



Networks

Our Mission:

Learning God's Truth



Sharing the Spirit's Healing



Following the Way of Jesus



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Elementary School
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St. Peter's Elementary School & PACE News

Sunday, March 1st – Saturday, March 7th –
Lutheran Schools week

Monday, March 2nd – Friday, March 6th –
Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, March 10th - PACE meeting
(virtual)

Wednesday, March 18th – Family Movie
Night

Monday, March 23rd – Friday, March 27th –
Standardized Testing week



Prayer Boxes

While the prayer group will not continue to meet (at this time), we will continue to collect prayers for Sunday worship, and to pray for our school families and staff. If you would like to submit a prayer request, please use the prayer jar in the school lobby or the basket in the church lobby.



Lent at St. Peter's

During Lent, Pr. Lans will be presenting *The Small Catechism* via Zoom on Thursdays at 7 pm., beginning March 5th. Contact the church office for the link.

St. Peter's Annual Meeting

The church council voted to postpone the Annual Meeting, scheduled for February 22nd, to Sunday, March 15th between services. The meeting was postponed because of the possibility of a bad weather winter, and not all financial information and audits will be available in time for a 2/22 meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the missions and life of the church.



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).



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.

One Call Notifications

If you have had recent issues receiving One Calls (robo calls) from the church and/or school AND you have an iPhone, please save the One Call number (410-665-4521) in your contacts list. In 2025, the iPhone had an update where users could opt in for a spam filter. Therefore, if you haven't saved the One Call number, it may be going to spam. If you still aren't receiving messages after saving the One Call number, please contact their customer service at 877-698-3262.

RETURN TO THE LORD

Perhaps the most compelling event that we know from both Scriptures and human life is the possibility of change. In the Bible, we know how real people turned from one way to another, as Jesus tells parable of the Prodigal Son, who came to see the error of his wasteful habits. And Paul reports this about himself in Philippians 3:4b-14, from the CEV translation: “Others may brag about themselves, but I have more reason to brag than anyone else. I was circumcised when I was eight days old, and I am from the nation of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin. I am a true Hebrew. As a Pharisee, I strictly obeyed the Law of Moses. And I was so eager that I even made trouble for the church. I did everything the Law demands in order to please God.

“But Christ has shown me that what I once thought was valuable is worthless. Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all as garbage. All I want is Christ and to know that I belong to him. I could not make myself acceptable to God by obeying the Law of Moses. God accepted me simply because of my faith in Christ. All I want is to know Christ and the power that raised him to life. I want to suffer and die as he did, so that somehow I also may be raised to life.”

You can see how compelling Paul makes his repentance sound when it is so very connected to his new relationship with Christ Jesus. ‘Nothing else matters to me,’ is his conclusion. I hope we can always feel, think, and act that way, but the powers of this world make that difficult. Those of us who have known this faith for as long as we can remember will still come up short— “since **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;” Romans 3:23— and at any point of time, we may move into a deeper movement of the Spirit in us. (No, you don’t have to become an ordained minister, but you may be a steward of creation, an evangelist, or servant and prophet to the poor and needy.)

When we listen to God’s call to new life, we not only get rid of what brings us down; we add ways of life and work that share unconditional love to those around us.

We’re in a new day for the history of the world; we know this in the Church, but all the aspects of our society are facing challenges and crises because our technology has outstripped our ability to make good choices in its use. Just look at how the easy communication of Facebook or TikTok has created avenues for people who want to lie, manipulate, and cheat us. I’ve found this piece of Scripture compelling for what believers can do in the face of these troubles: *Love rejoices in the truth.* When we are truthful and honest about ourselves, we can be quick to confess our shortcomings and falseness. But we also have a prophetic mission to denounce lies in others; it struck me that people who are prone to lie seem to be missing that spiritual gift of love. So some of this struggle against greed and corruption is a spiritual battle, just as Scripture has made clear from front to back. Well, we didn’t sign up for smooth sailing, but to do our work for all the good that God wants for his creation. God is with us, and we’ll get it done!

