



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission:

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing



Follow Jesus' Way



St. Peter's Elementary School & PACE News

Monday, May 5th-9th: SPES celebrates
Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday, May 7th: PACE meeting at 6:30
pm. (virtual)

Saturday, May 17th: End of Year Carnival at
noon (school families only)

Coming in June ... PreK "graduation" and
saying "Goodbye" to our 5th graders.

Cool stuff is happening in our classes! Check
out the pictures on the bulletin boards in the
hallway between the church and school offices!

Please Note:

During the week of May 5th-9th, the church
office will be open from 9 am.-12 noon, as the
church secretary will be away. Voicemails and
emails will be reviewed Monday, May 12th.

Prayer Group

AH, MAY! How we've waited for you all year
long! And our final "Fruit of the Month", TA-
DAH! SELF CONTROL!!! Examples:

1. Adjacent Drivers cutting you off on yellow/red
'cause they don't want to wait again for the
light.
2. Customers in the "less than 8 line" with 30
items, since that's the fastest way out of the
store.
3. (A personal pet peeve) "I'll just drop this
avocado in the frozen food section, since I
don't really want it - too far to walk it back."

So join us on Wednesday, May 7 in Grace Chapel
(lower level, elevator accessible). Our discussion
promises to be fun and thought provoking,
Prayer time is priceless with great small group
sharing - what more could we ask for!? See YOU
there (always in by 11 am. and out before 12
noon!).

In His Name,

Patty Read & Kathy Shull.

St. Peter's Council Request

Attached are ideas that Council came up with to grow our church and school. See
something you want to support? Or do you have a suggestion you could support?
Contact the church office or me personally. —Mark McQuade, Council President

THIS GARDEN EARTH

I've always been impressed by any nature programs featured on TV. Travelogs and nature documentaries were once long ago a pleasant evening's diversion at the movie theater, and it's a good thing we have bigger screens at home to enjoy the beauty of the wild. Walt Disney began to spread out his business by producing nature programming, and the current series on the Americas, hosted by Tom Hanks, offers sights that we rarely see outside our four walls. I admire the patience and cleverness it takes to capture the images of big cats on the hunt, or tiny, but strange-looking, insects seeking a mate. What also is amazing is how much of our world isn't being encroached on by human beings. Which is not to say we need to let the wild well enough alone; this world needs a diversity of life!

The stronger disturbances we've experienced when weather becomes more extreme is frightening. Clearly, we should always be working to reduce pollution as a means to keep us and our environment healthier. In the very beginning of God's story with us, humans were given

responsibility to tend the land God gave his children Adam and Eve. Sin scarred the land that Cain was supposed to farm before the jealous murder of his brother Abel. The greatest desire of the people of Israel was to live in peace 'under one's own vineyards and fig trees.' Many psalms narrate the majesty of the created worlds and the creatures who live in it. We are responsible for all living things God has shared with us.

Easter is a beautiful season, and reflects the love God has for us that has blessed us with this blue and green ball we call home. It would show others how God loves them, our neighbors and the generations that come after us, if we were to preserve this good land for them. Take care of each other, and take care of your home.

Pax, Pastor Lans

Pastoral Acts

FUNERAL: *David Gates.*, April 9th

NEW MEMBER: *Jason Brown.*, April 13th

FIRST COMMUNION: *Leah Lake.*, April 13th



A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

Last Saturday, driving to church to practice, I listened to the live broadcast of the opera "The Magic Flute" by Mozart. I am fairly familiar with this opera, having listened to it and its many excerpts often. However, I experienced a live performance only once, still a student, when our graduating class visited Salzburg in Austria. We visited their "Marionetten Theater" where the opera was presented with puppets. Fast forward to my broadcast: at one point, close to the end, three boys are singing, heralding the morning and its rising sun which conquers the night of tribulations and temptations and inviting calm and joy into the hearts of men. When I

heard this song, which is not usually played as a separate piece, I suddenly was transported back to my high school days when our music teacher taught this trio, which we sang often with other gems of the classical repertoire. I felt my tears coming up as those days of my childhood became very vivid in my memory.

Playing through the service music for Sunday that afternoon there was a hymn – not in our hymnal but very familiar to most of our worshippers: "The Old Rugged Cross". The words were printed in the bulletin, but people did not need the music for that one, it flowed out of the heart of those gathered, as

one lady let me know after the service. Was that a similar experience for our congregants?

Reflecting on those instances it taught me that music not only calms or excites in general, but that there are pieces that touch our hearts at times which are special because they accompanied us growing up, because they give us comfort and consolation as we go on, and their sound,

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.

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.

coupled with the Word of God, can raise us to a new day with courage and thanksgiving. And that is a gift of God.

May the music of Holy Week accompany us on our way to Jerusalem, and inspire us to sing praises on Easter morning as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as a guiding light for our journey.

Bärbel Otto

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).

