

# THE NET

## JUNE 2025



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

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV



# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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## ++Pastor's Letter to the Congregation++ by Pastor Bettye Wolinski

### The Fellowship of the Believers

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Friends in Christ,

I begin June's Pastor's Report with the words from Acts 2. I've always thought this was an especially important text for churches as they were going from one stage of ministry to another. In this portion of Acts we are looking at what the disciples did through the power of the Holy Spirit as promised to them by Jesus Christ when he walked among them. I think it appropriate that we pause in Acts for this the month of Pentecost.

Pentecost is a time when the disciples turn from fearful to fearless. As the Holy Spirit guides them in their ministry, they face a variety of odds with a sense that they would not be alone and all the promises of Christ would come to fruition. I bring this text to you today in my article as a reminder that we do not walk alone in our ministry here at St. Peter's. The following is a list of what we the people of God are working on together.

Many folks have asked me questions about how the church is moving forward since our president Dan Holtzer was called to glory. The following is a list of how we the leaders of St. Peter's continue to plan for continued and new ministry.

- We have a new council president, Dave Marzola. Dave comes to us with an extensive professional career in law enforcement and in human resource management.
- We welcome Marcy Ermer on the council as a new council member filling the vacant spot through December.
- We say thank you to Phil Ermer for taking on the chairman position of the support team.
- We are looking forward to reconstituting a team that will offer support for the management of the **Son and Sand Retreat Center** along with the dedicated folks who have been overseeing this ministry. Our thanks to Paul and Linda Grahe for staying the course with this ministry for the last 20 years.
- Our support team, along with our treasurer Dave Wolinski, will begin work this Spring to evaluate the 2026 budget process. Teams should be looking at their projected needs for the next budget.
- Executive Assistant to the Bishop, Rev Robin Simpson-Litton, will be attending our June Council meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to discuss the Call process. Once again congregational members are invited to attend these meetings.
- During the season of Pentecost, we will be welcoming new members into the church. If you are interested in talking to me about the options for membership, please text me at 410-292-2360 or speak to our Office Manager Amy Morgan. We do need contact information from you.
- Our AED device for emergency cardiac support is now being evaluated since its last use in April.
- Amy and I are looking at setting options for Zoom meetings through a church account for folks who cannot get to the preferred in-person meetings.
- Personnel team will continue to work with staff and review their requests in keeping with the 2026 compensations goals.
- Adult Bible Study will begin in September. For more information please attend the **Bible Study Update Class on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 n** – Lunch will be provided for this information sharing session!

The above-mentioned items are only the tip of the *ministry iceberg*. Please take your bulletins home after worship and read about what God is calling us to do together in His house, in this community and the world!

Serving together in joy with Christ!

Pastor Betty



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

### **ALTAR GUILD**

by Maryanne Siegert

As we exited the Easter season, we prepared for Pentecost. Thank you to all who ordered the red geraniums to adorn the altar. And thank you to Amy for getting all of the orders done for the flowers.

We continue to keep the paraments changed to highlight the church season. We do all of this with joy.

Submitted by Maryanne Siegert

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

by Mary Lou Tietz

The Community Services Committee met on Wednesday, the 14th of May and reviewed the status of all the programs that we completed during the year. Our last distribution of gifts to the families we support was the week of Easter and 5 families, that included over 20 children, received Easter Baskets and a complete Easter dinner. We had very generous contributions from the congregation and thank you for that support.

We also reviewed the shelter program and will be working on this program in the off season to see if we can get more financial and volunteer support for the project and perhaps take on some new community partners.

We also looked forward to the school distribution program that we always collect for in August. Items needed for this program will be in the bulletin for members to review and collection baskets will be in the Narthex. The first day to bring items to the church is August 10th and the last date is the 24th. Distribution to area Title I schools will take place the week of August 25th.