Pax, *Pastor Lans*





A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

On this foggy morning nature is showing me a picture of what we are coming from: on Sunday we celebrated a glorious transformation of Jesus on the mountain, witnessed only by the closest disciples – a glimpse of the resurrection for us – but now we are accompanying Jesus on his way to Jerusalem where we know what fate awaits him there.

What does it mean for us as we enter the time of Lent that the church through the ages observed by “fasting, praying and giving alms”?

It may just be a few of us that attend the Ash Wednesday Service which guides us to reflect and think about our shortcomings and the fact that our life is final. But the promise that Jesus will be among us as we gather in his name can be encouraging to witness by holding not only us but also our neighbor, our community, and the world full of tragedy, in prayer and purposely living a life of restraint and generosity as we are able.

Luther’s catechism gives us lots of suggestions as we study the ten commandments with his explanations or learn again how our “means of grace” which we receive in Word and Sacrament can shape our daily lives.

Pastor’s emphasis on studying Luther’s catechism on our Lenten journey can be a joyful experience and not just gloom and doom. This is reflected by our Lenten hymns. An old Latin hymn from 1543 puts it this way:

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ through whom
all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Then grant, O God, that we may, too,
return in fast and prayer to you.
Our spirits strengthen with your grace
and give us joy to see your face.

(ELW 320)

Bärbel Otto

What’s Your Cell Type

The microscopic amoeba is a self-sufficient, one-celled organism. White blood cells look much like amoebae yet serve the larger organism of which they’re a part. While the amoeba flees danger, white blood cells hasten toward it, working together to defend the body from disease.

Individuals, the smallest units of the body of Christ, are like cells. They can either live for themselves or work together to serve the whole church. Although the body parts Paul mentions in 1 Cor. 12 (ear, eye, foot, hand) can’t live apart from the body, cells have that potential.

Do you focus only on your needs, deriving benefits from the body of Christ but not helping it? Or are you a team member, giving of yourself to benefit the whole church? Paul calls such people ministers and deacons. (Rom. 12:6-7; 16:1).

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Beyond the Door

To better love God and Christ, our friend,
We pass through death’s door;
but it’s not the end.

It’s only the birth of something more –
The eternal joy earth’s prepared us for!

Peggy Ferrell



Pray Without Ceasing

“Faith is to the soul what life is to the body.
Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body.
How a person can live and not breathe is
past my comprehension, and how a person
can believe and not pray is past my
comprehension, too.”

J.C. Ryle

Both from the March 2011 issue of
The *Newsletter* Newsletter

March Happy Birthday!

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| 1 Stephen Sykes | 18 Lois Volz |
| 4 Holly Frederick | 20 Anita Gladstone |
| 4 Dennis Miller | 25 Rich Murphy |
| 6 Caroline Greenwood | 26 Catherine Sykes |
| 8 Margery Bayne | 27 Kathy Sykes |
| 8 Catherine Sacker | 28 Danielle Sacker |
| 8 Olivia Mills | 31 Betty Kahl |
| 14 Kevin Gladstone | 31 Jeff Ebbeson |
| 15 Arwen Bayne | |



March Happy Re-Birthday!

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| 10 Violet Kalb | 21 Heather Frederick |
| 11 Alan Sacker | 22 Bryson Whitlock |
| 13 Steven Sykes | 24 Ryder Kane |
| 15 Arwen Bayne | 25 Spencer Knotts |
| 18 Joey Mills | 26 Holly Frederick |

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

Super Celebration!

Mrs. Bea Walshinsky, a former member of St. Peter’s, recently celebrated a milestone birthday, her 99th! Mrs. Bea had friends and family to celebrate with her!

March Worship Service Assistants Schedule (8:45 am.)

March 1st: 2nd Sunday in Lent
Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt
Ushers: *Jerry Dohmeier & Joe Mills

March 8th: 3rd Sunday in Lent
Worship Assistant: Don Bayne
Usher: Open

March 15th: 4th Sunday in Lent
Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick
Usher: *Rich Murphy

March 22nd: 5th Sunday in Lent
Worship Assistant: Richard Murphy
Usher: Kathy Shull

March 29th: Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis
Ushers: *Jerry Dohmeier & Joe Mills

*Opener

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## ***What is Faith?***

“Sight is not faith, and hearing is not faith, neither is feeling faith; but believing when we neither see, hear nor feel is faith; and everywhere the Bible tells us our salvation is to be by faith. Therefore, we must believe before we feel, and often against our feelings, if we would honor God by our faith.”

