

# **THE NET**

## **APRIL 2024**

“He has risen  
from the dead ...”

Matthew 28:7, NIV





# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American

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## ++Pastor's Message++

by Pastor Frank Harpster

**Just as I have loved you, you should love one another, by this everyone will know that you are my disciples; if you have love for one another.** *John 13:34-35*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace, peace, and mercy be to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In his book, "Why Not the Best?" Jimmy Carter recalls sitting in a pew in his Plains Georgia Baptist Church. He confesses that he cannot remember a single word from the sermon that morning, but that he couldn't get the title of that sermon out of his mind. The sermon title read: "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

When I first read that, I got a chuckle, but then it hit me, how many of us could truly answer yes? Carter's response to the question was: "I finally decided that if arrested and charged for being a committed follower of Christ, I would probably talk my way out of it."

After getting past the initial irony in the excerpt from Carter's book, I began to think just how true, and consequently, how sad, that is in our lives so much of the time. More often than not, it is our very own convictions that talk us right out of ever being accused of being a committed follower of Christ.

We live in a world that teaches us to look out for "Number One" (ourselves) at any cost. How often do we push and pull, run past, or run over, anything or anyone, to get what we want, or to satisfy our needs or agendas? And the reality is that peer pressure isn't just for kids.

How many of us, for whatever reason, are willing to put away our convictions to appease someone in our lives? How many of us are willing to ignore, or at least bend, our own convictions simply to follow what is the "in thing," or to be accepted, or more popular, or maybe because it is the easiest thing to do?

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, may those words echo in our minds and in our hearts: **Just as I have loved you, you should love one another, by this everyone will know that you are my disciples; if you have love for one another.**

Jesus didn't stay in that upper room, he continued his journey to the cross and the empty grave to ensure that we can live out that command, trusting that every time we fall short, fall down, screw up, or get it wrong, we are loved, and we are forgiven, and we are given another chance. The love of our Lord, that we are to live, never weakens or strays.

As we once again shout songs of alleluias, may we embrace every new opportunity to live in, and live out, the life giving love of Jesus Christ with each and every person God puts in our lives. Together, as the Body of Christ, let us discover and explore the fresh new opportunities that spring up that allow us to use our words and actions to share that message of hope. Let us be that grace and forgiveness for those who need it for the first time, or the millionth time. Together, let us discover the new possibilities in the proclamation "Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed, Alleluia!"

May God Bless You, as You ARE a Blessing For Others,

Love Pastor Frank



## **++ST. PETER'S MINISTRY TEAMS++**

### **ALTAR GUILD**

by Maryanne Siegert

The Altar Guild would like to thank all of those folks who bought flowers for the altar at Easter. The flowers represent not only the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus but also renewed life as we enter the Spring season. The colors and the smells remind us of the miracles of nature that God created. Let's do all we can to protect that creation.

Our paraments will remain those of the Easter season, which represent life and resurrection, up until Pentecost.

May God bless all of you this Easter season.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

by Mary Lou Tietz

The Community Services Committee thanks all of you who gave to the Easter basket and dinner program. We are so grateful for your support and for the opportunity to make our family's lives a bit happier over the holidays and especially to be able to provide them with Easter baskets filled with candy and gifts. Also, providing an Easter dinner for all of the families to enjoy made their Easter very special!! In addition to our 6 families and 29 children, we were able to help an elderly couple. Thank you for your generosity!

Our Winter Shelter will now be closing and again your generosity in providing food and volunteer support as well as financial help is very much appreciated. This is a life supporting program, and we are very blessed at St Peter's to have the room and willing volunteers to be able to offer our homeless friends a warm place to go on those frigid winter nights. Bringing them out of the cold and offering them a place to sleep, a warm meal and shower, as well as a place to wash their clothes, is something that saves and changes lives.

And finally, a big thank you, also, for your support of our military outreach program. This month, we were able to provide those in the military, who we support throughout the year, with an Easter greeting card and gift card. We know that this reminds them that they are in our thoughts and prayers, and we are ever so grateful for their service.

Our next Community Services Committee meeting will be held at the church at 2PM on May 8th. We would love to have you join us as we welcome new volunteers and all the ideas they bring with them. I do want to thank all the members who join us at these meetings and to thank them for all they do. We have a very active committee.

