

# THE NET

## AUGUST 2024



Acts 20:28, NIV

Be shepherds of the church of God ...



# 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

**"And God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."**  
*Philippians 4:19*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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

In my June 2024 Net article, I lifted up the importance of reflecting on why we do what we do. This reflection is very important because discerning why we do something will influence how we do it, and it will determine our level of commitment to the task.

I also shared a concept from Mark Allen Powell's book "Giving to God" which focuses in part on why we give what we do. Powell lifts up an invitation to discern if our giving is "Dutiful Giving" and "Delightful Giving." The gist of Powell's concept is that while we are commanded to share all that we are blessed with: Our time, talents, and treasures to share the Gospel (God's love), it is more about living in response to what God gives us. We love because God first loves us. We share our blessings, not strictly out of duty, but in delightful response of all that we are blessed with.

I expanded on that concept a bit by inviting us to ask ourselves "Do I (we) give "fearfully" or "faithfully?"

We have discussed many times that the 2 most powerful human motivators are "fear" and "Love." As we discern why we do something; why we give of our time, talents, or treasures; we must discern if we are doing so out of fear, or out of faithful love of God and neighbor?

One such area that I lifted up that this discernment is especially important is with our Capital Campaign. As you should know by now, St. Peter's initiated a Capital Campaign to raise \$49,284.01 to get our mortgage principal under \$1million. Once we have achieved that goal, we can begin the process of refinancing our mortgage to obtain a more manageable monthly mortgage payment.

As we began this campaign, I asked you to discern why you will give towards the Capital Campaign as you are able. Will you give out of "duty" or "fear" of "your church closing"; or will yours be a donation of "faithful love" and "delight" in supporting the mission and ministries that take place in this wonderful facility that we are blessed with?

At the time I am writing this article, I am pleased to share that we have pledges for most of the \$49,000+ and about 80% of those funds have already come into the church. For your generous and faithful giving I say Thank you and Thanks be to God!

While your financial gifts are greatly appreciated, I am especially thankful for your commitment to the mission and ministries here at St. Peter's that are shown in so many ways. As I have continued to say since the day I darkened the doorway at St. Peter's: "As long as we are faithful to the Mission that God has set before us, God will provide what we need!"

Thank you, and thanks be to God for providing what you need to enable you to support the mission and ministries at St. Peter's. It is my prayer that we will continue to discern why we do what we do; why we give of our time, talents, and treasures. May our motivation always be to faithfully and delightfully love God and neighbor.

May God continue to bless you, as you ARE certainly a blessing to others!

Pastor Frank



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

### **ALTAR GUILD**

by Maryanne Siegert

The summer has seen an increase in visitors and the Altar Guild has been ready to respond with increased communion elements. Many of us also greet and chat with new folks in the pews prior to the service. Otherwise, things are running smoothly. God Bless all of you this summer and stay safe.

Blessings to all of you.  
Maryanne Siegert

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

by Mary Lou Tietz

The Back to School Program is at the top of the list of outreach ministries we are asking you to support as August comes upon us and soon after, school opens. The first day for collection of school items, that will be delivered to Title 1 schools, is August 4, and the last collection day is August 25. Please place the supplies in the bins in the Narthex. The Community Services members will deliver the items to area schools the last week in August prior to students returning following the Labor Day holiday. We would ask that you bring in items that have been listed in the bulletin over the past few weeks...those include **paper and pencils, pens, colored pencils, backpacks, notebooks, crayons, magic markers, as well as some items of clothing--sweat pants and sweat shirts** are welcome additions to the school supplies as children often times need a change of clothing and teachers are happy to have a supply of these clothing items available when needed. Purchasing small, medium, large, and extra large in youth sizes and young adult sizes would be appreciated. It is hard for some of us to imagine having to send our children or grandchildren off to school without school items that help them with the learning process, but for so many children, there is just no money to purchase these items. Our helping in this way is always very much appreciated by school personnel.

