



**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
 7910 Belair Road ~ Baltimore, MD 21236 ~ 410-665-7300 ~ st-peterslutheran.com

**Our Mission:**

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing



Follow Jesus' Way



**Christmas At St. Peter's**  
**Christmas Eve Worship**

*Tuesday, December 24th*  
 4:00 pm. & 10:30 pm.

**1st Sunday of Christmas**

*Sunday, December 29th @ 9:30 am.*

Celebrate the 1st Sunday of Christmas together! Children will participate in the beginning of the service and attend Sunday school. The Adult Bible study group will meet after the service.



**Holiday Closings**

The Church Office and St. Peter's Elementary School will be closed from Monday, December 23rd through Friday, January 3rd, reopening on Monday, January 6th.

**St. Peter's Elementary School & PACE News**

**Monday, January 6th:** School reopens. Open enrollment for 2025-2026 begins in mid-January.

**Wednesday, January 8th:** Frank's Pizza & Pasta night from 12-8 pm. (6620 Belair Rd., 21206); PACE meeting at 6:30 pm. (virtual).

**Sunday, January 12th:** 2nd Annual "Chili Cook-off" at 11:15 am. in the fellowship hall.

**Saturday, January 18th:** Poppin' Popcorn online fundraiser ends.

**Monday, January 20th:** SPES closed for MLK, Jr. birthday.

See attached fliers for Frank's Pizza & Pasta Night and Poppin' Popcorn online fundraiser.

**Prayer Group**

Prayer Group opens the New Year with KINDNESS (our next Fruit of the Spirit)! We challenge everyone to recall "an expected time you received a KINDNESS." May we start 2025 with acts of kindness—bonus points if its anonymous!! Join us on Wednesday, January 8th at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access). No experience required: lively discussion guaranteed.

In His Name, Patty Read & Kathy Shull.

**Church Council 2025**

Congratulations to our new and returning council members for 2025. Any many thanks for your service to those coming off of council.

- Mark McQuade, President*
- Karen Yelovich, Vice-president*
- Kathy Sykes, Treasurer*
- Bill Lauer, Financial Secretary*
- Lena Frankenfeld, Recording Secretary*
- Heather Frederick*
- Linda Heinbaugh*
- Rich Murphy*
- Patty Read*
- Christy Sykes*
- Steve Sykes*

May God bless these members as they have been called to serve the congregation of St. Peter's.

## *SHOWING THE WAY*

In the seasons of the Church Year, when the altar colors are green, we know we're going to hear the common, down-to-earth wisdom of what it is to follow Christ. As I read more and more about what will make good and godly things happen for the church, the message I get is: it's all about discipleship. Even when he was arguing with those who didn't appreciate his understanding of the Law, Jesus still taught what it was God wanted people to do. His friends, his followers, didn't always get what was going on when Jesus put his teaching into action. It was when the Teacher, the Holy Spirit, became part of their being and their way of seeing things that his apostles could act as they had seen their Master do. He was still with them in their ministry.

This is a very important task for the Church to continue to do, now and for always. In our scriptures for this time of year, we first hear how Jesus called people to follow him. But it didn't take long for them, once Jesus had risen and ascended to God, to begin to make disciples of their own. They preached, healed, and dealt with those possessed by unclean spirits. Given how much they knew or didn't know yet, could you have been capable of the same? Do you think of yourself as a disciple? How much do we talk during our worship about what God wants us to do, and then, when we try, we get discouraged because the response falls short?

We do at least three things of vital importance on Sundays in worship. 1. We praise God— as simple as that. 2. We are renewed through the forgiveness of our sins and the sharing of the Lord's Supper, which gives us strength for everything else—which is 3. We learn from Spirit and are sent out by that Spirit to do God's work as disciples of Jesus and servants to the world, the whole world! As we faithfully do our discipleship,

we may find that we'll make disciples too. If we can communicate a sense of purpose and commitment to what God is doing in and through us, we will call people who want that for themselves.

