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“For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield”
Psalm 84:11

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Pocket Church: Road Trip!



Pocket Church is a series of short videos featuring summertime activities where we see how God is with us in the midst of our travels, our play and the wonders of the summer season. This season’s videos feature a road trip my family and I took earlier in June. You can follow the many stops and adventures we took, and where we encountered God on the way.

Find it on our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterslancaster>) and our website stpeterslutheran.org/pocket-church. Pocket Church is released every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

And Pocket Church can help you be a good evangelist, as well! (You can be a good evangelist...trust me!) Watch an episode, like it, and share with your friends. Perhaps add a message like, “This is what my church is up to, check it out!” They may be in need of some devotional time with God, and you sharing Pocket Church may be just what their soul needs at that moment. Plus, if you share enough...it might give you the courage to invite them to church in the Fall. You never know what the Spirit may do! *Pastor Sarah*



starting soon

Please note that we will return to our Fall Sunday schedule on Sunday, September 9th. 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.

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August Worship Schedule



Sunday, August 5: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

-- *Pastor Sarah preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m., Service of the Word at 9:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Sunday, August 12: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

New Day Service of the Word at 9:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Traditional Service of the Word at 8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion at 9:45 a.m.

-- *Vicar Nancy preaches*

Sunday, August 19: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

-- *Vicar Nancy preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m., Service of the Word at 9:45 a.m.

-- *Pastor Craig preaches*

Sunday, August 26: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Sages Sunday

New Day Service of the Word at 9:45 a.m.

-- *Sister Dottie preaches*

Traditional Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.

--*Pastor Craig preaches*



Name Tag Sunday

Remember that Sunday, August 5th will be Name Tag Sunday. Bring an unusual nametag that you have collected over the years, or make one. *Maybe you can decorate your name-tag with a summer theme of "Picnics" or "Shimmering heat waves" or "Fireflies" or "Merlin's Mayhem" coaster at Dutch Wonderland.* Just make sure your name is on it, so that you and others can greet those people about whom you know much (where they sit in church, how many kids they have, how they sing hymns, etc.), but may not yet know their name.



Adult Christian Education

Fall Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Mark your calendar now for **Wednesday, September 12th** 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 “Comparison of World Religions,” and examine: the five major world religions in terms of followers, which includes Judaism and a couple of others including those who consider themselves as “unaffiliated”.

We’ll spend the remainder of the year studying a comparison of all four Gospels, seeing which stories are common to all four Gospels, and which stories have a singular unique status in just a single Gospel.

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.



Parish Life

Sages Recognition Sunday

Sunday, August 26th



We will honor and celebrate our new and seasoned St. Peter’s Sages on Sunday, the 26th. A Sage is any member who has celebrated 80 or more birthdays. We invite our new and returning Sages to attend worship on the 26th to be honored. Communion will be served at both 8 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. traditional services. A special reception will be held after each service in the Narthex. Invite friends and family to join you for worship and fellowship. Questions, or if you need a ride, please call Christine Smith at 717-299-0949 or the church office at 717-569-9211. Watch for your invitation in the mail for more details.

Seniors Are God's Excellent Servants

Hymn Sing Prelude



Please note that on Sunday, August 26th we will have our final old-fashioned summer hymn-sing during the prelude time of the service. For this month’s musical celebration, we are offering our Sages the chance to get first dibs on the hymn choices, by letting us know which hymns they might like to sing on Sages Recognition Sunday at St. Peter’s. Please send your choices to the Church Office by phone or email.

Finance Committee

June 2018 Financial Report

		Year to Date	Year to Date
	Month	Actual	Budget
General Fund Receipts	\$79,501	\$524,238	\$492,749
General Fund Expenses	\$77,525	\$518,692	\$502,704
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1,976	\$5,546	\$(9,955)
Debt Reduction Receipts	\$12,266	\$77,231	\$77,182
Debt Reduction Expenses	\$14,877	\$82,583	\$77,182
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(2,611)	\$(5,352)	
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$(635)	\$194	

Summer Offerings

Please remember to be faithful and generous with your offerings over the summer months. We continue to need your strong financial support for our ministries during the summer months. Debt reduction payments, property expenses, benevolence commitments, salaries and many of our worship and outreach programs are diligently at work on your behalf while you are vacationing and traveling.