Hannah Whitall Smith  
March 2010 issue of  
The Newsletter Newsletter



## *March Altar Flower Sponsors*

**3/1** In Honor of **Steve Sykes'** birthday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Given by Kathy Sykes.

**3/8** In Honor of our granddaughter, **Olivia Mills**, on her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Love, LaLa and Pop.

**3/8** In Honor of **Brian and Jade Mills** on their 6<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 14<sup>th</sup>. We love you both so much! Mom and Dad.

**3/8** In Loving Memory of **Elmer Diepold** on his March 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by his daughter, Sharyn Diepold.

**3/15** In Honor of my daughter, **Susan Johnson's** March 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, and **Ellie Tanasescu's** March 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by Linda Heinbaugh.

**3/22** In Memory of my mother, **May LeBrun's** March 26<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by Patty Read.

**3/22** In Loving Memory of **Ruth Diepold** on her March 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Given by her daughter, Sharyn Diepold.

**3/22** In Honor of our granddaughter, **Abby's** 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

**3/29** In Honor of **Katie Sykes'** birthday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Given by Kathy Sykes.

**3/29** A welcoming and preparing for the coming of our **Lord**. Hosanna! Given by Janice Frederick.



## *March Bulletin Sponsors*

**3/1** In Loving Memory of **Wilhelmina Weinreich** on her March 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Given with love by the Mills family.

**3/8** In Honor of **Lois and Fred Volz** on their March 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Given with love by the Mills family.

**3/8** In Loving Memory of **Gilbert Kreisel's** March 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by the Volz family.

**3/15** In Honor of my Godmother, **Lois Volz**, on her March 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given with love from Donna.

**3/22** In Honor of **Joey Mills'** Christian birthday. Love Aunt Kathy and Uncle Steve.

**3/29** In Honor of **Mary Lue Frederick**. Given by Janice Frederick.

### **Beginning January, 2026:**

To Sponsor bulletins or flowers contact the church office. Payment for sponsorships should be included with your offering (not a separate payment), and put in the offering plate or mailed to the church, Attn: Finance.

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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/The Flower Bucket! Call them for pricing and design information at 410-335-6286.

**Easter Flower Orders** are due to the church office **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 15th**. Order form attached.

## ***Church & School Staff***

### **Church:**

**Pastor:** Lans Alexis 443-388-1828  
pastor@st-peterslutheran.com

### **Organist/Choir Director:**

Bärbel Otto 410-665-7300

### **Contemporary Music/Praise Team**

**Director:** Richard Stone 410-665-7300

### **Administrative Assistant:**

Joy Mayne 410-665-7300  
splcoffice7910@gmail.com

### **Sunday Morning Schedule:**

8:45 & 10:15 am. Worship  
10:00 am. Coffee & Conversation  
10:00 am. Sunday school & Bible Study

### **School:**

**Principal:** April Blahut 410-665-4521  
ablahut@spesmd.org

### **Administrative Assistant:**

Karen Yelovich 410-665-4521  
kyelovich@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

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**Give to St. Peter's On-line!** Did you know that you can make offering donations and sponsorship payments on-line through PayPal?? Login to your PayPal account and search for our tag: @Spl367 or St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Christian Day School. When submitting your donation or payment, you can note what it's for.

## ***Church Council Officers***

**President:** Mark McQuade

**Vice President:** Karen Yelovich

**Recording Secretary:** Lena Frankenfeld

**Treasurer:** Kathy Sykes

**Financial Secretary:** William Lauer

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## ***Church Mission & Planning Team Members***

**Faith Formation:** Karen Yelovich

**Fellowship:** Lena Frankenfeld

**Investment:** Rich Murphy

**Nominating:** Mark McQuade

**Property:** Don Bayne

**School Board:** Lena Frankenfeld

**WELCA:** Heather Frederick

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## ***Annual Meetings***

**4th Sunday in February:** Missions and Life of the Church (*committee reports are due to the church office 3 weeks prior to the meeting*).