A problem today that is so very hard to overcome is that people have learned to consume religion like we buy things and want to be entertained by stuff, because this makes a person happy. Like some people that heard Jesus say, you will be free, we like that part, but not when he tells his followers how they must serve like him. We are happy to take care of ourselves and our own, but Jesus isn't limited to the five feet around me, or the people who are like me, but goes into the whole world to ALL people.

Even so, our church is responsible for our neighborhood, and it's hard even then to see if we make any impact at all. This is why we do our best when we keep it simple: we can't do everything, but St Peter's has taught and fed people for many years. We provide an education in a Christian setting for thousands of children over the years. We have uncovered a need for healing and prayer, and we will always sing and preach and serve, and enjoy each other's fellowship in the Spirit of togetherness that sets Church apart from most everything else in our society. I think George Bailey of "It's a Wonderful Life" helps me out here — in the midst of a bank run he tells his customers: 'Now come on people, we've got to stay together, we've got to keep faith with each other.' Belonging to each other and to God is the only way I know to make sense out of this life. Tell your friends and neighbors to join us this new year as we who are disciples of Jesus aim to show the way of God to all whom we meet.

*Pax, Pastor Lans*

# **A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR**

For some of us, this time of anticipation for a merry Christmas may be a more difficult one. I just got off the phone with one of my childhood friends who is in the hospital awaiting test results from a biopsy. She also told me that she heard that another family member fell down the stairs while rushing to her ill husband who was needing her attention. It makes me think of the people in our congregation and among our friends who are suffering from illness and are longing for healing.

“Stir up your power,” our choir sang last Sunday, “O Lord, and come. Is heaven’s moment far or near, and when will Jesus reappear? The coming dawn is our delight in this the darkest hour of night”.

The coming dawn can mean healing of our ills, and while it refers to Jesus’ return, it can also remind us that the one who is coming has already come. And the circumstances of his birth and the stress of his parents can be compared with what many people are going through here and abroad.

My friend told me she was calmed by the words and music of Psalm 71:1-3: “In you, O

Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.”

And because we believe that God has entered our human existence in the person of Jesus Christ, we can still sing – even when our circumstances are difficult:

Love has come, a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior!  
Love, Love! Glory to God on high.

Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

ELW 292, 1+3

Bärbel Otto



## ***Baltimore Cancer Support Group***

**Weekly Meetings:** We meet at St. Peter’s on Thursday evenings beginning at 7 pm. All who are/have been touched by cancer are welcome to join us for conversation and support. For more information, contact us at 410-668-1762. Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday, January 9th!

## ***St. Peter’s WELCA News***

**Quilting Group** - No experience is necessary to help with quilt making—if you can use scissors, we can use you! Contact Janice Frederick for more information (410-665-1868).

Thanks to everyone who purchased our homemade candies! We hope you enjoyed them as much as we had making them!

## *January Altar Flower Sponsors*

**1/5** In Loving Memory of my parents, **May and Howard LeBrun**, and brothers **Skip, Ned, Jack, and Rich**. Given by Patty Read.

**1/5 Open for 10:15 am.**

**1/12** In Loving Memory of **Janice Webb**. Given by Terri, Rich, Richie, Casey, and John Patrick.

**1/12** In Memory of parents, **Katherine's** and **Anna's** birthdays. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

**1/12 Rose Vase:** In Honor of **Genevieve Sacker's** January 15th birthday. Given by Ruth.

**1/12 Rose Vase:** In Honor of **Everett Hohl Read** for his 10th birthday, January 16th. With love from his grandmother Patty Read.

**1/19** In Honor of **Joe Mills** on his January 23rd birthday. Given with love by Mom and Dad.

**1/19 Open for 10:15 am.**

**1/26 Open for 8:45 am.**

**1/26** In Celebration of **Michael and Lucas Barnes's** birthdays. Given by Nancy Barnes.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

In 2025, pricing on floral arrangements will increase to be more in-line with pricing from the florist.

