

THE NET

SEPTEMBER 2025



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

Matthew 18:20, NIV



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++Pastor's Letter to the Congregation++

by Pastor Bettye Wolinski

"The only thing to seek in life is God's will—everything else will follow from that." — Thomas Merton

Friends,

As my family and I are traveling during the closing days of summer I wanted to give this very well-known prayer from the spiritual direction community. Perhaps as we enter the next phase of growth as a church this Fall, you will find this prayer helpful. This prayer is often quoted for its honesty and depth. It expresses the human tension between uncertainty and faith, and speaks powerfully to anyone discerning their vocation or experiencing spiritual confusion. The prayer is taken from Merton's book *Thoughts in Solitude* (1958).

THE PRAYER

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

ABOUT THIS PRAYER

The Thomas Merton prayer is a profound meditation on trust, humility, and surrender to God's will. Written by Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and one of the most influential Catholic spiritual writers of the 20th century, where he reflects on the interior life and divine guidance in silence and contemplation.

The Thomas Merton prayer is ideal during times of discernment, transition, or uncertainty. It is especially helpful in the morning as a daily surrender, during retreats, or whenever one feels lost or unsure of God's will. Many also pray it before beginning new work, studies, or vocations, entrusting the journey to God despite the unknowns.



++ST. PETER'S MINISTRY TEAMS++

ALTAR GUILD

by Maryanne Siegert

All of our Altar Guild members worked for, at, or contributed to the very successful Peach Festival. A big thank you goes to Dee and Ginny as well as all of the volunteers who made the whole thing come together.

The women of the Altar Guild will be following the direction of Pastor Bettye as we will not be setting up for communion for two weeks at either service at the end of August and beginning of September. We will, however, be setting up for the special communion service on the Thursday before Pastor goes on vacation. We continue to do all of this with Joy.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

by Mary Lou Tietz

The Community Services Committee did not meet in August and is scheduled to meet again in September, on a different date than we usually meet--our meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 24 at 2. Our meetings usually follow the feeding programs we have weekly as so many of our committee members are already at the Church working with the feeding program. Please come join us--we would love to have you join us! Regular meetings are the second Wednesday of each month.

As I talk about the feeding program, please note the mistake I made in last month's NET article. I had said that Bob and Diana Detwiler are still working as leaders of the Open Kettle program, and that was my mistake. Steve and Trish Kiser will continue as the leaders of that program, and the Detwilers have promised to continue to help, on occasion, but have stepped back from a leadership role. We thank them for having co-chaired in this role for so long as we thank the Kisers for their continued service.

We strongly applaud the devotion of all the volunteers who committed to this weekly feeding program that is a big part of St. Peter's outreach mission to the community. Trish did mention that they do need some new volunteers who can offer consistent support on a year round basis to assist in food prep, clean up, and overall coverage of the volunteers. If you are interested, please talk to her or Steve. Thank you all!

The food bag program, also happening every Wednesday, is headed now by Char Vanvick, and she is supported a lot by Catherine Walker, who joined our committee, and we welcome her! In Char's report to the council last week, she reported that there were 211 bags of food distributed to those in need in July and Trish reported that there were 413 lunches served. It is your generosity as members of the congregation that makes these programs possible. Your continued support in bringing canned goods to the church, volunteering at the

church on Wednesdays, and generously giving to these programs financially is why we are able to serve. Thank you.

Our Back to School program is, as I write this article, open for contributions and those supplies that come in by August 24th, will be distributed to Title I schools prior to students returning to school. The summer seems to have flown by quickly--we wish our young people much success in their studies as they return to school.

We will be organizing for our fall programs at our September meeting--please watch for announcements in the bulletin and NET. We are ALL a part of our mission to reach out to others who are in need. Mary Lou

OPEN DOOR FREE LUNCH MINISTRY

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

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

Thank you to Steve & Trish Kiser for leading the free lunch part of the Open Door Feeding Ministry; to Char Vanvick for leading the food pantry operations; our soup maker, Lee Creamer, and all the volunteers, supporters, and contributors who make this ministry possible.

