



**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**

Join us on December 4th from 12-8 pm. at Frank's Pizza & Pasta (6620 Belair Rd., 21206) for our monthly eatery fundraiser!

The Penny Wars continue through December 18th. See point details on the attached flier.

We are poppin' for popcorn! See details about this online fundraiser on the attached flier.

*We wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!*

**Prayer Group**

So, people, if you've been paying attention, the next "Fruit of the Spirit" is PATIENCE. Hmm, would that be reflected in harried shoppers and burnt Christmas cookies?? Certainly NOT!! Come and chat out this theme on Wednesday, December 4th. Join our prayer family at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator accessible). No experience necessary. PLEASE NOTE: We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday in January (1/8). Have a blessed Christmas season!

**Last Call for Poinsettias**

Orders and payment for poinsettias are due to the **church office** by Sunday, November 24th. Each 6" plant is \$8 and you have a choice or red, white, or marble. Please **DO NOT** place your order form/payment in the offering plate. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve worship services. Any plants left after Sunday, January 5th will be given to a good home. Order form attached.

**Christmas Eve Worship at St. Peter's**



Worship Services  
4:00 pm. & 10:30 pm.

**Combined Worship**

*Sunday, December 29th @ 9:30 am.*  
Let's celebrate the 1st Sunday of Christmas together! Children will participate in the beginning of the service and attend Sunday school. The adult Bible study group will meet after the service.

**Help Stock Santa's Workshop!**

The magic of Christmas is just around the corner, and we're excited to announce PACE's annual Santa's Workshop on December 12th and 13th! We're asking for **donations of new gifts** that our students can purchase for Christmas for family members. **Items are needed by December 1st** and can be dropped off to the school office anytime. Remember, no new gift is too small for our workshop. See the attached flier for donation suggestions. Contact PACE at [stpeterspace@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterspace@gmail.com) with any questions.



**WELCA Christmas Candy Order Form Attached!**

## *Christmas Good News*

It's early November, but one song title is proving to be true: "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." Some of us are excited about it. As a cranky old pastor, I say, "Way too soon!" Not that doing some of your shopping isn't bad, because I also like to get ahead of the big stuff of life, and Christmas is that! So my family just found the best gift for us, which says what I think is so important for our life of faith. It's one of those animated figures that moves a little as the character speaks; it's Linus sharing the Nativity story as he told it in the classic, "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Since I am a professional religious leader, I'm amazed that broadcast TV would simply share the gospel story—I'm

also grateful. I also know that there are plenty of places where we can hear the Good News. If you want to hear it, you can find it.

In one short month, our school's students, young and old, will tell the Christmas Story. It is a straightforward presentation for a simple story. After 2000 years, we're not coming up with anything new. But the story we tell in chapel, in class, and in church, can still renew us daily in knowing that we can trust in God's love, strength, and peace, which is ours because the Child of God was born for us.

*Pax, Pastor Lans*

### *A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR*

In preparation for this article, I usually look for inspiration either in Pastor's article or from my favorite devotional, the Moravian Daily Texts. Sometimes those two even match or I try to find the bridge between them.

We are at the end of the church year, and we are saying goodbye to many things. My husband greeted me this morning with the fact that our tree in front of our bedroom window only has 8 leaves left on its branches. When I look out the window from my desk, I see our backyard covered with a blanket of dry leaves. And as the days are getting shorter and many things in our lives will come to an end, the children of our school are looking forward to the preparations for Christmas.

In this in-between time, I come upon this word from the Daily Texts: "Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you," (2 Chronicles 14:11) and "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for God who has promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23)

HOPE is the word which is central to this passage and hope is what gives us courage to look ahead. In our German version of these

texts Dom Helder Camara, a Brazilian bishop, had this to say about hope: "*hope that shies away from risk is not hope ... to hope means to believe in the adventure of love, to trust our human neighbor, to dare the jump into the unknown and to entrust ourselves totally to GOD*".

