



**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



***Prayer Group***

PRAYERS UPHOLD us in times of trouble.  
 PRAYERS STRENGTHEN us when needed.  
 PRAYERS COMFORT us, always.  
 PRAYERS are better than prescriptions!  
 JOIN US! Receive YOUR share of  
 SPIRITUAL VITAMINS on Wednesday, May  
 1st at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level,  
 elevator accessible). If you're unable to  
 join us, you can submit a confidential  
 prayer request through one of the  
 prayer containers located in the school  
 and church lobbies.



***Important Dates in May***

**May 6th-10th: Teacher Appreciation Week**  
 Consider writing a note of thanks or encouragement  
 to our faithful & hard-working SPES teachers!

**May 9th: Ascension Day**  
 Celebrate the day Jesus ascended to his Kingdom!

**May 12th: Mother's Day**  
 Treat the moms in your life at the ice cream social!

**May 19th: Pentecost Sunday**  
 The birthday of the Christian Church!

**May 26th: Holy Trinity Sunday**  
 Celebrate Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit - three in one!

**May 27th: Memorial Day**  
 Giving thanks to those who fought  
 and died for our freedoms!

***Ice Cream Social***



You're invited to an afternoon of  
 deliciousness on Sunday, May 12th  
 after the 10:15 am. service in the  
 hall. Enjoy your choice of ice cream  
 and toppings!

***Pentecost Geraniums***

An order form for geraniums is at the  
 end of the newsletter, and copies are  
 located on the "Welcome" table in  
 the back of the church. Forms and  
 payment are due to the church office  
 by Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.



You can now make donations 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.

## GOD IN THREE PERSONS

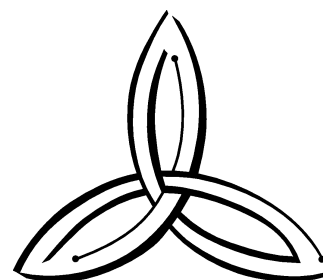
The month of May closes with that most mysterious, and perhaps confusing, teaching of the Church: Holy Trinity Sunday. The Feast of Pentecost also has us thinking of the persons of the Trinity. But can we say that we know *that* much of what is, after all, somewhat unknowable? It's been said that Lutherans don't say as much about the Holy Spirit as the more evangelical wing of Christianity. This is perhaps true for what we think of as the more orthodox denominations: Lutheran and Roman Catholic, Anglican and Episcopalian, Methodist and Presbyterian. These churches invoke the Holy Spirit often in worship, and we are well aware of the gifts and fruits of Spirit as we read of them in the Bible, both Christian and Hebrew testaments. It may be that we shy away from diving into the wonders of God's Spirit because of what some Christians practice in their use of various spiritual gifts. Paul warned his audience that speaking in tongues is a tricky gift; when no one is present who might help interpret the words being said in Spirit, then the believers are not built up as they might be when other spiritual and prophetic gifts are practiced. We trust in the indwelling of Spirit, but like many thoughts of God's presence, we can't know it all.

One thing you may have noticed is that when I refer to the third person of the Godhead, I will sometimes leave off the word 'the', as in **the** Holy Spirit. Since Spirit is a *person*, I think Spirit is a name rather than an identifier, like **the** Father or **the** Son. We can say *the* Holy Spirit like I will say *the* Savior Jesus, or Jesus *the* Christ. But Spirit is a person—in the original Biblical words, Hebrew and Greek, these names are given in the feminine gender. In Hebrew, it is *ruach*, which can also be translated as breath or wind, as in Genesis, chapters 1 and 2. Spirit/wind moved through the void and swept over the waters to bring about Creation. Then Spirit was breathed into the first beings,

Adam and Eve. What's also true is that the same can be said of the Greek word *pneuma* – think about the Pentecost reading that features the strong wind sweeping through the midst of the apostles! Note: I will rarely, if ever, use the pronoun *she* in prayers or preaching, but it is in my head, since I believe Spirit is how God is embodied in and among us, as a living Spirit.

As with the ways we think about God, there are some terms that don't translate as well in today's setting, such as God being king, which is a masculine term. But it serves us better to minimize such terms, but not be rid of them completely. We don't have to change the poetic ways we describe God, but we can add even more expressive ways to name God and God's characteristics. We still say Father, but there are some instances of God having the qualities of a nurturing mother, as in Isaiah 49: The people of Zion said, "The LORD has turned away and forgotten us." The LORD answered, "Could a mother forget a child who nurses at her breast? Could she fail to love an infant who came from her own body? Even if a mother could forget, I will never forget you." [CEV] It will always be true that as long as we are on this side of the day of the Lord, we'll never fully know God, though as Paul reminds us in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13, we can only know God and God's love in part. Then we shall know God fully, as God knows us fully now. That's because Jesus, God's Son, has shown us what God is like. And in Spirit's way among us, we we'll learn more and more of God's love.

