

THE NET

JUNE 2024



Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV



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++Pastor's Message++

by Pastor Frank Harpster

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor.9:7)

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

I was very blessed to spend some time in conversation, prayer, and to share Holy Communion with Pastor Wolpert recently, and as pastors often do, we found ourselves talking about the life of the Church. One of the points that we shared as we talked about the changes and decline of the Church was that the Church has been pretty good at coming up with programs and ministry ideas, but often not as good at focusing on why we should share in such programs and ministries.

As I think more about that, I think that is something that we need to do for ourselves. Part of our daily prayer and discernment process should be focusing on why we do what we do.

One thing that comes to mind is the Capital Campaign that we had initiated at St. Peter's a couple weeks ago. As you should know by now, our financial support team and congregation council initiated a Capital Campaign with the goal of raising \$49,284.01 to pay towards our Mortgage Principal Reduction. If we are able to raise this money through this Capital Campaign, we will get our mortgage under a million dollars and then we can begin to renegotiate the mortgage with the hopes of setting up some more manageable terms. It is no secret that our current financial situation makes it impossible for us to meet our current mortgage obligation, and it was made very clear to us that we cannot even begin negotiations until we get the mortgage under \$1million.

That being said, this letter is not a request from me for you to give to the Capital Campaign. We have an awesome financial support team and congregation council that keeps you abreast of the financial needs at St. Peter's and I am a firm believer that what you give of your time, talents, and treasures is between you and God. I would however, like to share a few thoughts about that whole notion of "why" we do what we do in giving of our time, talents, and treasures.

At our May 13th council meeting, as we were discussing the Capital Campaign, Pastor Bettye referenced a concept from Mark Allan Powell's book "Giving to God." This concept focuses in part on why we give what we do, and 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.

As I have thought and prayed about this concept, I believe that we can carry that one step further. Please think about and discern this with me. The question on my heart is do I (we) give "fearfully" or "faithfully"?

We have discussed many times that the 2 most powerful human motivators are "fear" and "Love." So what is the motivator for our need to not only support the Capital Campaign, but what is the motivator for all that we do and give at St. Peter's? Is it a fear of losing the building? Or is it our love of sharing in the mission and ministries at St. Peter's that supports and feeds our faith journey?

For example, do we support the Open Door Feeding Ministry because we are afraid that there won't be enough help or enough food? Or do we support this ministry because we are blessed with enough food and someone to share it with and want to share that blessing with others?

Do I share in leading worship because I am afraid that no one else will? Or do I share in the choir/music ministries, altar guild, in assisting at worship, in planning creative worship because God has given me the gifts to do so, and it helps to strengthen my faith journey?

Do I share in fellowship events, SAM events, or Happy Hour because I am needed to be there or am afraid someone will be mad if I'm not? Or do these opportunities strengthen my faith journey through the witness and fellowship of God's love?

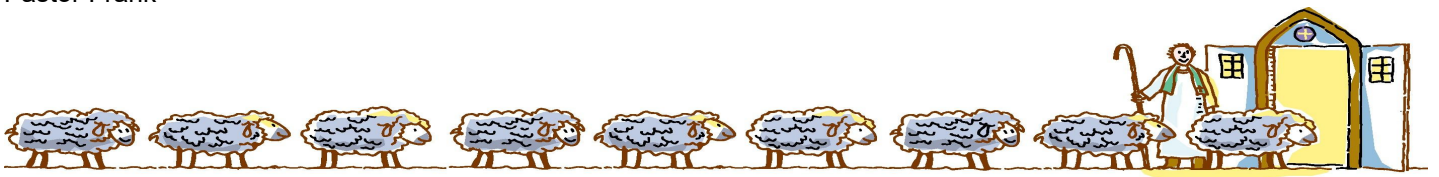
Will I give to the Capital Campaign because I am afraid the Church (building) may close if I don't? Or will I do what I can to support this campaign because the mission and ministries shared in and through this building are a very important part of my faith journey?

Please join me in doing some prayerful discernment as to why you give of your time, talents, and treasures to support your Church. Is it strictly out of duty or fear? Or is it out of delight of all that God blesses you with for your faith journey?

And again, this is not simply about the Capital Campaign, it's about why we are living out all aspects of our faith journey. Are we giving of our time, talents, and treasures, strictly out of duty? Or are we able to appreciate the delight we experience in being such a vital part of God's mission and ministry? Do we give of our time, talents, and treasures more these days out of fear? Perhaps fear of what will happen (or not happen) if I don't do all that I can? Or are we giving all that we can of our time, talents, and treasures, because it is a vital part of our faith journey? We must remember that prayerfully discerning why we give of our time, talents, and treasures, will direct how and what we give.

