

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

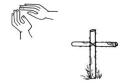
### Our Mission:

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing

Follow Jesus' Way





### St. Peter's Elementary School News

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year continues. Contact the office at 410-665-4521 if you have questions, want to schedule a tour, or to register. Referrals are always welcome!

We hope you can join us for one (or both) of these fantastic events! PACE is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 20th at 11:15 am. in the hall. On Saturday, October 26th, PACE is hosting Trunk-or-**Treat** on the BLUE awning parking lot from 2-5 pm. All are invited to both events. For more information, see the fliers at the end of the newsletter.

### November Annual Meeting

The November annual meeting, to discuss and vote on the 2025 budget. council members, and investment committee members, is scheduled for

Sunday, November 17th between the worship services. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.



### Don't Forget!

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.

### Combined Worship

Sunday, September 29th @ 9:30 am. Let's come together to celebrate our Lord! Children will participate in the beginning of the service and attend Sunday school. The adult Bible study group will meet after the service.

### PRAYER GROUP

At Prayer Group on Wednesday, October 2nd at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access) we are enthused about following "Fruits of the Spirit) featuring KINDNESS: the quality of being friends, generous, and considerate—in our prayers??? TRY US! Bring a friend, and what's on your hearts! If you are not able to join us, consider leaving your prayer request in the jar (school lobby) or basket (church lobby). In His Peace, Kathy Shull

### Baltimore Cancer Support Group Upcoming Events!

Calling all car enthusiasts to come check out our Car Show on October 6th at the Joppatowne Shopping Center. And all are welcome to get your "giddy up" at our Annual **Bullroast** on November 9th at Columbus Gardens! Details about both events are on the fliers at the end of the newsletter.

### Your Help Needed in Sunday school!

We're looking for volunteers to help as teaching assistants and/or substitute teachers. As little as once a month or a much as weekly is greatly appreciated. See/contact Janice Frederick or Heather Frederick for details.

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### GENEROSITY

Several times in the letter that we are reading on Sundays this past month from the Lord's brother, James, he has harsh words and a strong warning for those who enjoy their riches in this life. It certainly seems that if they do not change, theirs will be a sad fate. We trust that what happens to them is up to the God who created us and judges us, and certainly all of us have asked for mercy in almost every prayer we've ever made to God. So I will not speculate on how the rich, and many other sinners (we may point at ourselves here), are redeemed while still understanding that one's fat has been pulled out of the fire by a gracious act of Jesus.

Paul wrote in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, 'You are not your own, you were bought with a price.' That price, of course, was Jesus' death on the cross. Nothing we do can ever pay back the debt we owe to God. Our response is gratitude: in how we act in loving care for others and in how we share our gifts to the mission of this and the larger church. Our only obligation, the 'law' we should obey above all others, Paul writes in Romans 13, is to 'love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Love is all that the law demands'.

Yet we live with a conundrum in doing the mission of the church, and that is how we are obligated to manage our finances in a more businesslike manner. Ours is not the only congregation that relies on more than just regular offerings and savings accounts to fund our operations. I know of many a church that is hopeful that the stock market never takes a precipitous dive. We are beholden to a system that is hard to understand and difficult to place our full trust in. Now I do not advocate doing something else with the money that has been given to our endowment fund. We can't say that the church can or

should stand above it all in our society, because we will often make compromises that we have to live with. So let's use money – let's just not love it or let it become our idol!

The royal Law, as James describes this rule, is to love your neighbor as yourself. When Jesus advocates for the love of neighbor, he expands the definition of who that would be. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, this foreigner is the one who acts with mercy, as God acts with mercy. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus preaches, 'You've heard it said, "love your neighbors and hate your enemies", but I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.' Alongside this command is a more practical and fair piece of counsel, what we call the Golden Rule: treat others the way vou would want to be treated. I don't think that this means that we ought to expect people to treat us in a similar manner. We can't control others' behavior, only our own. If we want to be treated fairly, we will treat others respectfully, and think of them generously.

