

THE NET

JUNE 2026



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

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

This passage is known as the Great Commission, where Jesus instructs His followers to spread His teachings and baptize believers, emphasizing the importance of discipleship and His continual presence with them. As a good Lutheran, I am inclined to say, "What does this mean?"

Each week our liturgy has the option of recognizing people from the past that we know little, if anything about. Most of them have been martyrs for the faith, taking the commissioning words of Jesus seriously even unto death. These people have existed across time and are still found within our churches today. We call them people of faith and purpose recognizing that the Gospel message of our Lord, the commissioning of his followers didn't end in Matthew 28:19. These people who have been commissioned include us, the people next to us in the church pew, our community partners, and members of other houses for God. What we have in common is the desire to always tell the story of the Christ, and in all places, this act varies from person to person, from heart to heart. History remembers the great names of Boniface, Justin, the martyrs of Uganda, Martin Luther King Jr., and Columba to mention only a few. We have no direct relationship with these great commissioners of the faith, but we benefit from their life, teaching, and even their deaths. Some names are as simple as my friend Mary Anne from Hagerstown, who visits me twice a year, buying books and handing them to anyone who is sitting in our favorite breakfast site, books that talk about Jesus and his love for us all. I benefit from watching a modern-day disciple, commissioner of the Word in action.

This June I am remembering our call to be commissioners of the faith and giving thanks to the ministries at St. Peter's and our sister churches, which continue the directions of Jesus. Let us never lose sight of the power granted to us by our Triune God: to go and tell, to go and teach, to go and baptize, to go and feed, and to go and welcome all to God's house and table. Friends, do not underestimate the power you have been given.

Blessings of strength to all my fellow workers in the vineyard!
Pastor Bettye

++ST. PETER'S MINISTRY TEAMS++

ALTAR GUILD

by Maryanne Siegert

The Easter season has come to an end, and on May 24, we adorned the altar with red to celebrate Pentecost. Thank you to everyone who purchased geraniums, as well as those who made contributions to the Altar Guild. We thank Amy for taking care of the ordering of the flowers. Please know that we appreciate it. We are staying busy with the paraments and the linens. We do all of this with joy.

Submitted by Maryanne Siegert

COMMUNITY SERVICES

by Mary Lou Tietz

The Community Services Committee met on May 6th and reviewed our Easter program distribution, as well as our ongoing food and shelter programs. A subcommittee of the Shelter program will be meeting in June with other church partners from the community to review how the cold weather shelter operated during some very challenging winter months, when temperatures reached record lows for this area, along with significant snowfall totals. December and January were especially busy months for the shelter and volunteers, and we want to make certain that we help this program meet the demands and expenses to stay in operation so that we can continue to operate a safe and very much-needed program for those who do not have shelter during very cold winter months. We will be discussing this program more when we meet in July.

The Committee also discussed our feeding programs and the award we received from the Delaware-Maryland Synod for the work our team does each week providing food to those in need. Demand is now increasing as we welcome

interns who come from overseas annually to work in the United States during the summer. These lunches mean a lot to the young people who like to come together to share lunch and talk about all they are doing while they are here. Our attendance grows significantly during the summer months, and we appreciate that we can provide this outreach.

St. Peter's feeding ministries will also be featured as part of a presentation being made to the Synod convention in June and at other hunger task force meetings. When you have a chance, please have a look at the new award that is displayed in the Narthex as you enter the church, and thank one of our members for all their hard work.

The Committee will meet again in July to prepare for our back-to-school program and then again in September to prepare for the families we will be supporting in the fall. Our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 2pm. As always, we thank the members of St. Peter's for providing both the volunteer and financial support that makes the programs we provide possible.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Lou Tietz

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 Steve & Trish Kiser for leading the free lunch part of the Open Door Feeding Ministry; to Char Vanvick 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

Jeannette Latzo

The Fellowship Team is continuing the Thursday Bible Study meals.

Sunday mornings have several members of the church baking different yummy items that will delight your palate.

On June 27th, we will have a luncheon for Joanne Williams' Celebration of Life.

