

# THE NET

SEPTEMBER 2024



*"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

<sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" *Romans 10:15*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace, Peace, and Mercy, be to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Amen.

The above verse, could, and should, be speaking of any one of us, as we live out our call to proclaim the love of God through word and deed. We are very blessed to be part of St. Peter's family where we are able to share the love of Christ in our community and beyond.

I confess though, there are two specific people on my mind and in my heart when I reflect on this verse. Over thirteen years ago, Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey Biles were sent to us here at St. Peter's under the guise "retiring at the beach." But God knew their hearts and God knew that St. Peter's needed Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey in our St. Peter's family so God sent them to us.

It has been an amazing 13+ years full of rich blessings with both of them giving far more than we could have ever asked for or imagined. For that we say thank you Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey and THANKS BE TO GOD!

As we prepare to wish God's blessings and God speed to Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey as they move to Michigan to be closer to family, I invite you to join me in prayer and meditation offering thanksgiving to God for them and for all the ways they have blessed our lives, as well as the lives of so many others.

We know for everything "there is a season" and their season with us at St. Peter's has been so very fruitful. I personally thank them and thank God for the rich blessings that they have brought into my life. I have valued our partnership and have been humbled by their loving, gracious, caring presence in our lives.

I think that the best way we can honor Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey is to continue to share all that they have taught us; to be the beacons of Grace, Hope, and Love that they have taught us to be; and to support the mission ministries that they so faithfully led and supported. I plan to make sure that I continue his practice of lifting up Greek words to you as often as possible.

We wish Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey all of God's blessings as they begin the next phase of their journey in Michigan; but regardless where they live, or what congregation they are sharing their gifts with, they will always be part of our St. Peter's family.

May God bless Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey in this next phase of their journey and may God bless us as we continue the mission set before us without their leadership and support.

How are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Amen.

May God Bless You as You ARE a Blessing For Others.

Pastor Frank✠



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

### **ALTAR GUILD**

by Maryanne Siegert

It was exciting to see most of the Altar Guild participating in the Peach Festival. We want to thank all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event successful. The Altar Guild continues to set up and clean up the Altar each Sunday. Thank you to Pastor Frank and Amy for continued support. God Bless you all.

Blessings to all of you.  
Maryanne Siegert

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

by Mary Lou Tietz

The Community Services Committee collected school supplies and delivered them to area Title I schools on August 29th. These supplies are very much appreciated by the families who don't have enough money to purchase the items that are needed by their children when they return to school after the summer holidays. We were very grateful to all our members for bringing in a very generous supply of the items requested.

Our committee will be meeting again on the 11th of September at 2 at the Church. Please join us if you are interested in this kind of outreach within our community.

In September, we will be planning for our Thanksgiving, Christmas, Shelter, and Food programs. If you have any questions please call Mary Lou Tietz at 302-539-0793.

Mary Lou

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

Pastor Frank

#### **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 the leading 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 start the process of moving into a cooler season, with beautiful changing leaves of bright vibrant colors, we'll have some fresh faces joining St. Peter's and some leaving us.

We will be having a celebration luncheon for Pastor Harry Biles and Deacon Sharey on September 8th, directly after the 10:30 am worship service in the CLC, as we gather to wish them health and happiness as they start a new chapter in Michigan with their family.

New member classes will start the middle of September and The Fellowship Team will be welcoming them at the end of September to St. Peter's with cake and fellowship in the CLC.

There will be a lot to celebrate as we move into the Advent and Christmas season.

I also want to thank the Fellowship Team once again for all that they do, making St. Peter's family a giving, caring, welcoming, and loving family.

As you know, our Fellowship Team is always looking for more volunteers to expand our team and collaborate with us and share in providing set-ups for various occasions. If you feel that you would like to share in our efforts to serve St. Peter's and our community, please call me at 443-442-4285, or Linda Grahe (443-604-8068) or stop us any Sunday to inquire about joining the Fellowship Team. We have lots of fun and laughs too!

The Fellowship Team will continue to serve coffee, tea, and different pastries before and after each Sunday Service.

Blessings to all,  
Susanne

### **FUND RAISING**

By Linda Grahe & Susanne Howard

The Boscov's Friends Helping Friends discount shopping passes for the one day event on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 are now available in the Community Life Center after each service on Sunday mornings. Donate \$5.00 and enjoy a 25% Off shopping discount during this one day event. You may also register to win a \$100.00 Boscov's gift card.

