



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Our Mission:

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing



Follow Jesus' Way



November Annual Meeting

The November annual meeting, to discuss and vote on the 2026 budget, council members, and investment committee members, is scheduled for **Sunday, November 9th** between the worship services. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

St. Peter's Elementary School & PACE News

Saturday, October 4th - Beachmont Corn Maze at 5 pm.; see flier for details.

Tuesday, October 14th - PACE meeting at 6:30 pm.

Saturday, October 25th - Trunk-or-Treat from 1-3 pm.; see flier for details.

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.

See the attached fliers for our upcoming Car Show and 33rd Annual Bull Roast!

Prayer Group

- Looking for a way to hit the "REFRESH" button in your life?
- Ever want to speak to God, but the words don't come?

We are here: In person - In e-mail(s) - Anonymous requests (prayer jars in school & church lobbies)

Join us on Wednesday, October 1st at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access)

Renew - Praise - "Lift You Up" - God hears it all.

In His Name,
Patty Read & Kathy Shull.

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).



REFORMING

For an institution that was founded on standing against the paralyzing power of uniformity, for the longest time Lutheran churches worked to become a settled and stodgy part of the nation-states that claimed to follow Martin's way of thinking. The church became powerful enough to collect a number of kings that would put down a peasants' rebellion and go to war against the Roman church to secure its place in the worldly style of European rule. Coming to America, the Lutheran church accepted some of the practices of the other protestants who were a part of founding the colonies of Europe. It's only been in my lifetime that we have shaken things up and returned to more ancient practices and the theological thinking of our former days. Preaching remains important, but the emphasis on baptism and communion has brought back a balance between what we **think** and what we **experience** in our gathering on Sunday mornings. The assurance of our salvation is given in the word, but as Luther taught, its tangible means offers something outside ourselves to rely upon.

The leadership of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has been changing ahead of the changes we need to make to be a more expansive and inclusive body of believers. Moving beyond our roots in German and Scandinavian culture has proved a long work. We may see more ex-Catholics and plenty of other sorts of protestants becoming part of our community, but drawing in people of color hasn't been a strong suit of our denomination. Yet it happens.

While we are reaching out beyond our comfort zone, we also find that returning to the basics of a Lutheran Christian faith is important for us and for our relationships to the churches we're becoming more closely

connected. Retiring Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, in speaking at her last Churchwide Assembly, urged us to take back to our synods and congregations a renewed effort to read and study Luther's Small Catechism. It's been a few years since we marked the 500th anniversary of the posting of Luther's 95 Theses which started off the Protestant Reformation. More occasions that add up to the great changes of that day are forthcoming: the Augsburg Confession, the teaching documents of the Small and Large Catechisms, and Luther's work on a translation in their native language of the Holy Bible, called the Gutenberg Bible. These works were spread more rapidly than before with the creation of a movable type printing process by Johannes Gutenberg (think World Wide Web).

As you might guess, I have a number of Small Catechisms to offer you and yours as we are called to do what Luther asked, and read and study them in our homes. Sounds fun? Well, I hope to make it so, while it is my task to reread the Large Catechism, which was meant for the pastors of Luther's day whom he found lacking in the basics. It seems like a good time to do this would be in Lent, especially since I haven't started planning yet!! For now, we'll be marking another Reformation Sunday which meant so much when this world went through such great changes—not unlike today! So for us to refresh and reframe the questions of the day in light of Luther's teaching on sacraments, commands, creeds, and prayer, along with God's Word that comes to us in the twin arms of Law and Gospel that save and sanctify us. Is it time for a recommit to our ancient faith? I would say so, so please be ready to return to our roots.

Pax, Pastor Lans

NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

Reforming – Katechism

Those are the two words that stick out for me in Pastor's message. When I think about the word Reforming, the picture that comes to mind is giving an object its original form, if it is bent out of shape. Luther's Small Catechism is one of our tools for our work to be part of reshaping our society that is bent out of shape.

