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Our Mission:

Learning God's Truth



Sharing the Spirit's Healing



Following the Way of Jesus



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Elementary School
7910 Belair Road ~ Baltimore, MD 21236 ~ 410-665-7300 ~ st-peterslutheran.com

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).

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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.

**NEW! BRCA/Previvors Group:** Join other previvors and discuss navigating the ins and outs of receiving a cancer diagnosis. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 7-8:30 pm. at St. Peter's. For more information, contact Geri (410-852-3688) or Molly (410-227-4692).

**See the attached fliers for 2 upcoming fundraiser events: the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show and the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull Roast.**

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Rally Day Sunday

Rally Day Sunday is September 13th. At the 8:45 am. service, we will be commissioning and blessing Sunday school and Bible study teachers. This is also the official start of the Sunday school year. We're looking forward to catching up with friends and learning more about God!

St. Peter's Family Goods Center

We are still collecting donations (see attached list) and thank for you for your patience as we work toward fixing up the center following the flooding that occurred in June. Donations can be placed in the shopping cart in the church Narthex.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Family Goods Center, please contact Bill Lauer. This is a great opportunity for service hours for your middle or high school student, and volunteer hours for SPES families.

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## *Welcome Back, SPES Families!*

We've missed seeing your smiling faces this summer! We hope you had a safe and fun time. Teachers report back on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. We'll have two school supplies drop off days, September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9am.-12pm. SPES will open its doors for a new year of learning on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>!

Our first PACE meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. in the auditorium. This is also our Back-to-School night.

It's not too late to register for the 2026-27 school year. We have openings in PreK3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Call 410-665-4521 to schedule a tour or for more information.

Join us on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> for the annual blessing of backpacks (both services)! We will also be commissioning and blessing the teachers and staff of SPES at the 10:15 am. service.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It was clear from the get-go of my arrival 16 years ago that Christian education was a vital part of our mission, as is true for most Christian congregations. Not only had Sunday School, catechism, Bible studies, and the youth program been strong over the many years of our history, but 50 years ago, the leaders established St. Peter's Christian Day School, now referred to as our Elementary school. This makes our congregation's work to provide an education with a strong faith element a unique thing within our larger church body, the ELCA. The Missouri Lutheran Synod has a long-standing commitment to parochial education, similarly, the Roman Catholic Church remains a leader in private, faith-based education. Unfortunately, it has been a recent trend to close many of these schools. Some of us have seen the result of that in a diminished sense of purpose for the churches that have taken that consequential step. St. Peter's has had its moments of financial concerns, although the pandemic was an exception because of our ability to quickly adapt to that crisis.

My thought in writing this month to the friends and families who read this newsletter is simple. Investing money and property in our school is helpful in an environment where many congregations all

do very similar things to be the church in their communities. We've found a purpose that can set us apart when people are looking for a place that provides much-needed assistance for their children. My family has been made up of preachers and teachers, and we believed strongly in the vocation of public education. But that was in the past, and though I trust that educators do their best, the resources our government and citizens give them have been woefully lacking. So St. Peter's has done its best within our limits to welcome those families that seek a better learning environment. We should retain that commitment—what we do here is needful! More so, I'm amazed to think on how many thousands of lives have been influenced positively by their choice of our school. Add that to the people who have made up the community of St. Peter's church, and we can be grateful for the identity we have as a place for learning and growth, described in our mission statement as Following the Way of Christ, Learning the Truth of God's Word, and Sharing Healing and wholeness through their Spirit living in and among us. This is who we are, and what we can celebrate and proclaim to the community around us: God is with us.

*Pax, P-Lans*

### *A Note from Your Organist*

When Siegfried revisited the bulletin from last Sunday, we had a little theological conversation about what stood out for him as he was reading through the order of worship. "It is amazing," he said, "that we are confronted every Sunday with our sin." We used a special order of confession this time which is close to the start of every service on any Sunday morning which reminds us to face what it is that separates us from God. Siegfried continued to observe that the words of forgiveness that are spoken after

our confession are a powerful reminder of God's love for us, even though we do not keep the commandments he has given us. We need to be forgiven, but when God forgives us, he "remembers our sin no more." The slate is clean and we are reconciled. And being reconciled means that we are made new, and so we become open for the future and don't have to be burdened by the past. We are free and therefore can praise God and tell others about his goodness.

Is that not what we celebrate every time we worship? God's Word frees us and we bring him our thanks and praise. But the word is like a plant and needs water to grow. We need to also repeat confessing and receiving forgiveness, and it is us together in worship and praise that makes our song beautiful – every Sunday.

Here is one of the hymns we are invited to sing, and sing to invite others:

Come, ye disconsolate,  
where'er ye languish;  
come to the mercy-seat,  
fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts,  
here tell your anguish;  
earth has no sorrow  
that heav'n cannot heal.