Mary Lou Tietz

### **OPEN DOOR FREE LUNCH MINISTRY**

Pastor Frank

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON WEDNESDAYS  
FROM 12-1:30 P.M.**

We are offering a sit down meal, served to folks at their tables. For the safety and well-being of everyone involved, we are not serving meals buffet style at this time.

Thank you to Bob and Dianna Detwiler and Steve and Trish Kiser for leading the free lunch part of the Open Door Feeding Ministry; to Doug and Linda Harry for leading the food pantry operations; our soup maker, Lee Creamer, and all the volunteers, supporters, and contributors who make this ministry possible.

We ask for your prayers, support, and volunteers are always welcome as we continue to grow and nurture this very important ministry.

### **FELLOWSHIP**

Susanne Howard & Linda Grahe

I want to throw out a **"BIG"** Thank You to all who supported our Lenten Soup Suppers this year. Not only did you show your talents making delicious soups and desserts, but you also spent countless hours helping to set-up the CLC tables, serving our soups and desserts, and still had time to help with the cleanup. If any soup was left over, it was purchased for \$10 per pint with all monies donated to the General Fund.

None of this could have been possible without each one of you and your willingness to support our St. Peter's family. Please take a bow, you all deserve it!

On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> St. Peter's welcomed 4 new members to our congregation and celebrated in the CLC after Worship Services with a "Welcome Cake," pastries, coffee, along with lots of laughter and fellowship. On Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> we welcomed 2 more members and celebrated again with pastries, coffee, and great fellowship.

The Fellowship Team is always looking to expand with new members to collaborate with us and share in providing set-ups and food for various occasions. If you would like to join our team, don't be shy, stop me on Sundays in the CLC or give me a call 443-442-4285. We would love to have you on our team.

The Fellowship Team will continue to provide coffee, tea, and different pastries before and after each Sunday Service.  
Blessings always.

## FUND RAISING

By Linda Grahe & Susanne Howard

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, 3/23/24, starting at 10 AM. Update to follow.

Craft/Vendor Fair on Saturday, April 13, 2024, 10 AM - 2 PM. Items include hand made jewelry, hand painted Bibles, crocheted items, wood burning art, clay art, seashell crafts, sea glass, flowers, and more. We would like to have a Bake Table. Calling all Bakers - Bakers Needed for this event. Please see Linda in the CLC after services or call her at 443-604-8068 if you would be interested in baking. Lunch & drinks will also be available for purchase. Thanks for your participation.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

by Paul Grahe

We will meet on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the CLC with the ladies to enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared our chef, Pastor Frank. A free-will offering, for the General Fund, will be collected. We will move to our designated areas to do our studies.

Pastor Frank will lead our discussion on the Christian Virtue- Justice-Part 2. Remember to bring your Bible with you. If your are planning to attend, see me in the CLC after the church services or call me at 443-604-8068 so the proper amount of food can be prepared. Come enjoy the meal and fellowship!

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (S.A.M.)

by Pastor Harry

Our March return trip to **Clear Space Theater** in Rehoboth Beach was wonderful. We (34) enjoyed the live presentation of **My Fair Lady**. This was followed by lunch at Iron Hill Brewery, also in Rehoboth Beach, at around 1:30. We ordered from the menu with individual checks. Everyone said they had a good time.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

APRIL is a busy month with Pastor Frank on a two-week vacation, so I will have the privilege of presiding at Sunday services April 7 and 14, as well as covering pastoral needs during that time. Then Sharey and I will be taking a couple of weeks to visit family in Michigan and Chicago. A planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, immediately after lunch at around 12:45. All are welcome. Please come with ideas, suggestions, etc.

MAY 9 -- Bonfire on Assateague! We are planning to return to the beach by popular demand. It has been suggested that instead of having hot dogs and everybody

bringing a dish to share, we all bring our own food. That way we would have less to schlep down to the beach. We would still have a bonfire. With s'mores. Might need some help preparing the fire, etc. We will plan to gather at 4:00 at the National Park sight, the first area after the toll booth.

JUNE event pending. We may enjoy a travel log presentation by Vonnie Brown with pie and ice cream. Stay tuned!

JULY -- Shorebirds on a Saturday night with fireworks. The specific date is yet to be decided.

AUGUST -- Suicide Bridge lunch cruise on Choptank River.

DECEMBER 5, *White Christmas*, at Clear Space Theater, 11am and lunch at Victoria's Restaurant at 1:30. 55 seats are currently reserved! Cost for Clear Space is \$25 per person. Meal will likely be in the \$30 range.

