



## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### Our Mission:

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing



Follow Jesus' Way



### Summer Office Hours

**Church** (beginning 5/27)

Monday-Thursday 9 am.-3 pm.

Friday 9 am.-12 pm.

### St. Peter's Elementary School & PACE News

**Wednesday, June 4th:** PreK

Graduation at 9:15 am. and 5th Grade

Graduation at 7 pm.

*We wish all of our students, staff, and families a restful and safe summer!*

### Prayer Group

Hello, everyone! As we conclude our fun and interesting journey through the "Fruits of the Spirit," our June 4th gathering will include any comments on your favorite fruit, ie., anything outstanding or memorable. Join us at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access)! This is our last gathering until September 3rd.

See you there,

Patty Read & Kathy Shull.

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

## Quilt Raffle



The quilt raffle is sponsored by the DE/MD SWO to raise money for "Katie's Fund."

### What is Katie's Fund?

Katie's Fund is an important means of financial support within the Women of the ELCA. Offering support for ministries and activities in three areas: leadership development, global connections, and living theology. For now and 100 years in the future!

Chance to win:

1 for \$2.00

3 for \$5.00

Baker's dozen for \$20.00

Prize: King-size quilt made by the quilters of St. Peter's!

For tickets, see a member of WELCA or text Heather at 410-925-4171

Winner to be drawn on Sunday, June 15, 2025!

# ***LISTENING TO JESUS***

We feel a lot like Martha when her sister Mary defies convention and actually sits in the company of Jesus as he teaches in their home. She would rather be a student than a host. We know that we need to pay attention to the needs and comforts of family and visitors to our homes, but being a good host also means being present to your friend. Inside our family, we're even worse about accounting who is doing the work, and who is lazing on the couch. (Did I just look at myself in the mirror?) The work of a Christian is never done, but it isn't done alone. When we help each other, that gives us the time to stop and listen, share, and learn from each other.

What do you really hope to hear when you listen to Jesus? It's almost always true that we'd want to know that things will be different. We sometimes say: she'll never be satisfied, or, he wants too much. But there is a way that we should not settle for how this world is, because as much as we'd like to believe in progress, we just as often fall away from the good that God wants for us. Our knowledge has led to a great increase in food production, but tyrants and thieves still prevent others from getting food where it is

needed. And maybe we ought to rethink why people should pay so much for healthy food and basic medicine and healthcare. The question of what is fair should always drive us forward.

In the rest of the Pentecost season, we're going to hear Jesus tell stories that turn our way of thinking upside down. A desperate tax collector gains God's favor when the religious leader who does everything right gives thanks for the wrong things. A rich man is sent to torment, while the poor Lazarus sits at Abraham's side. The grateful Samaritan, the repenting Zacchaeus, the widow who defies the judge: changes are coming to how things are done, and we better open our ears and eyes to what is truly important and valuable. What gets your attention? Is it worth your time? Who will you listen to as we decide what is good in life? 'Your heart is where your treasure is'; and God has never let go of you, so... what's the answer? I know you know!

*Pax, Pastor Lans*

***Pastoral Acts***

**FUNERAL: Shirley Bass, May 5**



## ***A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR***

UBI CARITAS DEUS IBI EST

Our worship service yesterday (5/18) was celebrated around the theme of love. "Love one another!" was Pastor's sermon title and the gospel of John reminded us of Jesus' words to his disciples: *I give you a new commandment: Love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.* (John 13:34) And our choral response echoed the theme by singing that "Where love is, there is God."

This was masterfully reinforced at a concert we attended in the afternoon at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen. The Baltimore Choral Arts Society gave their final concert of the season. The choices of works sung there gave me a way to fortify the message we heard in the morning. I want to share two things about this concert:

After welcoming the audience, the conductor, forever a bridge builder, built the first one between audience and chorus, by teaching the audience a short refrain: WE ARE THE ONES / WE ARE WAITING FOR, which he had us respond to his verses between refrains:

Gather by the fire, gather at the well.  
Gather near the temple, gather where you dwell.  
Gather before sunrise, gather at midday.  
Gather in the twilight, gather where you lay

We are the ones / We are waiting for.

