees the *language of God* within our 6 billion character genetic code. These scientists and theologians see science and religion as different sides of the same coin recognizing an inherent and even symbiotic relationship between the two. After all, it was Albert Einstein who said in the second part of an essay entitled *Religion and Science* in 1941 that, "...Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."

I share the opinion of many of these scientists and theologians and hold that one can agree and work within the realm of science as well as the realm of faith at the same time. Additionally, the concepts within the theory of evolution and the big bang theory are in no way contradictory to a faithful Christian belief. Science and religion not only can but should be in open dialogue because each ask and seek to answer questions that the other does not. After all, one aspect of science is that it seeks to understand how this amazing universe that we are blessed to live in works. If we hold that this amazing universe is the creation and work of God, then the scientific principles, theories, and laws we discover were also set in motion by God and the study of such can also be prayerful and faithful in the Christian life.

"For it is he who gave me unerring knowledge of what exists, to know the structure of the world and the activity of the elements; the beginning and the end and middle of times, the alternations of the solstices and the changes of the seasons, the cycles of the year and the constellations of the stars, the natures of animals and the tempers of wild animals, the powers of spirits and the thoughts of human beings, the varieties of plants and the virtues of roots; I learned both what is secret and what is manifest, for wisdom, the fashioner of all things taught me." (Wis 7:17-22)

Over the coming year here at St. Peter's I will be addressing various questions that naturally arise when addressing science and faith as part of my internship project. Included in this will be Sunday school classes, a short-term book club, blog, and podcasts. I look forward to wrestling with these various questions alongside you over the coming months.

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all,

Vicar Avery, acarr@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org

Business Breakfast Ministry Start-up

We at St. Peter's are exploring the interest in a business breakfast gathering, and looking for input or potential participants. The plan is to start in January with monthly meetings at a local restaurant, probably from 7:00-8:00 a.m. Participants will share leadership of the group as we discuss ethical, moral and biblical ties to the working world. Staff members will offer prayer or devotional support as the group desires. If you would have interest, please contact Pastor Craig (craig@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org), Vicar Avery (acarr@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org) or Kenelm Shirk (kshirk@ephratalaw.com). The kick-off date is set for Tuesday, January 17th at Oregon Dairy at 7:00 a.m. Watch for future updates.

ST. PETER'S KIDS!



Volunteers needed! Sunday School will kick off on September 11th and we are in need of volunteers to help as teachers and guides to serve for 5 week sessions. All materials and lesson plans are prepared for you and no experience is necessary. Please contact Samantha Cuascut at scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org to get started!

Sunday School will kick off on Sunday, September 11 at 9:15! We are looking forward to another exciting year!

Sunday School Format Reminder:



Our Junior Explorer (preschool and kindergarten) **Sunday school classes** follow a traditional format. You may take your child to his/her classroom at 9:15 am, and then at 10:15 am, pick up your child in the same classroom.

Age 2/3 - Nursery

Age 4 & Kindergarten - Room #114 (Frog Room)

Bible Explorers (Rotation Sunday school) is for children in grades 1 through grade 4. All Bible Explorers meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:15am every Sunday for an opening. From there, guides (adult volunteers) will lead them to their rotation activity. Because your child will be doing a different activity each week, their pick up room changes each Sunday. Check the Children's Ministries' bulletin board to see where you should pick up your child each week.



Reminder: Please complete a registration form for your children, ages 2 to 4th grade, for Sunday School. In order to have contact information in case of an emergency, and more importantly, to inform teachers of any special needs your child may have, we ask families to fill out one form per family (not per child). Forms are available on the Children's Ministries bulletin boards outside of the office and in the Rotation Sunday School wing.

The **Children's Ministries Committee** will meet on **September 27** at 6:30pm in Samantha's Office (Room 127). Anyone interested in helping to plan Children's Ministries events (Santa Breakfast, Santa Workshop, Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School) is encouraged to attend as we are seeking new members! Please contact Samantha Cuascut with any questions.

As always, if you have any questions about Children's Ministries, contact Samantha Cuascut, Director of Children's Ministries at scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org or 717-586-0330.



Samantha Cuascut
Director of Children's Ministries



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 Samantha Cuascut, Director of Children's Ministries if you have any questions.

Youth & Family Ministry News...

Mark your calendars....

September 11th....First day back to Sunday School at 9:15 am.

There will be a youth and parent informational breakfast concerning the upcoming year for youth education and youth activities. A continental breakfast will be served in the youth lounge and we will discuss youth education, service and fellowship activities.



