

THE NET

SEPTEMBER 2023



*"For where two or three
come together in my name,
there am I with them."*

Matthew 18:20, NIV



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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++Pastor's Message++

by Pastor Frank Harpster

**Oh what a wonderful God we have! How great are his riches and wisdom and knowledge!
How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his methods!** *Romans 11:33*

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace, Peace, and Mercy to you from our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I think it is pretty safe to say that there is not a Christian in the world who cannot resonate with Paul as he writes to the church in Rome.

Oh what a wonderful God we have! How great are his riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his methods! *Romans 11:33*

I believe these days, more than ever, it is paramount that we take time to be more intentional in discerning and discovering all of God's majesty in your life. Be it the sunshine and ocean waves illuminating nature's beauty with the birds, squirrels, and horses bringing greetings; or the wind, rain, and storms that pop up and wreak havoc in our lives.

Be it the people that God brings into our lives: our family and our friends, who are the very definition of Christ's light and God's love in our lives; or the brokenness of our human relationships filled with pain and sorrow.

Be it our bright shiny days filled with health, wealth, and happiness; or our dark days plagued with illness, economic hardship, and personal struggle.

It is easy to find God in those mountain top experiences and to embrace God's grace and glory; but when we find ourselves in those valleys, more often than not, I fear we only look for God in desperation.

After all, why would the God of light be in those dark places in our lives? Why would a God with so much grace and majesty allow so much darkness in God's creation to begin with?

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had answers to these questions? But the reality is.....we don't.....and most likely we never will.....at least not in this life.

What we do know is that everything good in our lives is a gracious gift from a God who loves us enough to die for us; and everything ugly and broken in our lives is a result of the sin and brokenness of this world.

The Grace is the promise that God is indeed with us always, carrying us through the darkness into the light and beauty of his love. And we can continue our journey through this life in the promise that one day we will be taken out of this brokenness to a place where all we will know is the fullness and richness of God's perfect love.

Oh what a wonderful God we have! How great are his riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his methods! *Romans 11:33*

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Frank, Your Senior Pastor



++ST. PETER'S MINISTRY TEAMS++

ALTAR GUILD

by Mary Haynes

The Altar Guild participated in the Peach Festival in various areas. Such a fun time and wonderful fellowship.

With the sanctuary being painted and our services moved to the Community Life Center, we had to make some adjustments for setting up Sunday communion. We worked out of Amy's office which worked well.

Summer will soon be over and fall weather will be here.

Our wishes to all for a safe and fun Labor Day.

Yours in Christ
Mary Haynes

COMMUNITY SERVICES

by Mary Lou Tietz

As we wind down the summer months, the Community Services Committee is looking forward to, once again, actively planning our fall and winter programs. Having just collected and distributed school supplies to our 3 Title 1 schools in the area, we hope that those children in need of support receive the school supplies and clothing that they need to start school successfully. It can be a frightening time for some kids as they go back to school, meet new teachers, and make new friends, but knowing they have the required school supplies should help to take a bit of pressure off of them.

We also sent out greeting cards and gift cards to our men and women serving in the military. Hopefully this was a nice and welcome surprise reminding them that they are in our hearts and prayers.

Now it is time to plan for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, making sure that the families we are supporting throughout the year can have a joyous holiday season. At least one of the families we have supported in the past is more stable now, and so we may not need to give them continued help. If anyone in the Church knows of a family who could use our support, please let one of our committee members know or mention the family to Amy so she can pass it on to us. We appreciate you bringing families who need a helping hand to our attention.

Again, your help is always needed as we continue to serve meals to those in need every Wednesday. If you can help, let one of our members know-- You can contact Diana Detwiler at dgdetwiler@yahoo.com or the Kisers at Kisersp@verizon.net. Continuing to bring in canned goods to restock our shelves is also a big help--your generosity in financially supporting our feeding programs has kept them going, and we are grateful for that!!

And as always, we love to greet new people at our Community Services meetings. The one in September will be at the church at 2:30 on Wednesday, the 13th, following our feeding program. We would love to have you

come. If you want more information about the meetings, please call Mary Lou Tietz at 302-539-0793

OPEN DOOR FREE LUNCH MINISTRY

Pastor Frank

WE ARE NOW OFFERING A SIT DOWN 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 free lunch part of the Open Door Feeding Ministry; 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 come to the close of the summer months, the Fellowship Team hopes you enjoyed the warm weather and beach with your family and friends.