We are working on cleaning and organizing the kitchen, closets, and the CLC.

RUTH CIRCLE

Women's Bible Study
by Joann Soultz

Ruth Circle Bible Study will meet via Zoom on Thursday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m. Our current study guide is "Psalm 91 for Mothers" by Peggy Joyce Ruth, Chapters 9 and 10 with Joann Soultz leading.
(202-544-7981 or jsoultz624@gmail.com).

RECYCLING at St. Peter's Lutheran Church

by Linda Grahe

The Lion's Club's Matthew 25 Ministries project of collecting empty plastic prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles to help improve medical care in developing countries and reduce landfill waste has ended. We collected 100 bottles in May, bringing the total to 1,063 medicine bottles collected from January through May. Thank you very much for participating in this project.

We are still collecting paper & plastic bags and egg cartons. The bags are used in our Wednesday weekly food give-away program in the Son & Sand Retreat Center and in our kitchen. Thank you for your participation in these projects.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (S.A.M.)

by Susanne Howard & Bridget Foster

We genuinely enjoyed our trip to the Milton Theatre on May 2nd to see Nunsense II. The theatre, originally constructed in 1915, began its journey as a silent picture theatre, captivating audiences with films that spoke through images rather than words. Over the years, the venue experienced several transformations, accommodating a variety of shops and even serving as a fire department for a period.

The sisters of Hoboken graced the stage with their lively performances. They sang, danced, and entertained audiences, seamlessly blending humor with heartfelt moments as they exchanged prayers for punchlines. Their appearances became a highlight combination of faith and entertainment. After the show, we had a delicious lunch at Irish Eyes right across the street. It was a wonderful day filled with fellowship and laughter.

On Tuesday, May 26th we traveled to Delaware Technical Community College in Georgetown to see "Treasures of the Sea," the recovery of \$4 million in coins, gold bars, and jewelry. Afterwards, we had lunch at Fins Restaurant right across the street. What an interesting and fun day!

Stay tuned for information on our trip to the Naval Academy tour and High Tea on September 10, 2026. You don't want to miss this one!

All members are warmly invited to attend future meetings and are encouraged to bring ideas and information about trips and outings. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, July 20th at 1:00

PM in Room 5. Everyone is welcome to join and participate in planning future activities.

God's blessings to all.

SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER

by Paul Grahe

I have received 16 inquiries for dates this year! In June, we welcome the following church groups: from 6/5-6/9 the youth and adults of St. George & St. Philopateer Coptic Orthodox; from 6/15-6/21 Zion Lutheran Church on a Mission Trip; and from 6/26-6/28 DE/MD & Metro DC Youth Ministry on a High School Youth Retreat. Let's give them a warm St. Peter's welcome.

I want to thank Steve Germeroth and Dave Marzola for handling property issues. Many thanks to Amy Morgan for her continued work and support. If you have any questions or are interested in this ministry, I am available in the CLC on Sundays, or you may call me at 443-604-8068.

WITNESS

by Evelyn Houston

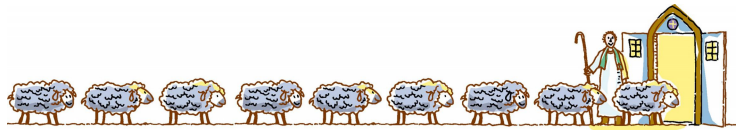
Have you ever thought to yourself, "I wish that, just once, I could talk to Jesus, face-to-face?" - Especially when life is hard, in times of confusion, or fear— How wonderful it would be to go for a walk and have a long conversation with Jesus?

Could it be that Jesus is closer to us than we think? Isn't it the case that we sometimes recognize, usually after the fact, that the warmth we felt, the sense of belonging, the assurance that we were being cared for..... was in fact the very presence of Christ?

God showed up on earth in the form of Jesus for only a few short years compared to the length of

human history. But that doesn't mean we're unaccompanied by divine love now. Whenever a dear friend embraces you in a hug, or a neighbor brings a casserole when you've experienced a death, or shares garden produce on a warm summer day..... When you go for a walk with someone special in your life, or just happen to meet up with an acquaintance and you walk and talk for a while..... Take a closer look. For Christ reaches out to us through other people. Perhaps this is the most frequent way God accompanies us, that is, walks with us and shares bread with us nowadays.