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

May 4: 3rd Sunday in Easter

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis
Usher: *Don Bayne

May 11: 4th Sunday in Easter/Mother's Day

Worship Assistant: Holly Frederick
Usher: *Rich Murphy

May 18: 5th Sunday in Easter

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne
Usher: Kathy Shull

May 25: 6th Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: Heather Vogt
Ushers: *Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

*Opener

Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers

Ms. Agnes Froberg

May Altar Flower Sponsors

5/4 In Honor of **Brian Heinbaugh's, Alyssa Heinbaugh's, and Melanie Smith's** May birthdays. Given by their family.

5/4 Open for 10:15 am.

5/11 In Loving Memory of the women in our family: **Pauline, Elizabeth, Margaret, Nana, Gail, and Mom.** Given by Linda Gasiorowski and family.

5/11 Rose Vase: In Honor of **Katie Sykes** for her Christian birthday, today. Given with love from Aunt Donna and Uncle Joe.

5/11 Open for 10:15 am.

5/18 Open for 8:45 am.

5/18 In Celebration of **Duane Barnes' and Mina Barnes'** May birthdays. Given with love by Nancy Barnes.

5/25 In Loving Memory of **Buzz Robinson.** Given with love by the Mills family.

5/25 In Celebration of **Jeff's and Michell's** wedding anniversary. Given by Doris Alkire.

May Bulletin Sponsors

5/4 In Loving Memory of my parents, **Vi and Ernest Grimm's** wedding anniversary, May 23rd. Given by their daughter, Carole.

5/11 In Honor and Memory of our special **mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, and aunts** on Mother's Day. Given with love by the Mills family.

5/18 In Honor of **Aunt Shirley Weinreich** for her May 23rd birthday. Given with love by the Mills family.

5/25 The McQuade family extends congratulations to the St. Peter's Elementary School graduates of 2025: **Perry Cellinese, Evelyn Harmon, James Henderson, Olivia Lauer, Jazmine Rogers, Gage Stoner, Trejolie Thompson, Christopher Tryhubenko.**

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.



COUNCIL SUGGESTIONS AS OF APRIL 6, 2025

- A. My suggestion for church growth is to expand our day school, have a close relationship with them and encourage parents to become part of our church. In the past, we have consistently gained members this way, some of whom are still with us. We have attempted to reach out to the community many times to gain new members but with limited results.
- B. I wonder if it would be possible to reopen the food pantry. I know we closed it a while back but I think it would give us some public notice while staying true to our Christian mission.
- C. Well, the only suggestion I have would be to have 1 service on Sundays, especially during the summer. I realize that it's a "hard sell," but I'm throwing it out there anyway.
- D. My thoughts for growing/saving our church:
 - 1. Start an all volunteer group of any member who could hold a paint brush or pull a weed to start an outside beautification of church.
 - 2. Start increasing our school grade level to eighth grade (reason many parents choose other schools to send their children).
 - 3. Add Pre3 to our current Pre4 and offer a summer school for Pre3-K by our daycare staff.
 - 4. Upgrade classroom technology.
- E. My boss up here in Harford County goes to a small church, and like us, has lost the younger generation. One thing she said has been successful is rotating pastors in the area. Some of the churches in her area have coordinated and put together a schedule where the pastors take turns preaching at each others' church. Or occasionally, bring in a guest speaker for the sermon—could be seminarians, Bishop Gohl, etc.
- F. Restart school club "Wacky Wednesday." Start a Friday night a month activity (movie, games, etc.).
- G. Upper grades to meet at Mar-Lu-Ridge.
- H. Restart shepherding relationships - pair a member with school parent attending church services and encourage members to attend school/PACE functions.

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
10:00 am. Coffee & Conversation
10:00 am. Sunday school

School:

Principal: April Blahut 410-665-4521

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

**Parents Association for Christian
Education (PACE):**
stpeterspace@gmail.com

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www.st-peterslutheran.com

School Web Address:
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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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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.**

| <i>May 2025</i> | | | | | | |
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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|  | | | | 1 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (S/SL) BCSG | 2 3:30p (4th gr) MM | 3 |
| 4 | 5 3:30p (H) Snapology | 6 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (GC) CR | 7 11a (GC) Prayer Group 3:30p (4th gr) MM 6:30p PACE Mtg. (virtual) | 8 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (S/SL) BCSG | 9 3:30p (4th gr) MM | 10 |
| <div>SPES celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week</div> | | | | | | |
| 11 Mother's Day  | 12 | 13 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (GC) CR | 14 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (S) Council mtg. | 15 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (S/SL) BCSG | 16 3:30p (4th gr) MM | 17 SPES End of Year Carnival (school families only) |
| 18 | 19 | 20 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (GC) CR | 21 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p Sch. Brd. Mtg. (virtual) | 22 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (S/SL) BCSG | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Memorial Day Church Office & SPES Closed  | 27 9:15a Chapel 7p (GC) CR Church summer office hours begin: M-Th 9a-3p F 9a-12p | 28 | 29 Ascension Day 7p (S/SL) BCSG  | 30 | 31 |
| <p>Key:</p> <p>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</p> | | | | | | |





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