As always, please contact me with any questions or suggestions. I look forward to these events and hope that you will as well.

HAPPY EASTER SEASON!

Blessings,  
Pastor Harry Biles  
443.944.4779

## SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER

by Paul Grahe

I am calling a meeting of the Son & Sand Greeters for Sunday, April 21, 2024, following the late service in the retreat center. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, I look forward to your attending. I have 6 churches who are signed up to come on retreat, and they are: The Edge Crew of Carlisle 1st Church of God, Carlisle, PA who attended 3/1-3/3 and are interested in coming back this summer and in November; the Women of New Light Lutheran, Dundalk, MD from 5/31-6/2; the Adults from SAAA Group, Oxen Hill, MD from 7/3-7/7; the Youth of the Glorious Church of Jesus Christ, Newport News, VA from 7/18-7/21; the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Lancaster, PA from 9/13-9/15; the College Adults of Marymount University, Arlington, VA from 10/3-10/6. We look forward to welcoming these and other groups who are planning to come on retreat. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, come and see me in the CLC following the church services.

## SPIRITUAL READINGS

by Deacon, Sharey Biles



### April Spiritual Readings

The Spiritual Readings group will meet to discuss **The Boys in the Boat** on Monday, April 1, at 2:30 pm via Zoom. Amy Morgan will email a link that morning to everyone.

Please join us to discuss [Chapter 13-15](#) (through page 295).

If you have books that you would like to suggest to the readings group, please let me know!

We are in need of someone who take care of our church library and keep it current. If you could serve in this way, please let me or anyone on the church council know.

Sharey Biles  
443.944.7241

## ST. PETER'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA

by Debbie Ryan

### Women's Bible Study

Our Zoom Ruth's Circle Bible study usually meets on the first Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM; however this month we will be meeting on April 11. We will continue our study using, "It's All Under Control Bible Study," by Jennifer Duke Lee. We will begin chapter 7, *Love One Another*.

For our in-person Women's Bible study, we meet at church, with breakfast provided by Pastor Frank. We meet on the third Saturday of the month at 9:00 am for breakfast and 10:00 am for study. This month we will meet on April 20. We will be starting a new study, "Living Beyond Yourself, Exploring the fruits of the Spirit," by Beth Moore. The first chapter is *Free at Last!*

I hope you can join us for one or both, and please let me know if you can.

My contact information is: 410-430-4743 and [Debryan57@gmail.com](mailto:Debryan57@gmail.com).

Blessings,  
Debbie Ryan

## WITNESS

By Evelyn Houston

I was recalling today the impact one person, in my case two people, can make in your life. They may not have done anything dramatic or earth shattering or even newsworthy. They simply have made your life better by being a part of it.

When I joined my former church I became friends with Quent and Joyce, a married couple who had been members for a long while. Quent was in a Bible Study I joined and I found him to be inquisitive, wonderful to have a discussion with, and a man of faith who was a joy to be around. At one meeting we discussed that we needed some "secret agents" -- which basically was a way of saying we needed people in the church who would, without being asked, introduce themselves to people they did not know. Quent was the first to volunteer.

Over the years I began to see how many people had been impacted by Quent and Joyce. Quent knocked on doors and invited people to the church. He was not shy when it came to witnessing his faith. One of the people in the meeting recalled Quent and Joyce putting on the "Greatest Vacation Bible School" of all time. They loved kids and Joyce loved to bake cookies -- it was a combination made in heaven.

Quent and Joyce passed away last year, she in April, and he soon after in May. Both were 92 years young. They left a profound impact on my life and the lives of many. They moved from Gaithersburg, MD to Florida several years ago, but we always stayed in touch through emails, phone calls, and visits when we traveled south. Quent continued to inspire me over the years with his current Bible study notes or articles that he knew would be of interest. Quent and Joyce were good and faithful servants of our Lord and I have no doubt they are rejoicing with all of the saints. I miss both of them very much.

I suppose in a world where there is so much dialogue about so many problems, it is important to give thanks for God's shining witnesses who have touched our lives and made a difference in our world. Can you think of someone today whose faith has inspired you? Our world is crying out for faithful witnesses to the Lord. If not us, who? Tell the story.



## ++ST. PETER'S NEWS++

## COUNCIL NEWS

by Susanne Howard, Council Secretary

from Congregation Council Meeting  
held March 11, 2024

### Treasurer's Report/Dave Wolinski

**Evan McDermott** - Evan shared some of the highlights that Dave submitted in his report. Our giving has increased slightly in the month of February however, we still have a long way to go with the mortgage increase starting April 1, 2024.