St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Church in Corinth that each of us must give as we have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver. May God help us to clarify why we give of our time, talents, and treasures and may our giving always be a delightful giving that strengthens and empowers our faith journey.

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 Altar Guild would like to thank all those who purchased flowers for Easter and Pentecost in order to decorate the altar. It made such a difference in our celebrations. We would also like to thank those who made a separate donation to the Altar Guild. We use these funds to replenish the communion necessities such as wine, wafers, juice, and cups as well as all of those items important to the altar.

The women of the Altar Guild keep all of the linens cleaned and ironed on our own. We continue to appreciate the help we get from Pastor Frank and Amy. God Bless all of you.
Maryanne Siegert

COMMUNITY SERVICES

by Mary Lou Tietz

The Community Services Committee will be meeting at the Church at 2 on Wednesday, June 5. We will begin organizing for all of our fall and winter programs and would welcome anyone who would like to join us at this planning session.

Our first program for the fall is always collecting school supplies for Title 1 schools in the area where

children need help collecting the supplies required as they go back to school in the fall. We will be collecting those items in August and delivering them toward the end of the month, as school begins.

Again, our thanks go out to everyone who continues to help with our feeding programs, both the bagged groceries and the lunch program provided every Wednesday. We will have a larger group of people coming to the lunches as we reach out to those young people who come from other countries to work for the summer. They are always welcomed with open arms by those of our volunteers who serve the lunches. Not only do they get a good meal but they get a lot of help navigating this new area, talking and getting to know those who live in the area, and simply feeling welcome during their stay in the USA. Our goal is to help them feel appreciated and cared for!

Hope you have a great summer! 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

As we welcome in the warmer weather, we look forward to fellowship with all our members and friends, new and old. 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. Can't wait to see what is coming next, but I'm sure it will be full of adventure and fun, so stay tuned.

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 Susanne Howard 443-442-4285 or stop me any Sunday to inquire about joining the Fellowship Team. We have 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

The Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, 5/11/24, 1 - 3 PM was greatly enjoyed by all. What a wonderful day. Thank you to the mothers and their families that participated in this event. Also, thank you to the men who set up, prepared, & served the delicious food. The ladies really enjoyed this relaxing and beautifully displayed brunch with a pink theme (pink linen table cloths, pink table settings, pink flowers on the tables, and even pink punch). It was tough to make a decision between the delicious home made desserts by Pastor Frank (mocha cheesecake, lemon bars, peanut butter pie, coconut cake and black forest trifle). This event raised \$880.00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

by Paul Grahe

We have decided to take off the months of June, July, and August. We will meet again on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the CLC with the

ladies to enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our own chef, Pastor Frank. A free-will offering will be collected for the General Fund. We will move to our designated areas to do our studies.

Pastor Frank will lead our discussion on the Christian Virtue - Courage. Remember to bring your bible with you. If you are planning to attend, see me in the CLC after Sunday services or call me at 443-604-8068 so the proper amount of food can be prepared. You are invited to come, enjoy the meal and fellowship.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (S.A.M.)

by Pastor Harry

After much concern regarding the weather, the Bonfire did indeed happen on schedule May 9, which also was The Ascension of our Lord. The weather proved to be awesome, as was the fellowship. We had a great time. Sorry if you missed it. The plan for everyone to bring their own food and drink worked out well. SAM provided the makings for s'mores.

LOOKING AHEAD:

June 20, Barratt's Chapel & Museum and Lunch

*Carpool from St. Peter's at 9am, one hour drive, 53 miles

*6362 Bay Rd, Frederica, DE

*We'll arrive at 10:30 am.

*Video in the chapel

*Donation suggested

*Leave by 12 to go to JR's Seafood Shack, arrive about 1:00 pm.

*Lunch is \$25 per person

*Choice of:

4oz. Crab cake

Burrata Salad

Carolina Pulled Pork

Bait shop Burger

Side choices (one):

French Fries, coleslaw, hush

puppies, Mac&cheese,

tomato/cucumber salad

Includes Key Lime pie for dessert,

coffee, ice tea, and soda, and 20% gratuity

*Head count and lunch choices by June 16th

*There will be a folder of lunch menu items next to sign up sheet on SAM bulletin board. Those going should mark off lunch choices and drop in the offering plate along with \$25 (per person) check made out to SPLC with SAM in the memo line.