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

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**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.**

# March 2026

| <i>Sunday</i>                                                                                               | <i>Monday</i>                         | <i>Tuesday</i>                                                                  | <i>Wednesday</i>                                                                                                 | <i>Thursday</i>             | <i>Friday</i>                                                           | <i>Saturday</i>                             |
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| <b>1</b><br>10a (H) EGW                                                                                     | <b>2</b><br>4p (4 <sup>th</sup> ) MM  | <b>3</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (GC) CR                                  | <b>4</b><br>9a Chapel (w/<br>Personal Care<br>collection)<br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM                                | <b>5</b><br>7p (S/SL) BCSG  | <b>6</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM                                        | <b>7</b><br><b>8a (H) CLAIM<br/>Seminar</b> |
| <i>Lutheran Schools Week (March 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>)</i>                                        |                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                  |                             |                                                                         |                                             |
| <i>Scholastic Book Fair (March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>)</i>                                         |                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                  |                             |                                                                         |                                             |
| <b>8</b><br>10a (H) EGW<br><b>12:30p SPES<br/>Open House</b>                                                | <b>9</b><br>4p (4 <sup>th</sup> ) MM  | <b>10</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>6:30p (V) PACE<br>mtg.<br>7p (GC) CR       | <b>11</b><br>9a Chapel<br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (V) Council<br>Mtg.                                         | <b>12</b><br>7p (S/SL) BCSG | <b>13</b><br><b>SPES ½ Day<br/>for<br/>Professional<br/>Development</b> | <b>14</b>                                   |
| <b>15</b><br><b>9:30a (CH)<br/>Annual<br/>Meeting</b><br>10a (H) EGW<br><b>Easter Flower<br/>Orders Due</b> | <b>16</b><br>4p (4 <sup>th</sup> ) MM | <b>17</b><br><b>St. Patrick's<br/>Day</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (GC) CR | <b>18</b><br><b>SPES Family<br/>Movie Night</b><br>9a Chapel<br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (V) Sch. Brd.<br>Mtg. | <b>19</b><br>7p (S/SL) BCSG | <b>20</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM                                       | <b>21</b>                                   |
| <b>22</b><br>10a (H) EGW                                                                                    | <b>23</b><br>4p (4 <sup>th</sup> ) MM | <b>24</b><br><b>Maryland Day</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (GC) CR          | <b>25</b><br>9a Chapel<br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM                                                                   | <b>26</b><br>7p (S/SL) BCSG | <b>27</b><br><b>SPES ½ Day<br/>for P/T<br/>Conferences</b>              | <b>28</b>                                   |
| <i>SPES Standardized Testing Week (March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>)</i>                             |                                       |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                  |                             |                                                                         |                                             |
| <b>29</b><br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br>10a (H) EGW                                                              | <b>30</b><br>4p (4 <sup>th</sup> ) MM | <b>31</b>                                                                       |                                                                                                                  |                             |                                                                         |                                             |

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



In celebration of the resurrection of Christ, our family of St. Peter's places Easter flowers in the Sanctuary. The sweet smell and beauty of these flowers always makes Easter very special here. If you would like to place an order, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by **3/15/26**.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED**  
**TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 15th.**

Leave your completed order form in the church office on the secretary's desk, in the "Church Secretary" mailbox, or mail it to the church (Attn: Easter Flowers). Payment can be cash or check (payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church) in the offering plate or mailed (Attn: Finance/Easter Flowers), or through PayPal using our tag: @Spl367 or searching for *St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Christian Day School*.

**Each flower is \$8 and comes in a covered 6" pot.**

Please designate the number of flowers you wish to order.

\*Colors will vary and are chosen by the florist.

Flowers may be picked up after 8:45 & 10:15 am. worship services on Easter Sunday.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Easter Lily**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hyacinth\***

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tulip\***

\_\_\_\_\_ **Martha Washington Geranium\***

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Ordered by (if different than sponsor name/s):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_



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***Belonging to Jesus, We are  
Feeding & Healing,  
Teaching & Praying  
—Together***

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