



## ***St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church***

7910 Belair Road ~ Baltimore, MD 21236 ~ 410-665-7300 ~ [st-peterslutheran.com](http://st-peterslutheran.com)

### **Our Mission:**

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing



Follow Jesus' Way



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

#### ***Welcome & Welcome Back!***

We are excited to begin a new school year! Look for information about upcoming, exciting events planned by our PACE team.

Join our staff and school families on Saturday, September 6th for a Back To School Picnic Party from 11 am.-1 pm.! Meet staff and make new friends. Bring a chair and blanket. Food and drinks will be provided, and Kona Ice will be available for purchase.

The school staff, school board members, and PACE officers will be installed on Sunday, September 7th at the 10:15 am. worship service. Please join us in praying special blessings over these special people.

Look for details about PACE's upcoming Domino's Pizza fundraiser, running from September 15th-29th.

**Save The Date:** Saturday, October 4th all are welcome to Beachmont Corn Maze from 5-9 pm. See the flier for more details.

### ***Baltimore Cancer Support Group Upcoming Events***

***12th Annual Car Show***  
Sunday, October 5th

***33rd Annual Bull Roast Fundraiser***  
Saturday, November 8th

See fliers for more details

### ***Installation of Sunday School Staff***

Sunday, September 7th at the 8:45 am. worship the teachers and support staff of St. Peter's Sunday school will be installed. Please share in blessing them for another year of learning, serving, and teaching!

### ***Prayer Group***

The Prayer Group is excited to announce the "Whatever" series based on Phillipians 4:8, starting with "Whatever is TRUE" on September 3rd.

We meet in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access) at 11 am. on the 1st Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. Join us for lively discussion, uplifting prayer, and a mid-week re-charging! Try us!

*ALL are most welcome!*

In His Love,

Patty Read & Kathy Shull.

### ***Please Note:***

The church and school offices will be closed on Monday, September 1st.

We wish you a safe and blessed  
Labor Day holiday!

Regular Office Hours Resume 9/2

Church: M-F 9a-3p

School: M-F 8a-3:45p

# WORSHIP WARS

Years ago, congregations were struggling with how to welcome new believers and those who fell away from active attendance at church. One answer was to modernize worship, to make it contemporary, the name we've given our second service. St Peter's has done this, with fits and starts, with some success and some setbacks. Contemporary worship is a settled matter these days, and it is helpful in appealing to the school families who have accepted our invitation to attend on a Sunday. It's actually a big ask even when we offer an incentive of discount on next year's tuition. When someone is already bringing their children to school 5 days a week, coming back on Sunday can be a lot.

I feel blessed, and also really enjoy, working with Richard Stone, Karen Yelovich, and John Lauer as our little, powerful band! We use a variety of resources, and not everyone knows our songs since they might be new to this style. What I believe about how we worship is that whether it's tradition or 'modern', what we want to have is quality—and all our musicians, the band, our organist Bärbel, and the choir members, all provide it. We're doing this for the glory of God before we should ever question if it works for people. Bishop Bill often says to those who say they didn't like a certain hymn, 'we're singing it to God, not for anyone here!'

So if the worship wars can be thought to be over, it's perhaps because we've also expanded the variety of 'traditional' worship. As you who are faithful in attendance know, I have brought many choices to our worship

life, since the new hymnals and our online resources mean that 'everything under heaven' is possible! This fall I'm bringing back the hymn of the month, but because I love slogans, I've renamed it Sing a New Song. We'll rehearse 4 new hymns from All Creation Sings that I encountered at our Church-wide Assembly this month. [It's great to get to other worshipping communities when I can find music that may appeal to either of our services—so the band needs to be ready as well!]

Worship at both services follow a simple pattern: the Church's Gathering helps us prepare for worship, we hear the Word of God, we share Jesus' Supper, and Spirit's Sending dismisses us to do God's mission of love and service to our neighbors. This can be as involved or as simple as is required to carry forward the theme of any given Sunday or the Festival and Ordinary seasons of the Church Year. If something isn't necessarily appealing to us at any given time, remember that it's just like our weather – wait a little and it will change! When we worship with our attention on the praise of our savior Jesus and on our gratitude for God's grace, we'll find that we can offer our best, as God did so for us in Jesus' death and resurrection that calls us to the hour of worship!

*Pax, Pastor Lans*

## ***Pastoral Acts***

### **FUNERALS:**

***Albert Heinbaugh***, July 19, 2025

***Francis Thrift, Sr.***, August 11, 2025





## *A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR*

This week, during the last time of summer holidays, we are enjoying the visit of two of our grandchildren who live in Europe. It is a special treat since the geographical distance does not allow for frequent visits of this nature. They both study at different universities, one in Switzerland and one in Germany, so they don't see each other often either, which gave them time together which they are spending having fun together by lively discussions, helping us greatly in bringing food to the table, and coming to church with us.