Lord, help us to recognize you and sense your presence in our neighbors, in strangers, and in all the ways you accompany us through life. Help us know that we are never alone. Amen.



++ST. PETER'S NEWS++

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

by David Marzola

Look for a message in The July Net.

CALL COMMITTEE

by Veronica Bona-Committee Communications

Greetings from the Call Committee

The Ministry Profile final draft has been completed. It has been submitted to the council for final approval. Once we have received it back, it will be submitted to the synod, and our search for a new pastor begins.

We thank everyone for your continued prayers and support.
Blessings to all,
Veronica

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

154 (4weeks - includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday)

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

Total Contributions as of April 26, 2026
\$128,984.95 Year-to-Date Budget
\$129,546.06 Year-to-Date Received
\$(+ 561.11) 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 looking for someone who would be willing to help with live streaming.

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.

Church office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Please contact Amy via phone, text, or email **during these hours.**

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

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

June Ministry of the Month is the "Capital Campaign."



As we work in God's Service to bring fellowship and God's good news to our congregation and the community, we need to have good communication devices and equipment. Our current equipment is decades old and no longer functioning to keep up with the growing needs of

worship and evangelism.

In order to correct this and update our systems - after much research, discussion, and the unanimous approval of the council and congregation - we contracted Mid-South Audio to do the work. The complete transformation will cost \$59,000. Therefore, we began a **Capital Campaign** at the beginning of the year to acquire the funds to begin the work. To date, we have received \$25,975.00 from your generous donations toward this goal, but more is needed.

We do not want you to take anything away from your regular tithing, which helps to meet our

annual budgeting needs; but if you can do a little more, please prayerfully consider giving to the Capital Campaign this month.

Thank you all for your continued support of St. Peter's missions and ministries. God bless!.



PEACH FESTIVAL



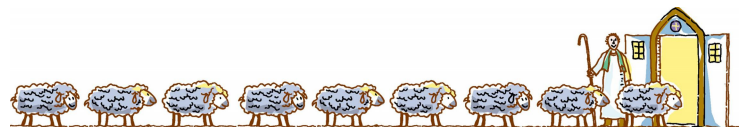
2026 Peach Festival

The Peach Festival for the year 2026 is scheduled for Thursday, August 6 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. On Friday, August 7, the festival will feature a flea market only, which will run from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

Excitement is building as we gear up for Peach Festival 2026! To clarify, the date to **begin accepting items** for the Peach Festival is set for **Monday, June 15th, Monday through Thursday, from 10am-2pm**. Please donate only clean usable items. We are **not** accepting upholstered furniture, mattresses, clothing, damaged electronics, large TV's, VHS tapes or cassettes.

Stay tuned for updates and information about how you can participate and contribute to this year's festivities. We look forward to celebrating with the community and making this event a memorable one for everyone involved.

Susanne Howard



The *Grace*
of *God* is
with *you!*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bunky & Pamela Dolle	06/05
Sally Seibold	06/12
Ryan & Jan Magee	06/15
Dexter & Virginia Stannard	06/17
David & Bettye Wolinski	06/18
Doug & Linda Harry	06/21
Jeffery & Veronic Bona	06/23
Suanne & John Howard	06/28
Randy & Nan Dove	06/29



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.

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alyce Marszola	06/01	Cliff Hoskins	06/16
Evelyn Houston	06/02	Virginia Hartmuller	06/20
Jeffrey Bona	06/04	Hank Meixner	06/20
Margaret Ermer	06/05	Kathleen Germeroth	06/23
Johan I. Nykvist	06/11	Joann Soultis	06/24
Steve Heistand	06/12	Elizabeth Jubb	06/29
Logan Telscher	06/13	Dexter Stannard	06/29