The one commandment that I think about a lot is the eighth commandment: *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor*. Luther writes in his explanation "What does this mean for us? We are to fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander or lie about our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain his actions in the kindest way."

Bach, who wrote much of his music based on scripture, wrote a piece for organ on the ten commandments. It had one theme, appearing ten times in the piece with one unusual treatment of the eighth one: the music was written upside down, to show the distortion if you break the eighth commandment!

For our own efforts I think Luther wants to help us: he starts everyone of his explanations of the Ten Commandments with the same sentence: "We are to fear and love God so that ..." It means for me,

turning away from any troublesome discourse and turning toward God, trusting that he will guide us to do the right thing in any difficult situation.

As a musician, opening one of our hymnals – blindly to find a musical answer – I came upon this one:

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done.

Darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
for this work's almost done.

Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
for this work's almost done.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done.

Refrain: Children, don't grow weary,
children don't grow weary, children don't
grow weary, for this work's almost done.
(ACS 949)

Bärbel Otto



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.

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

October 5: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis
Usher: Kathy Shull

October 12: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt
Ushers: *Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

October 19: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne
Usher: Open

October 26: Reformation Sunday

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick
Usher: *Rich Murphy

*Opener

A Harvest Time Devotion

Excerpted from a devotion by Rev. Cindy Cone,
National Lutheran Association of Scouters

Fall has arrived. We think of the changing colors, a crisp air, squirrels busy harvesting their crops, and also the harvest that God provides to us.. Among the harvesting will be the carving of the pumpkin face. As we carve the pumpkin face, laugh and chuckle and remember this prayer:

“Open my mind so I can learn about you.” - Colossians 3:2 - And we cut the top off.

“Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.” - 1 John 1:9 - Clean out the inside.

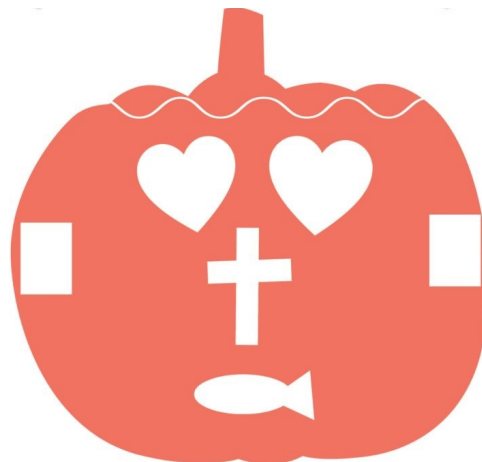
“Open my eyes so your love I will see.” - Psalm 34:8 - Cut the eyes in the shape of hearts.

“I’m sorry for turning up my nose to all you’ve given me.” - Psalm 92:1 - Cut a nose in the shape of a cross.

“Open my ears so your word I will hear.” - Isaiah 55:3 - Cut ears shaped like a Bible.

“Open my mouth so I can tell others you’re near.” - Psalm 118:17 - Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish.

“Let your light shine in all I say and do! Amen!” - Matthew 5:16 - Place a candle inside and light it.



October Altar Flower Sponsors

10/5 In Honor of the 14th wedding anniversary of **Laura and James Frederick, IV**, October 8th. Given by their parents, Irma Stockdale and Janice Frederick.

10/5 In Celebration of granddaughters, **Madeline's** and **Caroline's** birthdays. Given by Nancy Barnes.

10/5 Rose Vase: In Honor of **Christy Sykes** on her Christian birthday, October 9th. Given with love from Aunt Donna and Uncle Joe.

10/12 In Honor of the 19th 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 15th birthday, October 15th. Given with love from her grandmother, Patty Read.

10/12 In Loving Memory of my mother, **Mildred May's** October 18th birthday. Given by her daughter, Ruth.

10/12 Open for 10:15 am.

10/12 Rose Vase: In Honor of **Heather and Paul Rezek**, October 16th, for their 21st wedding anniversary. With love, Mom-Mom Diepold.

10/19 In Honor of **Camden Wes Tanasescu's** 8th birthday and **Brandi Tanasescu's** 36th birthday. Given by the Heinbaugh family.