Pax, *Pastor Lans*



## *May Altar Flower Sponsors*

**5/5** In Honor of **Brian's** and **Alyssa's** May birthdays. Given by the Heinbaugh family.

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

**5/12** In Loving Memory of the women in our family: **Pauline, Elizabeth, Margaret, Nana, Gail, and Mom.** Given by Linda Gasiorowski and family.

**5/12** In Memory of **Frank A. Darney, Jr.** on what would have been his 100th birthday, May 18th. Given by his daughter, Marcia.

**5/12** In Loving Memory of **Duane Barnes** on his May 16th birthday. Given by Nancy Barnes.

**5/12 Rose Vase:** In Honor of **Katie Sykes** for her Christian birthday today. Given with love from Aunt Donna and Uncle Joe.

**5/19** In Loving Memory of my parents, **Vi and Ernest Grimm's** wedding anniversary, May 23rd. Given by their daughter, Carole.

**5/19 Open for 10:15 am.**

**5/26** Honoring the May 5th birthday of **Janet Ritte**, the May 7th birthday of **Luke Connor Harry**, and **Tessa Harry's** May 26th birthday. Given by Betty Harry.

**5/26** In Celebration of **Jeff's and Michell's** wedding anniversary. Given by Doris Alkire.

## *May Bulletin Sponsors*

**5/5 Open**

**5/12** In Honor and Memory of our special **mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, and aunts** on Mother's Day. Given with love by the Mills family.

**5/19** In Honor of **Aunt Shirley Weinreich** for her May 23rd birthday. Given with love by the Mills family.

**5/19** In Loving Memory of my husband, **Phil Sacker**, and In Honor of **my family.** Given by wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Genevieve Sacker.

**5/26** The McQuade family extends congratulations to the St. Peter's Elementary School graduates of 2024: **Christina Brown, Jeremy Brown, Alice Maina, Novalee McDonald, Jaxon O'Connell, Payton Riefner, and Aubrey Torres.**

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

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

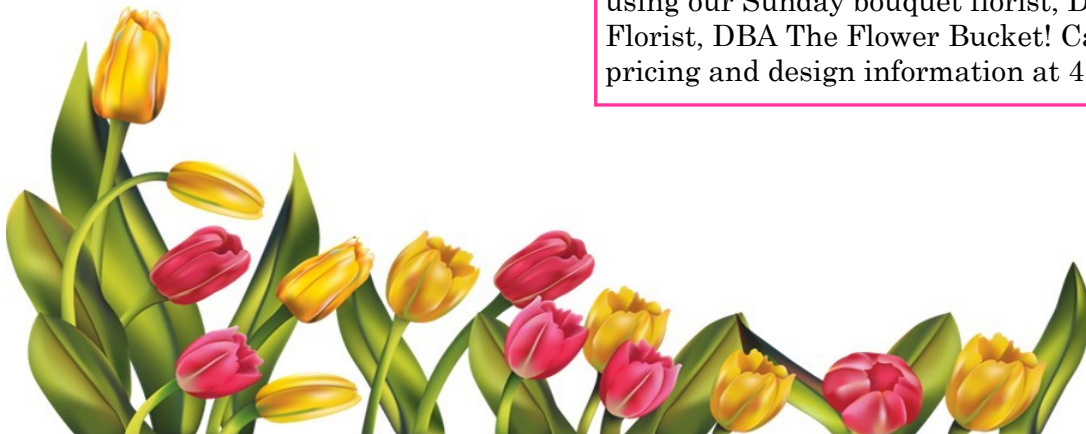
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**Altar flowers** (2 bouquets) - \$30

**Small Round 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, DBA The Flower Bucket! Call them for pricing and design information at 410-335-6286.



## *May Happy Birthday!*

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Ethan Shaw       | 15 Brenda Froberg    |
| 5 Janette Ritte    | 16 Ron Beecher       |
| 6 Janice Frederick | 21 Karen Lynch       |
| 10 Mina Barnes     | 23 Shirley Weinreich |
| 13 Helen Frado     | 24 John Requard      |



## *May Happy Re-birthday!*

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| 2 Miranda Buttion | 15 Kaleb Chmielewski  |
| 3 Olivia Lauer    | 23 Lucas Barnes       |
| 4 Gavin Lynch     | 30 Caroline Greenwood |
| 9 Amelia Thompson | 31 Alvin Pasquinelli  |
| 12 Katie Sykes    |                       |

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

## *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.

**11th Annual Car Show:** Sunday, October 6th from 10:30 am.-2 pm. (rain date 10/20). See details on the flier at the end of the newsletter.