We ask for your prayers, support, and volunteers are always welcome as we continue to grow and nurture this very important ministry.

FELLOWSHIP

Susanne Howard & Linda Grahe

Retreat Center Celebration for Paul and Linda Grahe!

On Sunday, August 10, 2025, the congregation came together for a luncheon celebrating Paul and Linda Grahe's 20 years of service leading the Retreat Center. The event was filled with fellowship as Pastor Bettye, church members, and friends raised a toast to Paul and Linda in recognition of their long-standing commitment. The luncheon was full of fellowship, laughter, and thank-you.

We are so blessed to have such a strong caring, loving church family. We give thanks to the Lord for giving us this strong family, which keeps us moving forward and blessing us with his love. I want to take a moment to reach out to all my helpers for all that they do to prepare food, set-ups, tables decorations, and most of all help with the clean-up part of our celebrations. I want you all to know these celebrations could not move forward without your kind, loving hearts. Blessings to all of you.

We always welcome volunteers to work on the Fellowship Team and share in providing set-ups for various occasions. If you feel that you would like to share in our efforts to serve St. Peter's and our community, please visit us in the CLC after services, or call Susanne Howard 443-442-4285.

The Fellowship Team will continue to serve coffee, tea, and different pastries before and after each Sunday Service. Everyone is invited to join us in the CLC for refreshments and fellowship.

Blessings to all,
Susanne

FUND RAISING

By Linda Grahe & Susanne Howard

Many thanks to those from the Fund Raising Team who worked and helped make the Peach Festival the great success it turned out to be!

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RUTH CIRCLE

Women's Bible Study
by Joann Soultis

Ruth Circle Bible study meets via Zoom on the first Thursday of the month. Our next Zoom gathering

will be **Thursday, September 4 at 2:00 pm**. We'll continue using "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado, studying Chapters 9 and 10 with Joann Soultis leading (202-544-7981 or jsoultis624@gmail.com). **Join us!**

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (S.A.M.)

by Susanne Howard & Bridget Foster

The Senior Adult Ministry team met on Monday, July 21st to discuss more trips into the fall and next year. One event that we will be working on is a "Crab Feast" for the fall.

So, keep your eyes on the S.A.M. bulletin board in the Narthex for more information to come!

Thursday, December 4th - Clear Space Theatre, 11:00am showing of "A Christmas Carol" and lunch at Victoria's. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Our upcoming events promise to continue the enriching experiences that make the Senior Adult Ministry special. Be sure to check the bulletin board regularly for updates and don't hesitate to reach out with suggestions or inquiries. Whether it's a historical tour, a lively musical, or a holiday-themed outing, we aim to provide moments that connect with fellowship.

Our next Senior Adult Ministry meeting will be on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 1:00pm in room 5. All are invited to join our team or just sit in a meeting.

SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER

by Paul Grahe

First, many thanks for the celebration on Sunday, August 10th, as Director of the Son & Sand Retreat Center. It was a wonderful time for sharing your thoughts and prayers.

In September, we welcome the ladies from Grace Lutheran, Westminster, MD for 9/26-9/28. Let's give them a warm St. Peter's welcome. In looking ahead, the Campus Ministry from Marymount University, Arlington, VA will be here 10/2-10/5, and in November the youth from Carlisle 1st Church of God, Carlisle, PA will be here from 11/21-11/23.

WITNESS

by Evelyn Houston

Lunch was an exercise in trust. The din of the customers' conversations made it tough to concentrate on the rapid fire questions of the clerks: "bagel or rye bread? Cheese? Mayo or mustard? Hot or cold? Here or to go? So many choices.

Rushed regulars just called out a number and trusted that the clerk would know their selection. More picky customers quizzed the counter help. Transactions

were made in a blur. The scribbled orders were passed through a window to the cooks, no doubt trusted for their speed and sandwich stacking skill. But how would anyone get what they wanted with all the shouting?

We yelled our choices, paid, and trusted that the server would find us and our large red plastic order numbers among the crush of tables. Sandwiches and drinks arrived quickly and correctly. Our trust was not in vain.