Our feeding program continues every Wednesday at the Church and recently has seen a real growth in the number of people coming to receive lunch and bagged groceries. Your support as a volunteer for this ministry is always appreciated as are the groceries you bring in to the church and the financial gifts you give.

The Community Services Committee will be meeting the second Wednesday of September to plan for the fall. We meet at the church at 2 on the second Wednesday of September, which would be September 11th. Please join us if you would like to help us plan for our fall programs, which include supporting those in need at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and also helping with the

opening of cold weather shelter in December. Thank you as always for sharing your gifts with us and helping us continue to reach out to the community in a variety of ways.

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

Pastor Frank

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

We have transitioned into serving our Wednesday Free Lunches buffet style, taking precautionary measures to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. Thank you for everyone's support during this transition.

Thank you to Bob & Dianna Detwiler and Steve & 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

As the weather is really heating up, our Fellowship Team hopes that you are taking good care of yourselves and staying as cool as possible as we look forward to our summer vacationers, members, and friends old and new. I also want to thank the Fellowship Team once again for all that they do, making St. Peter's family a giving, caring, welcoming, and loving family.

As you know our Fellowship Team is always looking for more volunteers to expand our team and collaborate with us and share in providing set-ups for various occasions. If you feel that you would like to share in our efforts to serve St. Peter's and our community, please call me at 443-442-4285 or stop me any Sunday to inquire about joining the Fellowship Team. We have lots of fun and laughs too!

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

Blessings to all,  
Susanne

### **FUND RAISING**

By Linda Grahe & Susanne Howard

We want to thank everyone who attended the Father's Day Luncheon. Also, a big thank you to the ladies who prepared the food, the delicious baked goods, and served by helping to setup and clean up. We realized a profit of \$619 to help support the mission and ministries at St. Peter's Church.

### **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends (In-store & Online).**

Event Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Here's how it works: St. Peter's Church keeps 100% of the \$5 Shopping Pass Donations. A One-Day Shopping Pass gives you 25% off most purchases. Customers can also register to Win a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card at each store. 50 winners total. The Discount Coupons will be available soon. Please see me if you are interested in participating and/or if you could take some to your other groups for their participation. The monies raised will help support the mission and ministries at St. Peter's Church. Thank you!

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**

by Paul Grahe

As we continue our Summer Break, I hope you are staying cool and enjoying your time with family and friends. We will begin meeting in September on Saturday, 9/21/24 at 9:00 a.m. in the CLC to enjoy a delicious breakfast provided by our own Chef, Pastor Frank. See you in September!

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

by Pastor Harry

Our June field trip to Barratt's Chapel & Museum was great! We learned a good deal about the start of Methodism in our area. It was especially interesting to learn more about the segregation of Black people at the church. So sad! We enjoyed a good lunch and continued fellowship after the tour. Thanks to Susanne Howard for all the arrangements.



We have twenty signed up for the Shorebirds game at Purdue Stadium, Saturday, July 20, which has not yet happened as of this writing. There will be fireworks after the game, so it will be a late evening event! The game starts at 7:05.

Our August special event is the always popular Choptank River Lunch cruise, Friday, August 16. We plan to meet at Food Lion parking lot in Berlin to share transportation. We will be on the mid-level AC section of the ship! Here is the info as it is posted on the SAM bulletin board at church:

### **SUICIDE BRIDGE RIVER CRUISE AND LUNCH FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**

Board at 11:45am We sail at noon

Cost \$57 per person which includes cruise and lunch (fried chicken and crab cakes)

#### **Payment due August 4**

Make checks payable to St. Peter's with SAM in the memo line

We will carpool from Berlin Food Lion at 10:15

Sign up in Narthex

Please see the following for information regarding our planned events for the remainder of the year. Several events require advance sign-up, so please check the SAM bulletin board in the Narthex at church to get on the list and pay in advance where necessary.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**SEPTEMBER 5** – Bus trip to tour Annapolis Naval Academy and High Tea. \$130.

**OCTOBER 17** – Harriet Tubman Walking Tour and lunch. Led by Tonet Cuffee, a fifth-generation niece of Harriet Tubman. \$45.

