

THE NET

MAY 2024



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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++Pastor's Message++

by Pastor Frank Harpster

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

Spring is certainly in the air. In this month of May, we as the Church, will journey with Jesus through more transitions in our faith journey. First, we will celebrate Ascension Day on May 9th. Ascension Day, or the Feast of the Ascension, is the day that Jesus ascended into heaven, which happened Forty days from the day Jesus rose from the grave.

St. Luke describes the event in this way: ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (Acts 1:4-9)

Ten days after celebrating Ascension Day, (50 days after Jesus resurrection), on March 19th, we celebrate the Day of Pentecost. Throughout the season of Pentecost we celebrate being a new creation, as children of God, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We spend this season of Pentecost (which is the longest season in the Church year) discovering and discerning just what that means in and for our lives.

According to the second chapter of the book of Acts, on the day of Pentecost, Peter gave a sermon proclaiming God's plan of salvation in Christ. He concluded that sermon with the question: Brothers (and Sisters), what do we do? (Acts 2:37). Peter then responds in Acts 2:38: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Together, as we journey through the newness of spring and into summer, let us be more intentional in seeing, hearing, feeling, and experiencing where the Holy Spirit is breaking into our lives. Be it in the new life springing up around us, the warmth of the sun, the peacefulness of an evening shower, or in the gathering of friends, family, and vacationers, may we experience God's love and splendor in new ways. And may we discover the new ways that God's spirit is working in and through us, to be God's love and splendor for others.

May God continue to bless you, and our partnership, As you ARE certainly a blessing to others!

Pastor Frank



++ST. PETER'S MINISTRY TEAMS++

ALTAR GUILD

by Maryanne Siegert

We remain in the Easter season with white paraments on the altar. We are starting our preparation for Pentecost by offering red geraniums for sale that will be displayed on the altar that Sunday. Amy will provide information in the bulletin for the next few Sundays if you are interested in ordering the flowers. We also ask that our parishioners wear red on that Sunday, if possible.

God Bless you and give you peace.

Maryanne Siegert

COMMUNITY SERVICES

by Mary Lou Tietz

The Community Services Committee will not meet in May. We will meet next on Wednesday, June 5 at 2:00 at the church. We welcome anyone who wants to join us for this meeting. If you would like more information on this, please call Mary Lou Tietz at 302-539-0793.

We always want to thank all of you for your continued support of our programs. Over the last 5 to 6 months, we have supported our families with Thanksgiving meals, Christmas gifts and meals, Easter meals and baskets and have reached out to those who we support from the congregation who are in the military, sending gift cards to each one, thanking them for their service and offering them our prayers. We have also been able to give some additional help to the families we support when we know that they are struggling through some very difficult times. These gifts are often times offered by giving them gas and food cards. Every week we have been able to offer meals and fellowship, a program that requires a lot of volunteer support, which so many of you offer with open arms. We have also served those who are homeless at our homeless shelter over the winter months, serving them meals, helping wash their clothes, giving them a chance to shower and a warm place to sleep and simply showing them that someone cares about them! We are blessed to be able to offer all those who are in need, our support!

We will discuss our fall programs at our meeting in June and will let you know how this ministry of St Peter's will continue to reach out. Mary Lou

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

Welcome spring 2024. As we look forward to the warm sunny weather, I also want to thank the Fellowship Team that helped with the Lent Soup Suppers and Easter festivities in March; with our Easter Bunny breakfast, and the Easter Bunny who stopped by for an egg hunt with the children. We also welcomed 6 new members to our St. Peter's family on March 10th & 17th, with cake and fellowship after both services.

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. P.S. We have fun and a lot of laughs also.

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

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, 3/23/24, began at 10 AM. This event was attended by 41 people (35 adults & 6 children). Everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all the attendees and volunteers for setting up, decorating, cooking, serving, and clean-up. A special thanks to Pastor Frank and his sister for cooking the colorful (pink, blue & purple) pancakes, Amy for taking all the beautiful pictures with the Easter Bunny, and the Easter Bunny being available to visit with us during this busy holiday season. This Easter Bunny event raised \$500.00 for the general church fund.

