



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

- May 4th - 8th:** Teacher appreciation week
- May 8th:** Parents' Night Out (6-9 pm.)
- May 12th:** PACE meeting (virtual @ 6:30 pm.)
- May 25th:** SPES closed for Memorial Day
- May 27th:** Last Chapel; PreK graduation during Chapel
- May 28th:** 5th grade graduation
- May 29th:** 1/2 day
- June 1st:** Last day of school (1/2 day)

***Have a great summer SPES families!
See you in September!***

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.

The Small Catechism

Pr. Lans will continue Zoom gatherings weekly throughout the next few months. Upcoming dates are: 4/22, 29, 5/6, 14, 21, & 27, and 6/4 & 11. 6/18 TBD. Information and study guides will be sent out by email on the afternoon of each Zoom date.

Church Office News

The week of May 4th-8th, the church office will be open from 9 am.-12 pm. Thanks to those who will be filling in while Joy is away.

On May 25th, the church office will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

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).

Clothing Shed

St. John's, Parkville (8808 Harford Rd., 21234) has a clothing shed. Please consider donating gently used clothes, linens, shoes, belts, blankets, purses, and stuffed toys (no housewares).

PEACE

How about this month I share the message I just wrote for our chapel time for St Peter's Elementary School? I think this is something we all could hear.

Pax, Pastor Lans

CHAPEL - April 15 Season of Easter John 20:19-23, 30-31

It was the first day of the week. That evening Jesus' followers were together. The doors were locked, because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Then Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace is with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. His followers were very happy when they saw the Lord.

Then Jesus said again, "Peace is with you! As the Father sent me, I now send you." After he said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive those who sin, they are forgiven. If you don't forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus did many other miracles before his followers that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you can have life through his name.

What things do you get excited about? What do you look forward to doing? What are your favorite **big** things?

What about the opposite thing: When do you need to take it easy? How do you calm down? Where is your quiet place?

When Jesus meets his friends, he seems to know that they need to hear calm, assuring words from him. Jesus greets them with Peace. We use that same greeting all the time in church. When things are happening that are confusing, scary, or just too much, it's good for us to find peace in our family, our friendships, and with people that we can trust to help us find that quiet place.

I want you to know that if you feel frightened or unsure about what goes on around us, your teachers, our principal, and I are ready to listen. We leaders may be able to give answers that will help us in hard times, but it also helps to know that we are here to care for each other. When the church and people of faith do that – love others *unconditionally*/no matter what! – then I believe the world around us will become a better place. That's 1 of the best things that Jesus gives for the whole world: peace!

A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

"The Happy Exchange" Pastor calls Luther's words "wherein our sins are no longer ours but Christ's and the righteousness of Christ not Christ's but ours."

Since Luther was very busy bringing his theological insights not only to his students but also to the people on the streets, in the home and wherever they gathered, he used songs and music to fortify the message of the gospel for the people. He used strong language in his Easter hymn to make his point and I do not know many hymns that make the point of "the Exchange." Easter only happened after the cross on Good Friday and the enormity of the exchange includes a

suffering that would be ours because of the way we humans live when we turn away from God and his commandments, which we call sin.

Here is Luther's Easter hymn:

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
for our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand
he stands and brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
and sing to God right thankfully
loud songs of Hallelujah. Hallelujah!

Our Savior Jesus, God's own Son,
here in our stead descended;

The knot of sin has been undone,
the claim of death is ended.
Christ has crushed the power of hell;
now there is naught but death's gray shell
– its sting is lost forever. Hallelujah!

Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
whom God so freely gave us.
Who died on the accursed tree
– so strong God's love! – to save us.
See his blood now marks our door;
faith points to it; death passes o'er,
and Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah!

So let us keep the festival
to which the Lord invites us;

Christ is the very joy of all,
the sun that warms and lights us.
Now his grace to us imparts
eternal sunshine to our hearts;
the night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!

Then let us feast this Easter day
on Christ the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
the old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our holy meal,
the hungry soul will feed and heal;
faith lives upon no other! Hallelujah!

Bärbel Otto

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.

May Worship Service

Assistants Schedule (8:45 am.)