JULY 20 – Shorebirds 7:05 game. Hawaiian shirt giveaway to first 1000. Fireworks. Lower reserve on first base side. **\$14.**

AUGUST 16 – Choptank River Lunch cruise. Boarding at 11:45. Mid-level AC section. **\$57.**

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**

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 the early payments for our trips, etc. Contact me if you have any questions. 443.944.4779.

Blessings, Pr. Harry Biles

SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER

by Paul Grahe

I have received an inquiry from Hope Side Community Church to come on retreat from June 21st-23rd. Paperwork and deposits must be received before their request is honored. The women from New Light Lutheran, Dundalk, MD will be on retreat from May 31st-June 2nd. Let's give them a warm welcome.

The Son & Sand greeters are ready to serve and welcome the groups coming on retreat. If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, come and see me in the CLC following the church services on Sundays.

SPIRITUAL READINGS

by Deacon, Sharey Biles



The Spiritual Readings Group will meet to discuss Chapter 3 of **Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul** by J.P. Newell on Monday, June 3rd, at 2:30 pm via Zoom. Amy Morgan will email a link that morning to everyone.

Please join us to discuss this book which is a challenging one.

There is a wonderful children's book available that you may want to read and share with someone special.

It is called **The Little Book of Joy**. The authors are the Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu.

Blessings!

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 the month at 2:00 PM. We will not be meeting this month and will resume on the **second week of July, Thursday, July 11** due to the 4th of July falling on the day we would be meeting. We have started a new study, "Living Beyond Yourself, Exploring the Fruits of the Spirit," by Beth Moore. This study is designed as a weekly study, and we will be on week 1, day 3. This study will now be lead by Joann Soultis. I'm very appreciative of her for being willing to take this over and keep this wonderful group of women together.

Our in-person Women's Bible study meets on the third Saturday of the month at church. We meet with the Men's study group for breakfast provided by Pastor Frank and then we split into our own study groups. We **will not be meeting during the summer months of June, July, and August**. In **September** we will continue our study, "Encouraging One Another," by Women of Faith.

I am also looking for someone to take over the leadership of this study. Please let me know if you feel lead to do so.

My contact information is: 410-430-4743
and Debryan57@gmail.com.

Blessings,
Debbie Ryan

WITNESS

By Evelyn Houston

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance." New Living Translation Bible.

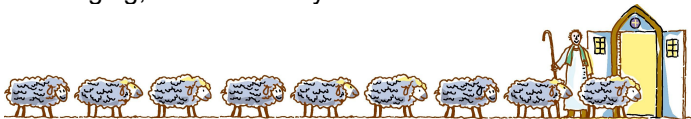
This passage from 1 Corinthians is often read at weddings. It carries a powerful message. Guests and family nod in agreement at its seeming simplicity. But the best occasion on which I heard it was during a ceremony involving a "blended" family--two families being combined

in the second marriage for both partners. When the lector stood to read these hopeful verses about patience and faithfulness, the kids of the man and woman who were about to be joined stood up too.

This quiet acknowledgement of mutual love must have been discussed at length among this tribe -- perhaps loudly and with a bit of door-slamming before the decision was made to make this physical statement during the church ceremony. Since I knew the situation well, I realized that the union brought much baggage of different religions, different lifestyles, different politics, death, divorce and not a little trepidation about how it was all going to play out.

Love was to bind them, my friends and their children promised that day, and love did work wonders. Love and trust got them through many bumps and curves in the road. I visited this clan 16 years after the wedding when 1 Corinthians was read.

As the oldest daughter introduced her new fiance' to the gathering, I couldn't help but wonder if this simple and wonderful verse would be read at their upcoming wedding. We will all surely nod to each other in agreement at God's design for what love is. We can see it in action every day. And not only between matched loving partners, but also as children coexisting in our very challenging, blended family of God.



++ST. PETER'S NEWS++

COUNCIL NEWS

by Susanne Howard, Council Secretary
from Congregation Council Meeting
held May 14, 2024

**Pastors' Report
Pastor Frank**

continues to support all of St. Peter's ministries.

Pastor Frank, Keith Hall, Evan McDermott and Linda Grahe will be attending the 2024 Synod Assembly held June 7th-9th. (Paul Grahe will be attending as a vendor for Sun and Sand).