Until pricing is finalized, please "pay as you go" using current pricing for floral sponsorships.

Also, when you return the vases for Rose Vase sponsorships, the church receives a \$3 discount!

## *January Bulletin Sponsors*

**1/5 Open.**

**1/12 Open.**

**1/19** In Honor of the 9th birthday of **Chelsey Marie Volz**, on her January 19th birthday. Given by her grandparents, Lois and Fred Volz.

**1/19** In Honor of **Joey Mills's** January 23rd birthday. Given by the Sykes family.

**1/26** In Loving Memory of parents, **Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Matz** and **Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dohmeier**. Given by Jerry Dohmeier.

**1/26** In Loving Memory of my husband, **Phillip Sacker**, and parents, **Catherine and Carl Haug**. Given by wife and daughter, Genevieve Sacker.

**1/26** In Honor of **Jennie** on her February 1st birthday. Given with love by Mom and Dad.

#### **To Sponsor ...**

- bulletins or 8:45 am. flowers contact the church office
- 10:15 am. flowers contact Nancy Barnes

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**Altar flowers** (2 bouquets) - \$30

**Altar piece** - \$45

**Bulletin sponsorship** - \$10

**Rose Vase** - \$10  
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**Need a floral arrangement** for an upcoming holiday event or special celebration? Consider using our Sunday bouquet florist, Drayer's Florist, of the Rutland Beard Floral Group! Call them for pricing and design information at 410-335-6286.

## *January Happy Birthday!*

4 Lyle Shull	22 Lynn Eschenbach
4 Marlee Duru	23 Joe Mills (son)
13 Irma Stockdale	25 Peggy Bayne
15 Genevieve Sacker	26 Doris Alkire
17 Marcia Darney	28 Michael Barnes
17 Linda Gasiorowski	28 Bruce Bayne
17 Cynthia Kahl	29 James Lawrence
17 Linda Heinbaugh	29 Gavin Lynch
20 Betty Harry	30 Lucas Barnes



## *January Happy Re-birthday!*

5 James Frederick, V	12 Vivian Fargus
10 Tabitha Baron	12 Frederick Fargus
10 Hollie Harlow	12 Harold Fargus
10 Alex Harlow	14 Steven Gladstone
11 Brayden Hausmann	16 Branson Finnegan
12 Watson Fargus	20 Kaitlin Golabiewski

Happy Birthday and Happy RE-birthday to those of you who were born or “born into” God’s family through baptism in January! If your Birthday or RE-birthday is not listed, contact the church office.

## *January Worship Service Assistants Schedule (8:45 am.)*

### **January 5: 2nd Sunday of Christmas**

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis

Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

### **January 12: Baptism of Our Lord**

Worship Assistant: Holly Frederick

Usher: \*Don Bayne

### **January 19: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: \*Rich Murphy

### **January 26: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Worship Assistant: Heather Vogt

Usher: Kathy Shull

\*Opener

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## *Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers*