Last Saturday, I had the special treat of Elliott coming to church with me to listen to my preparation for the service. But best of all, he grabbed our hymnal and sang along lustily all the hymns that I practiced for yesterday's service. "I love church music," he said, "especially the Kyrie," and he meant, of course, the version he was used to from his home church in Germany. Not only could I tell him that this version exists in our country, but he also could identify with the version we used yesterday. That told me that chanting the liturgy is meaningful to him, a young person, three or so generations removed from me: Gen X, Gen Z, etc. Meaningful in the sense that the atmosphere you feel by entering a sacred space – a church, a cathedral – and participating in its

music provides release from the hustle and bustle outside and maybe also the turmoil of the times we live in, giving even our young people reason to be worried about their future.

Reading in one of the newspapers today about people in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine gathering to make music in the middle of war worries brings them together to start and nourish the healing process we all so desperately hope for.

Making music to the Lord, with our voices, with our instruments, uniting in worship, and thus focusing our attention to Him who nourishes us with His Word, and his sacrament of bread and wine, can bring peace and give us the instruments of understanding and compassion when we turn to our daily work and the people we encounter.

So, our singing the Kyrie, "Lord have mercy," will turn into the Gloria, "All glory be to God on high," in whatever setting we choose, will hopefully accompany us through the week with joy, because we are forgiven people who are equipped to bring a little love into this world.

Bärbel Otto

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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.

Our two yearly fundraising events are happening soon! The Car Show in Joppatowne is set for October 5th, and the Bull Roast is scheduled for November 8th. See more details on the attached fliers.

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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).



## ***September Happy Birthday!***

1 Steve Rosellini	17 Carlyn Castellano
1 Julie Bethke	18 Nancy Barnes
2 Bertha Hamilton	19 Danielle Bassett
2 Bärbel Otto	22 Lara Alexis
4 Mary Lue Frederick	22 Beverly Michel
5 Laura Gasiorowski	24 Deborah Bassett
7 Rebecca Plantholt	24 Laura Frederick
9 Fred Volz	24 Amelia Thompson
10 Cheryl Lowe	24 Alaina Mills
12 Will Fischer	26 Glenn Pearson
13 Christina Sykes	26 Andrew Castellano
16 Donna Mills	26 Gregory Shull



## ***September Happy Re-birthday!***

12 Liam Muffoletto	24 Emily Zimmerman
22 Sarilee Seeger	30 Matthew Gahs
24 Lauren Zimmerman	30 Donna Mills

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

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

### **September 7: 13th Sunday after Pentecost; Installation Sunday**

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis  
Usher: Kathy Shull

### **September 14: 14th Sunday after Pentecost; Rally Day**

Worship Assistant: Holly Frederick  
Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

### **September 21: 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne  
Usher: Open

### **September 28: 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Heather Vogt  
Usher: \*Rich Murphy

\*Opener



## ***The Beginnings of Sunday School***

Englishman Robert Raikes, born in 1735, was a Christian layman who was pained to see unschooled children working six days a week in factories or mines. On Sundays, children roamed the streets, often getting into trouble. Most didn’t know how to read or write and knew nothing about Christ or the church.

As Raikes labored to reform England’s prison system, he noticed that many children were imprisoned, stirring him to action on their behalf. He arranged for halls and home to be used for educational purposes on Sundays, the one day children didn’t have to work. He found volunteers to teach reading, writing and math, as well as the Bible and Christian beliefs.

The first Sunday school class was held in July 1780. Amazingly, by 1788 some 250,000 children were attending such schools. This occurred despite some people’s opposition to the education of lower –class children.

Countless boys and girls have attended Sunday school classes since then, thanks to Raikes, who brought Christ’s light and power and love to children around the world.

## September Altar Flower Sponsors

**9/7** In Honor of my daughter, **Sharyn Diepold's** September 11th birthday. Love, Mom

**9/7** In Loving Memory of my husband, **Frank**, on our September 8, 1963 anniversary. Given by Doris Alkire.

**9/14** In Loving Memory of my grandfather, **Ernest Grimm's** September 18th birthday. Given by his granddaughter, Carole Grimm.

**9/14 Open for 10:15 am.**

**9/21** In Honor of **Dustin Tanasescu's** birthday, September 23rd. Given by the Heinbaugh family.

**9/21** In Celebration of **my 75th birthday.** Given by Nancy Barnes.

**9/21 Rose Vase:** In Honor of **Harlan Donald Read** for his 13th birthday, September 27th. Given by his grandmother, Patty Read.