We in the church are entering the new church year, the Advent season full of expectation and yes, hope! And while children's eyes are glowing when they look at the Christmas train running in the Kenilworth Mall anticipating Christmas cheer for them to come, we hold fast to the hope that looks forward to the coming of our Redeemer, a vulnerable child himself. This Advent hymn wants to express the hope we cling to:

*All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!  
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:  
this, the labor of people who struggle to see  
how God's truth and justice set everybody free.*

*People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:  
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";  
she conceived him, "God with us,"  
our brother whose birth*

*restores hope and courage to children  
of this earth.*

*Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;  
new highways opened, new protocols declared.  
Almost here! God is nearing,  
in beauty and grace!  
All clear the gateway, in haste,  
come out in haste!*

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### ***December Happy Birthday!***

3 Kimberlee Barnes	12 Frederick Fargus
7 Lena Frankenfeld	16 Martha Requard
8 Rose Pearson	17 Cindy Spath
8 Terri Murphy	18 Ruth May
11 Ryder Kane	22 Cathy McQuade
12 Amy Stockdale	22 Watson Fargus
12 Donna Bethke	25 Jesus



### ***December Happy Re-birthday!***

1 Alexander Yelovich  
15 Carlisle Mitcherling  
27 Amy Stockdale

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

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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.

*We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.  
The same Lord Jesus today has come to live  
in our world, he is present,  
in the neighbors we see –  
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.*  
ELW 266

Bärbel Otto

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

#### **December 1: 1st Sunday of Advent**

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis

Usher: Kathy Shull

#### **December 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt

Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

#### **December 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: \*Don Bayne

#### **December 22: 4th Sunday of Advent**

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Usher: \*Rich Murphy

#### **December 29: 1st Sunday of Christmas/ Combined Worship (9:30 am.)**

Worship Assistant: Open

Usher: Kathy Shull

\*Opener

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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).

Thanks to everyone who purchased Christmas candy! We hope you and your family enjoy it!

## *December Altar Flower Sponsors*

**12/1 Advent Wreath:** The Advent Wreath has been given In Loving Memory of **George and Dorothy Biemer** by the Biemer family.

**12/1** In honor of the birth of **Alaina Mills**, and her parents, **Brian & Jade**, and big sister, **Olivia**. From Aunty Kathy and Uncle Steve.

**12/1** In Celebration of **Kimberlee Barnes'** birthday. Given by Nancy Barnes.

**12/8** In Honor of the 17th wedding anniversary, December 8, 2007, of **Robyn (Harry) and Andrew Thompson**. Given with love from her mother, Betty Harry.

**12/8** In honor of **Lena Frankenfeld's** birthday. From Kathy Sykes.

**12/15 Open for 8:45 am.**

**12/15** In Celebration of **Cathy McQuade's** birthday. Given by her family.

**12/15 Rose Vase:** In Honor of **Ruth May's** December 18th birthday. Given by her cousin, Carole Grimm.

**12/22 Open for 8:45**

**12/22** In Loving Memory of **Madeline Thrift's** December 24th birthday. Given by Nancy Barnes.

**12/24 Christmas Eve**

- In Loving Memory of **Marie Sueck** for her December 24th birthday. Given by Terri and Rich Murphy.

- **Rose Vase:** In Loving Memory of **Hazel Matz's** December 24th birthday. Given by her son-in-law, Jerry Dohmeier.

- **Rose Vase:** In Loving Memory of **Madeline Thrift's** December 24th birthday. Given with love from her husband, Francis.

**12/29** In Loving Memory of my mother, **Anna Gahs'** December 31st birthday. Given by her son, Bud.

**12/29** In Loving Memory of my grandmother, **Theresa Darney's** January 1st, 1900 birthday (the first baby born that year). Given by Marcia Darney.

**12/29** In Honor of Ciara Brook's birthday. Given by the Heinbaugh family.

## *December Bulletin Sponsors*

**12/1** In Loving Memory of my parents, **Mr. and Mrs. James Frederick, Jr.** Given by their daughter, Mary Lou Frederick.

**12/8 Open**

**12/15** In Honor of the 18th wedding anniversary of **Amy and James C. Williams**, December 15th. Given with love from her mother, Marcia Darney.