GIFTS & MEMORIALS



April Gifts & Memorials

For Gifts & Memorials

In Loving Memory
of

DAN BARNHART

by

William & Constance Cullison

In Loving Memory
of

PASTOR HARRY WOLPERT

by

Candace Gruman

Peggy & Donald Trimmer

For the Sound System

In Loving Memory
of

FRED DEILY

by

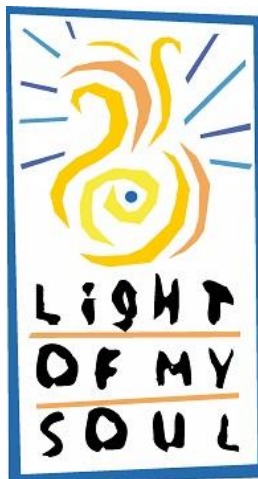
daughter Christine Waggoner & Family

In Loving Memory
of

PASTOR HARRY WOLPERT

by

Paul & Linda Grahe



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.

Current needs: Kelly Wernz, Dave Searle, Family and friends fo Carol Lee Ball, Family and friends of Treva Smith, Denise Santa Barbara, Doug Harry, Joel Gusky, Jerry Heeg, Gail, Mason, Madison Mills, Liam Bona & family, Bonnie Hiewsky, Robert & Rebecca, John Resh, Reed Murphy & family, Joanne & Frank Gum, Charlie & Bonnie Hafer, Margaret, Eric Rimel, Trish Kiser, Rob, Brenda Golden, Rae Disney

Ongoing needs: Caregivers & First Responders, St. Peter’s Call Committee, Paul Grahe, Hannah, Jon Gerbracht, Stephanie George, Karen Schultz, Brenda Scheminant, Ava Councill, Bob Swingler, Sandy Holthe, Mary Haynes, Sue Shoop, Terri Wheatley, Ginny Hartmuller, Marjorie Hagood, Bob Coyner, Paul Tishuk, Savannah Bona, Melissa Jester, Dex Stannard, Chuck Pyle, Matt Harry, Mary Ann Holtzer, Dave Searle, Jen Anderson

Assisted Living: Mim Fritz, Violet Green, Bonnie Hiewsky, Elsie Koehler

In the Military: Justin Carter, Cal Cramer, Katie Cramer, Stephanie Dallochio, Matthew Dennis, Noah Kauffman, Nicolas Nalbhone, David Owens, Jarrett Patterson, Joshua Robinson, Nicholas Sorrentino, Jacob Sturgill

Our Bishops: Yahiel Curry & Bill Gohl

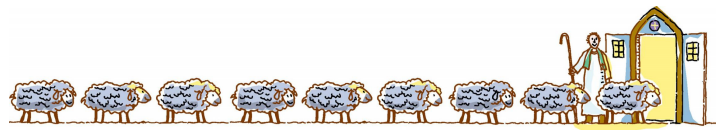
G-4 Church Partners:

Community Lutheran Church (Frankford, DE)

Grace of God Lutheran Church (Longneck, DE)

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (Salisbury, MD)

St. Albans Episcopal Church



++FROM ST. PETER'S OFFICE++

2026 COUNCIL

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Secretary - Susanne Howard
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Vonnie Brown, Ken Corbett, Lee Creamer,
Marcie Ermer, Steve Kiser, Jeannette Latzo,
Tina Palmer, Theresa Pyle, Charlene Vanvick

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

Altar Guild - Maryanne Siegert
Christian Education - Pastor Bettye Wolinski
Community Service - Mary Lou Tietz
Fellowship - Jeannette Latzo
Fundraising - Linda Grahe
Mutual Ministry -
Open Door Feeding Ministry - Char Vanvick
Personnel - Vonnie Brown
Property - Steve Germeroth
Senior Adult Ministry (S.A.M.) - Bridget Foster & Susanne Howard
Son & Sand - Paul Grahe
Stewardship/Support - Phil Ermer
Witness - Evelyn Houston
Women of ELCA - Evelyn Houston
Worship and Music -

OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday
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**Friday
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JUNE BIBLE LESSONS

Sunday, June 7 Second Sunday after Pentecost	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Sunday, June 14 Third Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:23
Sunday, June 21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39
Sunday, June 28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42