May 3: 5th Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis
Usher: *Don Bayne

May 10: 6th Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt
Usher: *Rich Murphy

May 17: 7th Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne
Usher: Kathy Shull

May 24: Day of Pentecost

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

May 31: The Holy Trinity

Worship Assistant: Rich Murphy
Ushers: *Don Bayne

*Opener

Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers

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

Mrs. Bea Walshinski

Ms. Ruth May

May Altar Flower Sponsors

5/3 In Honor of Brian Heinbaugh's, Alyssa Heinbaugh's, and Melanie Smith's May birthdays. Given by the Heinbaugh family.

5/3 In Honor of the birthdays of our granddaughters, Maggie (3rd) and Ellie (4th). Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

5/10 In Loving Memory of the women in our family: Pauline, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Gail. Given by Linda Gasiorowski and family.

5/10 Rose Vase: In Honor of Katie Sykes for her Christian birthday, today. Given with love from Aunt Donna and Uncle Joe.

5/17 Open

5/24 In Loving Memory of Buzz Robinson. Given with love by the Mills family.

5/24 In Celebration of Jeff's and Michell's wedding anniversary. Given by Doris Alkire.

5/24 In Loving Memory of Duane Barnes' May birthday. Given by Nancy Barnes.

5/24 Rose Vase: To the Glory of God and To Celebrate Noah Shull's graduation from Harford Tech High School. Love, G'ma & Pop (Kathy and Lyle Shull).

5/31 In Honor of Dawn Heinbaugh's June 2nd birthday. Given by the Heinbaugh family.



May Bulletin Sponsors

5/3 In Honor of Mae Bast's May 1st birthday. Given by the Volz family.

5/10 In Honor of our special mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, and aunts on Mother's Day. Given with love by the Mills family.

5/17 In Honor of Aunt Shirley Wienreich on her May 23rd birthday. Given with love by the Mills family.

5/24 In Loving Memory of my parents, Vi and Ernest Grimm's wedding anniversary, May 23rd. Given by their daughter, Carole

5/31 In Loving Memory of Betty Weinreich for her June 4th birthday. Given by Nolan Weinreich and family.

5/31 In Honor of our grandson, Jacob, on his 15th birthday. Given by LaLa and Pop.

5/31 The McQuade family extends congratulations to the St. Peter's Elementary School graduates of 2026: Sephia Perez and Kylar Russell.

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.

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
splcoffice7910@gmail.com

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
ablahut@spesmd.org

Administrative Assistant:

Karen Yelovich 410-665-4521
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Parents Association for Christian Education (PACE):

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School Web Address:

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info@spesmd.org

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.

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>During the week of May 4th-8th the church office will be open from 9 am.-12 pm.</i></p>					1 3:30p (4th gr) MM	2
3 10a (H) EGW	4 Star Wars Day 4p (4 th) MM	5 Cinco de Mayo 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (GC) CR	6 9a Chapel (w/ Personal Care collection) 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (V) The Small Catechism	7 6p SPES Open House 7p (S/SL) BCSG	8 3:30p (4th gr) MM 6p (H) SPES Parents' Night Out	9
<p><i>Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4th-8th)</i></p>						
10 Mother's Day 10a (H) EGW	11 4p (4 th) MM	12 3:30p (4th gr) MM 6:30p (H) PACE mtg. 7p (GC) CR	13 9a Chapel 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (S) Council mtg.	14 7p (V) The Small Catechism 7p (S/SL) BCSG	15 3:30p (4th gr) MM	16 12p SPES Family Fun Day (rain date 5/23)
17 10a (H) EGW	18 4p (4 th) MM	19 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (GC) CR	20 9a Chapel 3:30p (4th gr) MM 7p (V) Sch. Brd. Mtg.	21 7p (V) The Small Catechism 7p (S/SL) BCSG	22 3:30p (4th gr) MM	23
24 10a (H) EGW	25 Memorial Day Church Office & SPES Closed	26 7p (GC) CR Church summer office hours begin: M-Th 9a-3p F 9a-12p	27 9a Chapel w/ PreK graduation 7p (V) The Small Catechism	28 7p (CH) 5th grade graduation 7p (S/SL) BCSG	29 SPES ½ Day Professional Development	30
31 10a (H) EGW						
<p>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</p>						