Global Missions Ministry

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY is COMING! September 9th we will celebrate Global Mission Sunday (as well as Rally Day) by having special activities for the CHILDREN during Sunday School. They will “hunt” for the answer to the question, “Where in the world is the ELCA?” Passports, crafts, food and fun will be part of the kids’ global getaway! They will learn about our global neighbors!



ADULTS will also celebrate Global Mission Sunday during Sunday School. Our special guest speaker, Brianna Melhorn, a student at Temple University, will come to tell us about her internship work with migrants imprisoned along the Arizona/Mexican border. Come with your questions and learn more about OUR NEIGHBORS!! Regular classes will return on September 16th at 9:15 a.m.

Please look for more information about Brianna in the September issue of *The Herald* and in Sunday bulletins leading up to SEPTEMBER 9th.



TWITTER — Welcome to the active (!) Twitter community for Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church. Please follow us @stpeterslanc and use #stpeterslanc to chat about the sermon or events.

Social Ministry



Lydia's Closet Clothing Bank at St. Peter's

August Distribution day – Saturday, August 4th – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Contact Molly Olmsted for more information or to volunteer Astaloo@me.com.

Prep Night for September's clothing bank is Tuesday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m.



Undie Sundays!

Sundays in August are "Undie Sundays"

Lydia's closet is in desperate need of new underwear for children and youth (both boys and girls) as well as socks. Place your donation in the cardboard "house". Financial donations are accepted, too – place in Molly Olmsted's mailbox.

Lydia's Closet Update

Lydia's Closet is continuing to serve 6-10 families a month on our distribution day. We have branched out into personal care products as well as clothing. These are purchased through the money we earn from the Community Aid bin in the parking lot based on the number of pounds we donate.

Please, if you're going through your or your child's closet, remember us. We start at size 4 and go through adult. Donations are accepted in the Church office. We save off season clothing, so no worries if you're donating a snowsuit in July!

In addition, we are in need of new socks and underwear, sizes 5 through adult.

Thanks for your continued support in this ministry.



Community Meal

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Monthly Community Meal at Grace Lutheran
Wednesday, August 1st

Contact Jan Gigl (ronjangigl@comcast.net) or
Sylvia Lashley (Sylvialashley@aol.com) for more information
about ways you can help.

School supplies needed for local elementary schools:



Dry erase markers

Notebooks

Pencils

Glue sticks

Boxes of crayons

Washable markers

Backpacks

Please drop off supplies in the Narthex or Youth Lounge.



Upcoming Fellowship Event

Church Picnic
Sunday, September 16th at noon.



Health and Wellness Committee

AUGUST – Schedule your physical



You probably know that August is the time to schedule your children for their school physical and wellness exam. This visit includes a review of their physical well-being, including a hands-on assessment of their organs like the heart, lungs, abdomen and extremities. The visit may also include required shots/vaccines for their age and to meet school requirements. These “well child checks” are important to assure proper growth, development and health, and to uncover and treat anything that may be found (asthma, allergies, etc).

However, if you’re an adult, (with or without children), have you thought about getting *your* annual wellness visit? Depending upon your age, the visit may include the exam noted above, or maybe not.

Some annual wellness visits don’t involve a physical exam. It’s not always about a hands-on assessment and checking your heart, etc., (although it’s important that you routinely see your doctor for those chronic diseases to be addressed). An annual wellness visit covers things we don’t often think about: screening for depression, checking on our memory, assessing our ability to walk (to avoid slips/falls), and making sure we truly understand our risk for certain diseases. Most importantly, we can learn what to do about those risks.

So, if you always think about your children or your spouse – it’s time for all of us to make sure we think about *our* health, and get that annual wellness visit as recommended by our doctors. **Always check your insurance, to assure they pay for a yearly *physical* OR the *annual wellness visit* - they are different.

Prayer Chain Ministry

From Your Prayer Chain.....

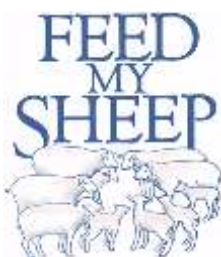
DID YOU KNOW that we continue to receive and pray for requests year round? We average about 10 requests each week. In addition to these requests, we have an On-Going List and we also pray for every member (family) of the church a few times per year as well. We are a very active committee!