Martin Luther gets at this idea in teaching the Small Catechism when he discusses what the 8th Commandment means. Yes, it's about not lying about your neighbors, but his response asks that we look at them graciously. "We are to come to [our neighbor's] defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light." So we won't slander or condemn the rich, and we can't expect God to judge them harshly when all of us, as Paul writes, "have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." And so it is our most fervent prayer, 'Lord, have mercy on us'. Amen

Pax, Pastor Lans



### October Happy Birthday!

1 Gail Gaines

20 Tom Sacker

1 John McCormick

25 Alexander Yelovich

2 Pr. Sandra Alexis

26 Brian Mills

4 Madeline Barnes

28 Gail Lynch

5 Caroline Barnes

30 Kathy Shull

13 Alexander Sacker

31 Mike Metzbower

19 Meah Duru



### October Happy Re-birthday!

4 Kaden Chmielewski 16 Eliza Greenwood

9 Christina Sykes

29 Caroline Barnes

15 Tyler Gahs

29 Mina Barnes

15 Laura Frederick

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

### 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.

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

### October 6: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis

Usher: Kathy Shull

### October 13: 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt

Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

### October 20: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: Open

### October 27: Reformation Sunday

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Usher: \*Rich Murphy

\*Opener

### Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers

Ms. Agnes Froberg

### News from Baltimore Lutheran/ Concordia Prep School

The Annual Concordia Prep Saints Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 25, 2024, at Greystone Golf Course. Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Registration is now available and should be submitted by Sunday, October 20th. Call the school at 410-825-2323 for details.

Join us for the Baltimore Lutheran/Concordia Prep Alumni Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 12th! Meet up with former classmates over some German classics from 4:00-7:00p.m. No RSVP required.

Concordia Prep Open House and Homecoming 2024 arrives on October 19th! Open House starts at 10:00a.m. The football game starts at noon. Direct questions to: advancement@concordiaprepschool.org.

### October Altar Flower Sponsors

10/6 In Honor of the 13th wedding anniversary of Laura and James
Frederick, IV, October 8th. Given by their parents, Irma Stockdale and Janice
Frederick.

**10/6** In Celebration of granddaughters, **Madeline**'s and **Caroline**'s birthdays. Given by Nancy Barnes.

10/6 Rose Vase: In Honor of Christy Sykes on her Christian birthday, October 9th. Given with love by the Mills family.

10/13 In Honor of the 18th wedding anniversary of Selina and Chris Read, October 14th. Given with love and best wishes, Mom. And In Honor of my granddaughter, Seraphina Read, on her 14th birthday, October 15th. Given with love from her grandmother, Patty Read.

10/13 In Loving Memory of my mother, Mildred May's October 18th birthday. Given by her daughter, Ruth.

### 10/13 Open for 10:15 am.

**10/13 Rose Vase:** In Honor of **Heather and Paul Rezek**, October 16th, for their 20th wedding anniversary. With love, Mom-Mom Diepold.

10/20 In Honor of Camden Wes Tanasescu's 7th birthday and Brandi Tanasescu's 35th birthday. Given by grandparents and great-grandparents, Al and Linda Heinbaugh.

### 10/27 Open for 10:15 am.

**10/27** In Honor of **Benjamin**'s birthday, October 30th. Given by Siegfried and Bärbel Otto.

### 10/27 Open for 10:15 am.

10/27 Rose Vase: Happy Birthday to Heather Rezek for her November 1st birthday. Love, Mom-Mom Diepold.

### October Bulletin Sponsors

**10/6** In Loving Memory of **Madeline Thrift** who passed away on October 7th. Given by the Thrift family.

**10/13** In Loving Memory of my Godmother, **Mildred May**, on her October 18th birthday. Given by Carole Grimm.

**10/13** In Honor of **Andy Volz**'s 52nd birthday, October 16th, and our grandson, **Jacob Volz**, for his October 17th birthday. Given by his parents and grandparents, Lois and Fred Volz.

**10/20** In Honor of **Brian Mills** for his October 26th birthday. Given with love by Mom and Dad.

**10/27** In Loving Memory and In Honor of parents and grandparents, **Phillip and Genevieve Sacker**. Given by Mr. & Mrs. James Lynch, and family.