Throughout the day, we think we have it all under control. As adults, we're expected to run our own lives, to see to our basic needs. Some of us are trusted with the well-being of loved ones, children, and friends too, but we also have to trust each other in so many small ways, even trust in the ability of a stranger at a deli counter to give us what we asked for, to keep us going until dinner.

So, why can't many of us trust in God when things get a bit over the top, a bit too frantic or stressed? When things aren't working out, we try to fix things ourselves, and we lose sight of God's design in all things. Instead, reliance and trust in his wisdom, his goodness, and his plan for us should be at the center of all we do.



++ST. PETER'S NEWS++

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

by David Marzola

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

It is hard to believe we are moving into September already. The one positive thing moving into the Fall season is that traffic will hopefully subside. Your Church Council continues to work together and work hard to ensure we are moving forward.

During the month of August, our Call Committee met as a group for the first time. It was a great meeting, and this group will work effectively as a team in search of our full-time pastor. Their next meeting will take place on September 9th. I spoke with the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Robin Simpson Litton regarding the Call Committee. Pastor Robin will be meeting with the Call Committee on October 2nd to provide the required orientation. On Sunday, October 5th, the Call Committee will be installed before the Congregation. One of the first responsibilities of the Call Committee will be to complete our Mission Site Profile. They cannot complete this without the input of our Congregation. The Call Committee will finalize a Congregation Survey and provide the survey to every rostered member of the Congregation. I implore you

to complete the survey and submit the completed survey to the Call Committee when you finish.

Our Treasurer, David Wolinski, has provided the Financial Support Ministry Team with a Proposed Budget for 2026 and a look into the future at 2027. Once the Financial Support Ministry Team reviews and provides comments, the final draft will be presented to the Church Council for review. As you can see, there is a lot going on at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

One last item, we are looking at fundraising avenues moving into 2026. If you have an idea, please send the idea to me, and I will develop a list to provide to our Fellowship Ministry Team Chairperson, Fundraising Chairperson, and the Church Council.

God's Peace to All!

Sincerely,

David Marzola

COUNCIL NEWS

by Susanne Howard, Council Secretary

From JULY 8, 2025 Meeting CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Treasurer's Report:

Dave informed the council that one HVAC unit was repaired for \$3,635. There were sufficient funds in our HVAC account to cover the cost, leaving a balance in the account of \$13.06. The change in the Financial Position report for May has been revised, as one week's income of \$5,000 was not recorded in our designated budget line from the June report. The Budget Chart was also updated to reflect the correct amount. Although giving was down, we were able to cover our expenses for the month.

Ministry Team Reports-

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Bettye Wolinski- continues to support St. Peter's with pastoral care, a Baptism, officiating a funeral, spending time with Pastor Harry Wolpert and wife in the hospital, welcoming new members and visitors, attending executive team meetings, support meetings, personnel meetings, council meetings, worship planning meetings, and planning Bible study. I am working with the Worship and Music Ministry and will meet with the staff in a formal session this summer for a plan to move forward with worship and music planning

Administrative Duties:

Insurance Questions-

1. Parties in our facility by non-members
2. Insurance riders for alcohol allowance or games of chance.
3. New contract with child safety request, insurance coverage by groups using Son & Sand.

4. Who is responsible for overseeing kitchen responsibilities by members and the community?

5. She will be the liaison for the Council and the Call Community during the Call process with Pastor Robin's blessings, due to her experience with this process as Assistant to the Bishop.

Council Retreat & Call Committee- on July 19th from 9am-1pm

This 4-hour gathering is for the purpose of planning and understanding the dynamics and relationship of the call process by the council team. The Call Committee will hold their meeting in August, as 2 members have previous commitments. No other issues will be discussed.

Bible Study and Spiritual Reflection Class- will begin in late September, date to be announced. We will walk the historic and spiritual disciplines paths of early church fathers and mothers to enhance our spiritual direction & disciplines.

New Members- There is interest in membership at St. Peter's by several people. My plan is to hold a membership awareness lunch to help folks decide what form of membership is best for them. We have three levels of membership in our constitution, Confirmed, Associate, Seasonal.