**Ms. Agnes Froberg**



## *Church & School Staff*

### **Church:**

**Pastor:** Lans Alexis 410-918-9445  
pastor@st-peterslutheran.com

**Organist/Choir Director:**  
Bärbel Otto 410-665-7300

**Contemporary Music/Praise Team  
Director:** Richard Stone

**Secretary:** Joy Mayne 410-665-7300  
office@st-peterslutheran.com

**Sunday Morning Schedule:**  
8:45 & 10:15 am. Worship  
9:45 am. Coffee & Conversation  
10:00 am. Sunday school

### **School:**

**Principal:** Lori Fales 410-665-4521  
lfales@spesmd.org

**Secretary:** Marcia Darney 410-665-4521  
mdarney@spesmd.org

### **Parents Association for Christian**

**Education (PACE):**  
stpeterspace@gmail.com

**Church Web Address:**  
www.st-peterslutheran.com

**School Web Address:**  
www.spesmd.org

**School Inquiries Email:**  
info@spesmd.org

## *Church Council Officers*

**President:** Mark McQuade

**Vice President:** Karen Yelovich

**Recording Secretary:** Lena Frankenfeld

**Treasurer:** Kathy Sykes

**Financial Secretary:** William Lauer

## *Church Mission & Planning Team Members*

**Faith Formation:** Karen Yelovich

**Fellowship:** Lena Frankenfeld

**Investment:** Rich Murphy

**Nominating:** Mark McQuade

**Prayer Chain:** Ruth Diepold

**Property:** Don Bayne

**School Board:** Lena Frankenfeld

**WELCA:** Mary Lue Frederick

## *Annual Meetings*

**4th Sunday in February:** Missions and  
Life of the Church

**2nd Sunday in November:** Vote on budget  
and council and Investment Committee  
members



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through PayPal! Login to your PayPal  
account and search for our tag: @Spl367  
or St. Peter's Lutheran Church and  
Christian Day School.**

**Articles for *Networks* are due to the  
church office by the 15th of each month.  
For the June/July issue, they are due by  
May 15th.**



LET'S RAISE SOME

**Dough** for

ST. PETER'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**1st Wednesday of each Month**

**Frank's Pizza and Pasta**

**6620 Belair Rd Baltimore, MD 21206**

**12pm-8pm**

**Dine- In or Carry Out**

**All Family, Friends, and Neighbors are invited!**

**Present this Flyer when paying**

**or Specify "St. Pete's" ordering online**

**and 15% of your pre-tax total will be donated to**

**St. Pete's Elementary School.**

**For every Cannoli purchased, an additional \$1.00 will be donated!**





ST. PETER'S  
ELEMENTARY  
PACE PRESENTS:

DEC 18TH-JAN 18TH

# HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER



Buttery Caramel, Cheddar Jalapeno, Chicago style, Cinnamon Toast, Kettle Corn, Dill Pickle, Fruity, Movie Theatre, White Cheddar, Ranch, Birthday Cake and Many More!




**SCAN QR CODE TO ORDER YOUR  
POPCORN**



**Group ID: CJAZUV**



# January 2025

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day 	2	3	4
<b>The Church Office and SPES remain closed this week for Christmas break.</b>						
<b>5</b> <b>Epiphany Sunday</b> 	<b>6</b> <b>Epiphany Day Church Office &amp; SPES reopen</b>	<b>7</b> 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (4th gr) MM 3:30p (H) Science Guys 7p (GC) CR	<b>8</b> 11a (GC) Prayer Group <b>12p SPES Frank's Pizza &amp; Pasta Fundraiser</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM 6:30p PACE Mtg. (virtual) 7p (S) Council mtg.	<b>9</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>10</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM	11
<b>12</b> <b>11:15a (H) PACE Chili Cook-off</b>	<b>13</b> 3:30p (H) Snapology	<b>14</b> 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (H) Science Guys 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (GC) CR	<b>15</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p Sch. Brd. Mtg. (virtual)	<b>16</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>17</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM	<b>18</b> <b>Poppin' Popcorn Online Fundraiser ends</b>
<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Church Office &amp; SPES Closed</b>	<b>21</b> 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (H) Science Guys 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (GC) CR	<b>22</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM	<b>23</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>24</b> SPES Closed for conferences	<b>25</b> <b>5p (H) PACE Family Game Night</b>
26	<b>27</b> 3:30p (H) Snapology	<b>28</b> 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (H) Science Guys 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (GC) CR	<b>29</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM	<b>30</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>31</b> 3:30p (4th gr) MM	

**Key:**

(CH) Church; (GC) Grace Chapel; (H) Hall; (LL) Church Lower Level; (S) South Conf. Room; (SL) School Library  
 BCSG=Baltimore Cancer Support Group; CR=Choir Rehearsal; MM=Mini Maestros