We had a wonderful luncheon on Sunday, July 23rd, for Pastor Harry Biles' 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. Everyone shared the love, laughter, and meal. What a joyous occasion! We wish to thank everyone who attended and to those who helped in any way in honoring Pastor Biles' 50th Ordination Anniversary.

As always there is a need for volunteers to help with luncheons and memorials. If you can share some of your time, and help serve our congregation, community, and friends, please don't hesitate to give me a call. You can reach out to me every Sunday, or I can be reached at 443-442-4285. The Fellowship Team continues to provide coffee, tea, and pastries before and after each Sunday Services.

FUND RAISING

By Linda Grahe

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends 25% discount shopping passes are available for purchase. They may be used **in-store only** on **Wednesday, October 18, 2023, from 8 AM-11 PM.**

Shopping passes are available in the CLC (Community Life Center) after each service on Sunday mornings for a donation of \$5.00 each. St. Peter's Lutheran Church keeps 100% of each \$5.00 donation. Donate \$5.00 and enjoy 25% OFF shopping discount during this one-day event. Also, you may register to win a \$100.00 Boscov's giftcard. Can you spread the word about

our fundraiser to your friends and other groups you belong to? Please see Linda Grahe to obtain shopping passes or call me at 443-604-8068. Thank you for your participation in this event.

I want to thank everyone from our committee for helping with the Peach Festival and making this event a success. We are in the planning stages for events for the remainder of this year. More information to follow.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

by Paul Grahe

We will meet on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. We will meet with the ladies and have a delicious breakfast prepared by our Chef, Pastor Frank. We will then go to our designated areas to do our studies. Pastor Frank will lead a discussion on Christian Virtues. Remember to bring your Bible with you. If you plan on attending, please let me know so the proper amount of food can be prepared. You may see me in church or call me at 443-604-8068.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (S.A.M.)

by Pastor Harry

There is no special event sponsored by SAM for the month of September. However, there are a couple of very special events planned for the remainder of the year.

Looking ahead:

—October 5, Travel Log presented by Steve Kiser who, with his wife Trish, has recently made an awesome trip. 1:30 start time in the CLC. Pie and Ice Cream will be served! We will be looking for volunteers to donate the refreshments. Pastor Frank may also be able to share with us some of his adventures on his recent trip to Hawaii.

—November 30, *Estella Scrooge* at Clear Space Theater. 50 seats have been reserved!

*Final count must be submitted by October 30. Play begins at 11:30. Lunch at 1:30 at Victoria's Restaurant. The likely cost will be around \$60 inclusive.

As can be seen from the above, a couple of very special events are in the offing! Please put them on your calendar and plan to join SAM for fun and fellowship. Please check the Sunday worship folder for further information as well as the SAM bulletin board in the Narthex area at church.

Also, as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Blessings,
Pr. Harry Biles
443.944.4779
harrybiles@aol.com

SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER

by Paul Grahe

In September, we welcome the following groups: the Women from Burtonsville 7th Day Adventist, Burtonsville, MD from September 1st-September 5th; the Women from Redeemer Lutheran, Lancaster, PA from September 15th- September 17th; and Young Adults from Lutheran Campus Ministry, College Park, MD from September 29th-October 1st.(This group includes youth from Germany). Let's give them a warm St. Peter's welcome.

If you would be interested in learning more about the retreat center and becoming a Son & Sand Greeter, I am available in the CLC on Sundays or you may contact me at 443-604-8068.



SPIRITUAL READINGS GROUP

by Deacon Sharey Biles



Spiritual Readings Fall 2023

A New Book!

The Spiritual Readings Group has chosen the next book!

The title is: **One Month to Live: Thirty Days to a No-Regrets Life** by Kerry & Chris Shook. This book has been on the NY Times bestseller list and emphasizes the idea that each day really matters. Info on the book is available online.

Now would be a great time to join this discussion group. Each session is a fun and informative time. We will meet via Zoom on Monday, September 25th, at 2:30 PM. Amy Morgan will send out Zoom info that morning.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. 443.944.7241.

Blessings,
Sharey Biles

ST. PETER'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA

by Debbie Ryan

Women's Circle Bible Studies

Our Zoom Ruth's Circle Bible study will be returning to the first Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM. All women are invited. We are studying "It's All Under Control Bible Study," by Jennifer Duke Lee.

Please let me know if you want to join us, and I'll make sure you receive a book and the Zoom link.