Membership

Have you looked at the photo directory lately? Is it time to update your picture? Have your kids grown multiple inches since you submitted it? Maybe you’ve added more children to your family? Or, perhaps you have never submitted a photo at all? This fall, I will send out an updated version, so now is the perfect time to submit pictures. Please send pictures to me at directory@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org. If you prefer, you may send pictures to my personal email at stephpalic@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your help! *Stephanie Palic, Membership*

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 Council of Churches Food Bank. ***Thanks for your donations!***

Worship and Music at St. Peter's



Musical Arts – Lancaster British Brass Band – August 4th, 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's final Musical Arts concert of the season will take place August 4th at 7:00 p.m. The Lancaster British Brass Band is one of the premier brass groups in Lancaster county and is not to be missed. Come for an amazing night of beautiful music!

Children's Choir Retreat – August 18th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

All children who are interested in making music and being with church friends are invited to come to St. Peter's on Saturday, August 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you or your child are unsure if choir is the place for you and want to come try it out for a day, this would be a great opportunity. Children will come, meet each other, learn music, and craft items to connect to the musical and church year. We'll cap off the day with a short program followed by a potluck lunch together. The children will also help to lead worship the following Sunday, August 19th at the 9:45 a.m. service. Registration forms are available.

Adult Choir Retreat – August 25th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Adult singers are invited to come to St. Peter's on Saturday, August 25th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for a morning of singing together and break-out discussions. No previous participation is required. We will come together for fellowship, to learn music, and engage in theological discussions. We'll cap off the day with a potluck lunch together. Participants will also help to lead worship the following Sunday, August 26th at the 8:00 and/or 9:45 service. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Hymn-sing Preludes – Sages Edition – August 26th

Hymn-sing preludes will occur the last Sunday of the summer months. On the appointed Sundays, come prepared to shout out your favorite hymn so we can sing a verse or two of several hymns as our prelude. August 26th will be the "sages edition" of our hymn-sing prelude with suggestions coming mostly from our Sages.

Fall Special Music

Would you like to provide some special music at the 8:00 a.m. service on September 9th or September 23rd? Please contact Adam at ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org to set something up. It is a joy to share your musical gifts with the congregation!

Choir and Ensemble Rehearsals Start Soon!

Rehearsals for musical ensembles at St. Peter's begin soon. See the schedule below for details. Join a musical group and help to lead worship! Please contact Adam at ahughes@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org for more information.

Jubilate Choir – September 6th, 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Youth Choir – September 6th, 6:35-7:15 p.m.

Herald Choir – September 6th, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Exsultate Ringers – September 10th, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

St. Peter's Ringers – September 10th, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Canticle Choir – September 23rd, after 8:00 a.m. service



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FACEBOOK PAGE!
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**



Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends:

It is the time of year for water, sand, and a glass of wine, don't you think? August demands it. They are simple substances, certainly. But they serve to communicate a deeper reality to the life that summons us. They serve as icons of ways that we refresh and regenerate our lives.

Yes, indeed! Water is the earthly element that washes us into faith through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. A cup of wine stands next to a loaf of bread and serves to invite us into the most intimate meal we can experience as Christians in this world. Sand trickles from the hand of the pastor over the edge of a casket as we hear the familiar words "ashes to ashes and dust to dust" in commendation of a loved one into God's hand. Yes, these are simple substances that communicate a deeper reality to life.

I am aware of course, that many of you are thinking of these earthly elements in a different venue as you travel to the shore for some time at the beach or bay, or to the lake in the mountains over these summer months. I rejoice with you for the opportunity to be away in the glories of creation. Many times we are able to gather with family or friends and a vacation becomes a time of regeneration even as it is a time of recreation.

Allow me to simply remind you that these elements are also God's way of calling you into this spiritual fellowship during the month of August. Certainly you aren't at the beach all 31 days this month. You can join us on Sundays for worship. We need your tangible stewardship of treasure during the summer -- we need your stewardship of time in community with your sisters and brothers in faith -- we need your stewardship of talent as you help to lead worship in any of a variety of ways. I do pray safe and blessed vacations for you all, obviously. I also pray that you will find your way into our community of faith. This is also a community of regeneration and refreshment.

See you in Church ...