**NOVEMBER 14** – 1:00 Travel logs tentative, with pie and ice cream at church.

**DECEMBER 5** – Clear Space Theater for *White Christmas*. Late lunch at Boardwalk Plaza Hotel. Total cost anticipated at \$60.

Again, please note that further details regarding all the above plans will be posted on the SAM board in the Narthex at church. More detailed information will also appear in the monthly NET as each event approaches. So, keep an eye out for that. Also, please be aware of the necessity to get in your early payments for our trips, etc. Contact me if you have any questions.

Blessings, Pr. Harry Biles

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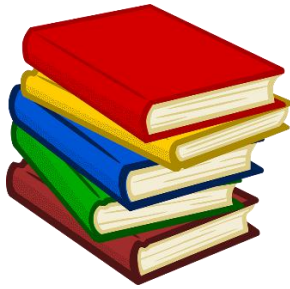
### **SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER**

by Paul Grahe

In August, we welcome the Youth of Calvary Lutheran, Mt Airy, MD from 8/3-8/4; the Youth of Hope Lutheran, Essex, MD from 8/7-8/10; the East Avon Presbyterian, Avon, NY from 8/11-8/18; the Adults from Tamil Advent Fellowship, Beltsville, MD from 8/23-8/25; the Adults from SAAA Group, Beltsville, MD from 8/30-9/1. So you can see we are quite busy during the month of August. WE thank God for blessing our ministry of hospitality. Let us give them a warm St. Peter's welcome.

## SPIRITUAL READINGS

by Deacon Sharey Biles



Check the Sunday bulletins and Constant Contact notices for the date for the August Spiritual Readings meeting when we'll end the discussion of **Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul** by J.P. Newell.

If you have a book that you'd like the group to discuss, please let me know!

Blessings,  
Sharey Biles  
443.944.7241

## ST. PETER'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA

by Joann Soultz

Women's Bible Study

Ruth Circle meetings have been cancelled for the summer and should resume September 5th.

## WITNESS

By Evelyn Houston

See you in September!



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

## COUNCIL NEWS

by Susanne Howard, Council Secretary

Next Congregation Council Meeting  
Will be held in August

## AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

June  
98 per week

## MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

### Total Contributions as of June 30, 2024

**\$191,030.06 Year-to-Date Budget**

**\$183,211.53 Year-to-Date Received**

**\$(-7,818.53) 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...now that summer is upon us, we could meet inside or outside), 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.

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 will once again be leading bible studies in person (room 5) and online (see info on the Bible Study section) on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning September 11, 2024.

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**



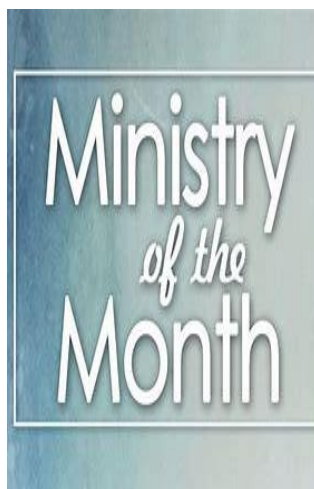
If you would like to sponsor flowers for a Sunday morning worship service *in Memory* or *in Honor* of a loved one, you may do so by calling the church office to make those arrangements. The cost for both vases is now \$95.

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.

### **MEMORIAL BENCH**

We are still 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 needed. 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 placed 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 August Ministry of the Month is the "Ocean City Crisis Ministry." We, along with other area churches, send funds to support this community ministry, which offers financial assistance for folks in our community that find themselves in a crisis situation. By combining our funds with other churches and dispensing them through the OC Crisis ministry, we are able to offer more support than any individual church may be able to. Distributing

funds through OC Crisis also helps us to be good stewards of these resources through record keeping and tracking. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving a special donation this month to help support this ministry. If you feel called to do so, please make your check out to St. Peter's and put OC Crisis Ministry in the memo. Thank you for your support!