For our in-person Women's Bible study at church with breakfast provided, we will be resuming our study of "Encouraging One Another," by Nicole Johnson on the third Saturday of the month at 9:00 am for breakfast and 10:00 am study.

The Women of the ELCA is having a DE-MD SWO Retreat September 15-17, 2023. Please let me know if you would like attend.

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

Blessings,
Debbie Ryan

WITNESS

By Evelyn Houston

Every morning when I turn on the TV to watch the news and weather, the news outlook seems to get worse each day. It is as if disasters are trying to outdo each other for prime time. There are weather related events, mass shootings along with other other crimes, inflation, epidemics, war, and so on. I turn off the TV and feel as though the world has become like all of the worst disaster movies ever filmed. In addition, all of our worldly worries are added to our own personal family worries: a spouse that is ill, kids who need jobs, our own health and job security. Fear and worry begin to churn in my heart.

Try as I might, I cannot get past my habit of fretting over things -- past things, present things, and things of the future. Intellectually I know that worry blinds you from the beauty around you, creates anxiety, and affects your physical and mental health. When we worry we lose touch with our faith. Do not worry! What is Jesus saying here? Worry is futile. It will not add an hour to your life. Nonetheless God acknowledges that there is trouble in the world. But what are we to do?

Jesus says "I have overcome the world." In Jesus we have peace. Things won't always turn out the way we expect or want. Some things won't even happen. But without faith, we will be buffeted by the world's storms. With faith, we can share the peace that only God can give. When life seems overwhelming and worry comes to visit, remember that Jesus has overcome the world. Jesus is our safe place of peace and love.



++ST. PETER'S NEWS++

COUNCIL NEWS

by Susanne Howard, Council Secretary

There was no council meeting in August.

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

July 2023 - 119 per week

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

Total Contributions as of July 30, 2023

\$243,030.00 Year-to-Date Budget

\$201,352.52 Year-to-Date Received

\$(-41,677.48) Year-to-Date Difference

CHURCH ROOF UPDATES

At the time I am writing this, the new roof has been installed on the entire building, the interior repairs and painting have been completed in the sanctuary and other areas of the church, and they are finishing re-installing the solar panels.

All of these needed improvements/ repairs were only possible because of your support. Thank you for your financial support for this project, as well as your patience during the renovations.

We want to thank all of you who have helped with moving furniture, as well as set-ups and tear downs during the renovations.

We want to extend a special thank you, and thanks be to God, for Pat Creamer, Larry Ryan, and Jim Cloud, who have worked hard in patching up damages from leaks and painting those patches in the sanctuary over the past few years. You are each a true blessing.



OUR CURRENT REALITY 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 yet 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 Pastries 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.

Hand sanitizer – available throughout the building.

Water fountain is now available to be used.

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, Dan Holtzer if you have any questions.

OTHER GATHERINGS, EVENTS, AND GROUPS

The church building is open for in house meetings and choir practices.

St. Peter's Council meetings are being held in person.

Ministry Teams are meeting in whatever way they are most comfortable; either in person or via Zoom.

The building is open for outside groups. Those meetings/gatherings must make reservations coordinated through the church office.

Amy is in the office Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Please contact her via phone, text, or email. **Pastor Frank** has office hours Tuesdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.; and other times by appointment.

Pastor Frank is always available by phone, text, or email.

Pastor Frank will be leading bible study in person (room 5) and online (see info on the Bible Study Section) on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning September 13, 2023.

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 \$80.

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.

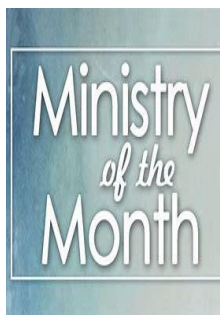
HOLY COMMUNION



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.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



Our September Ministry of the Month is St. Peter's "Military Support Ministry." Our Community Service Team works diligently to stay in contact and support folks in our congregation and/or their family members who are actively serving in the military. This is done through prayer, as well as sending cards,

notes, and gift cards. We ask you to keep these folks, along with all those serving in the military, and their families in your prayers. We also have a list with these folk's addresses and encourage you to join us in reaching out to them with a card or a note. We also ask you to prayerfully consider sending a donation into the church designated "Military Support Ministry" to help to pay for the gift cards and shipping costs. Please contact Mary Lou Tietz if you have any questions.