Pastor Frank will be offering

On First Tuesdays

A "Hymn Sing and Covered Dish Picnic" in St. Peter's parking lot on the first Tuesday of each month this summer, (June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th), with Elsworth playing the hymns.

On Third Tuesdays

Worship on the Beach, followed by a "Covered Dish Picnic," will be held on June 18th, July 16th, and August 20th, (the third Tuesday of each month), Keith will be playing for these gatherings.

Pastor Frank gives a big shout-out to Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey for covering all his ministries while he was on vacation for two weeks.

Pastor Harry

continues to offer preaching and presiding at worship services as needed.

Senior Adult Ministry- (S.A.M.)- Pastor Harry

Upcoming Events: (See SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES on page 3)

Finances

President, Evan McDermott- Thrivent representative, Devon Balea, is looking to give a presentation to our congregation, after worship services sometime in September, and Mr. Balea will provide refreshments.

Dan Holtzer/Capital Campaign- some members of St. Peter's Church reached out to Dan Holtzer concerning an in-house Capital Campaign, knowing that he has been involved in several of these during his tenure. After writing an informative letter and submitting it to the Support Team for review and acceptance, Dan submitted it to the council for a discussion and vote. A letter will be mailed out to St. Peter's congregation.

Property

Pastor Frank/Arctic Air- one of the air conditioning units serving the CLC needs to be replaced. The quote from Arctic Air is \$9,025. Council approved replacement.

Property Chair, Charlie Brown - sent a full-page letter to Evan McDermott about issues that need attention outside and inside of the church building.

Pastor Frank informed the council that, there are several men interested in joining the Property Team.

Submitted by Susanne Howard

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

**April
97 per week**

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

Total Contributions as of April 28, 2024
\$124,904.27 Year-to-Date Budget
\$115,919.19 Year-to-Date Received
\$(-8,985.08) 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.

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.

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.

FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

by Linda Grahe

St. Peter's is hosting a Fathers' Day Luncheon on Sunday, June 23, 2024 from 12:15 - 2:15 PM in the CLC. The cost is a \$20.00 donation for adults, \$10.00 for children ages 5 - 10, and FREE for children age 4 and below. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex and pay at the door the day of the event.

The Menu includes: grilled hamburgers, grilled hot dogs, home made salads, home made desserts, ice tea & lemonade (and more).

If any women of our congregation could make deviled eggs, salads, and/or desserts for this event please contact me, Linda Grahe, at 443-604-8068 or see me after the late service in the CLC. Also, if you would be available to serve on this date and/or help set up the CLC on Saturday, 6/22/24, at 11 AM, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to invite your family & friends.

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.

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 to let us know.

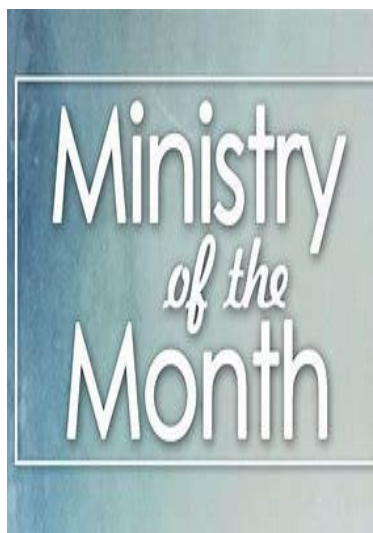
Please continue to worship, fellowship, and serve with us in what ever ways you feel comfortable. We will be holding New Members Classes 9:00-11:00a.m .on Saturdays, September 14 & 28.

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.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



Our June Ministry of the Month is "Lutheran Campus Ministries." ELCA campus ministry is a Lutheran ministry for students, faculty, staff of all denominations on campus. One of the primary functions is to make sure our young folks can still have a "church connection" when they go off to college. It provides an ELCA presence offering worship, fellowship, mission, and support at more than 180 state and

private colleges and universities with cooperating congregations in campus ministry at an additional 400 campuses nationwide. We ask you to prayerfully consider if you might be able to share some of what you are blessed with to "love your neighbor" in a very special way by sending a monetary donation to support this vital ministry.