Please feel free to spread the word about our fundraiser to your friends, family, and other groups you belong to. St. Peter's will keep 100% of the \$5.00 donations made in exchange for each shopping pass. Monies raised will help support the mission and ministries of St. Peter's Church.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**

by Paul Grahe

We will meet on Saturday, September 21, 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 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. In order for the proper amount of food to be prepared, please see me in the CLC after church services or call me at 443-604-8068.

Come and enjoy the meal and fellowship! Welcome back and hope you had fun with family, friends, and neighbors during the summer.

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

Our August special event was the always popular Choptank Riverboat Lunch cruise. We had 34 attending on a gorgeous day, Friday, August 16. The food and fellowship were outstanding!

The planned September bus trip to Annapolis Naval Academy has been cancelled, since we were not able to get the necessary 25 to attend. Perhaps this will be more feasible another time.

Please see the following for information regarding our planned events for the remainder of the year. Several events require advance sign-up, so please check the SAM bulletin board in the Narthex at church to get on the list and pay in advance where necessary.

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

**OCTOBER 17** – Harriet Tubman Walking Tour and lunch. Led by Tonet Cuffee, a fifth-generation niece of Harriet Tubman. \$45.

**NOVEMBER 14** – 1:00 Travel logs tentative, with pie and ice cream at church.

**DECEMBER 5** – Clear Space Theater for *White Christmas*. Late lunch at Boardwalk Plaza Hotel. Total cost anticipated at \$60.

By now I am sure all of you are aware that Sharey and I will be moving to Michigan probably in late September. So this will be my last communication as head of the Senior Adult Ministry. For me, it has been an awesome journey which I have thoroughly enjoyed. What a privilege it has been to serve in this special way and to enjoy the tremendous support and friendship of all the fine folks at St. Peter's.

I have passed the SAM baton to Susanne Howard and Bridget Foster who have been on the planning team for quite some time and will provide excellent leadership in continuing this ministry.

Our new address will be: 2253 Portside Avenue, Portage, Michigan 49002. I will forever be grateful for all the love and support with which Sharey and I have been blessed at SPLC. THANK YOU!

Blessings,

Pr. Harry Biles 443.944.4779. harrybiles@aol.com

### SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER

by Paul Grahe

In September, we welcome the women of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Lancaster, PA from 9/13-9/15 and The Humble Walk Campus Ministry, College Park, MD from 9/22-9/29. Let's give them a warm St. Peter's welcome.

In looking ahead, we have College Students from Marymount University, Arlington, VA from 10/3-10/6 and

the Youth Group from Carlisle 1st Church of God, Carlisle, PA from 11/22-11/24.

I thank God for those who served as Son & Sand Greeters who gave of their time and talents. We thank God for blessing this ministry of hospitality.

### SPIRITUAL READINGS

by Deacon Sharey Biles



No report...look for information in the bulletins and Constant Contact emails about how the group will continue.

### ST. PETER'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA

by Joann Soultis & Debbie Ryan

#### Women's Bible Studies

Our Zoom Ruth's Circle Bible study meets on the first Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM. Our next meeting will be September 5.

We are just beginning, "Living Beyond Yourself, Exploring the Fruits of the Spirit," by Beth Moore. This study is designed as a weekly study, and we will be on week 1, day 3, page 18 lead by Joann Soultis (202-544-7981 or jsoultis624@gmail.com).

Please join us!

Joann Soultis

The Women's Bible study meets on the third Saturday of the month at church. We meet with the Men's study group for breakfast provided by Pastor Frank, and then we split into our own study groups. On September 21 we will resume our study of "Encouraging One Another" by Women of Faith, chapter 7.

I am also looking for someone to take over the leadership of this study. Please let me know if you feel lead to do so and if you will be attending or not.

Debbie Ryan

### WITNESS

By Evelyn Houston

Contemporary research teaches us that, when we serve others, only about 10% of those that we serve will respond with gratitude. Although this is an unfortunate commentary, we need to be aware of this behavior when we serve others, or else we are in for a big disappointment. For the most part, serving others can be a thankless task. If obtaining gratitude is our motivation for serving, our motivation will simply wither away. Therefore, our service to others must be motivated by following God's instruction to serve others. This is because we know that

God always sees all that we do, He knows our hearts, and He will thank us when we stand before Him.