Pastor Craig

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Pastoral Acts

The following pastoral acts were provided by St. Peter's staff for June and July
(through the time of this Herald's printing)

- Wedding — Samantha Myers & Michael Toscano on Saturday, June 23 at Landis Valley Museum, Lancaster.
- Wedding — Devon Lutz and Matthew Groff on Saturday, July 21 at The Farm at Eagles' Ridge, Lancaster.
- Funeral — Barry Caldwell, June 15 at St. Peter's.
- Funeral — Michael Curran, June 23 at St. Peter's.
- Graveside Service — Christine Wentworth, July 17 at Witness Park Cemetery, Lititz.
- Funeral — Cormack Hall, July 19 at Charles Snyder Funeral Home, Lititz.
- Baptisms — Bradley Eric Fisher, Tyler Edward Healy, Persephone Jane Shaffer, June 3 at St. Peter's.



Pastor Sarah's Message

Dear friends in Christ,

During the month of July I was able to attend a Summer Institute for Church Leaders at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, PA focusing on Biblical and Digital Storytelling. The sessions lifted up the art of storytelling—particularly God's story.

As we were sharing faith stories and folktales, I found myself thinking about a favorite folk story of mine. It's called "Stone Soup." Perhaps you've heard of it? The story goes like this:

A traveler comes to a village, carrying nothing more than an empty cooking pot and a stone. Filling it with water, the traveler sets the cooking pot (and 1 ingredient—the stone) on the fire. One of the villagers becomes curious and asks what the traveler is doing. "I'm making stone soup. It's pretty good. Want some? All it needs is a little bit of garnish to improve the flavor."

"Sure thing! I have just the right thing!" says the villager, who anticipates enjoying a share of the soup, so offers a few carrots to the pot. Another villager walks by, inquiring about the pot, and the traveler again mentions their stone soup which has not yet reached its full potential. "Want some? All it needs is a little bit to of seasoning to improve the flavor." The villager hands them a little bit of seasoning. More and more villagers walk by, each adding another ingredient. Finally, the whole village finds their fill enjoying a delicious and nourishing pot of soup—a type of soup that no one could have enjoyed if it were not for the traveler and his stone!

During these last few weeks I have experienced our own versions of stone soup, and they've come in the form of strawberries, parade floats, and Bible school.

I look at the many hands that went into bringing the June **Strawberry Festival** into fruition (pun intended...get it? FRUIT-ion?!). From planners to youth volunteers, from organizers to bakers, from donators to purchasers—you all created an event that brought joy to our community in St. Peter's and beyond.

I recall the July 4th festivities and have great joy that St. Peter's could be represented as a parade float in the **Lititz Parade**. The float was decked with St. Peter's signs, the New Day band praised God and invited people to worship with us, and the community beyond our walls got to experience a piece of what makes St. Peter's a vibrant faith community. I marveled at the New Day Committee's organization, gave thanks for the many ways you all donated candy, wagons, trucks, and your time to make this event happen!

I'm still humming some of the songs learned a few weeks ago at **Vacation Bible School**, and give thanks that St. Peter's can offer a week of faith building and Bible learning to the whole community. I also realize that your leadership, the giving of your time and talent, and the offering of your joyful spirit (even after a LONG day at work) created an atmosphere for the children of our community to come and learn.

All of these events point to the way we are living out our proposed mission statement: "Building a community of faith by God's grace."

And maybe we do have a Stone Soup in our midst. In our case, our stone is the rock of our foundation—Jesus Christ. And I give thanks for the many ways that you participate in coming together to create community, to grow faith, and live into God's love.

In Christ,

Pastor Sarah

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Letter From the Vicar

Dear Community of St. Peter's,

I have been greeted with a nice smile and a handshake by so many of you; I feel very welcomed. Thank you. It is my hope to spend time with you outside of Sunday worship hours, so I can get to know you and your families better. Otherwise, you will know me through my twice-a-month sermons, and I won't know to whom I am preaching, lol.

I have always had a strong desire to connect one-on-one with people, through what is most important to them. I believe God has called me to use this ability as a minister of Word and Sacrament. As your Vicar for the next year, I hope to hone my skills in communication, preaching and teaching to bring/strengthen the bonds that unite us as a Christian family. I am here because of the positive connections, authenticity and openness I sensed in Pastor Ross and members of the Internship Committee with whom I interviewed last January.