If you are able to, please send your donation into St. Peter's sometime in June and we will forward those funds. Please designate the donation "Lutheran Campus Ministry" so we know where to send it. Please hold all students and their families, as well as faculty and staff and support teams in your prayers.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES-UPDATE

WE WILL BE OFFERING NEW MEMBERS CLASSES IN THE FALL



PEACH FESTIVAL



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Peach Festival 2024

Thursday August 1, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Friday August 2, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Flea market Only

Peach Festival 2024 will be here before you know it. Flea Market items may be dropped off at the church, Monday thru Thursday, 10 AM-2 PM beginning June 10th. Please donate ONLY items that are CLEAN and USABLE. We are accepting jewelry, household items, tools, holiday decorations, books, CD's, DVD's, pictures, children items, toys, puzzles, games, sports equipment, etc. We are NOT accepting upholstered furniture, bedding (i.e. mattresses), clothing, damaged electronics or large TV's.

SUMMER WORSHIP

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



We will be holding Hymn Sings in the church parking lot on the first Tuesday of the months of June, July, and August (June 4, July 2 and August 6) 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 (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 third Tuesday of the months of June, July, and August (June 18, July 16, and August 20) 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

THE 37TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE DELAWARE-MARYLAND SYNOD, ELCA

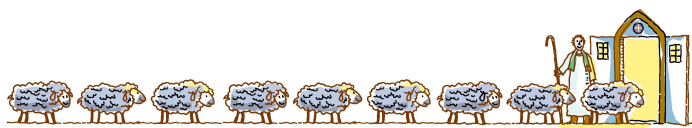
Will meet Friday, June 7 through Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster, MD

Pastor Frank, Linda Grahe, Keith Hall, and Evan McDermott will be representing St. Peter's as voting members. Paule Grahe will be representing St. Peter's as a vendor for the Son and Sand Retreat Center.

Please hold these folks in your prayers as they represent you in conversation and attending to the Synod business at hand.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR THE SUMMER, AND WE WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH AT 10:00 A.M. Please contact Pr. Frank if you have any questions.



++NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION++



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rudolph & Pamela Dolle	06/05
Eric & Brandy Myers	06/09
Dexter & Virginia Stannard	06/17
Doug & Linda Harry	06/21
Jeffrey & Veronica Bona	06/23
Susanne & John Howard	06/28
Randy & Nan Dove	06/29



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary Lou Kauffman	06/01	Johan I. Nykvist	06/11
Alyce Marzola	06/01	Logan Telscher	06/13
Evelyn Houston	06/02	Hank Meixner	06/20
Jeffrey Bona	06/04	Delaney Gerhart	06/23
Margaret Ermer	06/05	Joanne Soultis	06/24
Carl Crimm, Jr.	06/07	Elizabeth Jubb	06/29
		Dexter Stannard	06/29



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.

++FROM ST. PETER'S OFFICE++

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

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.

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

Current needs: Michele Lusher, Family & friends of Larry Allewalt, Gina Wand family, Family & friends of Shirley Vokes, Don Boulden, Taylor & unborn twins, Sherry Latrelle, Gina W., Larry A., Fred & Mary Lou Kauffman, Duane Bona, Family & friends of Ron Albright, Chuck Pyle, Lauren & Jim Bragonier, Inga James, Carol Stano, Keith Lyons, Brenda Robbins, Marty Shroeder, Mike Willey, Joanne & Frank Gum

Ongoing needs: Caregivers, first responders and all on the front lines working to save lives, 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 Nalbene, David Owens, Jarrett Patterson, Joshua Robinson, Nicholas Sorrentino, Jacob Sturgill

Our Bishops: Elizabeth Eaton & Bill Gohl

G-4 Church Partners:

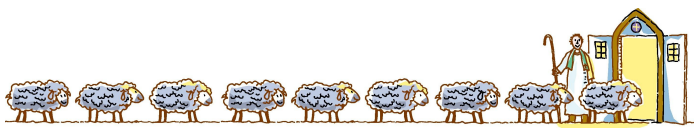
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- Grace of God Lutheran Church (Longneck, DE)*
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- St. Albans Episcopal Church*

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- Dan Holtzer - Financial Secretary (Non-voting member)
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MINISTRY TEAMS & LEADERS

Altar Guild - Maryanne Siegert
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Pastor Frank, Pastor Biles
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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
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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

JUNE BIBLE LESSONS	
Sunday, June 2 Second Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Psalm 81:1-10 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23--3:6
Sunday, June 9 Third Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 13:13--5:1 2 Corinthians 3:13--5:1 Mark 3:20-35
Sunday, June 16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Mark 4:26-34
Sunday, June 23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41
Sunday, June 30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43