Who will feed the hungry, who will serve the poor?  
When will we answer the knock on our door?  
We are hands and feet; we are answered prayer.  
When the world needs healing, we will all be there.

We are the ones / We are waiting for

That little song connected a large group of people to another – singers and listeners alike were commissioned to acts of love through what was sung and heard with sounds that filled the beautiful space of the cathedral with majesty and power as well as created sublime intimacy of quietness.

One of the *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams expressed beautifully that God himself is the source of love that keeps us going. Here is the text, written by George Herbert, an English medieval priest and musician:

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-ey'd love, observing me go slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,  
If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:  
Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,  
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame  
Go where it does deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
My dear, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat.  
So I did sit and eat.

Bärbel Otto

LOVE ♥  
one  
another  
AS I HAVE  
loved  
♥ you  
John 13:34

## ***June Happy Birthday!***

2 Clara Bayne	23 Kristen Neat
4 Brian Lynch	25 Bud Gahs
6 Derek Lynch	26 Carol Beecher
12 Joshua Sacker	26 Karen McCormick
17 Vivian Fargus	26 Melody Lynch
21 Francis Thrift, Sr.	30 Madison Buttion
21 Jennifer Smith	

## ***July Happy Birthday!***

2 Eileen Miller	18 Tom Knoerlein
3 Tabitha Baron	19 Jacob Frederick
4 Joan Metzbower	22 Carole Grimm
8 Lauren Zimmerman	23 Leroy Frado
10 Cecilia Plantholt	28 Matthew Gahs
15 Emily Zimmerman	
17 Kaleb Chmielewski	



## ***June Happy Re-birthday!***

4 Peter Fargus	16 Bruce Bayne
7 Clara Bayne	24 Kevin Gladstone
8 Monte Duru	

## ***July Happy Re-birthday!***

11 Marlee Duru
15 Meah Duru
25 Brian Lynch

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

## ***June Worship Service***

### ***Assistants Schedule (8:45 am.)***

#### **June 1: 7th Sunday of Easter**

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis

Usher: \*Don Bayne

#### **June 8: Day of Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt

Usher: \*Rich Murphy

#### **June 15: The Holy Trinity**

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: Kathy Shull

#### **June 22: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

#### **June 29: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Open

Usher: \*Don Bayne

\*Opener

## ***July Worship Service***

### ***Assistants Schedule (8:45 am.)***

#### **July 6: 4th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis

Usher: \*Rich Murphy

#### **July 13: 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt

Usher: Kathy Shull

#### **July 20: 6th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

#### **July 27: 7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Usher: \*Don Bayne

\*Opener

## *June Altar Flower Sponsors*

**6/1** In Loving Memory of **Dorothy Price's** June 3rd birthday, and **Cora Sawyer's** birthday. Given by Terri and Rich Murphy.

**6/1** In Honor of **Dawn Heinbaugh's** June 2nd birthday. Given by the Heinbaugh family.

**6/1 Open for 10:15 am.**

**6/8** In Honor of **Susanne's** birthday, June 11th. Given by Siegfried and Bärbel Otto.

**6/8** In Celebration of **Jennifer Smith's** birthday. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

**6/15** In Loving Memory of my father, **Ernest Grimm**, for his June 27th birthday and Father's Day. Given by his daughter, Carole Grimm.

**6/15** In Honor of **Anthony Smith's** June 17th birthday. Given by the Heinbaugh family.

**6/15** In Celebration of **Francis Thrift's** 104th birthday. Given his family.

**6/22 Open for 8:45 & 10:15 am.**

**6/29 Open for 8:45**

**6/29** In Loving Memory of my sister, **Phyllis**, on her June 28th birthday. Given by your sister and best friend, Doris Jean Alkire.