Please feel free to share feedback about how I'm doing/ how you perceive my ministerial presence with either myself, a member of the Internship Committee or Pastor Ross. This is the big year for me to develop my pastoral identity and gain/strengthen my skill set for ordination. I'm depending on you to participate in worship services, Sunday School classes, and activities that will contribute to my learning goals and internship project (details coming soon).

In the meantime, please continue to introduce yourself by name and think of inviting me for a cup of tea or ice cold drink in the month of August. God bless you all and thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

May the Peace of Christ Remain with You,

Vicar Nancy/Brody (means you can use either my first or last name)



Thank You Notes

"Words cannot begin to express our gratitude for Pastor Ross and his love and care for Mike and our family over the past few weeks. His prayers, visits and guidance in planning Mike's service were so very much appreciated. We thank you, dear friend, for all you did. May God bless you always." *Shirley Curran and family*

"I would like to thank everyone who made this year's Strawberry Festival possible, especially those on the committee. The weather could not have been more perfect. I feel very blessed that I have many friends who put in a lot of work and effort into making this a success!" *Janene*



From the Director of Music

Four Readings on Sunday

And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things.

--Justin the Martyr



Okay, maybe we don't read, as Justin suggests, for as long as time permits. After all, wouldn't it be easy to get carried away and read the Bible for the whole day?! Yet, we do hear four different texts from the Bible on Sunday morning. These readings prescribed by the Revised Common Lectionary, which has its own interesting history, form the basis for the liturgical year. Even more interesting to me, are the relationships between these 4 readings.

The first reading is most often from the Old Testament. Whether a part of a narrative, a prophecy, or some commandments from God, this is our first glimpse into the theme for a given Sunday. It is followed immediately by the song of all the gathered people Justin the Martyr has mentioned (that's us!). This song, the Psalm, acts as a direct response to the first reading. For example, on August 5th we hear Nathan's rebuke of David for taking Uriah's wife after causing his death. We place ourselves within the story then when we sing Psalm 51 saying, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love" and "Create in me a clean heart, O God." David's sins become our sins and we pray to God for forgiveness as David did.

The reading from the Gospel usually relates to the themes found in the first reading and psalm. Often we'll hear something of Jesus' teaching on the subject. Other times, the Gospel may be tangentially related or a solution to a problem raised in the earlier readings. Again, on August 5th, Jesus teaches he is the bread of life and that forgiveness and wholeness come from him. So, after praying to God to make us whole, we hear that David is restored, and so are we, through God's great mercy in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus we enact every Sunday.

This leaves the second reading, which usually comes from one of the epistles (letters to the early churches). These readings usually work through one of these epistles over the course of a number of weeks and do not intentionally relate directly to the themes found in the other readings. Why read them, then? These epistle readings often offer concrete advice for dealing with a variety of relational issues or they may clarify a theological point. Personally, I find it interesting to note that the early church dealt with many of the same issues we deal with today and I find some of the wisdom of the apostle Paul and other writers to be invaluable on the journey of faith.

So, each of the four readings on Sunday come together to form something that is larger than their individual offerings. The Old Testament and Psalm pairing draw us into the theme for the day, making these stories our stories. The New Testament reading shows us that the church has always been the church and though we may feel we're dealing with new problems, there's nothing new under the sun. Finally, the reading from one of the four Gospels will offer another insight into the themes we have been drawn into at the beginning of our reading. The four readings on Sunday work together as a feast, with a little something for all who have gathered, whether from the city or the country.

Grace and peace,

Adam

Youth & Family Ministry News...

Mark your calendars....

- ◇ **Youth and Family Pool Party!** Friday, August 3rd from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. come enjoy a private evening at the Lititz Springs Pool! We have rented the pool for St. Peter's families and youth to come and swim, snack and enjoy an evening together. Pool attendance is free. We are able to bring in our own snacks and beverages so bring something to share if you would like. Lifeguards will be on duty. Please RSVP and any questions email to Beth Soslow-mbsoslow@att.net.
- ◇ **First day back to Sunday school** will be Sunday, September 9th at 9:15 a.m. We will be celebrating Global Mission Sunday. Youth will have special events that morning. Our Traditional classes will begin on September 16th.
- ◇ **Parent/Youth Meeting and Dinner for youth who will be attending grades 5-12** – Sunday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. – Hot dogs and hamburgers, drinks and ice cream will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. We will be discussing the upcoming year as far as Sunday School, Confirmation and youth events.