**10/27** In Honor of **Joey's & Jennie**'s 1st wedding anniversary, November 1st. Given with love by Mom and Dad.

### To Sponsor ...

- bulletins or 8:45 am. flowers contact the church office
- ullet 10:15 am. flowers contact Nancy Barnes

Altar flowers (2 bouquets) - \$30 Small Round Altar piece - \$45 Bulletin sponsorship - \$10 Rose Vase - \$10

Need a floral arrangement for an upcoming holiday event or special celebration? Consider using our Sunday bouquet 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 9:45 am. Coffee & Conversation

10:00 am. Sunday school

School:

Principal: Lori Fales 410-665-4521

lfales@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



For every **NEW** regular deposit account opened at **Eastern Savings Bank** (Fullerton branch only) St. Peter's Lutheran Church receives \$5!

Visit the Fullerton branch at 4113 Wholesale Club Drive, Suite 130 or go to *EasternSavingsBank.com* 



### 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

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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.

### **Baltimore Cancer Support Group**

### 11th ANNUAL CAR SHOW



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

Sunday October 6, 2024 from 10am to 2:30pm (Rain Date October 20th)

\$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!!!



TOP 50
Specials & Best of Show

DJ BY: DANNY



Food and Concessions by



Dine-In • Carry Out • Delivery • Catering • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
1006 Joppa Farm Road (Joppatowne Shopping Plaza) • 410-538-4665

Questions call Geri Booker (410) 852-3688

Proceeds Benefit Baltimore Cancer Support Group http://baltimorecancersupportgroup.org/

## St. Peters Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, October 20th starts at 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Menu will include
Pancakes
Eggs
Juice and Coffee
and, a special surprise for kiddos



ST. PETER'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL P.A.C.E BOARD PRESENTS

# TRUNKORTRAT

JOIN US FOR FUN, GAMES AND TRUNK CONTEST

OCT 26 2PM-5PM 7910 BELAIR
RD,
NOTTINGHAM,
MD\_21236

BALTIMORE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 32ND ANNUAL

### BULLROAST FUNDRAISER

### TICKETS \$65

**PURCHASE DEADLINE 10/31/2024** 

PAY PAL ACCEPTED AT
BALTIMOREGANCERSUPPORTGROUP.ORG
OR

CASH-CHECK-VENMO-ZELLE



COLUMBUS GARDENS
4301 KLOSTERMAN AVE, BALTIMORE, MD 21236

NOV 9TH, 2024 - 7:30PM-12:00AM

DJ DANNY JAHN OPEN BAR - BUFFET AUCTION - RAFFLES - PHOTOBOOTH DOOR PRIZES

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION GERI BOOKER (410) 852-3688 KAREN HAUGHEY (410) 960-1148

October 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 3:30p (H) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	9:15a Chapel (with food collection) 11a (GC) Prayer Group	3 7p (N/SL) BCSG	4	5
6 10a BCSG Car Show (Joppatowne Shopping Center)	7 3:30p (H) Snapology	8 3:30p (H) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	9 9:15a Chapel 7p (S) Council mtg.	10 6:30p (H) PACE Mtg. 7p (N/SL) BCSG	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples Day 3:30p (H) Snapology	15 3:30p (H) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	9:15a Chapel 7p (Virtual) Sch. Brd. Mtg.	17 7p (N/SL) BCSG	18	19
20 11:15a (H) PACE Pancake Breakfast	21 3:30p (H) Snapology	22 3:30p (H) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	23 9:15a Chapel	24 7p (N/SL) BCSG	25	26 2p PACE Trunk-or- Treat (BLUE awning parking lot)
27 Reformation Sunday (wear RED, boldly)	28	29 3:30p (H) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	<b>30</b> 9:15a Chapel	31 Reformation Day 7p (N/SL) BCSG	God abes not nee but your nei	your good works, ghbor does.

Key:

(BH) Brick House; (CH) Church; (GC) Grace Chapel; (H) Hall; (LL) Church Lower Level; (N) North Conf. Room; (S) South Conf. Room; (N/SL) North Conf. Room & School Library BCSG=Baltimore Cancer Support Group; CR=Choir Rehearsal



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