## *June Bulletin Sponsors*

**6/1** In Loving Memory of **Betty Weinreich** for her June 4th birthday. Given by Nolan Weinreich and family.

**6/1** In Honor of our grandson, **Jacob**, on his 14th birthday. Given by LaLa and Pop.

**6/8** In Loving Memory of **Uncle John Bast** for what would have been his 105th birthday, June 14th. Given by the Volz family.

**6/8** In Loving Memory of **Uncle John Bast** for his June 14th birthday. Given by the Mills family.

**6/15** In Honor and Memory of our special **fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers, and uncles** on Father's Day. Given with love by the Mills family.

**6/22 Open**

**6/29** In Memory of the June 30th wedding anniversary of **Henry and Catherine Milke**. Given by their daughter, Arlene Roth.

### **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.





## *July Altar Flower Sponsors*

**7/6** In Loving Memory of my mother, **Vi Grimm**, for her July 6th birthday. Given by her daughter, Carole Grimm.

**7/76**In Celebration of **Tabitha Baron's** birthday. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

**7/13** In Honor of **Sarah and Phil Thacker's** 2st wedding anniversary, July 17th, **Phil's** birthday, July 8th, and **Sarah's** birthday, July 16th. Best wishes and love from Mom-Mom Diepold.

**7/13 Open for 10:15 am.**

**7/13 Rose Vase:** In Honor of **Jacob Frederick's** 9th birthday. Given by his grandmother, Irma.

**7/20** In Loving Memory of my father, **Bill May**, for his July 22nd birthday. Given by his daughter, Ruth May.

**7/20** In Loving Memory of **Thurley Gahs** for her July 22nd birthday. Given by Bud and family.

**7/20** In Loving Memory of Duane Barnes. Given by Nancy Barnes.

**7/27** In Loving memory of **Audrey Robinson**. Given by her family.

**7/27** In Loving Memory of **my dad** on his July 31st birthday. Given by Doris Alkire.

## *July Bulletin Sponsors*

**7/6** In Loving Memory of **Grace Dohmeier** for her July 5th birthday. Given by her husband, Jerry.

**7/13** In Honor of **Jacob Frederick** for his July birthday. Given by Mom-Mom, Janice Frederick.

**7/20** In Honor of **Carole Grimm's** July 22nd birthday. Given with best wishes from her cousin, Ruth.

**7/27** In Honor of my husband, **Albert**, for his 83rd birthday. Given by Linda Heinbaugh.

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### *Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers*

**Ms. Agnes Froberg**

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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).

**DE/MD SWO Quilt Raffle:** See the flier on the cover for information.

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### *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.



## ***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:** April Blahut 410-665-4521  
ablahut@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

**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.**

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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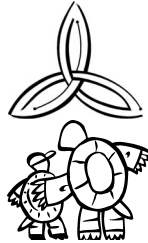

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## June 2025

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2	3 7p (GC) CR	4 9:15a Chapel w/ Pre-K closing 11a (GC) Prayer Group 7p (CH) 5th grade graduation	5 7p (S/SL) BCSG	6	7
8 Pentecost Sunday 	9 School summer office hours begin: M-Th 9a-12p	10	11 7p (S) Council mtg.	12 7p (S/SL) BCSG	13	14 Flag Day 
15 Holy Trinity Sunday Father's Day 	16	17	18 7p (Virtual) School Board Mtg.	19 Juneteenth 7p (S/SL) BCSG	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 7p (S/SL) BCSG	27	28
29	30					




Key:

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



Congratulations to the graduating 5th grade class of St. Peter's Elementary School  
and all other Class of 2025 graduates! God's blessings in your future endeavors!



July, 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7p (S/SL) BCSG	4 American Independence Day Church & SPES Offices Closed	5 
6	7	8	9 7p (S) Council Mtg.	10 7p (S/SL) BCSG	11	12
13	14	15	16 7p (Virtual) School Board Mtg.	17 7p (S/SL) BCSG	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 7p (S/SL) BCSG	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 7p (S/SL) BCSG		
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Because of the Brave!