The committee also heard from a speaker about an educational scholarship program run by AARP in Delaware. Having had a family member of one of the families we support every year in need of financial support for advanced college education triggered the interest of the committee to see what establishing a fund like this would look like in the future. As we are in a transition period now, we will look at this again in the future. We also discussed some ways we may be able to make some funds available to a few people within our Church family as well as the families we support and will present our ideas to the council at a future meeting;

Our feeding programs are continuing and we anticipate some new guests during the summer as we reach out to those overseas young people who come to work at the beach during the summer months. Some were present during our feeding programs this week and we have always had quite a few who come and who we welcome with open arms.

Our next planning meeting will be the second Wednesday in July, which is the 9th of July. We will plan for the Back to School program and other fall projects at that meeting and would welcome new members. Please let us know if you would like to join us. You can call Mary Lou Tietz at 302-539-0793 or email me at maryloutietz@yahoo.com to learn more about the Community Services Committee and all that we do. Mary Lou

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

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

We are serving a buffet lunch and giving out free groceries to anyone who joins us every Wednesday.

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 we enter spring of 2025, with beautiful blooming flowers, trees in full bloom, and warm breezes, it's a beautiful time of the year. We have so much to be thankful for as we continue to build a strong caring, loving church family. As we move forward, we give our love and praise to the Lord for guidance.

On April 26, 2025, a celebration of life for Dan Holtzer was attended by approximately 158 family members and friends. Many memories were shared among family and friends, as they smiled and laughed with wonderful thoughts of Dan, and the dedication, and love he showed for St. Peter's.

We always welcome volunteers to work on the Fellowship Team 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 visit us in the CLC after services, or call Susanne Howard 443-442-4285.

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 & Sussane Howard

No report this month  
Remember & Honor our Fathers on Father's Day!

## RUTH CIRCLE

Women's Bible Study  
by Joann Soult

Ruth's Circle Bible study meets via Zoom on the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, **June 5 at 2:00 pm.**

We will continue using "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado, studying Chapters 6 and 7 with Joann Soult leading (202-544-7981 or [jsoult624@gmail.com](mailto:jsoult624@gmail.com)).

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

by Susanne Howard & Bridget Foster

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Adult Ministry took 40 of our members and friends of ST. Peter's to the Worcester Technical High School for a luncheon and tour. Phil Cropper, Culinary Arts instructor, who was named "Maryland Pro-start Teacher of the year" and "Worcester Technical High School Teacher of the year," was our tour guide. The food was prepared by the culinary students, who are studying to become the next generation of chefs that Phil instructs. The food was delicious, with barbecue chicken breast, salmon, string beans, potato salad, mini muffins of apple and cranberry, and garden salad. Next came the dessert table with mini chocolate covered cheesecake covered with strawberries, cookies, and wedges of fudge bars w/ mini-M & M' sprinkled on top. It was a delicious luncheon with great fellowship, laughter, and smiles. Next, we had a visit from the principal, Tony Bevilacqua, who gave us an overview of the studies and workshops that are offered at the school. Everything from welding, masonry, law, nursing, car repair, and many more studies. Next, Phil took the group on a tour of the different classrooms and the three kitchens in which he instructs his culinary students.

It was a wonderful day with eye-opening information concerning the studies and opportunities at Worcester Technical High School.

**Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** the Senior Adult Ministry (S.A.M.) will be touring the Taylor House Museum and have lunch at the Atlantic Hotel. Learn about how the town of Berlin came into existence and the founders that brought life to Berlin. Built in 1832, for the Isaac Covington family, Taylor House was later inhabited by Robert Henry who was

instrumental in bringing the railroad to Berlin. During the 20th century, Calvin B. Taylor lived in the house with his wife; not only was he an educator but a lawyer and the founder of the Calvin B. Taylor Bank.

Some of the stories of Berlin told in the museum are: Sam Riddle who owned the race horse Man O' War, soon found out that Seabiscuit and War Admiral were grandson and sons of Man O' War has an exhibit on the second floor; Harrison Room dedicated to history of Harrison family, which owned the largest nursery, Harrison Nursery; and Rozelle Purnell Handy, opened the first neighborhood Sunday School and library in the 1900's. The House has so much history while telling the story of Berlin.