**12/15** In Honor of **Ruth May's** December 18th birthday. Given by her cousin, Carole.

**12/15** In Honor of **Eddie Volz** for his December 19th birthday. Given by his parents, Lois and Fred Volz.

**12/22 Open**

**12/24 Christmas Eve:** To Honor our Savior's birthday. We wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas. Given by the Mills family.

**12/29** Thank you for your continued support of our flower and bulletin ministry. Happy New Year and God's blessings to each and every one! Joy and Nancy

### **To Sponsor ...**

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

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**In 2025, pricing on arrangements will be increasing to be more in-line with pricing from the florist.**

**Altar flowers (2 bouquets) - \$30**

**Small Round Altar piece - \$45**

**Bulletin sponsorship - \$10**

**Rose Vase - \$10**

**Need a floral arrangement ?** 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

## ***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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## Christmas Poinsettias

We will be ordering RED, WHITE, and MARBLE poinsettias to decorate the altar for Christmas. Please submit your completed form and payment for poinsettias to the CHURCH OFFICE **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th**. Each plant is **\$8**.

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### **DO NOT PUT FORM & PAYMENT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.**

Please place your completed form & payment in the "Church Secretary" mailbox outside of the church office OR mail it to the church (write POINSETTIAS on the envelope). Cash or checks (payable to the church).

### ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID.

Plants may be picked up after worship on Christmas Eve.

**All plants are \$8** and must be picked up by Sunday, January 5th.

\_\_\_\_\_ RED    \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE    \_\_\_\_\_ MARBLE

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Presented by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_





# Christmas Candy

By St. Peter's Women of the ELCA

Complete and return your order form (w/ payment) to  
**WELCA, c/o Christmas Candy**

**no later than December 8th**

*(checks should be made payable to St. Peter's WELCA)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Coconut Balls            \_\_\_\_\_ large box (\$15)

Cashew Clusters        \_\_\_\_\_ large box (\$14)        \_\_\_\_\_ small box (\$7)

Raisin Clusters        \_\_\_\_\_ large box (\$14)        \_\_\_\_\_ small box (\$7)

Fruit & Nut Clusters\*    \_\_\_\_\_ large box (\$14)        \_\_\_\_\_ small box (\$7)

Sweet Potatoes        \_\_\_\_\_ large box (\$14)        \_\_\_\_\_ small box (\$7)

S'mores Bark            \_\_\_\_\_ large box (\$14)        \_\_\_\_\_ small box (\$7)

Candy Cane Bark        \_\_\_\_\_ large box (\$14)        \_\_\_\_\_ small box (\$7)

Mixed                    \_\_\_\_\_ large box (\$16)        \_\_\_\_\_ small box (\$8)

*Orders will be available for pick-up between services on Sunday, December 15th.*

*Questions or last minute orders call or text Heather Frederick at 410-925-4171.*

*\*Contains various tree nuts*



**ST. PETERS ELEMENTARY P.A.C.E.**  
**SANTAS WORKSHOP**  
**DONATIONS**



**-BABY AND YOUNG SIBLING ITEMS  
(TOYS, BOOKS, AND SMALL  
KEEPSAKES)**

**-TEENAGE GIFTS FOR BOYS AND  
GIRLS**

**-GIFTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN  
(PERFUMES, JEWELRY, MUGS,  
SMALL TOOL KITS, SPORTS ITEMS)**

**-DOG AND CAT GIFTS (TREATS OR  
TOYS UNDER \$5)**



ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
ANYTIME BEFORE DECEMBER 1ST

CONTACT- STPETERSPACE@GMAIL.COM





LET'S RAISE SOME

**Dough** for

ST. PETER'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**1st Wednesday of each Month**