And when we are served by others, don't just thank them; thank God also. God is the source of every desire to serve. The leper knew that; look what the leper did. The passage of The Ten Lepers says that the tenth leper returned to Jesus with a loud voice, glorifying God. This was no meek and quiet praise to God out of fear that someone might be offended by his boisterous proclamation. The leper wanted the whole world to know what God had done for him.

Be the tenth leper! Thank those who serve you! And thank God for the service of others.



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

### COUNCIL NEWS

by Susanne Howard, Council Secretary

#### CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

August 12, 2024

##### Treasurer's Report/Dave Wolinski

**Dave Wolinski-** while running our Capital Campaign our goal to keep the Operating funds in a positive range has been attainable.

##### Ministry Team Reports

###### Pastor's Reports:

**Pastor Frank-** continues to support: Open Door Feeding Ministry, Fellowship and Fundraising Events, Men's and Women's Fellowship Breakfast, Worship Services, lead the Wednesday morning Bible Study, help with building and maintenance, led Hymn Sings in the parking lot and worship on the beach this summer in June and July.

**Pastor Frank-** Wednesday Morning Bible Study, which was suspended in June-July, will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup>, with the new starting time of 10:30am to 12:00 noon.

**Pastor Frank-** September 8, 2024, we will gather for a celebration worship service followed by a reception for Pastor Biles and Deacon Sharey. **There will only be one worship service at 10:30am that Sunday. \*\*See p. 11\*\***

**Pastor Frank-** We will be offering new member classes on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and welcoming the new members at our worship services on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor Frank-** will be on vacation October 2-16<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Bettye Wolinski has graciously offered to cover pastoral emergencies and lead worship services on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

##### Senior Adult Ministry- (S.A.M.)

##### Upcoming Events:

**October 17<sup>th</sup>-** Harriet Tubman Walking Tour and lunch, led by Tonet Cuffee, 5<sup>th</sup> generation niece of Harriet Tubman. \$45.00 pp.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>-** 2 Travelogues, one presented by Vonnie Brown, another by Dave & Alyce Marzola, starting at 1:00 pm with pie & ice cream. Please join us in the Retreat Center.

**December 5<sup>th</sup>-** Clear Space Theater "White Christmas", lunch at Victoria's, Boardwalk Plaza. \$60.00 pp. More information to follow

##### Old Business

**President, Evan .McDermott/Capital Campaign-** initial goal, on our Capital Campaign, by December 2024, \$49,284.01. As of July 24 ,2024 the new total collected towards the goal is \$58,795.39. There was a Principal specific deposit of \$25,000 the week of July 24<sup>th</sup> with Mission Investment Fund and pay another deposit of \$25,000 this month.

**Dee Floyd/ Peach Festival-** \$11,421.00 was deposited from our 2024 Peach Festival. One outstanding auction basket has yet to be added to the total.10% of the proceeds will go to the Ocean City Crisis Center and 10% to the ELCA Benevolence Fund.

##### New Business

**President, Evan McDermott/Ceiling Cracks in the Sanctuary.** Evan informed the council that there are cracks in the drywall, along the ceiling, and in the peak where the drywall comes together (over the organ) and other areas in the sanctuary that require repair. Dan Holtzer will reach out to Justin Myers, working with Economy Restoration Roofers, to see how the repairs will be done, as the roof is still under warranty.

**Senior Adult Ministry- Susanne Howard-** As Pastor Harry shared with the congregation on August 4, he and Deacon Sharey will be moving to Michigan in September and will no longer chair the S.A.M. Ministry. However, he has asked his team to continue the S.A.M. trips for people to enjoy. The trips that are already planned for this year will continue.

As it leaves a deep sadness in our hearts to say goodbye to Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey, we will still offer S.A.M. trips to our congregation, families, and visitors.

If you are interested in collaborating with the Senior Adult Ministry in the planning of trips and fellowship, please call or stop Bridget Foster (443-944-6724), Susanne Howard (443-442-4285), Debbie/Ray Priebe (443-523-7257) or any of our team members, any Sunday to inquire about joining the S.A.M. Ministry. All are welcome.