Sunday October 2nd – Youth Group for grades 5-12. 6:00 – 8:00 pm – Café/Family Life Center

We will have a dinner then vote for youth council members - (2 from each grade) – If you would like to be part of this election – please plan on attending or if you are unable – let Sister Dottie know that you want to be on the ballot.

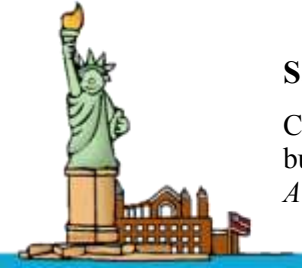


After the election, we will finish up with games.

Sign up to bring a food item for our make your own sub dinner
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a5af2ea5fe3-october>

Saturday October 22 – Trip to NYC to the New York Tenement Museum

Cost is \$75 per person (Includes motor coach, 2 Tours and donuts and juice for breakfast on the bus) – Financial Aid is available! More info to come! This trip coincides with our curriculum – *A Christian response to Immigration.*



Fall 9th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Parents of 9th graders who have been involved in Confirmation Ministry at St. Peter's are reminded that our 9th Grade Confirmands will gather on Sunday, September 11th, as we meet with other St. Peter's youth in the Café for an overall introduction to Youth Ministry and Education for the 2015-16 year. This year's ninth grade class, will again be co-taught by Pastor Ross and Mr. Joe Geesey. The first day of our regular class schedule will be Sunday, September 18th and the Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21st. Parents of incoming 9th graders, mark your calendars now.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sister Dottie Almoney, Parish Deaconess
dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org



St. Peter's Preschool

The Preschool hallways are buzzing in anticipation of our new school year which starts the week of September 12th for our 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Our Tendercare two year olds will join us a week later starting September 19th. It is so energizing to welcome new little faces who come to us with such excitement and joy (and sometimes a few tears..) The preschool years are a time when children can't wait to greet their teachers and friends and are filled with a hunger for learning. Our goal is to encourage them to be good people and lifelong learners. Our teaching staff is outstanding and we are so proud of the connection we have in our commitment to providing an excellent educational experience for our families and children.

We have a few openings still available. Please contact Lorraine through the church office or at Lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org.

Lorraine DiBernardo, Preschool Director lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org





From the Director of Music

Singing the Psalms

When we gather for worship on Sundays, we almost always hear from the Psalms. This ‘hymnbook of the Bible’ is a resource full of rich imagery. From psalms of thanksgiving to psalms of lament, these songs are representative of a wide range of responses to the human condition. It is fitting that the designers of the Revised Common Lectionary, the schedule of readings we use on Sunday mornings, chose psalms as responses to the first reading every week.

For example, Sunday, September 18th, we read in Amos that God warns those who deal unfavorably with the poor:

*Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land...
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.*

The psalm for the day, Psalm 113, continues the theme, this time focusing on God’s response to the poor. We sing:

*The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.*

So, these two excerpts work together to show two sides of the same situation. After hearing of God’s warning, our response as a community is to sing of God’s faithfulness and mercy to the poor. You’ll notice that I just said we sing these words. This is important! As I mentioned at the beginning, this is our first hymnbook and these words are meant to be expressed through music. But how do we do this at St. Peter’s?

We have a variety of ways to sing the psalms. At our traditional services, we primarily alternate by whole verse with a cantor or choir singing one verse of the psalm to a tone and the congregation the next verse. The goal in singing psalms is for the pace of the text to be as natural and free-flowing as is possible. Imagine, if you will, that singing a psalm to a tone is like a galloping horse. If you look at the main body of the horse, it is always moving forward. Yet, if you look at its legs, you can see exactly when each one strikes the ground. The legs are the individual words of the psalm, each one having its own space. The body of the horse is the phrase constantly moving forward to its ending.



Alternating verses isn’t the only way we sing the psalms. Sometimes, the choir will sing the verses of a psalm in a more difficult setting, while the congregation sings a composed refrain throughout. Still, other times the choir will sing a psalm composed in a more formal setting. Sometimes the congregation and choirs will sing a hymn out of the hymnal that is a paraphrase of the psalm text for the day. In fact, some hymnals are made up only of these psalm paraphrases. Hymnals don’t have the corner on the market, though, when it comes to singing the psalms. There are a number of contemporary songs with texts from the psalms. At our own New Day service, the prayers are couched in song with the intention to mirror psalmody.