**Frank's Pizza and Pasta**

**6620 Belair Rd Baltimore, MD 21206**

**12pm-8pm**

**Dine- In or Carry Out**

**All Family, Friends, and Neighbors are invited!**

**Present this Flyer when paying**

**or Specify "St. Pete's" ordering online**

**and 15% of your pre-tax total will be donated to**

**St. Pete's Elementary School.**

**For every Cannoli purchased, an additional \$1.00 will be donated!**

# Penny Wars

November 18th - December 18th 2024

## Positive Points

Penny - 1 Point  
\$1 Bill - 100 Points  
\$5 Bill - 500 Points  
\$10 Bill - 1,000 Points

**\*\*BONUS\*\***

Each Wrapped Roll of Pennies - 100 Points

## Negative Points

Nickel is - 5 Points  
Dime is - 10 Points  
Quarter is - 25 Points



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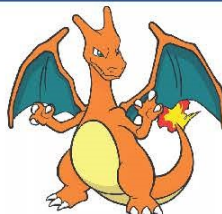
FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE



THIRD GRADE



FOURTH GRADE



5TH GRADE



CHURCH





ST. PETER'S  
ELEMENTARY  
PACE PRESENTS:

DEC 18TH-JAN 18TH

# HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER



Buttery Caramel, Cheddar Jalapeno, Chicago style, Cinnamon Toast, Kettle Corn, Dill Pickle, Fruity, Movie Theatre, White Cheddar, Ranch, Birthday Cake and Many More!

**SCAN QR CODE TO ORDER YOUR  
POPCORN**



**Group ID: CJAZUV**

# December 2024

| <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>1</b><br><b>1st Sunday in Advent</b>                                                  | <b>2</b><br>3:30p (H)<br>Snapology | <b>3</b><br>9:15a Chapel<br>(food collection)<br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (LL) CR                                                | <b>4</b><br>11a (GC) Prayer<br>Group<br><b>12p SPES</b><br><b>Frank's Pizza &amp; Pasta</b><br><b>Fundraiser</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>6:30p PACE Mtg.<br>(virtual) | <b>5</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (N/S) BCSG                                    | <b>6</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM                                                                                             | <b>7</b>                                                           |
| <b>8</b><br><b>2nd Sunday in Advent</b>                                                  | <b>9</b><br>3:30p (H)<br>Snapology | <b>10</b><br>9:15a Chapel<br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br><b>7p (CH)</b><br><b>Grades 2-5</b><br><b>Christmas Program</b><br>7p (LL) CR | <b>11</b><br><b>10a (H) Santa's Workshop set up</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (S) Council mtg.                                                                       | <b>12</b><br><b>9a (H) Santa's Workshop</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (N/S) BCSG | <b>13</b><br><b>9a (H) Santa's Workshop</b><br><b>9a (Kitchen/Hall) WELCA Christmas Candy making</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM | <b>14</b><br><b>9a (Kitchen/Hall) WELCA Christmas Candy making</b> |
| <b>15</b><br><b>3rd Sunday in Advent</b><br><b>Distribution of WELCA Christmas Candy</b> | <b>16</b>                          | <b>17</b><br><b>9:30a Chapel (with PK-Grade 1 Christmas Program)</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (LL) CR                         | <b>18</b><br><b>Penny Wars End Poppin' Popcorn Online Fundraiser begins</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p Sch. Brd. Mtg. (virtual)                                       | <b>19</b><br>3:30p (4th gr)<br>MM<br>7p (N/S) BCSG                                   | <b>20</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>21</b>                                                          |
| <b>22</b><br><b>4th Sunday in Advent</b>                                                 | <b>23</b>                          | <b>24</b><br><b>Christmas Eve Worship Services at 4:00 pm. &amp; 10:30 pm.</b>                                                     | <b>25</b><br><b>Christmas Day Jesus' birthday!</b><br>                                | <b>26</b>                                                                            | <b>27</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>28</b>                                                          |
| <b>29</b><br><b>First Sunday of Christmas</b><br><b>9:30a Combined Worship</b>           | <b>30</b>                          | <b>31</b><br><b>New Year's Eve</b><br><b>Have a happy and blessed New Year!</b>                                                    |                                                                                      |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                              |                                                                    |

**Church office & School Closed for Christmas break**  
**December 23, 2024 - January 3, 2025**  
**We wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas season!**

Key:

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





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