



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



St. Peter's Elementary School & PACE News

April 2nd - 10th - The school will be closed for Easter break

April 14th - PACE meeting, STEAM Exhibit, and Spring Concert at 6:30 pm.

More to come this spring ...

- School singing at the worship services
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Parents' Night Out
- End of Year Family Fun Day
- PreK and 5th grade graduations

Easter 2026

Maundy Thursday (4/2)
and Good Friday (4/3)

Worship at 7 pm. in the church

Easter Sunday (4/5)

Easter Dawn Vigil at 7 am. in the cemetery

Pancake breakfast at 7:45 am.

in the open area of the lower level

Worship at 8:45 & 10:15 am. in the church

The church office will be closed April 2nd - 10th.

Office Help Needed!

Joy will be away from the church office May 4-8. If you are able to provide coverage 1 or more days that week from 9a-12p, contact Joy at 410-665-7300.

The Small Catechism

Pr. Lans will continue Zoom gatherings will continue intermittently throughout the next few months. Upcoming dates are: 4/9 & 16, 5/7, 14, & 21, and 6/4, 11, & 18. All information will be sent out by email on the afternoon of each Zoom date.

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.

Secretary Position Available

Part time, 20 hr./week, 4 days/week. Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in Word and PowerPoint. Applicants must also have good organizational skills, be able to work independently and with others as well as have good communication skills. Interested parties should call St. Matthew Lutheran Church office (410-335-4210).



A NEW DEAL

On the Vigil of Easter, an ancient service of the Church catholic, words much like these have been chanted to proclaim that Easter has arrived, even in the night before the dawn of the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord. For the time when the Father raised his Son to life is not given, which is why many wait throughout the night to remember this moment. So that night the priest chants:

*“This is the night in which,
breaking the chains of death,
Christ arises from hell in triumph.
For it would have profited us
nothing to be born
had we not also been redeemed.
Oh, how wonderful the condescension
of your lovingkindness!
Oh, how inestimable the goodness
of your love,
that to redeem a slave you delivered
up your Son!
O necessary sin of Adam that is wiped away
by the death of Christ!
O happy fault that was worthy
to have so great a Redeemer!
O night truly blessed which alone was worthy
to know the time and the hour wherein Christ
arose again from hell!*

‘O happy fault...’ is a prime example of something our Lutheran theology states to help us in our most difficult and confusing times. We hold things we believe in tension with a simple world, ‘and’. We are both saint *and* sinner. God’s Word contains Law *and* Gospel, justice *and* mercy, and it gives both freedom *and* order. Salvation has already come to us, but not yet.. until we’re raised with Christ when the last trumpet sounds!

That we’re at fault for our sin is not a good thing, and yet, the happy result is that Christ redeems us and humanity from ‘sin, death, and the devil’ (see the Small Catechism, the 2nd article of the Creed). In the book of Revelation, chapter 20, it says, “Then Death

and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death.” This death is eternal, and it will destroy those who were not called by God to live in the new creation of heaven and earth. Only God’s goodness will remain; sin and evil will be no more.

That’s the new deal that allows us to live in hope, when so much seems so wrong. In our theology this idea has a simple name, the Happy Exchange. Luther writes this: “That is the mystery which is rich in divine grace to sinners: wherein by a *wonderful exchange* our sins are no longer ours but Christ’s and the righteousness of Christ not Christ’s but ours. He has emptied Himself of His righteousness that He might clothe us with it and fill us with it.” It is hard to see this when we suffer, we see the pain of others, and we know our weakness to change any of it. But that is where the faithfulness of Christ, and our trust in him, makes this good, ‘wonderful exchange’ happen. John 14:19, ‘Because I live, you shall live also.’ We do not fear, only live in hope, joy, and peace, now and ‘to eternity’. Thanks be to God!

Pax, *Pastor Lans*, and Happy Easter!



A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

On this foggy morning nature is showing me a picture of what we are coming from. On Transfiguration 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 continue the time of Lent that the church through the ages observed by “fasting, praying, and giving alms?” It was just be a few of us that attended the Ash Wednesday Service, which guided 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 has been be a joyful experience and not just gloom and doom. This is also 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

Resurrection Means Reconciliation

Jesus’ resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ had never been raised from the dead, we’d have no Christian religion.

God’s power was at work in Christ’s death and resurrection. “It was on the resurrection fact that the church was built,” said New Testament scholar James Stewart.

Paul understood that the resurrection was the bedrock of our Christian faith. “If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain,” he wrote to the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 15:14, NRSV).

The apostle went on to say, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (v. 17).

The resurrection proves that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Its authenticity means that by faith in Christ, we are reconciled with God.

Bill Graham said the risen Christ is the bridge between us and God. “One of Christ’s hands holds the hand of God; his other hand holds ours,” said the evangelist.



April Happy Birthday!

1 Jim Lynch	18 Rachel Smith
2 Joseph Mills	18 Hayden Rezek
5 Laura Sacker	20 Jerry Dohmeier
6 Robyn Thompson	24 Alvin Pasquinelli
9 Ashley Kane	27 Andrei Yelovich
11 Vito Castellano	30 Corwin Neat



April Happy Re-birthday!