With such a variety of ways to proclaim the psalms, it’s clear they have been a source of creativity over the centuries. Joining our voices together in these poems of praise and lament connect us to the thanksgivings and tragedies experienced by humankind throughout the generations. Singing the psalms also reminds us of God’s constancy in times good and bad. This fall we get our voices galloping again by singing the psalms and praising the Lord. Giddyup!

Adam Lefever Hughes
Director of Music
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Worship and Music at St. Peter's

Singing and Ringing

Choir season is fast approaching! Do you want to engage with the arts at St. Peter's? Consider joining a group of people who meet on a weekly basis to make music together. There are no auditions; all that is required is a willingness to try! If you're interested, but not sure where you fit in, or if you'd like more information, please contact Adam, the Director of Music, at ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org.

- Jubilate Choir (1st-5th grade vocal choir, meets Thursdays from 6:00-6:30)
- Youth Choir (6th-12th grade vocal choir, meets Thursdays from 6:35-7:15)
- Herald Choir (10:45 adult vocal choir, meets Thursdays from 7:30-8:30)
- Canticle Choir (8:00 adult vocal choir, meets between services, schedule can be provided)
- Exsultate Ringers (beginner/youth handbell ensemble, meets Mondays from 6:30-7:15)
- St. Peter's Ringers (experienced/adult handbell ensemble, meets Mondays from 7:30-8:30)

Rehearsals begin the week of September 11th.

ELW Setting One

Beginning on September 18th, we will return to ELW Setting 1 for the sung portions of our service. This setting was composed as part of the new hymnal project over 10 years ago and provides an alternate voice to the important words we sing every week. Since it has been at least a year since we used this setting it may be less familiar, but let us count it as an opportunity to engage more deeply with these important parts of our services.

Thank you!

My heartfelt thanks for all of the well-wishes, gifts, and words of encouragement as we welcomed the birth of Nicholas. It has been a blessing to feel so supported and I am grateful for the chance to spend time with my newly expanded family. A special thank you to Nancy LeFevre, Jennifer Schlener, and Alison Moffett for filling in on the organ and piano benches!

Summer Musicians

Thank you to all of the musicians at St. Peter's who offered their talent and skills to provide special music this summer: the McConnell family, Maurielle Courtois, Kenny Lashley, Ena Marie Banks, Kaylin Miley, Alison Moffett, Jennifer Schlener, Emily Beauregard, Zach Sterner, the Wegehof Family, Kayla Bush, and Brendan Armitage. Please take a moment to thank these people in person who enriched our musical proclamation of the gospel!

Adam Lefever Hughes, Director of Music

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Dear friends and companions in faith at St. Peter's,

Thank you to everyone who shared in the worship of God on July 24th. It was a time of great joy and thanksgiving.

When Pastor Ross asked me to preach at the Sunday services, I had no idea that he was working with my wife, my daughters and their families, Adam Hughes, friends from Iowa, and others to plan a time of surprise celebration of my fifty years of ordained ministry -- and, wow, was I surprised! And although I was aware that some family and, possibly, our friends from Iowa, might worship at St. Peter's that morning, I had no idea that they would twice sing special music. Dear friends Deb Olson (superintendent of schools in Clinton, Iowa) and Cindy Rasche (music teacher and state of Iowa tennis coach of the year), who sang one of the duets, were teaching colleagues of Irene at Washington Middle School in Clinton and were members of the Lutheran church I served as pastor when we lived there. I deeply appreciated Pastor Ross's words and prayers about ministry at the services, and Irene and I thank all of you very much for the reception with special cakes, the framed certificate, the beautiful framed print and words from Psalm 61, the restaurant gift card, and the cards, letters, phone calls, and kind words. You are encouragers! I always feel the presence of the Holy Spirit at St. Peter's and the love and grace and joy of Jesus in the worship, fellowship, and service of all of you, God's precious disciples. My family and I are humbled and blessed to be a part of St. Peter's Church family, for you live the words of the song, "Love in any language, straight from the heart, pulls us all together, never apart. And once we learn to speak it, all the world will hear love in any language fluently spoken here."

Thank you for speaking and living God's love. I will treasure the memories of July 24th forever.