**President, Evan McDermott/ Changes in Income-** this chart shows the same 10-week period, from last year to this year, from week 21-30. Week 21 is when we began

the capital campaign. The chart shows that the campaign did not impede our giving to the operational funds, in fact we have shown an increase.

**President, Evan McDermott/Budget Planning 2025-** will be discussed in October at the council meeting with Dan Holtzer-Support Team, Dave Wolinski-Treasurer in attendance.

**Pastor Bettye/Circle of Grace by Jan Richardson-** as I share these words with you, may it ease your heart with the vacancy of Pastor Harry Biles and Deacon Sharey: "Within the struggle, joy, pain, and delight that attend our lives, there is an invisible circle of grace that enfolds and encompasses us in every moment."

The Biles have shared 13 years with us at St. Peter's, and our hearts are heavy as we say, you have left us with a legacy of: faith, understanding, love, and grace for one another. We wish you both safe travels and many years of health and happiness with your family.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Susanne Howard,  
 Secretary

**AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

July  
 109 per week

**MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS**

**Total Contributions as of July 28, 2024**  
**\$220,419.30 Year-to-Date Budget**  
**\$210,232.81 Year-to-Date Received**  
**\$(-10,186.49) 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

Year/Designation	Operating Funds	Designated Funds	Total Income
2023	\$55,599.75	\$12,097.50	\$67,697.25
2024	\$70,888.77	\$57,751.27	\$128,640.04

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 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 will once again be leading bible studies in person (room 5) and online (see info on the Bible Study

section) on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning September 11, 2024.

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.

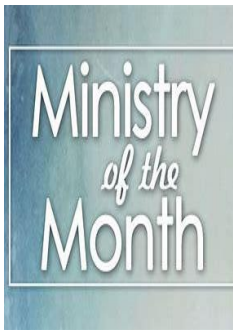
You may also sponsor Communion Elements for a particular Sunday in the same manner. The donation for sponsoring elements is \$20. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

### MEMORIAL BENCH

We are still looking for someone who is interested in purchasing a Memorial Bench for St. Peter's. This bench will be placed outside and will offer folks a place to sit down and rest when needed. It will be particularly helpful for folks who find it difficult to walk the length of the parking lot and might need to stop and rest part way. A memorial plaque will be placed on the bench in acknowledgement of the memorial.

Please contact Pr. Frank if you have any questions or would like to sponsor this bench.

### 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 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.

### NEW MEMBER CLASSES-UPDATE

#### WE ARE OFFERING NEW MEMBERS CLASSES THIS FALL

It is very exciting that we have some folks worshipping with us who are interested in becoming members of St. Peter's. If you would like to become a member, please call the church office 410-524-7474 or email [amy.splcoc@comcast.net](mailto:amy.splcoc@comcast.net) to let us know.

Please continue to worship, fellowship, and serve with us in what ever ways you feel comfortable. And please plan to join us for New Members Classes 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays September 14 & 28. We ask that a representative from each ministry team plan to join us on September 28<sup>st</sup> to share what is going on with these ministries with our new members.

We will be welcoming the New Members into St. Peter's family during worship on September 29th.

Please see Pr. Frank if you have any questions.

### PASTOR FRANK WILL BE AWAY ON VACATION

OCTOBER 2 - 16

Should you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Bettye Wolinski at 410-292-2360.

Thank you to Pastor Bettye for emergency coverage and for leading our Worship Services on October 6 & 13.



### PEACH FESTIVAL

Dee Floyd & Ginny Stannard



#### PEACH FESTIVAL 2024

Special thanks to:

The "Salsa Ladies"

All the bakers

Pr Frank for the Peach Spread

The Siegerts for covering the cost of renting the "Wavy Man"

The Grahes for covering the cost of the food

And the following members for covering the purchase of the Bulk Peaches from Bennett's Orchard:

Nuovos	Harrys	Lobos
Kauffmans	Meixners	Houston
Holtzers	Stannards	Harpster

Howard Browns Floyd

Weston

And a Thank You to all the volunteers that made this event possible!

As of August 12,2024, proceeds of \$11,421.00 have been deposited in the Peach Festival Designated fund.

At the wrap up meeting on August 21,2024 it will be decided how these funds will be used.