Pastor Bettye's Vacation- I will be on vacation from August 28th until September 9th. During these two Sundays, there will be **no communion offered**. Any other days off will be during the week. Please understand my position as Interim Pastor is for only 25 hours a week to meet the needs of our church. Previously, you had two pastors to meet these needs. Please, take the time to understand the dynamics in pastoral leadership and coverage in meeting St. Peter's needs.

Property Team- President Dave Marzola informed the council that there was one leak in the south flat roof, facing Coastal Hwy, (that did not require replacement at the time of roof replacement in 2024). This has been repaired. However, there is another flat roof on the north side that could not be replaced either in 2024, and both will need replacement in the future. Dave will reach out to other contractors for estimates on repairs.

Amy Morgan- reached out to Troy, owner, and main tech of Armor Fire Sprinkler Service to get information on repairing the pipe leaks in the lobby ceiling by the nursery and in the wall by the south side of the stained-glass window in the sanctuary. In the sanctuary Troy will have to cut a large space in the drywall and will save it to attach it back to cover hole when repair is done. She said we would need to get someone to cover the patch with drywall and sand. Amy is checking with a couple of members in hopes of saving some of the dry walls to save money. Also, Amy has received three proposals for updating or replacing the AED ranging from \$1,400 to \$2,100. Amy reviewed her duties as office manager for the council. It is evident that she has an extended

number of duties that she performs daily. She is truly an asset to St. Peter's.

Personnel Ministry Team Update- Vonnie Brown, chair of the Personnel Ministry, has established a "Competency Evaluation Report" for our paid employees with 5 questions on it. They will be evaluated in a six-month period as to their ability to perform their duties.

Music and Worship Team Update- Pastor Bettye is working with Keith and Elsworth to put together a new Music and Worship Team, as the previous team has dissolved.

Old Business:

Pastor Bettye's Interim Contract- President, Dave Marzola reviewed Pastor Bettye's new Interim contract, signed by the Bishop, with the council. Effective June 10, 2025- June 9, 2026. This call may be terminated if a regularly called pastor assumes office or upon 30 days' notice approval of the Bishop. The agreement is available to be renewed on a month-to-month basis as agreed to by the Bishop of the Delaware Maryland Synod. Pastor Bettye's designated days off will be Fridays.

Compensation Package- \$35 an hour (not to exceed 25 hours a week), 4 weeks' vacation (prorated for 1 year), one week of vacation taken at the end of each quarter, starting from January 16, 2025, auto allowance at current IRS rate, Bishop Leadership Retreat, and attendance at Synod Assembly.

AED Training Update- President, Dave Marzola informed the council that the AED training, and CPR training, is moving forward for September 21st from 12:00pm-2pm in the CLC. Bring family and friends; everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

New Business-

Holy Land Ministries- Dave Marzola/Pastor Bettye-Holy Land Ministries will be attending Sunday Services at St. Peter's on Sunday August 27th and will preach (or give a talk) to our congregation. There will be a table set up for the sale of Olive Wood from Holy Land. We will have a free will offering.

Call Process:

Financial Review- Jeff Waltemyer, auditor, and the council treasurer at St. Luke's Lutheran church, for 15 years, in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, will be conducting our Financial Review for the Call Committee. He will be reviewing the \$50,000 loan that we borrowed from designated funds to pay our bills, with plans that were never carried out to start paying back in 2022-2023. Council voted to start a payment plan with a \$25,000 first payment to show transparency and good stewardship. Mr. Waltemyer will charge \$50 an hour and will review documentation from Synod, and our books, in late August or early September with hopes of completing the task in 3 to 5 hours.

Call Committee Nominees & vote-President, Dave Marzola

After the council voted on the nominees for the Call Committee, the following members were elected: Stephanie George, Cathy Germeroth, Beverly Jester, Corey Rimel, Catherine Walker. Veronica Bona, our first alternate, will replace Virginia Stannard, as she feels that she cannot give 100% to the call process at this time. Our 3 alternatives, in case anyone, for any reason, must step down, in this order will be Steve Germeroth, Ray Priebe, Betty Jubb.