THE PRAYGROUND RETURNS!

The Prayground will be held in the Youth Lounge between Sunday School and the 10:45 a.m. services. It includes toys, games, crafts and snacks and is aimed at preschool and elementary aged children. Parent supervision is highly encouraged!

Youth and Family Washington DC Trip



Saturday, October 20th

Leave at 7:00 a.m. from the church parking lot

Return by 9:00 p.m.

We will spend some time at the Holocaust Museum and there will be time left to explore on your own.

Cost: \$50 per person – includes transportation, donuts and juice and a tip for the driver.



If you have any questions, please contact Sister Dottie Almoney, Parish Deaconess at dottie@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org

Fall 9th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Parents of 9th graders who have been involved in Confirmation Ministry at St. Peter's are reminded to watch for a letter later in August on the details of this year's ninth grade class, co-taught by Pastor Ross and Mr. Joe Geesey. The first day of class will be Sunday, September 16th and the Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 19th. Parents of incoming 9th graders, mark your calendars now. Also ... don't forget to join your fellow youth on September 9th for Global Mission Sunday.

ST. PETER'S KIDS!



A HUGE thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made this year's "Rolling River Rampage" VBS a success! From the station leaders and helpers to group guides and youth, it takes many people to support our summer VBS program here at St. Peter's. THANK YOU....we couldn't have done it without you!

We are looking for new members to join our **Children's Ministries Committee!** This is a fun way to get involved at the church! Our first meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, **September 18th** at 6:00 p.m. in Samantha's Office (Room 127). Anyone interested in helping to plan Children's Ministries events (Santa Breakfast, Santa Workshop, Easter Egg Hunt, and Vacation Bible School) is encouraged to attend! Please contact Samantha Cuascut with any questions.



Our new year of Sunday school begins on September 9th. Our preschool and kindergarten programs follow a traditional format. Rotation Sunday School is for children entering grades 1 through 4. All rotation age children meet in the Family Life Center (FLC) at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday for an opening. From there, guides (adult volunteers) will lead them to their rotation activity. A letter explaining everything about our new Sunday school year and a registration form will be sent out at the end of the month. Look for it in your mailbox!

Our **Prayground** will also return with the start of Sunday School on September 9th. Be sure to check it out in the Youth Lounge during the time between Sunday School and the 10:45 a.m. service. We will have seasonal crafts, games, and snacks each week!



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 Samantha to get started (scuascut@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org).



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

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.

St. Peter's Preschool



PRESCHOOL OPENS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 10th!

Our preschool summer camp program was a great success and we had lots of little campers running through our playground sprinklers and chasing bubbles! These warm and wonderful summer days are such a special time for us to be together and enjoy our beautiful playground and the outdoors. We had fun on our special hot dog day, enjoyed fresh lemonade, and snacked on mini pizzas! We also enjoyed our own preschool version of a hands-on *Tiny Tot Town* where children could create and explore a pizza place, a bakery, a grocery store, a boutique and a beauty shop! Special thanks to some of our young church members who volunteered as junior camp counselors. *Kyle Trayer and Alyse Rodenberger* - you were a welcome addition to our staff and helped us in so many ways. All our little kiddos thought you were *Cool!* Thanks also to the Sanchez triplets. You're the best! To our preschool summer teaching staff, Dawn Katch, Ann McGuigan, Boni Sauder, Lisa Rodenberger and Lynn May- thank you all so very much for giving up part of your vacation time to make summer at St. Peter's so creative, joyful and fun! Our students are so lucky to have you.

We are now preparing for another productive school year to begin. We are at full enrollment already (over 150 students) this year and only have a few spots available for September. Please contact Lorraine through the church office or at Lorraine@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org if you are interested in enrollment information or a tour.

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



Groups and Events



FIFTY PLUS - 50+ will be meeting for the summer picnic on Thursday, August 2nd at 11:45 a.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex for hamburger and hot dog requests.

JUST FOR FUN - The Just for Fun group will meet at Lititz Springs park at the band shell on Sunday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m. The program will be a presentation by the Servant Stage Company. You will need to bring a lawn chair. We will go out for ice cream after the show. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up is requested by August 1st. Please contact Jan Hess at 717-568-2294 with any questions.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES -

What could be better than a fall weekend in the Poconos which is designed to enrich and revitalize your marriage? Don't pass up your chance to attend the number-one-rated marriage enrichment program presented by Lutheran Marriage Encounter at the beautiful, hotel-style Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. The dates are September 14-16, 2018. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT**, so to avoid being on a waiting list, register NOW!