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES-UPDATE**

#### **WE WILL BE OFFERING NEW MEMBERS CLASSES IN THE FALL**

It is very exciting that we have some folks worshipping with us who are interested in becoming members of St. Peter's. If you would like to become a member, please call the church office 410-524-7474 or email [amy.splcoc@comcast.net](mailto:amy.splcoc@comcast.net) to let us know.

Please continue to worship, fellowship, and serve with us in what ever ways you feel comfortable. We will be holding New Members Classes 9-11 a.m .on Saturdays, September 14 & 28.

We ask that a representative from each ministry team plan to join us on September 28th to share what is going on with these ministries with our new members.

We will then be welcoming the New Members into St. Peter's family during worship on September 29th.

Please see Pr. Frank if you have any questions.



## PEACH FESTIVAL

Dee Floyd & Ginny Stannard

### Peach Festival 2024

Thursday, August 1, 2024 - 9 AM - 3 PM

Friday, August 2, 2024 - 9 AM - 1 PM (Flea Market Only)

Bake Table, Books, Bulk Peaches, Face Painting, Flea Market, Food & Drinks, Games, Holiday Items, Ice Cream & Peaches, Peach Smoothies, Silent Auction, and Outdoor Vendor Tables.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN

SIGN UP NOW TO HELP



## SUMMER WORSHIP

### SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



We are holding a Covered Dish Picnic and Hymn Sing in the church parking lot on August 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Frank will provide the protein and fixin's, the Fellowship Team will provide the tableware, and you are invited to bring a bag/beach chair, your own drinks (beer and wine are acceptable if you choose, but no hard alcohol is permitted), and a side dish, salad, or dessert to share if you wish (but not required)



We will be offering Worship on the Beach (across from the church behind the Ashore Hotel)

on the Tuesday August 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by a Covered Dish

**Picnic.** Pastor Frank will provide the protein and fixins, the Fellowship Team will provide the tableware, and you are invited to bring a bag/beach chair, your own drinks (alcohol and glass containers are not permitted on the beach), and a side dish, salad, or dessert to share if you wish (but not required).

Please see Pr. Frank if you have any questions.

**WE HOPE YOU WILL BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS AND JOIN US FOR THESE FUN SUMMER WORSHIP/FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

**OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME AT 10:30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**  
**PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME CHANGE TO 10:30 A.M.**

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>

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



## ++NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION++

## 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:** Emily Ference, Viginia Boettcher, Colleen Golden, Dominique, Sue Shoop, Preston & Kaitlyn, Joann Soultz, Frank Creamer, Bob Raymond, Ava Cummings, Dominique, Glen, Sherri Luttrell, Kerry Jacoby, Vincent & Herla Lobo, Marty & Janet Schroeder & family, Joanne & Frank Gum, Brenda Robbins & family, Mike Willey & family, Tim, Debbie Priebe, Jason & Dennis Shipley, Fred & Mary Lou Kauffman

**Ongoing needs:** Caregivers, first responders and all on the front lines working to save lives, Don Boulden, Chuck Pyle, Savannah Bona, Mary Ann Holtzer, Father Joe Rushton, Dave Searle, Pastor Harry Wolpert, Steve Ellis, Janet Ellis, Jen Anderson

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

**In the Military:** Gunnar Bogan, Justin Carter, Cal Cramer, Katie Cramer, Stephanie Dalocchio, Matthew Dennis, Noah Kauffman, Nicolas Nalbone, David Owens, Jarrett Patterson, Joshua Robinson, Nicholas Sorrentino, Jacob Sturgill



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Charlie & Vonnie Brown | 08/19 |
| Larry & Debbie Ryan    | 08/20 |
| Hank & Lyn Meixner     | 08/21 |
| Harry & Sharey Biles   | 08/23 |
| Tricia & Steve Kiser   | 08/23 |
| Donna & John Maul      | 08/29 |
| Patti & Clifford Hare  | 08/30 |