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Schweitzer's Glad & Willing Heart

Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) was a German-French physician, Christian theologian, musician, author and philosopher who spent many years as a medical missionary in West-Central Africa. In 1953 he received the Nobel Peace Prize.

When Schweitzer died, writer Norman Cousins penned a tribute to this Renaissance man. He mentioned Schweitzer's prolific use of his many talents. Toward the end of his article, Cousins wrote: "But beyond these explanations, it seems to me there is something else about Schweitzer. The best way I can say it is that somehow or other, he seemed to understand what God wanted from him, and he responded with a glad and willing heart."

As Schweitzer explained: "The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

--September 2009 issue of The Newsletter Newsletter

Joy of the desolate,
light of the straying,
hope of the penitent,
fadeless and pure:
Here speaks the Comforter,
tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow
that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of life;
see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God,
pure from above.
Come to the feast of love;
come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrow
but heav'n can remove.
--ELW 607

Bärbel Otto

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### ***Our Christian Hope***

"Christian hope involves more than a sunny, cheerful attitude. It is more than a general kind of optimism. It is more than hope in hope, or faith in faith. Christian hope is tied to the goal of history and the purpose of each person's existence. It is the unshakable confidence of the sovereignty of God and God's eventual triumph over all the forces that stand against truth, righteousness, faithfulness, love and mercy. And in the great contest between good and evil, Christian hope declares God as winner. ...Christ is the hope not only in the world to come; he is the hope of the world right now!"

Oswald Bronson

--September 2010 issue of The Newsletter Newsletter



*"The LORD is  
my light and  
my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?"*

**PSALM 27:1, NRSV**

## 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!

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| 12 Liam Muffoletto  |
| 22 Sarilee Seeger   |
| 24 Lauren Zimmerman |
| 24 Emily Zimmerman  |
| 30 Matthew Gahs     |
| 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 6: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick  
Usher: Kathy Shull

### September 13: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Rich Murphy  
Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

### September 20: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis  
Usher: \*Don Bayne

### September 27: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt  
Ushers: \*Rich Murphy

\*Opener

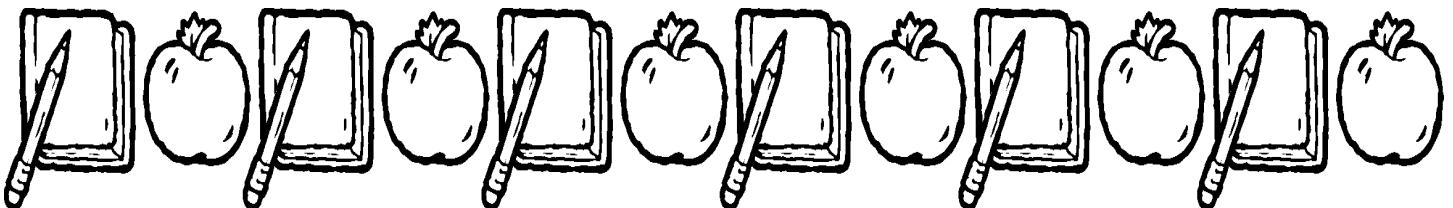
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Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers

“Thinking of You” cards
& notes are always welcome!

Mrs. Bea Walshinski

Ms. Ruth May



September Altar Flower Sponsorships

9/6 In Loving Memory of my husband, Frank, on our September 8, 1963 anniversary. Given by Doris Alkire.

9/13 In Loving Memory of my grandfather, Ernest Grimm's September 18th birthday. Given by his granddaughter, Carole Grimm.

9/20 In Honor of Dustin Tanasescu's birthday, September 23rd. Given by the Heinbaugh family.

9/20 In Celebration of my birthday. Given by Nancy Barnes.

9/27 AF sponsorship needed.

9/27 Rose Vase: In Honor of Harlan Donald Read for his 14th birthday, September 27th. Given by his grandmother, Patty Read.

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***Need a floral arrangement*** for an upcoming holiday event or celebration? Consider using our florist, The Flower Bucket (Drayer's Florist)! Call them for pricing and design information at 410-335-6286.

### ***In a Nutshell***

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite the Psalm before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"

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## ***September Bulletin Sponsorships***

9/6 In Honor of Fred Volz for his September 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by his wife, Lois Volz.

9/13 In Loving Memory of Jim Frederick, III's birthday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Given with love by Janice Frederick.

9/13 In Loving Memory of Wilhelmina Weinreich. Given by the Mills family.

9/20 In Loving Memory of Lorraine Volz's September 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Given by the Volz family.

9/20 In Honor of our granddaughter, Alaina Mills' 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Given with love by LaLa and Pop (Donna and Joe Millls).