### Ministry Team Reports

#### Pastors' Report:

**Pastor Frank**- continues to support all of St. Peter's ministries

**Pastor Frank/New Members**- St. Peter's was blessed to welcome Carole Chamberlain, Kathy Firor, and Dave & Alyce Marzola as new members to St. Peter's congregation on March 10. Fred Patterson & PJ Lyon-Patterson joined our St. Peter's family on March 17..

**Lent/Holy Week/Easter schedule was reviewed.**

**Pastor Frank**- will be on vacation April 1-14<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Harry will be covering and leading worship services in his absence.

**Pastor Harry**-continues to offer, on a volunteer basis, preaching and presiding at worship services as needed, and the Senior Adult Ministry (S.A.M.)

#### S.A.M. Upcoming Events:

**May 9th**-Bonfire on Assateague Island

**July**- Shorebirds (Saturday night game) Date to be announced.

**August**-Suicide Bridge- Date to be announced.

#### Parking Lot Light

**Evan McDermott**- Dan Holtzer received a quote from Patchett Electric. At this point, the replacement is on hold.

#### Church Mutual Insurance Cost

**Evan McDermott**- the increase in St. Peter's Church Mutual Insurance cost has risen from \$13,569.00 (2023) to \$17,743.00 (2024)

#### Mission Investment Fund

**Evan McDermott**-amended mortgage terms from Mission Investment Fund, pending approval from MIF Executive Committee, as follows:

The mortgage at St. Peter's will be \$7,000 per month, effective 4/1/2024, and will increase to \$7,500 per month, effective 8/1/2024, and return to the original \$9,873 per month, effective 1/1/2025. (These terms are subject to change if MIF renegotiates).

**With the Condition:** our Financial Support Team will meet with MIF in June to discuss the initial transition and again in September to discuss budget planning and the new mortgage payment plan for 2025, and all other terms and conditions outlined in the amendment put forth by MIF.

Submitted by Susanne Howard

### AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

**February - 88 per week (Sunday services)  
37 per week (Mid-week services)**

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

#### Total Contributions as of February 25, 2024

**\$58,778.48 Year-to-Date Budget**

**\$52,592.69 Year-to-Date Received**

**\$(-6,185.79) Year-to-Date Difference**

### COMMUNION



**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP, PASTOR FRANK WILL COME TO YOU.**

If you are not able to join us for in-person worship and would like Pastor Frank to bring Holy Communion to you (doing what he can to keep you safe and comfortable), please call the church office, and we will arrange for that to happen.

### OUR CURRENT REALITY AT ST. PETER'S

#### Life at St. Peter's

Our worship schedule offers a Contemporary Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. and a Traditional Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. We are offering Holy Communion at both services, handing you the bread and pouring red wine into your cup. We also have gluten free wafers and pre-filled cups of white grape juice for those who request/require them. Those who are not comfortable sharing in Holy Communion in this fashion are still in full Communion through the words of promise.

You are encouraged to share the "Peace of God" in whatever way you feel comfortable.

Both Services are in the Sanctuary with coffee and refreshments available in the CLC before and after each service.

**Masks are no longer required for anyone**, but you are encouraged to wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so. Masks are available at the Greeter's Desk.

Hand sanitizer – available throughout the building.

Water fountain is available to be used.

We are live streaming the 10:30 Worship Service. This service is then uploaded to our website to be viewed later.

The live stream is available through our website and YouTube page.

**We are still looking for a couple folks who would be willing to help with live streaming from time to time.**

**Please join us only if you feel safe and comfortable doing so. If you are not feeling well or test positive for Covid 19, please stay home.**

Please contact Pastor Frank or Council President, Evan McDermott if you have any questions.

### **OTHER GATHERINGS, EVENTS, AND GROUPS**

#### **The church building is open for in-house meetings and choir practices.**

St. Peter's Council meetings are being held in person.

Ministry Teams are meeting in whatever way they are most comfortable; either in person or via Zoom.

The building is open for outside groups. Those meetings/gatherings must make reservations coordinated through the church office.

Amy is in the office Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Please contact her via phone, text, or email. Pastor Frank has office hours Tuesdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. and other times by appointment. Pastor Frank is always available by phone, text, or email.