10/19 Open for 10:15 am.

10/26 In Honor of **Joey and Jennie's** 2nd wedding anniversary, November 1st. Given with love by Mom and Dad.

10/26 In Honor of **Benjamin's** birthday, October 30th. Given by Siegfried and Bärbel Otto.

10/26 In Celebration of **our 40th wedding anniversary**. Given by Anita Gladstone.

October Bulletin Sponsors

10/5 Open

10/12 In Loving Memory of my Godmother, **Mildred May**, on her October 18th birthday. Given by Carole Grimm.

10/12 In Honor of our son, **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.

10/19 Open

10/26 In Honor of **Brian Mills** on his birthday, today. Given with love by Mom and Dad.

10/26 In Loving Memory of parents and grandparents, **Phillip and Genevieve Sacker**. Given by Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch, and family.

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.

Did you know ...

... the Statue of Liberty was made by a French Lutheran, M. Frederick Bartholdi?

... Lutherans were in America 7 years before the Pilgrims?

... Washington's army at the Battle of Trenton was composed largely of Lutherans?

... it was illegal to hold Lutheran services in New York until 1664?

— From a compilation by Pr. Harvey Kruger
of the Wisconsin district of the LCMS.

Church & School Staff

Church:

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Sunday Morning Schedule:
8:45 & 10:15 am. Worship
10:00 am. Coffee & Conversation
10:00 am. Sunday school

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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: Heather Frederick

Annual Meetings




4th Sunday in February: Missions and Life of the Church (*committee reports are due to the church office 3 weeks prior to the meeting*).

2nd Sunday in November: Vote on budget and council and Investment Committee members

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.

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.

October 2025

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 9a Chapel 11a (GC) Prayer Group 3:30p (4th) MM	2 7p (S/SL) BCSG	3 3:30p (4th) MM	4 5p SPES night at Beachmont Corn Maze
5 10a (H) EGW	6 4p (4th) MM	7 3:30p (4th) MM 7p (GC) CR	8 9a Chapel (w/ Personal Care collection) 3:30p (4th) MM 7p (V) Council mtg.	9 7p (S/SL) BCSG	10 3:30p (4th) MM	11 Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples Day
12 10a (H) EGW	13 4p (4th) MM	14 3:30p (4th) MM 6:30p (H) PACE mtg. 7p (GC) CR	15 9a Chapel 3:30p (4th) MM 7p (V) Sch. Brd. Mtg.	16 7p (S/SL) BCSG	17 3:30p (4th) MM 6p SPES Parents' Night Out	18
19 10a (H) EGW	20 4p (4th) MM	21 3:30p (4th) MM 7p (GC) CR	22 9a Chapel 3:30p (4th) MM	23 SPES Family Math Night 7p (S/SL) BCSG	24 3:30p (4th) MM	25 1p SPES Trunk-or-Treat
26 Reformation Sunday 10a (H) EGW 	27 PACE Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser begins 4p (4th) MM	28 3:30p (4th) MM 7p (GC) CR	29 9a Chapel 3:30p (4th) MM	30 7p (S/SL) BCSG	31 Reformation Day 3:30p (4th) MM 	

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



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!

6433 Mt. Vista Road | Kingsville, MD 21087

beachmont.org | info@beachmont.org

Baltimore Cancer Support Group

12th 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



Food and Concessions by

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Dine-In • Carry Out • Delivery • Catering • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

1006 Joppa Farm Road (Joppatowne Shopping Plaza) • 410-538-4665



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

Proceeds Benefit Baltimore Cancer Support Group

<http://baltimorecancersupportgroup.org/>



TRUNK OR TREAT

SAINT PETER'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL


SAT OCTOBER 25, 1-3 PM

Join us for an afternoon of Halloween fun!

- Candy & treats from decorated trunks
- Costumes encouraged, No Weapons or Scary Costumes
- Games & music for all ages



**HOSTED BY
SAINT PETER'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



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

We also accept credit cards on our website
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