Craft/Vendor Fair, on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 10 AM - 2 PM, included craft items of handmade jewelry, hand-painted Bibles, crocheted items, seashell crafts, sea

glass, hand drawn pictures, flowers, and more. Lunch was available for purchase. Thank you to all the bakers for the delicious baked goods. Also a big thank you to all the attendees, donors, volunteers for setting up, serving, and cooking. We had a beautiful day for this event and raised \$700.00 for the general church fund.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

by Paul Grahe

We will meet on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the CLC with the ladies to enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our chef, Pastor Frank. A free-will offering for the General Fund will be collected. We will move to our designated areas to do our studies.

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

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (S.A.M.)

by Pastor Harry

There are some exciting adventures in the planning stages for the remainder of this year. Since April was such a full and busy month, we did not have a special SAM event. We did, however, have a planning meeting. The fruits of that meeting, and especially the groundwork of Susanne Howard, are reported below.

LOOKING AHEAD:

MAY 9 -- Bonfire on Assateague! We are planning to return to the beach by popular demand. It has been suggested that instead of having hot dogs and everybody bringing a dish to share, we all bring our own food and drink. No glass containers are allowed! That way we would have less to schlep down to the beach. We would still have a bonfire. With s'mores! Candy Spielman, our youngest SAM enthusiast, has generously offered to help with preparing the fire, etc. We will gather at 4:00 pm at the National Park site, the first area after the toll booth. Let's hope for good weather, but bring a jacket/windbreaker, etc. In the event of rain or high wind we will have to cancel. I will send a call multiplier message as needed.

JUNE 20 or 27 – Possible tour of Barratt's Chapel, the "Cradle of Methodism" in America, and lunch out. Or we may enjoy a travel log presentation by Vonnie Brown with pie and ice cream. Stay tuned!

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

AUGUST -- Suicide Bridge lunch cruise on Choptank River.

SEPTEMBER 5 – Bus trip to the Naval Academy in Annapolis. This will be a major event and great memory maker, although a bit costly. We will tour the Chapel, visit the crypt of John Paul Jones, and tour two Halls, followed with High Tea at 2:30 pm, probably served by midshipmen. Total cost will be about \$130 per person. We need now to know the level of interest in this so that firm plans can be made. A minimum of 25 people is needed. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the SAM board in the Narthex at church. Contact Susanne Howard for more details.

OCTOBER – Plans are underway for a very special event focused on the life and times of Harriet Tubman. Watch for more details or talk with Susanne Howard to catch her excitement for this event!

NOVEMBER is combined with December event below.

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

My personal thanks go to Susanne Howard for the immense amount of up-front work she has been doing to plan several of the above events. And I also want to thank Bridget Foster for faithfully taking minutes at our planning meetings and preparing the postings on the SAM board at church.

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

HAPPY SPRING!

Blessings,
Pr. Harry Biles
443.944.4779

SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER

by Paul Grahe

I have received requests for 3 other church groups bringing our total to 9 groups. The 3 new groups are: the Christian Young Professionals, from Newark, DE from 5/24-5/27; the youth from East Avon Presbyterian Church, Avon, NY, 8/11-8/18 and The Humble Walk-Campus Ministry, College Park, MD from 9/20-9/22. We look forward to welcoming these and other groups who are planning to come on retreat. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, come and see me in the CLC following the church services.

SPIRITUAL READINGS

by Deacon, Sharey Biles



April Spiritual Readings

The Spiritual Readings group has chosen a new book to discuss!

The title is Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul by John Philip Newell. The book has received many fine reviews. There are many commentaries online.

Please join us for a meaningful discussion with some humor and added info mixed in.

We will meet on Monday, May 6, at 2:30 pm via ZOOM. Amy will send out a link to the congregation that morning.

Blessings,
Sharey Biles, deacon
443.944.7241

ST. PETER'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA

by Debbie Ryan

Women's Bible Study

Our Zoom Ruth's Circle Bible study will meet on the first Thursday this month, May 2, at 2:00 PM. 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, so we will be on week 1, day 2.

For our in-person Saturday Women's Bible study, we meet at church, with breakfast provided by Pastor Frank. We meet on the third Saturday of the month, May 18, at 9:00 am for breakfast and 10:00 am for study. We continue our study, "Encouraging One Another," by Women of Faith.