Review and Amending our Constitution-

Dave Marzola & Pastor Bettye are asking for 3 or 4 council members to review our constitution and see if any wording needs to be revised.

Replacing Council Member Seat- Linda Harry will be moving to Minnesota at the end of July. After the council voted, Jeannette Latzo will take Linda's seat for the rest of Linda's term ending in December 2025.

There will be a Sending Service on July 27th for Doug & Linda Harry at the 10:30am Sunday Service.

Worcester County Humane Society Request-

Present, Dave Marzola informed the council that the Worcester Co. Humane Society has requested to rent our CLC for a "Bingo Night" to raise money for their facility. After a discussion, the council, reviewing the constitution, denied the request.

Motions:

The Personnel Ministry Team moved forward the following 2 motions:

Increasing Ms. Morgan's pay to \$19.00 an hour beginning Sunday, July 31, 2025. The pay Increase is overdue. Ms. Morgan started her career 12 years ago at St. Peter's at \$15.00 per hour. The pay increase is warranted.

Vote: Approved

Motion: The Personnel Team makes a motion the Staff members (paid employees excluding the Pastor) receive three (3) weeks of paid vacation per year, versus the current two (2) weeks they receive. If approved, the (3) weeks of paid vacation would begin with the start of the calendar year 2026.

Vote: Approved

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting- President, Dave Marzola-

Dave will:

1. Provide updates to the Congregation regarding Call Process.
2. Introduction to the Call Committee.
3. 2025 Budget Update.
4. Vote on two resolutions:

5. Add Senior Adult Ministry to the Ministry Team List as provided in the Constitution.

6. Add Son and Sand Retreat Center to the Ministry Team List as provided in the Constitution.

7. Church Council Retreat, Saturday, July 19th, 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susanne Howard, Secretary

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

July - 105 per week (4 weeks)

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

Total Contributions as of July 27, 2025

\$226,783.20 Year-to-Date Budget

\$235982.38 Year-to-Date Received

+\$9,199.18 Year-to-Date Difference

OUR CURRENT REALITY AT ST. PETER'S

Life at St. Peter's

Our worship schedule offers a Contemporary Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. and a Traditional Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. We are offering Holy Communion at both services, handing you the bread and pouring red wine into your cup. We also have gluten free wafers and pre-filled cups of white grape juice for those who request/require them. Those who are not comfortable sharing in Holy Communion in this fashion are still in full Communion through the words of promise.

You are encouraged to share the "Peace of God" in whatever way you feel comfortable.

Both Services are in the Sanctuary with coffee and refreshments available in the CLC before and after each service.

Masks are not required for anyone, but you are encouraged to wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so. Masks are available at the Greeter's Desk.

Hand sanitizer – available throughout the building.

We are looking for someone who would be willing to help with live streaming.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions

OTHER GATHERINGS, EVENTS, AND GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION ELEMENTS



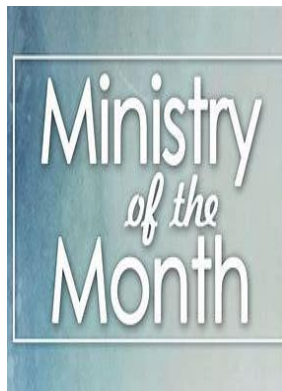
If you would like to sponsor flowers for a Sunday morning worship service *in Memory* or *in Honor* of a loved one, you may do so by calling the church office to make those arrangements. The cost for both vases is \$95.

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



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

September Ministry of the Month is "Open Door Feeding"



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

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

Thank you for your support!



PEACH FESTIVAL



St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Peach Festival 2025

To: Jeannette Latzo, Maryanne & Mike Siegert, Susanne and John Howard, Paul & Linda Grahe, Amy and Candace Morgan, Sharon Goodwin, Bridget Foster, Corey & Katie Rimel, Lee Cramer, Betty Jubb, Cathy Wood, Tom Seibold, Evelyn Houston, Dave and Alyce Marzola, Hank & Lynn Meixner, Dave Wolinski and Pastor Bettye, Steve & Trish Kiser, Vonnie Brown, Marcie & Phil Ermer:

Dear Peach Festival Team and Helpers:

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 you.