Afterwards we will walk to the Atlantic Hotel (2 short blocks - we can shuttle those that prefer) for a luncheon in the Sunroom. You will choose off the menu, receive separate checks, taxes, and tips included. After lunch, a short tour of the room upstairs as it was in 1895. The cost of this trip is a donation to the Taylor House of \$8.00pp. Lunch is on your own. Sign up on the S.A.M. bulletin board in the Narthex and pick up an itinerary of the trip.

**Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** – We have 30 tickets for the 2:00 pm show "Hairspray" the musical. This show remains the most popular musical of the last two decades. Tracy Turnblad gets a chance to shine on the Corny Collins show, and she lights up the stage. We have reserved 30 tickets and have already sold 23. Sign-up sheet is on the S.A.M. bulletin board. The cost is \$30pp. We will carpool from St. Peter's at 12:30pm. Sign-up by Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. You don't want to miss this musical production. Only 7 tickets left. Sign-up on the S.A.M. bulletin board in the Narthex.

## SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER

by Paul Grahe

First, many thanks to Steve Germeroth and Dave Marzola for overseeing the construction of the new ramp leading into the Main Entrance to the Retreat Center. The entrance ramp needed to be replaced and I appreciate their efforts

Secondly, I want to welcome our new Son & Sand Greeters who received training on 4/27/25. They are Charles & Vonnie Brown and Tina Palmer. Many thanks to Susanne for continuing their training.

In June, we will welcome the following groups: the adults from Hopeside Ministries, Hyattsville, MD from 6/5-6/8 and the adults from SBSP Church, Henrico, VA from 6/13-6/16. Let's give them a warm St. Peter's welcome. If you would like to learn more about the Son & Sand Ministry, you may contact me at 443-604-8068 or by email at [p.grahe@comcast.net](mailto:p.grahe@comcast.net)

## WITNESS

by Evelyn Houston

I am sure everyone has noticed that the summer season is gearing up. With summer comes an influx of visitors to Ocean City, and some of them will be visiting with us here at St. Peter's. This means that we will once again need to polish up on our hospitality skills.

Several years ago I made a list of how we, as members of the congregation, can welcome any and all people who walk through our doors. Maybe you can add some of your own ways to welcome visitors and to make them feel at home. We are all hosts and making visitors feel welcome is all of our responsibility. Some welcoming suggestions are:

- \*Treat first time visitors as guests of God, not strangers.
- \*Smile at everyone and offer your hand (or a fist bump),
- \*Take the initiative. Don't wait for visitors to initiate conversation.
- \*Ask questions and learn about our guests.
- \*Listen. It is an effective way to show you care.
- \*Ask if they have filled out a visitors card and signed the guest book.
- \*Tell guests you are glad they visited St. Peter's and invite them to come back.

These are just a few ways that we can be hospitable and welcoming to all of our visitors. So we ask God's blessings on each other that we might be strengthened in commitment to welcome the stranger and be loving to all people.



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

### A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

by David Marzola

God's Peace and Blessings to the Congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran Church

On Tuesday, May 13, 2025, I was nominated and approved by the Church Council to serve as Council President, replacing our dear friend Dan Holtzer. My goal as Council President will be to continue to move our Church forward by working with our Church Council, Pastor Bettye Wolinski, our Ministry Team Leaders, and the Congregation. There will be times where we must make tough decisions that some members may not agree with; however, the continued growth of St. Peter's Lutheran Church will be first and foremost in our decision making.

There are three (3) priorities that the Church Council will be focusing on:

1. Pastor Bettye's Interim contract and ensuring the contract is approved and ready for presentation to Pastor Robin Simpson Litton, Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership, on June 10, 2025, during her visit to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
2. The 2026 Budget.
3. Ensuring we are prepared and moving forward with the Call Process when the time is right.

For those who may not know me, I attend the 10:30 Traditional Service; however, I arrive early each Sunday to listen to the 9:00 Contemporary Service. My Stepdad Bob Swingler ushers at the Traditional Service. On my personal side, I am married to my lovely wife Alyce, we have two (2) children, Justin and Kelsey, and three (3) grandchildren, Leah, Mack, and Owen. I am easily approachable, and I am straight forth with my responses. If I do not know the answer to a question, I will research and get back to you. I've learned how to not micromanage over my 30 years in management/leadership roles, so my expectations are the Ministry Team Leaders run their Ministry Teams and provide updates/reports to be shared with the Church Council and Church Members. I will support each Ministry Team by attending meetings when I do not have conflicting priorities.