PEACH FESTIVAL 2023

Dee Floyd



Once again God blessed us with perfect weather. Vendors lined the parking lot. Twenty-five half bushels of peaches were ready for sale. The grills were fired-up and the games and face painting were ready. All the fleas for the Flea Market were priced, and Peach Festival was set to start.

Festival attendees enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, delectable bakery goods, peach smoothies, and peaches and ice cream. Again this year donations from Thomas J Ayd, Sr, Fred and Mary Lou Kauffman, Hank and Lyn Meixner, Evelyn Houston, Charlie and Vonnie Brown, Mary Ann Holtzer, Pastor Frank, Matthew and Pat Pfannenstiel, Susanne Howard and Dee Floyd covered the cost of the peaches.

The coordinators voted to donate 10% to the Synod for ELCA Mission Support (formerly known as synod benevolence) and 10% to the Ocean City Crisis Ministry. The remaining 80% will go to the monthly mortgage payment. Not a final figure, but to date, we have raised over \$11,000.00. All this was possible because of everyone's help and support. Ginny and I want to say a big THANK YOU to each and everyone of you who helped in any way to make PEACH FESTIVAL 2023 a huge success.

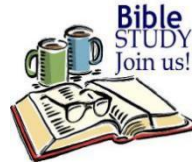
THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey Biles for covering pastoral emergencies and leading worship on August 20th while I was on vacation visiting with family back in Pennsylvania. You are both a true blessing for this congregation in so many ways.



WEDNESDAY INTERACTIVE ON-LINE

BIBLE STUDY



PASTOR FRANK WILL BE LEADING BIBLE STUDIES ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 A.M. BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

The bible studies will continue to be 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:

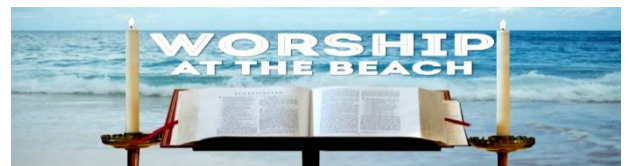
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89266262232>

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.

WORSHIP AT THE BEACH



Date: Tuesday September 5

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: On the Beach behind the former Clarion Hotel (across from St. Peter's)

We will begin with worship at 5:30 p.m. followed by a picnic. Pastor Frank will provide a protein and Fellowship will be providing the paper products. Feel free to bring your favorite picnic side dish or dessert to share (but not necessary). Please bring your own bag chair or beach chair and your own beverages (No Glass is permitted on the beach). Please see Pastor Frank if you have any questions.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
(On October 4, 2023)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
"BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS"

To be held on
Saturday, October 7, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
in St. Peter's parking lot.

Everyone is welcome and all animals are welcome as long
as they are safely contained
(either on a leash or in a cage)

If possible, please bring some dog food, cat food, or kitty
litter as an offering for the local animal shelter. Monetary
donations for the shelter will also be accepted and
appreciated.



Please contact Pastor Frank if you have any questions.



++G4 MINISTRIES++

G4 Ministries...The G4 group continues to find ways for
the four Lutheran Churches on the Southern Eastern
Shore to support one another.

Please continue to pray for Faith Lutheran Church,
St. Albins Episcopal Church, and their pastor, Pr.
Margaret Brack, as they continue to support one another
in shared ministries.

We also ask for continued prayers for Pastor Karis
Graham & Community Lutheran, and for Pastor Bettye
Wolinski (who is once again serving as Vice Pastor) and
Grace of God Lutheran Church.



++NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION++



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jon A. & Suellen Gerbracht	09/02
Ronald & Barbara Albright	09/04
Gregory & Carolyn Nuovo	09/06
Rita Miller & George Ronchi	09/12
Ralph & Elaine Gilgenast, Sr.	09/17
Ray & Debbie Priebe	09/17
William & Carol Ann Ellis	09/20
Lisa & Scott Phillips	09/26



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Scott Phillips	09/02	Sue Shoop	09/15
Robert Raymond	09/05	Debbie Priebe	09/17
Barbara Albright	09/06	Eric Rimel	09/17
Nancy Staton	09/06	Rose Skledar	09/21
Marilyn Gay	09/11	Ray Disney	09/24
Patricia Johnstone	09/12	Hailey Bushnell	09/28
Thomas Shafer, Jr.	09/12	Daniel Holtzer	09/29
Margaret Jorgensen	09/14	Thomas C. Wendorf	09/30

CAN YOU HELP GIVE A RIDE?