**9/27 Sponsorship needed.**

### ***Altar Flower & Bulletin Sponsorships***

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If you would like to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins for an upcoming special event (birthday, anniversary, etc.), contact the church office. Pricing is as follows:

Altar flowers (2 bouquets) - \$30

Small round centerpiece - \$45

Bulletin sponsorship - \$10

Rose Vase (1 rose in a bud vase) - \$10

Bless the Students

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Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their will. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Amen

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## ***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

**Church Web Address:**  
www.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

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

**School Web Address:**  
www.spesmd.org

**School Inquiries Email:**  
info@spesmd.org

### **Parents Association for Christian Education (PACE):**

stpeterspace@gmail.com

## ***Church Council Officers***

**President:** Mark McQuade

**Vice President:** Karen Yelovich

**Recording Secretary:** Lena Frankenfeld

**Treasurer:** Kathy Sykes

**Financial Secretary:** William Lauer

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Church Mission & Planning Team Members

Faith Formation: Karen Yelovich

Family Goods Center: William Lauer

Fellowship: Lena Frankenfeld

Investment: Rich Murphy

Nominating: Mark McQuade

Property: Don Bayne

School Board: Lena Frankenfeld

WELCA: Heather Frederick

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### ***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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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.

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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.

# September 2026

| <i>Sunday</i>                                                                             | <i>Monday</i>                               | <i>Tuesday</i>                                                 | <i>Wednesday</i>                              | <i>Thursday</i>                                                                       | <i>Friday</i>                         | <i>Saturday</i>                      |
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| <b>Church office regular hours resume<br/>September 8<sup>th</sup>:<br/>M-F 9a-3p</b>     |                                             | 1                                                              | 2                                             | 3<br>9a SPES school supplies drop off<br>7p (S/SL) BCSG                               | 4<br>9a SPES school supplies drop off | 5                                    |
| 6<br>Creation in Christ Sunday<br>10a (H) EGWC                                            | 7<br>Labor Day Church & SPES Offices Closed | 8<br>SPES first day School<br>7p (GC) CR                       | 9<br>9a (CH) Chapel<br>7p (S) Council mtg.    | 10<br>7p (S/SL/LL) BCSG & Previvors                                                   | 11                                    | 12<br>11a SPES Back-to-School Picnic |
| 13<br>Rally Day 8:45a<br>Installation of Sunday school teachers & leaders<br>10a (H) EGWC | 14                                          | 15<br>6:30p (H) PACE mtg. & Back-to-School night<br>7p (GC) CR | 16<br>9a (CH) Chapel<br>7p (V) Sch. Brd. Mtg. | 17<br>7p (S/SL) BCSG                                                                  | 18                                    | 19                                   |
| 20<br>10a (H) EGWC                                                                        | 21                                          | 22<br>Fall Begins<br>7p (GC) CR                                | 23<br>9a (CH) Chapel                          | 24<br>7p (S/SL) BCSG                                                                  | 25                                    | 26                                   |
| 27<br>10a (H) EGWC                                                                        | 28                                          | 29<br>7p (GC) CR                                               | 30<br>9a (CH) Chapel                          |  |                                       |                                      |

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;  
 EGWC=Ebenezer Grace Worship Center; MM=Mini Maestros

# St. Peter's Family Goods Center



Body wash & soap

Deodorant

Dish detergent

First aid items

Hair products & accessories

Hand towels

Lotions & lip balm

Shampoo & Conditioner

Tissues

Toothbrush

Washcloths & cleaning rags

Combs & brushes

Diapers (child & adult)

Feminine hygiene products

General cleaning products

Hand soap

Laundry products

Paper towels

Shaving products

Toilet paper

Toothpaste

Wipes

# Baltimore Cancer Support Group

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



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

**Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 10am to 2:30pm (Rain Date October 18th)**

\$20 Entry Donation

**Cars and Bikes will be on Black-Top**

**Registration - 10am to 12:00pm** 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/>**



# Aloha!

## 34th Annual Bull Roast Fundraiser

**BALTIMORE CANCER SUPPORT  
GROUP**

**BUFFET OYSTERS, PIT BEEF, HAM,  
TURKEY, ENTREES, SALADS, DESSERTS**

**DJ DANNY JAHN, CASH BAR,  
DOOR PRIZES, AUCTION,  
RAFFLES, PHOTO BOOTH.  
BYOB, BEERS AND SODAS  
INCLUDED!!**

**NOVEMBER 7TH**

**7:30 PM – MIDNIGHT**

**COLUMBUS GARDENS 4301  
KLOSTERMAN AVE. BALTIMORE, MD  
21236**

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN  
ADVANCE FOR \$65.00 PER PERSON.**

**PLEASE CONTACT GERI BOOKER 410-852-3688  
OR KAREN HAUGHEY 410-960-1148  
WE ALSO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS ON OUR  
WEBSITE THROUGH PAYPAL.**

**[www.baltimorecancersupportgroup.org](http://www.baltimorecancersupportgroup.org)**



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***Belonging to Jesus, We are  
Feeding & Healing,  
Teaching & Praying  
—Together***

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***DATED MATERIAL - PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY ~ GOD BLESS THIS MAIL CARRIER***