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

### **May 5: 6th Sunday of Easter**

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis

Usher: \*Don Bayne

### **May 12: 7th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day**

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt

Usher: \*Rich Murphy

### **May 19: Pentecost Sunday**

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: Kathy Shull

### **May 26: Holy Trinity Sunday**

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

\*Opener

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## *Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers*

**Ms. Agnes Froberg**

**Ms. Louisa Schultz**

**Dr. Beth Thompson**

*Gone home - March 26th*

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## *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).



## ***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

**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:** Joe Mills

**Vice President:** Karen Yelovich

**Recording Secretary:** Patty Read

**Treasurer:** Kathy Sykes

**Financial Secretary:** William Lauer

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

**Faith Formation:** Karen Yelovich

**Fellowship:** Lena Frankenfeld

**Investment:** Don Bayne

**Nominating:** Mark McQuade

**Prayer Chain:** Ruth Diepold

**Property:** Don Bayne

**School Board:** Lena Frankenfeld

**WELCA:** Mary Lue Frederick

**Worship:** Steve Sykes

## ***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

**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.**



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# Celebrate Pentecost Sunday!

Help decorate the altar for Pentecost Sunday (May 19th) by purchasing one or more red geraniums! Please complete the form below and return it with your payment **NO LATER THAN May 5th** directly to the church office OR the church secretary mailbox (outside of the church office).

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID.**

**Orders will NOT be taken after May 5th.**

Flowers may be picked up after both worship services on Pentecost Sunday.

# \_\_\_\_\_ **Geraniums** (\$3.50 each -- 5 inch pot)

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

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

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

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

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

# Baltimore Cancer Support Group

## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW



Held at Joppatowne Plaza, on the corner of Rt 40 Pulaski Highway and Joppa Farm Road

Sunday October 6, 2024 from 10am to 2:30pm (Rain Date October 20th)

**\$20 Entry Donation**

**Cars and Bikes will be on Black-Top  
Registration - 10am to 12:30pm the day  
of the event.**

**First 150 receives a dash Plaque!!!**



**TOP 50  
Specials & Best of Show**

*DJ BY: DANNY*



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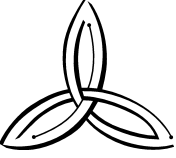

1006 Joppa Farm Road (Joppatowne Shopping Plaza) • 410-538-4665

Questions call Geri Booker (410) 852-3688

*Proceeds Benefit Baltimore Cancer Support Group*

<http://baltimorecancersupportgroup.org/>

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:15a Chapel 11a (GC) Prayer Group 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Snapology	<b>2</b> 3:30p (S) MM 7p (N/S) BCSG	<b>3</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Board games	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Dance/Theater Club	<b>7</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	<b>8</b> 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Snapology 7p (S) Council mtg.	<b>9</b> <b>Ascension Day</b> 3:30p (S) MM 7p (N/S) BCSG	<b>10</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Board games	<b>11</b>
<b>SPES celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week</b>						
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>11:15a (H)</b> <b>PACE Ice Cream Social</b> 	<b>13</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Dance/Theater Club	<b>14</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	<b>15</b> 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Snapology 7p Sch. Brd. Mtg. (virtual)	<b>16</b> 3:30p (S) MM 6:30p (H) PACE 7p (N/S) BCSG	<b>17</b> 12p (H/Blue Awning Parking Lot) School Spring Carnival	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 	<b>20</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Dance/Theater Club	<b>21</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	<b>22</b> 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Snapology	<b>23</b> 3:30p (S) MM 7p (N/S) BCSG	<b>24</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Board games	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>Holy Trinity Sunday</b> 	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Offices Closed</b> 	<b>28</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	<b>29</b> 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Snapology	<b>30</b> 3:30p (S) MM 7p (N/S) BCSG	<b>31</b> 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Board games	
Key: (BH) Brick House; (CH) Church; (GC) Grace Chapel; (H) Hall; (LL) Church Lower Level; (N) North Conf. Room; (S) South Conf. Room; (N/S) Both Conf. Rooms; (SL) School Library BCSG=Baltimore Cancer Support Group; CR=Choir Rehearsal; MM=Mini Maestros						





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