Pastor Frank



**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.





GIFTS & MEMORIALS



Gifts & Memorials received in July

IN HONOR OF

Pastor Harry's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

to
Gifts & Memorials
by
Amy Morgan

to
Open Door Feeding
by
Karen Brownell,

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Laurel, MD

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Maxine Brisbane

to
Gifts & Memorials
by
P.J. & Fred Patterson

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: Bonnie Hiewsky, Dee Floyd, Kate, Matt, Adam, Bobby, Roy, Sandy Holthe

Ongoing needs: Caregivers, first responders and all on the front lines working to save lives, Linda Harry, Paul Grahe, Patti McDermott, Pat Pfannenstiel, Nancy Delaney, Kim Councill, Carl Hutter, Sharon Harris, Vinnie Grauso, Byron Anthony, Brenda Scheminant, Jack Hardy, Teresa, Linda Grahe, Pauline Schilling, James, Ryan M., Rosalie & Ted Frick, Sherie Detty, Jodi Wolinski, Lindsey George, Rick Latchaw, Johan Nykvist, Amelia Councill, Harry Argentino, Dave Edwards, Noreen Emerson, Pat Strickland, Eric Pierce, Viola Collins, Denise Smith, Dennard Quillen, Fred Ryon, Stuart Glassman, Dan Barnhart, Ann McClelland, Tobey Soper, Pastor Rick, Elizabeth Hammond, Doug & Sarah, Elsworth & Terri Wheatley, Mary Lou Kauffman, Jessica Harpster, Susan Meyer, Patty M., Bob & Eileen, Larry Mullis, Ada May Shipley, Mike Miller, Chris, Jack Sherman, Bob, Barbara, Patti, Jacob & Nicole Wamsley, Seth Patterson, Phil Ermer, Joe Ellingworth, Inga, James, Linda & husband, Jen Engers, Gracie Patton, Richard Goodman, Raymond, Ron & Barb Albright, Kathryn & Tom Hughes, Richard, Stan Gibson, Lynn & Ted Wiseburg, Fran, Ellie, Phil Delaney, Bill Harry, Vicki, Darlene Harner, Danielle Hawkins, Dave Dolch, Lee Creamer, Aubrey Coin, Traci Swingler, Sherry DeFelice, Luke Skledar, Mandy Brown, Phil Brown, Addison, Troy, Lora Smolenski, Chris K., Larry, Charlene Lewis, Sue Shoop, Carol Stano, Treva Smith, Sharon, Steve, Jim, Marilyn Gay, Debbie, Dave Searle, Erin Ryan, Conrad, David Rausch, Melissa Nuovo, Children of Jeffrey Nuovo, Linda Rhine, Pastor Harry Wolpert, Rose Skledar, Steve Lepone, Ray Priebe, Richard Smith, Beverly, Jo Rohr, Tim & Kim Raymond, Nicole Lewis, Mary W., Marty & Janet Schroeder, Carolyn Nuovo, Jim Gardone, Dorothy & Stephanie, Krista, Savannah Bona, Jenine Baldus, Samara Loss, Sonja, Brenda Robbins, Carol Robinson, Bernie Hartline, Steve Ellis, Janet Ellis, Jen Anderson

Assisted Living: Lisa C., Claire Deickman, Mim Fritz, Violet Green,

Elsie Koehler, Mary Grahe

In the Military: Gunnar Bogan, Justin Carter, Cal Cramer, Katie Cramer, Stephanie Dallochio, Noah Kauffman, Nicolas Nalbhone, David Owens, Joshua Robinson, Nicholas Sorrentino, Jacob Sturgill, Ryan Swingler

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



++COMMUNITY NEWS++

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 21, 2023

Eastern Shore
T1 Diabetic Support
Foundation
&
*Decatur
Diner*



SAVE THE DATE!

12th Annual
**Spaghetti Dinner
& Ticket Drop**

October 21, 2023

Location:
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
10301 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842

Doors Open: 4 PM,
Dinner Served: 4:30-6:30 PM

Gluten Free Options Available

For more info: **410-251-4793** or **www.est1d.org**

Eastern Shore T1 Diabetic Support Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 2017.




++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
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SEPTEMBER BIBLE LESSONS

<p>Sunday, September 3 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28</p>
<p>Sunday, September 10 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20</p>
<p>Sunday, September 17 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:[1-7], 8-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35</p>
<p>Sunday, September 24 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16</p>