**9/28 Open for 8:45 & 10:15 am.**

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### *A Clean Slate*

One of the best things about heading back to school is the chance for a fresh start. A new year, new teachers, perhaps even a new school offers students the opportunity to try a little harder and do a little better than the year before.

Praise God that he allows us to always start over. Jeremiah writes that the Lord's mercies "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23a). With God's help, we can begin each day with a clean slate and a new attitude, determined to make some changes for the better.

## September Bulletin Sponsors

**9/7** In Honor of **Fred Volz** for his September 9th birthday. Given by his wife, Lois, and family.

**9/14** In Loving Memory of **Jim Frederick, III's** birthday, September 19th. Given with love by Janice Frederick.

**9/14** In Loving Memory of **Wilhelmina Weinreich.** Given by the Mills family.

**9/21** In Loving Memory of **Lorraine Volz's** September 23rd birthday. Given by the Volz family.

**9/21** In Honor of our granddaughter, **Alaina Mills' 1st birthday,** September 24th. Given with love by LaLa and Pop.

**9/28 Open**

### **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/The Flower Bucket! Call them for pricing and design information at 410-335-6286.





## ***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  
ablahut@spesmd.org

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Karen Yelovich 410-665-4521  
kyelovich@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:** 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

**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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7910 BEL AIR RD BALT, MD 21236  
SEPT 6TH 2025 11AM-1PM**

# **BACK TO SCHOOL**



# **PICNIC PARTY**

Meet Staff  
and  
Make New Friends

**BRING BLANKETS AND CHAIRS**



**Beachmont**

# CORN MAZE



SPIRIT EVENT FOR:

St. Peter's Elementary School

Saturday, October 4 | 5pm-9pm

Enjoy Beachmont's 6+ acre corn maze, hayride, carnival games, and more-all included in the price of admission! Concessions are also available!

## **Admission Information:**

\$18 per person, purchase at the door

*(Guests 15 years and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times)*

Present this flyer to be included in the fundraiser!

Thank you for your support!

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6433 Mt. Vista Road | Kingsville, MD 21087

beachmont.org | info@beachmont.org



# Baltimore Cancer Support Group

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



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

**Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 10am to 2:30pm (Rain Date October 12th)**

\$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!!!**

Awards presented at 2pm for:

★ ★ ★ TOP 50 ★ ★ ★

**Specials  
Best of Show**

***DJ BY: DANNY***



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For any questions call Geri Booker (410) 852-3688

***Proceeds Benefit Baltimore Cancer Support Group***

**<http://baltimorecancersupportgroup.org/>**



Buffet Shrimp,  
Pit Beef, Ham,  
Turkey,  
Entrees,  
Salads, Desserts

33rd Annual Bull Roast  
Fundraiser

Halloween Bash Costume Party

BALTIMORE CANCER  
SUPPORT GROUP

7:30pm-12:00am

NOVEMBER 8 2025

Tickets must be purchased in advance  
for \$65.00 per person.

DJ DANNY JAHN, OPEN BAR,  
DOOR PRIZES, AUCTION,  
RAFFLES, PHOTO BOOTH

Please contact **Geri Booker** 410-852-3688 or **Karen  
Haughey** 410-960-1148





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# September 2025

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Church &amp; SPES Offices Closed</b>	<b>2</b> <b>SPES first day</b> 	<b>3</b> 9a Chapel 11a (GC) Prayer Group	<b>4</b> 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>11a SPES Back to School Picnic</b>
<b>7</b> <b>8:45a</b> <b>Installation of Sunday school staff</b> 10a (H) EGW <b>10:15a</b> <b>Installation of School staff, school board members, &amp; PACE officers</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30p (H) PACE/Back-to-School mtg. 7p (GC) CR	<b>10</b> 9a Chapel 7p (S) Council mtg.	<b>11</b> 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Rally Day</b> 10a (H) EGW 	<b>15</b> <b>PACE Domino's Pizza Fundraiser begins</b>	<b>16</b> 7p (GC) CR	<b>17</b> 9a Chapel 7p (V) Sch. Brd. Mtg.	<b>18</b> 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10a (H) EGW	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> 7p (GC) CR	<b>24</b> 9a Chapel	<b>25</b> 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10a (H) EGW	<b>29</b> <b>PACE Domino's Pizza Fundraiser Ends</b>	<b>30</b> 7p (GC) CR	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b><i>Regular Office Hours Resume</i></b>  <b><i>Tuesday, September 2nd</i></b>  <u>Church</u>: Monday-Friday 9:00 am.-3:00 pm.  <u>School</u>: Monday-Friday 8:00 am.-3:45 pm.         </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



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