If the September Weekend doesn't work for you, please consider road-tripping to Ludlow, PA, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh, PA, for the October 19-21, 2018 Weekend; or register for the November 9-11, 2018 Weekend at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish to help cover expenses and towards the continuation of the program. Simply go to: GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the \$100/couple registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.





LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 1

1:00 p.m. - Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
2:00 p.m. - Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)
4:30 p.m. - Community Meal (Grace Lutheran)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

Thursday, August 2

11:45 a.m. - 50+ Fellowship (Cafe)

Friday, August 3

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Saturday, August 4

10:00 a.m. - Clothing Bank (Youth Lounge)
11:00 a.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
7:00 p.m. - Musical Arts Concert (Sanctuary)

Sunday, August 5 Name Tag Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (Family Life Center)
9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
6:30 p.m. - Just For Fun (Lititz Springs Park)

Monday, August 6

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
1:30 p.m. - Worship Leaders (Conference Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room) Al Anon (Room 102)

Tuesday, August 7

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

Wednesday, August 8

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

Thursday, August 9

3:30 p.m. - Cemetery Committee (Conference Room)

Friday, August 10

HERALD DEADLINE

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Sunday, August 12

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (FLC)
9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:00a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

Monday, August 13

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting (Conference Room)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room), Al Anon (Room 102)

Tuesday, August 14

10:00 a.m. - Text Study (Conference Room)
1:00 p.m. - Communications Meeting (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)

Wednesday, August 15

8:30 a.m. - Staff Planning Meeting (Conference Room)
7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

Friday, August 17

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Saturday, August 18

9:00 a.m. - Kid's Choir Camp & Pot Luck Lunch (Music Room)

Sunday, August 19

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship & Communion (FLC)
9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
11:00 a.m. - New Day Planning (Conference Room)

Monday, August 20

7:30 a.m. - Risk Management (Knight & Day Diner)
9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
7:00 p.m. - New Day Meeting (Off Site)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room), Al Anon (Room 102)

Tuesday, August 21

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:30 p.m.- Intern Committee (Cry Room)
7:00 p.m. - Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)
7:30 p.m. - Long Range Planning (Cry Room)

Wednesday, August 22

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

Friday, August 24

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Saturday, August 25

9:00 a.m. - Kid's Choir Camp & Pot Luck Lunch (Music Room)

Sunday, August 26

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. - New Day Worship (Family Life Center)
9:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

Monday, August 27

9:30 a.m. - Worship Leaders (Pastor's Office)
8:00 p.m. - AA (Cry Room) Al Alon (Room 102)

Tuesday, August 28

5:30 p.m. - African Drumming Instruction (Music Room)
6:30 p.m. - Clothing Bank Preparation (Youth Lounge)

Wednesday, August 29

7:00 p.m. - Praise Band Rehearsal (Family Life Center)

Friday, August 31

1:00 p.m. - Al Anon (Cry Room)

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for August

	ACOLYTE/ CROSSBEARER *both Acolyte & Crossbearer	LECTORS	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	USHERS	BREAD & WINE PRESENTERS
August 5 8:00 am	Mitchell Burkholder	Margaret Stigelman	Randy & Debbie Shue	Eric May, George Swan, Ena Marie Banks, Liz, Sean & Iain O'Brien	Bill & Mary Ellen Kopetz
9:45 am	Jade Miller	Greg Strausser	N/A	Robert & Shirley Gorner, Joann & Jillian Gorner, Alan & Beverly Swanson	N/A
August 12 8:00 am	Connor Lehman	Ena Marie Banks	N/A	Steve & Diane Gegg, Greg & Sherry Moul, Terry & Marianne Beasley	N/A
9:45 am	Nico Billoni	Cindy Stauffer	Mary Ann Frontz Janet Roberts	Don & Kyle Templeton, Thompson, Betsy, Rory & Niamh McConnell	Rich & Ann Larrick
August 19 8:00 am	Ling-Ling Courtois	Marianne Beasley	Bob Courtois Nancy Pokopec	Bob Courtois, Tom Rothfus, Tom & Jean Haus, Reed & Gloria Rodman	Christine Ponti Linda Siems
9:45 am	Ethan Groff	Barbara Tolbert	N/A	Daniel Beck, Scott Glassford, Glen Hauck, Jocelyn Kline, Greg & Sylvia Lashley	N/A
August 26 8:00 a.m.	Sean O'Brien	Patti Courtois	Karen Peiffer Jennifer Schlener-Thomas	Brent Bearinger, Ted Andrews, Harry & Nancy Ward, Tom Chever, Dennis Maurer	John & Kathy Burke
9:45 a.m.	Nick Edelman	Leigh Trayer	Geoff Groff Margaret Strausser	Rich & Ann Larrick, Russ Vollmer, Stephanie Palic, Joe & Cindy Geesey	Jeff & Anneliese Owen