In closing, I want to thank the Church Council for this opportunity and their vote of confidence. God's Peace to All!

Sincerely,  
David Marzola

## COUNCIL NEWS

by Susanne Howard, Council Secretary

### From May 13, 2025 Meeting CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Congregational Members attending Pastor Bettye's council updates: Dee Floyd, Ted Vanvick, Cathy Wood, Trish & Steve Kiser, Marci Ermer, Keith Hall, Stephanie George, Dave Searle, Steve & Kathy Germeroth, Catherine Walker, Jeannette Latzo,

**Updates-** 1) Executive Team meets once a month. 2) Pastor Robin will be attending the June council meeting with Pastor Bettye's new contract. 3) Retreat will be at Pastor Bettye's house in approximately 60 days. 4) 14-16 new people interested in St. Peter's as new members. 5) Pastor Bettye is Spiritual Director of St. Peter's. 6) Son & Sand property recorded in our Constitution 7) The Council president's role is to provide structure, support, and origination to the council.

## Questions & Answers:

- 1) Do we have or are we looking into a parsonage for the new pastor? No
- 2) Do we have a Mutual Ministry team working to see what we can offer a Pastor yearly? No, not currently, however, the going rate of a full-time pastor's package is approximately \$130,000.
- 3) Do we have a prayer team praying on this? Yes, we do.
- 4) Which would be better, male or female pastor? We need a pastor that can build our church and maintain it with progress and growth, whether male or female young or old.
- 5) Do we have any hope for a full-time pastor or part-time pastor? There are churches that have been without a pastor for as long as 2 years. With guidance and help from our Synod, prayers, and patience, we will see if we get an answer to our call.
- 6) Pastor Robin will review the "Call Process" for a pastor at the June council meeting.
- 7) Has anyone addressed the Cold Weather Coalition for help with the ramp expense? We do not own the shelter; we supply the space for it. Mary Lou Tietz is working with Lyn and Hank Meixner to bring in more churches to help fund the shelter, while Mary Lou is also working towards receiving "Grants" for more funding.

**Devotion:** - Pastor Bettye Wolinski read; Acts 1, verses 7-11. It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the holy spirit comes to you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Dave Wolinski-Dave informed the council that the Witness Team has a negative expense because of a refund of \$24.03. The first quarter Benevolence payment was made to the Synod, and the Synod Assembly fees are charged to Christian Education account. The high expense to the Property Team in April was the replacement of the Son & Sand entrance ramp. (\$6950.00). There are approximately 20 designated funds that are tracked and placed in the correct fund. Our designated funds are currently \$152,526.86. The current call pastor's account is \$23,620.80.

The Church Mutual Insurance Co. that covers St. Peter's has gone up since 2019, with flood insurance up 83%, property up 98%. Dave

Wolinski and Dave Marzola will be investigating quotes from other insurance companies during the year.

Dave has replaced the cable on the TV in the Retreat Center with a fire-stick, saving approximately \$124.00 a month.

## Ministry Team Reports

### Pastor's Report:

**Pastor Bettye Wolinski-** continues to support St. Peter's by welcoming new members and visitors. I begin this month's report with the teachings from Acts, the teachings which are about the excitement and challenges of a growing church. I continue to spend hours a week on the phone with emergencies, comforting many family members, conducting two Sunday Worship Services a week, communicating with team leaders, two emergency executive meetings, attending various ministry meetings, working with staff and team members regarding the process to fill ministry positions as we move forward in goal setting for the future, resumed Bible study in May, Ruth Circle has met every month on Zoom, adding more women each month, creating the updated interim contract, reviewing my role as administrator until a new council president is elected.