If you want to join us for one or both, please let me know.

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

Blessings,
Debbie Ryan

WITNESS

By Evelyn Houston

When we are shaken by personal, national and international events, we begin to wonder how it is even possible to always "respond with kindness and forgiveness." Psychologists say that being kind to others and forgiving others actually begins by being kind to yourself and forgiving yourself -- a difficult concept for me.

We've all done it: gossiped, passed judgment quickly, been snarky or just plain thoughtless. In hindsight how do we feel? Personally, I don't feel good about myself. On the other hand, when I reach out with kindness or forgiveness, my own life energy increases. Medical experts tell us that kindness reduces our stress/lowers blood pressure and releases positive chemicals that make us happier and more content. On the other hand, when we let rough places in our life embitter us, our quality of life is negatively affected.

God makes it clear that kindness and forgiveness implies action! Loving kindness and forgiveness are compassion towards others. They are powerful! Be attentive to how God nudges you to work in significant ways to help repair a broken world -- or broken relationships. Let your kindness and forgiveness be a light in the darkness. Let your words and actions reflect your belief that God is in our midst and that Jesus walks with us.



++ST. PETER'S NEWS++

COUNCIL NEWS

by Susanne Howard, Council Secretary

from Congregation Council Meeting
held April 15, 2024

Treasurer's Report/Dave Wolinski

Evan McDermott-informed the council that when Dave ran the Liquid Asset Sheet, it extended the projection beyond 2 years. He does not have much confidence in it. Dave will monitor it in the future.

Ministry Team Reports- Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Frank

-continues to support all of St. Peter's ministries. Pastor Frank also completed and submitted our Parochial reports.

-Keith Hall, Evan McDermott and Pastor Frank will be attending the 2024 Synod Assembly held June 7th-9th.

There is an opening for a female representative to join the 2-day event. Please see Pastor Frank for further information.

Pastor Harry

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

-Pastor Harry/ Deacon Sharey- will be on vacation starting April 17th returning the first week in May. They will be visiting their family in Michigan.

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

May 9th-Bonfire on Assateague Island

June- Barrett's Chapel (Cradle of Methodism) Date to be announced.

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

August- Suicide Bridge- Date to be announced.

September 5th- Annapolis Naval Academy "Tour & High Tea". \$130.00pp

President Evan McDermott

MIF Mortgage - as of April 1, 2024, our mortgage payment to MIF increased to \$7,000.00 a month.

- is communicating with Thrivent representative, Devon Balea, on a presentation to our congregation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susanne Howard, Secretary

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

March

122 per week (Sundays including Palm and Easter)

33 per week (Lenten Midweek, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday)

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

Total Contributions as of March 31, 2024

\$95,515.03 Year-to-Date Budget

\$88,925.19 Year-to-Date Received

\$(-6,589.84) 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.

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

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION ELEMENTS



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

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

COLD WEATHER SHELTER THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH, PRAYED FOR, AND/OR SUPPORTED OUR COLD WEATHER SHELTER THIS YEAR

This year the shelter opened a little earlier than planned because of some cold nights in late November. The shelter was open a total of 39 nights housing 234 people. It is because of the financial and physical support that you and others have given, that has made this life saving ministry possible, and for that we say thank you and thanks be to God! Please continue to hold in prayer those who are homeless or dealing with shelter insecurities.

MAY 19TH IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

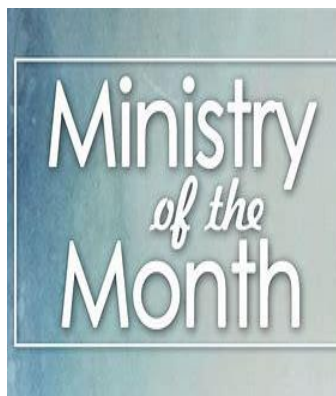
The word Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate God's presence with us through the Holy Spirit. In the book of Acts, the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too

are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world. Please plan to join us for our Pentecost Celebration and don't forget to wear your **RED** on that day.