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Susan Cook            | 08/01 | Jim Campbell      | 08/22 |
| Yvonne Hiewsky        | 08/01 | Fred Patterson    | 08/22 |
| Kaylee Laughrun       | 08/02 | Amy Morgan        | 08/25 |
| Patricia Pfannenstiel | 08/08 | Richard Gutowski  | 08/27 |
| Robert Detwiler       | 08/11 | Patricia Hartman  | 08/28 |
| Joyce Boland          | 08/15 | Sandra Pascone    | 08/28 |
| Shane McDermott       | 08/16 | Thomas Bogia      | 08/30 |
| Emily Malinowski      | 08/17 | Bridget Foster    | 08/30 |
| Ann Borrell           | 08/20 | Elsworth Wheatley | 08/30 |
|                       |       | Stephanie George  | 08/31 |



## GIFTS & MEMORIALS



Gifts & Memorials received in June

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

### **PATRICIA (PAT) JOHNSTONE**

to  
General Fund  
from  
Mark & Ruth Benzin

to  
Open Door Feeding Ministry  
from  
William & Judy Johnstone  
Deborah Cooper  
Jacqueline DeLaFuenta  
Chris & Judy Dierkes  
Donna & Leo Hughes  
South Florida Wisniewski Family & Friends  
June Yeich



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

**STAFF**

**G-4 Church Partners:**

*Community Lutheran Church (Frankford, DE)*  
*Grace of God Lutheran Church (Longneck, DE)*  
*Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (Salisbury, MD)*  
*St. Albans Episcopal Church*

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**++FROM ST. PETER'S OFFICE++**

**2024 COUNCIL**

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

Pastor Frank Harpster  
Pastor Harry Biles  
Evan McDermott - President  
Mary Lou Tietz - Vice President  
Susanne Howard - Secretary  
Dave Wolinski - Treasurer (Non-voting member)  
Dan Holtzer - Financial Secretary (Non-voting member)  
Vonnie Brown, Dee Floyd, Bridget Foster, Linda Harry,  
Fred Kauffman, Teresa Pyle, Mike Siegert, Dex Stannard,  
Bettye Wolinski

**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

**MINISTRY TEAMS & LEADERS**

**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

*Altar Guild* - **Maryanne Siegert**  
*Christian Education* -  
**Pastor Frank, Pastor Biles**  
*Community Service* - **Mary Lou Tietz**  
*Fellowship* - **Susanne Howard**  
*Fundraising* - **Linda Grahe**  
*Mutual Ministry* - **Mary Lou Tietz**  
*Open Door Feeding Ministry* - **Linda Harry**  
*Personnel* - **Billy Haynes**  
*Property-Green Sustainable Living* - **Charlie Brown**  
*Senior Adult Ministry (S.A.M.)* - **Pr. Harry Biles**  
*Son & Sand* - **Paul Grahe**  
*Stewardship* - **Dan Holtzer**  
*Support* - **Dan Holtzer**  
*Witness* - **Evelyn Houston**  
*Women of the ELCA* - **Joann Soult & Debbie Ryan**  
*Worship and Music* - **Ginny Stannard**

## AUGUST BIBLE LESSONS

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|--|--|
| <b>Sunday, August 4</b><br><b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>    | <b>Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15</b><br><b>Psalm 78:23-29</b><br><b>Ephesians 4:1-16</b><br><b>John 6:24-35</b>    |
| <b>Sunday, August 11</b><br><b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b>    | <b>1 Kings 19:4-8</b><br><b>Psalm 34:1-8</b><br><b>Ephesians 4:25--5:2</b><br><b>John 6:35, 41-51</b>    |
| <b>Sunday, August 18</b><br><b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> | <b>Proverbs 9:1-6</b><br><b>Psalm 34:9-14</b><br><b>Ephesians 5:15-20</b><br><b>John 6:51-58</b>         |
| <b>Sunday, August 25</b><br><b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> | <b>Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18</b><br><b>Psalm 34:15-22</b><br><b>Ephesians 6:10-20</b><br><b>John 6:56-69</b> |

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