### New Business

**Council President-Nomination-** Evan McDermott moved the following motion forward:

**Motion: to nominate Dave Marzola as council president for the remaining 2025 term that expires December 31, 2025**

**Second: Vonnie Brown**

**Vote: 10- yes 1 abstained**

**Vacant Council Seat-** Susanne Howard moved the following motion forward:

**Motion: to nominate Marci Ermer to fill the vacant seat on the council, replacing Dave Marzola, for the remainder of his term expiring December 31,2025.**

**Second: Theresa Pyle**

**Vote: unanimous**

### Personnel Ministry

Dave Marzola- The Son & Sand Retreat Center is one of our most prominent ministries that St. Peter's Lutheran Church offers. The Grahes have been the face of the Son & Sand Retreat Center for 20 years. Paul and Linda's health has declined to the point where, first and foremost, they must look out for themselves to ensure both recover from their health concerns. While Paul has

graciously offered to continue to oversee the Son and Sand Retreat Center, we would not do the Grahe family justice if we do not assist the Grahes by placing another individual to oversee the Retreat Center, for a short period of time, to allow the Grahes to concentrate on their recovery. The point of contact for the Son and Sand Retreat Center, with the understanding that it will be a short-term duty and responsibility until the Grahes recuperate and can fully concentrate on the Retreat Center, will be Amy Morgan.

**Dave Marzola-** moved the following motion forward:

**Motion: The oversight, duties, and responsibilities of the Son & Sand Retreat Center be assigned to the Office Manager for a period of three (3) months, with a review conducted after two (2) months, to determine the well-being of the oversight, and determine if the oversight should continue under the Office Manager's duties and responsibilities. In addition to this motion, the work hours of the Office Manager will increase from 37 hours per week, to 40 hours per week to compensate for the additional work being conducted.**

**Second: Evan McDermott**

**Vote: unanimous**

**AED Equipment & CPR Training-** Our AED Equipment is out of commission and currently needs to be updated. Amy is working on its replacement. When the equipment is up and running, Alyce Marzola and Amy will work with the O.C. Fire Department to bring the CPR training to St. Peter's and our community.

**Pastor Bettye/Temple Talks-** each month one of the council members will give a Temple Talk to the congregation that relates to God in their daily lives. In June, Char Vanvick will give a Temple Talk and Susanne Howard give the July Temple Talk.

St. Peter's next Monthly Council Meeting will be held on June 10, 2025, in room 5 at 6:00 p.m. All members of St. Peter's are welcome to join the meeting to ask questions or get transparency on moving the church forward.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susanne Howard, Secretary



### **AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

**April - 141 per week  
(4 wks & includes Maundy Thursday  
& Good Friday)**

### **MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS**

**Total Contributions as of April 27, 2025**  
**\$128,510.48 Year-to-Date Budget**  
**\$155,851.81 Year-to-Date Received**  
**+\$27,341.33 Year-to-Date Difference**

### **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 not 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 the church office 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.

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 \$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.

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

June Ministry of the Month is "Open Door Feeding."



Our June Ministry of the Month is our "Open Door Feeding Ministry." This is one way that we live out our Mission "To Feed the Physically and Spiritually Hungry in the world." We are blessed to serve weekly meals, as well as handing out many bags of groceries to our Neighbors who don't have enough to eat. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving a special offering in May to help support this life saving

ministry. Please mark your donation "Open Door Feeding Ministry." Each time you sit down for a meal, please pray for those who don't have enough to eat or someone to share it with.

Thank you for your support!



## PEACH FESTIVAL



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

#### **Peach Festival 2025**

Thursday, August 7 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday, August 8 - 9:00 AM - 12 NOON  
Flea Market Only!