Thanks, Dee Floyd (also see letter on page 11)



## ++NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION++



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jon A. & Suellen Gerbracht	09/02
Gregory & Carolyn Nuovo	09/06
Rita Miller & George Ronchi	09/12
Ray & Debbie Priebe	09/17
William & Carol Ann Ellis	09/20
Phil & Marci Ermer	09/23
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	Patricia Kiser	09/21
Thomas Shafer, Jr.	09/12	Rae Disney	09/22
Margaret Jorgensen	09/14	Hailey Bushnell	09/28
		Daniel Holtzer	09/29



## GIFTS & MEMORIALS



Gifts & Memorials received in July

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

#### **PATRICIA (PAT) JOHNSTONE**

to  
Open Door Feeding Ministry  
by  
Michael Cycl  
Robert & Karen Schultz

#### **CHARLIE McMICHAEL**

to  
Gifts and Memorials  
by  
Patricia McMichael

### SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH AND/OR SHARED IN OUR OUTDOOR HYMN SINGS AND WORSHIP SERVICES ON THE BEACH. PLANS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN FOR NEXT SUMMER'S OUTDOOR WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.**



### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

**OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME AT 10:30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**  
**PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME CHANGE TO 10:30 A.M.**

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%20>

Or you can:

1. Type [www.zoom.com](http://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



## 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:** Danielle, Frank Creamer & family, Kate & AJ, Bob Detwiler, Tina Sheasley, Desirae, Annabelle, Lauren Dorman

**Ongoing needs:** Caregivers, first responders and all on the front lines working to save lives, Father Joe Rushton, Sue Shoop, Jim Gardone, Fred & Mary Lou Kauffman, Don Boulden, Chuck Pyle, Savannah Bona, Mary Ann Holtzer, Dave Searle, Pastor Harry Wolpert, Steve & 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 Dallochio, 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

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## **SEPTEMBER BIBLE LESSONS**

**Sunday, September 1**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

**Psalm 15**

**James 1:17-27**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**Sunday, September 8**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Isaiah 35:4-7a**

**Psalm 146**

**James 2:1-17**

**Mark 7:24-37**

**Sunday, September 15**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**Psalm 116:1-9**

**James 3:1-12**

**Mark 8:27-38**

**Sunday, September 22**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Jeremiah 11:18-20**

**Psalm 54**

**James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

**Mark 9:30-37**

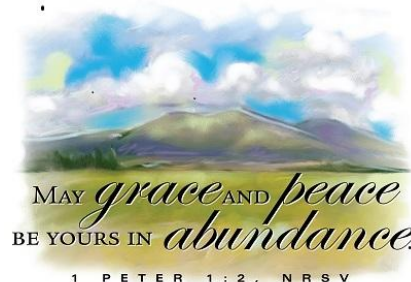
**Sunday, September 29**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

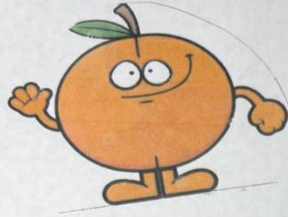
**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

**Psalm 19:7-14**

**James 5:13-20**

**Mark 9:38-50**





St Peter's Lutheran Church  
Peach Festival 2024

To: Dan & MaryAnn Holtzer, Maryanne & Mike Siegerl, Susanne & John Howard,  
Paul & Linda Grahe, Amy & Candace Morgan, Sharon Goodwin, Kim Oberholtzer,  
Doug & Linda Harry, Corey Rimel, Bridget Foster, Tom Seibold, Evelyn Houston, Pr  
Frank.

Dear Peach Festival Team:

Dee and I wish to express our thanks and gratitude for a job well done by each  
and every one of you. While the final numbers aren't in, we believe this was one  
of our most successful events, and we couldn't have done it without all of you.

Wahoooo! Great Job!

Dee and Ginny

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

**10:30 A.M.**

**We will be gathering together for one worship service to celebrate  
GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GOD SPEED  
For Pastor Harry and Deacon Sharey Biles**

**Following the service, you are invited to join us for a luncheon in the CLC to  
continue the celebration.**

**Please call the church office to make your reservation for the luncheon, and we  
are asking for a donation of \$20/person.**

**ALL RESERVATIONS (and donations) for the luncheon must be into the church  
by SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**There will be no 9 a.m. service this day.**

**Please contact Pr. Frank if you have any questions.**