God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Your fellow servant in service to the living Lord Jesus Christ,
Bob Wegehof

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for September

	ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER	LECTORS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS
September 4 8:00 am	Blake Hoffmaster-A	Margaret Stigelman	Diane Gegg Nancy Pokopec	Dave Mullican, Larry Wilcox, Ken & Kitty Robinson, Bill & Linda Montgomery	Jon & Diane Welsh
9:45 am	Jensen McConnell-A	Sandi Hirko		Glen Hauck, Julie Tritch, Scott, Sharon & Evan Breedon, Andy Hirko	
September 11 8:00 am	Julia Leisure-A	Marianne Beasley		Andrea Sherman, Rejean Carlson, Brent Bearinger, Mark, Melanie & Mitchell Burkholder,	
10:45 am	Connor Strine-A Christian Strine-C	Rebecca Lutz	Jeffrey Pretz Cynthia Stauffer	Rich & Ann Larrick, Rich & Peggy Vivola, Harry & Kelley Lutz	Chris & Kerry Hess
September 18 8:00 am	Morgan Stuhltrager-A Mitchell Burkholder-C	Gloriann Peters	Clint Frontz Peter Murdock	Joe & Cindy Geesey, Cindy Miley, Ted Andrews, Diane & Megan Welsh	Greg & Sherry Moul
10:45 am	Rory McConnell-A Evan Breedon-C	Lois Miklas		Greg, Sylvia & Ken Lashley, Dan Johnson, Jim & Jane Savidge	
September 25 8:00 a.m.	Conner Lehman-A	Mark Burkholder		John Kerchner, George Swan, Liz, Sean & Iain O'Brien, Bob & Phyllis Hollinger	
10:45 a.m.	David Wolf-A Kayla Bush-C	David Emmert	Dr. Peter Calusic Shirley Gorner	Richard & Anne Wolf, Dave, Lis, David & Jessica Wolf	Greg & Margaret Strausser

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Worship Leader Coordinators

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AV Room: Paul Berkebile 569-7209
Bread & Wine Presenter: Jennifer Lehman 519-8851
CD & Flower Delivery: Christine Smith 299-0949

Communion Assistants: Karen Peiffer 569-3643
Greeters: Leigh Trayer 271-9268
Lectors: Thom McConnell 581-0068
Nursery: Patti Courtois 898-1898
Ushers: Nancy Beauregard 295-9814
Welcome Center: Mary Ann Oberholtzer 898-7823

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for September

(continued)

	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER	AV/ LIGHTING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD COORD.	ALTAR GUILD
September 4 8:00 am	Michael & Carla Winters	Bob & Edee Bedford	Angela Moshos	Bob & Patti Courtois Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Debbie Shue	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger
9:45 am	Harry & Kelley Lutz	Fred & Mary Husson	Rick Groff	Lyle & Joy Hosler Alyssa Kerper		
September 11 8:00 am	Tom & Pat Badorf	Pam Hoffmaster Randy Ketchum	Paul Berkebile	Mary Ann Oberholtzer Alyssa Kerper		
10:45 am	Alan & Beverly Swanson	Rich & Ann Larrick	David Wolf	Karen Shreiner Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Debbie Shue	Suk Shuglie Beverly Swanson
September 18 8:00 am	Stephen & Diane Gegg	Christine Ponti Susie Roderick	Tom Badorf	Julie Young Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Debbie Shue	Mark, Melanie, & Mitchell Burkholder
10:45 am	Leigh Trayer & Vicki Legath	Stephanie Palic Peggy Popp	Joe Almoney	Chloe Otto Alyssa Kerper		
September 25 8:00 a.m.	Sheila Turnbull & Andrea Sherman	Shirley Dombach Dee Vulgaris	Tom Chever	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger Alyssa Kerper		
10:45 a.m.	Richard & Anne Wolf	Craig & Lisa Rodenberger	Dave Tilley	Danielle Geyer Alyssa Kerper	Mary Ellen Kopetz Debbie Shue	Sharon Breeden Pam Preston

NURSERY AT 9:15 A.M.

September 11—Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

September 18—Bob & Patti Courtois, Alyssa Kerper

September 25—Nancy Snyder, Alyssa Kerper

Sunday Nursery Volunteers Needed for all time frames--early service, Sunday school hour, and late service. We are especially asking parents who use the nursery to take a turn volunteering. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will need to serve. We've been blessed with faithful volunteers, many of whom no longer use the nursery, including one with a child in high school! We have a paid volunteer at all services, so we only need to schedule one adult to comply with Safe Child guidelines. In addition, youth volunteers are always welcome. If you're interested in consistently keeping the Nursery available, please contact Patti Courtois at pjc898@gmail.com or 898-1898 with your name, email address, telephone number, and times you are available. Thank you.