Waaahoooo! Great Job!
Dee & Ginny



++NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION++



GIFTS & MEMORIALS



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Joanne Soultis



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jon & 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 & Marcie Ermer	09/23
Lisa & Scott Phillips	09/26



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Scott Phillips	09/02	Debbie Priebe	09/17
Barbara Albright	09/06	Eric Rimel	09/17
Nancy Staton	09/06	Harry Wolpert	09/17
Margaret Jorgensen	09/14	Rose Skledar	09/21
Sue Shoop	09/15	Patricia Kiser	09/22
Phillip Cropper	09/17	Rae Disney	09/24
		Hailey Bushnell	09/28

CAN YOU HELP GIVE A RIDE?



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

time to time please call the church office and let us know.

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



MANY THANKS FROM LINDA AND PAUL GRAHE

Linda and I wish to thank our Church Family for the celebration of my 20 years as Director of the Son & Sand Retreat Center with the special and delicious luncheon.

Also, the kind words shared by Pastor Bettye and those in attendance. We also received a letter from Pastor Harry Wolpert and Carol for our years of service to St. Peter's. We received a text message of congratulations from Pastor Harry Biles and Sharey. Linda and I are glad to be apart of this hospitality ministry. This ministry would not have been possible without those individuals who have served and are serving as Son & Sand Greeters. Linda and I appreciate your love and support throughout the 20 years! Linda and I want to thank the ladies of the Fellowship Ministry Team for the delicious luncheon.

PRAYER CHAIN AND PRAYER LIST

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

The **“Call Multiplier”** automated prayer chain continues to be a valuable resource and blessing. If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, please text or call **Pastor Bettye at 410-292-2360** to have a prayer request sent out. If you are requesting prayer for someone else, you **MUST** have his/her permission before sending out the request. We can share as much, or as little, information as you want to be shared. When you receive a prayer call, you are asked to pause and offer prayer for the need

presented. You are then asked to continue to hold that person/need in prayer. The Automated Prayer Chain will be active daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please let Pastor Bettye know if you are not receiving the prayer calls and would like to be.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS



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

Current needs: Dave, Tony, Joe, Dylan Jag Jones, Christian, Bob Swingler, Paige, Karen Schultz, Amelia & family, Jeannette, Chris, Linda Riley, Roy Frick, Jasmine Purnell & Kyle Blake, Cole, Roy & daughter Barb, Lynn Benach & grandbaby due in Jan.

Ongoing needs: Caregivers, first responders and all on the front lines working to save lives, Paul Tishuk, Mary Haynes, Pr. Harry & Carol Wolpert, Savannah Bona, Marjorie Hagood, Melissa Jester, Lorelai Grace and Brooklyn Eleanor, Dex Stannard, Ada May Shipley, Chuck Pyle, Matt Harry, Bob Coyner, Dan Barnhart, Mary Ann Holtzer, Dave Searle, Jen Anderson

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

In the Military: 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++

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For emergencies or after hours
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FROM THE OFFICE

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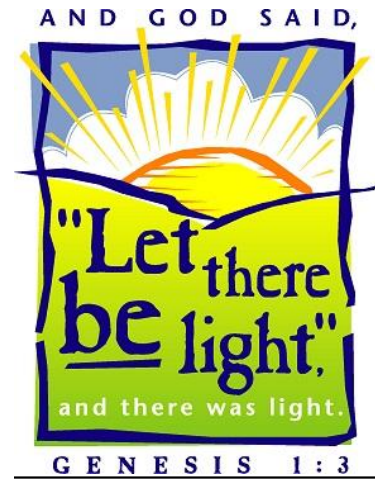
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SEPTEMBER BIBLE LESSONS	
Sunday, September 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33
Sunday, September 14 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
Sunday, September 21 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13
Sunday, September 28 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31