MEMORIAL BENCH

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

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



Our May Ministry of the Month is "the Pastor's Discretionary Fund." Pastor Frank uses this fund (along with his personal resources) to offer financial assistance to members of the congregation, as well as folks in the community, who find themselves in a financial crisis or with some unexpected financial need. We ask you to prayerfully

consider if God might be calling you to share what you are blessed with to "love you neighbor" in this special way. If you feel called to contribute towards this ministry, we ask that you send a donation into the church sometime in May and designate it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund." Please see Pastor Frank if you have any questions, and thank you for your support.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Saturday, May 11, 2024 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
See [page 11](#) for details.





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.

SUMMER WORSHIP

PLANS ARE UNDER WAY FOR SOME WORSHIP AND PICNICS ON THE BEACH AS WELL AS PICNICS AND HYMN SINGS IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT THIS SUMMER. Watch for more information in next month's net.

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 will be representing St. Peter's, along with two male delegates that are scheduled to go.

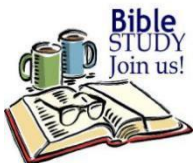
We are looking for a female delegate that would be willing to join us. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the larger Church as you represent St. Peter's in making decisions for the larger Church.

Your housing, meals, and assembly fees will be paid for. You are also welcome to ride with the group, or you can be reimbursed for your mileage if you need to drive yourself.

Please contact Pastor Frank as soon as possible if you would be willing to join us as our female delegate.

WEDNESDAY INTERACTIVE & HYBRID BIBLE STUDY

JOIN US FOR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY



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

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

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

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

Or you can:

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

Please contact Pastor Frank if you have any questions.



++NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION++



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David & Patricia Searle	05/03
Gene & Tina Palmer	05/05
Elsworth & Terri Wheatley	05/06
Corey & Katie Rimel	05/11
Paul & Linda Grahe	05/14
Charles & Sharon Sorrentino	05/15
Lee & Pat Creamer	05/17
Glenn & Linda Riley	05/18



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Coleen Cardy	05/03	Virginia Stannard	05/24
Pamela M. Estes	05/14	Ray Priebe	05/25
Sandra Holthe	05/15	Norman Disney	05/29
Sandra Palmisano	05/19	Keith Hall	05/29
Vincent Lobo	05/24	Raymond Wise	05/31



GIFTS & MEMORIALS



No Gifts & Memorials received

PRAYER CHAIN AND PRAYER LIST

by Pastor Frank

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

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

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

PRAYER CONCERNS



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

Current needs: Barbara Rex, Chris & Ted, Stephen, Peggy, Maureen, Christopher, Bob Doge, Lynn, Kyra, Nancy, Lorie, Kelly Shipley, Jeremy Hudson, Chuck Pyle, Mike & Linda, Jerry McKuk, Fred & Mary Lou Kauffman, Ron & Barb Hager

Ongoing needs: Caregivers, first responders and all on the front lines working to save lives, Savannah Bona, Pr. Bettye Wolinski, Mary Ann Holtzer, Father Joe Rushton, Ron & Barb Albright, Dave Searle, Pastor Harry Wolpert, Steve Ellis, Janet Ellis, Jen Anderson

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

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

Our Bishops: Elizabeth Eaton & Bill Gohl

G-4 Church Partners:

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



++FROM ST. PETER’S OFFICE++

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

FROM THE OFFICE

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

PASTOR’S OFFICE HOURS

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

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2024 COUNCIL

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

MINISTRY TEAMS & LEADERS

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

MAY BIBLE LESSONS	
Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19
Sunday, May 19 Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Sunday, May 26 - The Holy Trinity First Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

The men at St. Peter's are honoring the women with

Mother's Day
Brunch

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

1:00-3:00 P.M.

MENU

Shrimp Salad Puffs

Chicken Salad Croissants

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Assorted Quiches

Potato Salad

Spinach & Strawberry Salad

Pasta Salad

Assorted Desserts

Coffee, Tea, and Punch

This is a fundraiser to help support the mission and ministries at St. Peter's
So we are asking for a donation of \$20/person
(\$10/kids 5-12, free for kids under 5)

Please call the church office (410-524-7474) or sign up in the Narthex
to make your reservation by May 5, 2024

**Please plan to come for good food and fellowship
while supporting your church!**



CALLING ALL GUYS!!!

**Pastor Frank is looking for guys to help with this brunch.
Please let him know ASAP if you are able to help.
It will be lots of fun and you will get to eat for free.**