Pastor Frank is leading bible study in person (room 5) and online (see info on the Bible Study section) on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

We will continue to stay connected and keep you updated with concerns and changes via the Constant Contact email system, the Call Multiplier automated prayer chain, and by mail for those who are not electronically connected.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership in the mission and ministries at St. Peter's.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION ELEMENTS**



If you would like to sponsor flowers for a Sunday morning worship service *in Memory* or *in Honor* of a loved one, you may do so by calling the church office to make those arrangements. The cost for both vases is now \$95.

You may also sponsor Communion Elements for a particular Sunday in the same manner. The donation for sponsoring elements is \$20. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

### **COLD WEATHER SHELTER**

#### **THANK YOU**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH, PRAYED FOR, AND/OR SUPPORTED OUR COLD WEATHER SHELTER. THIS LIFE SAVING MINSITRY IS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE CONTINUE TO HOLD IN PRAYER THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS OR DEALING WITH SHELTER INSECURITIES.

### **MEMORIAL BENCH**

We are looking for someone who is interested in sponsoring a Memorial Bench at St. Peter's. This bench will be placed outside and will offer folks a place to sit down and rest when they need to. It will be particularly helpful for folks who find it difficult to walk the length of the parking lot and might need to stop and rest part way. A memorial plaque will be place on the bench in acknowledgement of the memorial. Please contact Pr. Frank if you have any questions or would like to sponsor this bench.

### **MINISTRY OF THE MONTH**



Our April Ministry of the Month is "Mar-Lu-Ridge." Mar-Lu-Ridge is the Lutheran church camp in our synod and has been sharing the gospel and blessing lives since 1959. Folks of all ages have had life-changing experiences at Mar-Lu-Ridge.

After struggling through the pandemic the past few years like the rest of us, they are excited to be able to offer various camp opportunities this summer. We ask you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to share what you are blessed with to help support this vital ministry. If you feel called to do so, we ask that you send a donation into the church sometime in April and designate it for "Mar-Lu-Ridge." Please hold in prayer the staff, volunteers, board, campers, and their families for a blessed camp season.

Thank you for your support in this life-changing ministry.

## PASTOR FRANK'S VACATION

Pastor Frank will be on vacation April 1-14. Please contact Pastor Harry Biles if you have a pastoral emergency or need a prayer chain sent out during that time. Thank you to Pastor Harry for covering for Pastor Frank and for leading worship on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

## PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

We are very blessed that Carole Chamberlain, Kathy Firor, David & Alyce Marzola, PJ Lyon-Patterson, and Fred Patterson have transferred their membership to St. Peter's and have officially become part of St. Peter's family. We thank God for them and are very excited to share in Mission and Ministry with them.

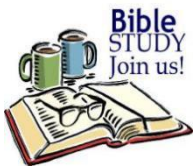
*If you are interested in being a member at St. Peter's, please continue to worship, serve, and fellowship with us, and please inform Pastor Frank of your interest.*

## THANK YOU

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SHARED IN, HELPED WITH, AND/OR SUPPORTED OUR VARIOUS LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS.**

## WEDNESDAY INTERACTIVE & HYBRID BIBLE STUDY

### JOIN US FOR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY



The bible studies are Interactive and Hybrid. This means that you can join us in person at St. Peter's Room 5 or you can join us via zoom by following the directions below.

Everyone is encouraged to join us either way, on whatever Wednesdays you are available!

The Bible Studies will be looking at the Scripture Readings for that Sunday's Worship Service. (the readings are emailed prior to the bible study).

To join in the study via zoom, type or cut and paste the following URL in your web browser:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89266262232%20>

Or you can:

1. Type [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) into your web browser
2. Click on "Join Meeting"
3. Type in Meeting ID Number:  
892 6626 2232

Please contact Pastor Frank if you have any questions.  
**THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY ON APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> WHILE PASTOR FRANK IS ON VACATION.**



## ++G4 MINISTRIES++

**G4 Ministries...** The G4 group continues to find ways for the four Lutheran Churches on the Southern Eastern Shore to support one another.

Please continue to pray for Faith Lutheran Church, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, and their pastor, Pr. Margaret Brack, as they continue to support one another in shared ministries.

We also ask for continued prayers for Pastor Karis Graham & Community Lutheran, and for the folks at Grace of God Lutheran Church as they transition to the next phase of ministry.