2 Madison Buttion	11 Michael Barnes
2 Melody Lynch	11 Carter Williams
3 Stephanie Yelovich	24 Jennifer Gasiorowski
4 James Frederick, IV	29 Joe Mills
7 Adalynn Powers	29 Anita Gladstone
7 Madeline Barnes	30 Kathy Sykes

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

April Worship Service

Assistants Schedule (8:45 am.)

April 5: Resurrection of Christ/Easter

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt

Usher: *Don Bayne

April 12: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: *Rich Murphy

April 19: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Usher: Kathy Shull

April 26: 4th Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: Rich Murphy

Ushers: *Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

*Opener

Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers

*"Thinking of You" cards & notes
are always welcome!*

Mrs. Bea Walshinsky

Ms. Ruth May



God is the Answer

We read the headlines daily and we listen to the news, We are anxious and bewildered with the world's conflicting views, We are restless and dissatisfied and sadly insecure, And we voice our discontentment over things we must endure, For this violent age we live in is filled with nameless fears That grow as we discuss the things that come daily to our ears ... So instead of reading headlines that disturb the heart and mind, Let us open up the Bible and in doing so we'll find That this age is no different from the millions gone before, But in every hour of crisis God has opened up a door For all who sought his guidance and trusted in his plan, For God provides the Answer that cannot be found by

man ... And though there's hate and violence and dissensions all around, We can always find a refuge that is built on "solid ground" if we go to God believing that He hears our smallest prayer And that nothing can befall us when we are in His care ... For only by believing in the things we cannot see Can all nations be united in the peace that makes men free ... For the skill of man can conquer new worlds in outer space, But only our creator can endow mankind with grace, And only grace that is divine can unite us with each other And make our enemies our friends and every man a brother.

—Helen Steiner Rice
(1900-1981)

April Altar Flower Sponsors

4/5 Easter Cross: In Loving Memory of my parents, **Vi and Ernest Grimm**. With love from their daughter, Carole. ~and~ In Loving Memory of our parents, **Audrey and Buzz Robinson**. Given by the Mills family.

4/5 We wish everyone a **happy and blessed Easter!** Given by the Mills family.

4/12 In Honor of **Dillon's** 6th birthday and **Aidan Heinbaugh's** April 28th birthday. Given by Linda Heinbaugh.

4/12 In Honor of our daughter, **Ashley's** birthday. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

4/19 In Honor of our daughter, **Rachel's** birthday. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

4/26 In Loving Memory of **Frank Alkire's** April 27th birthday. Given by Doris Alkire.

April Bulletin Sponsors

4/5 In Honor of **Emma Rose Volz's** 14th birthday, April 11th. Given by Nanny and Gramp.

4/12 In Loving Memory of **Henry Volz** for his April 18th birthday. Given by the Volz family.

4/19 Open

4/26 In Honor of our daughter-in-law, **Jill Volz**, for her April 27th birthday. Given by Lois and Fred Volz.

To Sponsor altar flowers or bulletins, please contact the church office.

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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.

EASTER



Church & School Staff

Church:

Pastor: Lans Alexis 443-388-1828

Organist/Choir Director:

Bärbel Otto 410-665-7300

Contemporary Music/Praise Team

Director: Richard Stone

Administrative Assistant:

Joy Mayne 410-665-7300
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Sunday Morning Schedule:

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

School:

Principal: April Blahut 410-665-4521
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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.

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

Property: Don Bayne

School Board: Lena Frankenfeld

WELCA: Heather 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

You can make donations, submit offering, and make 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.

April 2026

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
The church office and SPES will be closed for Easter break from Thursday, April 2nd through Friday, April 10th, reopening on Monday, April 13th.			1 9a Chapel 3:30p (4th gr) MM	2 Maundy Thursday 7p (CH) Worship	3 Good Friday 7p (CH) Worship	4
5 Easter Sunday 7a Easter Dawn Vigil 7:45 (LL) Pancake Breakfast 8:45a & 10:15a (CH) Worship 10a (H) EGW	6	7 7p (GC) CR	8 7p (V) Council mtg.	9 7p (V) The Small Catechism 7p (S/SL) BCSG	10	11
12 10a (H) EGW	13 Church Office & SPES reopen 4p (4 th) MM	14 3:30p (4th gr) MM 6:30p (H) PACE mtg., STEAM Exhibit, & Spring Concert 7p (GC) CR	15 9a Chapel (w/ Personal Care collection) 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (V) Sch. Brd. Mtg.	16 7p (V) The Small Catechism 7p (S/SL) BCSG	17 3:30p (4th gr) MM	18
19 10a (H) EGW	20 4p (4 th) MM	21 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (GC) CR	22 Earth Day 9a Chapel 3:30p (4th gr) MM	23 7p (S/SL) BCSG	24 3:30p (4th gr) MM	25
26 10a (H) EGW	27 4p (4 th) MM	28 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (GC) CR	29 9a Chapel 3:30p (4th gr) MM	30 7p (S/SL) BCSG		

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



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