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — SEPTEMBER 2016

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Set-up & Coffee Bar	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lector	Joel Olmsted	Peter Murdock	Bob Preston	Brendan Armitage
Communion Assistant	Bill Sassaman		Jennifer Podgurski	
Ushers	Peter Murdock Dave Tilley	Bill & Leah Sassaman	Ed & Emily Martin	Dave Tilley Scott Fyfe
Altar Guild	Robin Schmincke	Morgan Stuhltrager	Sharon Schaefer	Emily Bromirski
A/V Sound	Bob Preston	Mike Bromirski	Matthew Armitage	Will Ayars



September Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
9/04	John & Kathy Burke	Ray Ralston
	Cathy Glattacker	Dorothy Cowan
9/11	Lois Benton	Fran Brouse
	Margy Stigelman	Mary Kammerer
9/18	Betz Lind	Anna Dowie
	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Velma Newcomer
9/25	Marsha Chamberlain	Joan Groff
	Libby Stoner	Evelyn (Sue) Mellinger

September CD Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
9/04	Mike Wildasin	Nancy Varnes
9/11	Bob Nace	Fran Brouse
9/18	Carol Bedford	Marguerite Paul
9/25	XXX	XXX



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LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Thursday, September 1

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Café)

Saturday, September 3

10:00 a.m. - Clothing Bank (Youth Lounge)

Sunday, September 4

NAME TAG SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)

9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 5

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

1:30 p.m. - Rostered Text Study (Conference Room)

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. - Mutual Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday, September 7

2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)

6:00 p.m. - Cooking for Crowds Training (Café)

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

Thursday, September 8

9:00 a.m. - WELCA (Room 123)

Saturday, September 10

Herald Articles Due

Sunday, September 11

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School/ Parent & Youth Information
Breakfast (Café)

10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (FLC)

10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

12:00 p.m. - Church Picnic (Café/Outside)

Monday, September 12

1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)

6:30 p.m. - Exultate Ringers (Music Room)

7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee (Conference Room)

7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

Tuesday, September 13

1:00 p.m. - Community Relations (Conference Room)

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee (Conference Room)

Wednesday, September 14

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

7:00 p.m. - Property Committee (Conference Room)

7:00 p.m. - WOLD Bible Study (Room 100)

Thursday, September 15

6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)

6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)

7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Sunday, September 18

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

10:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)

10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

Monday, September 19

1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)

6:30 p.m. - Exultate Ringers (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. - Human Resources (Conference Room)

7:00 p.m. - Church Council (Conference Room)

7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

Tuesday, September 20

9:30 a.m. - Program Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

1:30 p.m. - Book Club (Cry Room)

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

6:30 p.m. - Intern Committee (Cry Room)

7:00 p.m. - Long Range Planning (Room 100)

7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)

Wednesday, September 21

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)

6:30 p.m. - Pub Theology (Aroogas 462)

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, September 22

6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)

6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)

7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Saturday, September 24

6:00 p.m. - Just for Fun Dinner & Bunko

Sunday, September 25

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

9:15 a.m. - New Member Reunion (Café)

9:30 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (FLC)

9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. - WOLD Sunday School (Room 100)

3:00 p.m. - Latvian Lutheran Church (Chapel)



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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Monday, September 26

- 1:00 p.m. - Quilters (Augsburg Alley)
- 6:30 p.m. - Exsultate Ringers (Music Room)
- 6:45 p.m. - Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Room)
- 7:00 p.m. - New Day Committee (Room 100)
- 7:30 p.m. - St. Peter's Ringers (Music Room)

Tuesday, September 27

- 12:00 p.m. - Planned Giving Seminar (Café)
- 5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
- 6:30 p.m. - Children's Ministries Committee (Room 127)
- 6:30 p.m. - Clothing Bank Preparation
- 7:00 p.m. - Planned Giving Seminar (Café)

Wednesday, September 28

- 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study (Café)
- 7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (FLC)

Thursday, September 29

- 6:00 p.m. - Jubilate Choir (Music Room)
- 6:35 p.m. - Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 7:30 p.m. - Herald Choir (Music Room)

Friday, September 30

- 4:30 p.m. - Kerchner Wedding Rehearsal



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NewsLetter
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Thank you for your cooperation.

**If you have any questions,
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Thank you!**

***Sandy Shattuck,
Editor & Parish Secretary***