## ++NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION++



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ted & Charlene Vanvick	04/01
Sandi & Ray Pascone	04/29



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rita Miller	04/03	Robert Schultz	04/19
Charles Bell	04/04	Randolf Dove	04/22
Mary Ann Holtzer	04/09	Beverly Jester	04/22
Tom Stearns	04/11	Herla Lobo	04/25



## GIFTS & MEMORIALS



No Gifts & Memorials received



## PRAYER CHAIN AND PRAYER LIST

by Pastor Frank

*I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.* Ephesians 1:16

The “**Call Multiplier**” automated prayer chain continues to be a valuable resource and blessing. If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, please text or call Pr. Frank at 814-279-5732 to have a prayer request sent out. If you are requesting prayer for someone else, you **MUST** have his/her permission before sending out the request. We can share as much, or as little, information as you want to be shared. When you receive a prayer call, you are asked to pause and offer prayer for the need presented. You are then asked to continue to hold that person/need in prayer. The Automated Prayer Chain will be active daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please let Pastor Frank know if you are not receiving the prayer calls and would like to be.

**St. Peter’s prayer list:** In order to keep our prayer list up to date, names that are on the prayer list (that are published in the newsletter and bulletins) will remain on the list for **one** month. If after that month, there is still a need for that person to be held in prayer, you will need to let the church office know so we can put the name back on for another month. While we want to be praying for everyone who needs our prayers, we also have to be able to keep that list current and up to date. Please see Pr. Frank if you have any questions.

## PRAYER CONCERNS



Permission is needed to use your full name when publishing your request for prayers in both the bulletin and newsletter. Call the office.

**Current needs:** Charlie and Carol Lee Bell, Pr. Jeanel Starling, Bob Detwiler, Bob Raymond, Lyn Meixner, Bonnie Hiewsky, Dennard Quillen, Frank & Joanne Gum, Marty & Janet Schroeder, Ann, Kyra, Catherine Walker, Terri Wheatley, Savannah Bona

**Ongoing needs:** Caregivers, first responders and all on the front lines working to save lives, Pr. Bettye Wolinski, Father Joe Rushton, Mary Ann Holtzer, Joe Machovic, Fred & Mary Lou Kauffman, Carol Stano, Ron & Barb Albright, Pat Pfannenstiel, Kim Councell, Jodi Wolinski, Amelia Councell, Phil Ermer, Dave Searle, Erin Ryan, Pastor Harry Wolpert, Steve Ellis, Janet Ellis, Jen Anderson

**Assisted Living:** Claire Deickman, Mim Fritz, Violet Green, Elsie Koehler, Mary Grahe, Betty Romig

**In the Military:** Gunnar Bogan, Justin Carter, Cal Cramer, Katie Cramer, Stephanie Dallocchio, Matthew Dennis, Noah Kauffman, Nicolas Nalbene, David Owens, Jarrett

Patterson, Joshua Robinson, Nicholas Sorrentino, Jacob Sturgill

**Our Bishops:** Elizabeth Eaton & Bill Gohl

**G-4 Church Partners:**

*Community Lutheran Church (Frankford, DE)*

*Grace of God Lutheran Church (Longneck, DE)*

*Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (Salisbury, MD)*

*St. Alban’s Episcopal Church*



**++FROM ST. PETER’S OFFICE++**

**PASTORAL EMERGENCIES**  
**CONTACT PASTOR HARPSTER**  
**For emergencies or after hours**  
**(c) 814-279-5732**

### FROM THE OFFICE

Please inform the church office of any changes in your personal information: mailing address, email address, phone numbers, marriage, divorce, or new births so we can keep our records up-to-date

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm**  
**Friday - 8:00am-1:00pm**

## PASTOR’S OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesdays - 11:00 am-1:00 pm**  
**Wednesdays - 1:00 pm-3:00 pm**  
**Other times by appointment**

## STAFF

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## APRIL BIBLE LESSONS

<b>Sunday, April 7</b> <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Acts 4:32-35</b> <b>Psalm 133</b> <b>1 John 1:1--2:2</b> <b>John 20:19-31</b>
<b>Sunday, April 14</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Acts 3:12-19</b> <b>Psalm 4</b> <b>1 John 3:1-7</b> <b>Luke 24:36b-48</b>
<b>Sunday, April 21</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Acts 4:5-12</b> <b>Psalm 23</b> <b>1 John 3:16-24</b> <b>John 10:11-18</b>
<b>Sunday, April 28</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Acts 8:26-40</b> <b>Psalm 22:25-31</b> <b>1 John 4:7-21</b> <b>John 15:1-8</b>