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Worship Leader Coordinators

Acolyte, Crucifer, & Torch Bearer: Sylvia Lashley 872-4309

Altar Guild: Betsy Linn 618-9615

AV Room: Bill Schlener 725-2700 & Bob Preston

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

& Beth Bigler 569-7843

Welcome Center: Mary Ann Oberholtzer 898-7823

Traditional Worship Assistant Schedule for August (continued)

	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER	AV/LIGHTING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD COORD.	ALTAR GUILD
August 5 8:00 am	Susan Chever, Betsy Kemper	Pam Hoffmaster Christine Ponti	Angela Moshos	Mary Ann Oberholtzer, Alyssa Kerper	Lori Weaver	Bob & Phyllis Hollinger
9:45 am	Scott & Sharon Breedon	Dave & Lis Wolf	Randy Ketchum	Lyle & Joy Hosler Alyssa Kerper		
August 12 8:00 am	Larry & Sylvia Miller	Bob & Edee Bedford	Tom Chever	Julie Gotwald Alyssa Kerper		
9:45 am	Robert & Shirley Gorner	Mark & Darla Cardin	David Wolf	Karen Shreiner Alyssa Kerper	Lori Weaver	Loretta Chubb, Linda Gall
August 19 8:00 am	Bill & Mary Ellen Kopetz	Shirley Dombach Susie Roderick	Tom Badorf	Amy Groff Alyssa Kerper	Lori Weaver	Laretta Stutzman, Judy Wenrich
9:45 am	Brian & Barbara Tolbert	Dick & Loretta Chubb	Bill Schlener	Sara Deno Alyssa Kerper		
August 26 8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Oberholtzer, Gene Olson	Ron & Joan Beck	Mark Burkholder	Carolyn Ruch Alyssa Kerper	Lori Weaver	Bill & Linda Montgomery
9:45 a.m.	Dick & Loretta Chubb	James & Martha Fulmer	Dave Tilley	Chloe Otto Alyssa Kerper	Lori Weaver	Nancy Shimer, Peggy Popp



August Flower Delivery Schedule

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
8/05	John & Kathy Burke	Bob & Janet Kemp
	Tim & Sharon Fickes	Velma Newcomer
8/12	Margy Stigelman	Mary Kammerer
	Betz Lind	Ann Dowie

Date	Deliverer	Recipient
8/19	Christine Smith	Joan Groff
	Libby Stoner	Evelyn (Sue) Mellinger
8/26	Nancy LeFevre	Open recipient
	Lois Benton	Millie Uhler

NEW DAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS — AUGUST 2018

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Lector	Ben Armitage	Joel Olmsted	Jennifer Sassaman	Sharon Schaefer
Communion Assistant	Jennifer Sassaman	N/A	Molly Olmsted	Sharon Schaefer
Ushers	Brian & Brittney Booher	Bill & Drew Sassaman	Brad & Karen Ayars	Scott & Brenna Fyfe
Altar Guild	Sharon Schaefer	Sarah Bromirski	Ann Fink	Sarah Bromirski
A/V Sound	Bob Preston	Scott Fyfe	Scott Fyfe	Bob Preston



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NewsLetter
DEADLINE

**SEPTEMBER 2018
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE AUGUST 10TH**

Articles for the September 2018 “Herald” are due in the church office no later than August 10th. Please submit articles to Sandy Shattuck in the church office or email sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at

sshattuck@stpeterslutheran-lanc.org. Thank you!

Sandy Shattuck, Editor & Parish Secretary