Peach Festival 2025 will be here before you know it. Flea Market items may be dropped off at the church, Monday thru Thursday, 10AM-2 PM beginning June 16th. 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. mattress), clothing, damaged electronics or large TV's, cassettes, or VHS tapes

Thanks, Dee



**++NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION++**



**GIFTS & MEMORIALS**



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**BOB SCHULTZ**

to  
 Gifts & Memorials  
 from  
 Sharon & Charlie Sorrentino

**DAN HOLTZER**

to  
 Gifts & Memorials  
 from  
 Rene Boylan  
 Alexander Brush  
 Mildred Crowe  
 Erin Deloach  
 Dianna & Bob Detwiler  
 Marguerite Florensa  
 Paul & Linda Grahe  
 Harry Lambert  
 Greg & Carolyn Nuovo  
 Sharon & Charlie Sorrentino  
 Sandra Trobiano



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Rudolph & Pamela Dolle	06/05
Eric & Brandy Myers	06/09
Dexter & Virginia Stannard	06/17
David & Bettye Wolinski	06/18
Doug & Linda Harry	06/21
Jeffery & Veronica Bona	06/23
Susanne & John Howard	06/28
Randy & Nan Dove	06/29



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Mary Lou Kauffman	06/01	Virginia Hartmuller	06/20
Alyce Marzola	06/01	Hank Meixner	06/20
Evelyn Houston	06/02	Daniel Barnhart	06/22
Jeffrey Bona	06/04	Delaney Gerhart	06/23
Margaret Ermer	06/05	Kathleen Germeroth	06/23
Carl Crimm, Jr.	06/07	Joann Soultz	06/24
Johan I. Nykvist	06/11	Elizabeth Jubb	06/29
Logan Telscher	06/13	Dexter Stannard	06/29

**MANY THANKS**

Linda and I would like to thank you for your cards, thoughts, and prayers as she recovers from her fall. She came home on Mother's Day from Encompass Rehab Center and is receiving Home Care. She is improving each day. We thank God for His Blessings and our church family for your concerns and encouragement.

**CAN YOU HELP GIVE A RIDE?**



**We are looking for folks who are able to give other rides** to worship or medical appointments. If you are able to help with this from time

to time please call the church office and let us know. **We are also looking for a contact person to help coordinate rides** when the need arises. If you are willing to be that person please call the church office. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this very important ministry.



**PRAYER CHAIN AND PRAYER LIST**

*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 **Pastor Bettye at 410-292-2360** 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 Bettye 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 contact the office 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.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Current needs:** Bob & Eileen Coyner, Marjorie Hagood, Leroy, Kim Tull & Family

**Ongoing needs:** Caregivers, first responders and all on the front lines working to save lives, Linda & Paul Grahe, Sandy Holthe, Melissa Jester, Savannah Bona, Pastor Bettye Wolinski, Lorelai Grace and Brooklyn Eleanor, Dex Stannard, Ada May Shipley, Chuck Pyle, Matt Harry, Charlie Bussels, Dan Barnhart, Mary Ann Holtzer, Dave Searle, Pastor Harry Wolpert, Jen Anderson

**Assisted Living:** Fred Deily, Mim Fritz, Violet Green, Elsie Koehler, Mary Grahe, Betty Romig

**In the Military:** Justin Carter, Cal Cramer, Katie Cramer, Stephanie Dalocchio, Matthew Dennis, Noah Kauffman, Nicolas Nalbhone, 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)  
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### FROM THE OFFICE

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 Worship and Music - Ginny Stannard

<b>JUNE BIBLE LESSONS</b>	
<b>Sunday, June 1</b> <b>Ascension of our Lord</b>	<b>Acts 1:1-11</b> <b>Psalm 47</b> <b>Ephesians 1:15-23</b> <b>Luke 24:44-53</b>
<b>Sunday, June 8</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Acts 2:1-21</b> <b>Psalm 104:24-34. 35b</b> <b>Romans 8:14-17</b> <b>John 14:8-27</b>
<b>Sunday, June 15</b> <b>Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31</b> <b>Psalm 8</b> <b>Romans 5:1-15</b> <b>John 16:12-15</b>
<b>Sunday, June 22</b> <b>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Isaiah 65:1-9</b> <b>Psalm 22:19-28</b> <b>Galations 3:23-29</b> <b>Luke 8:26-39</b>
<b>Sunday, June 29</b> <b>Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b>	<b>Acts 12:1-11</b> <b>Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7</b> <b>2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18</b> <b>John 21:15-19</b>

