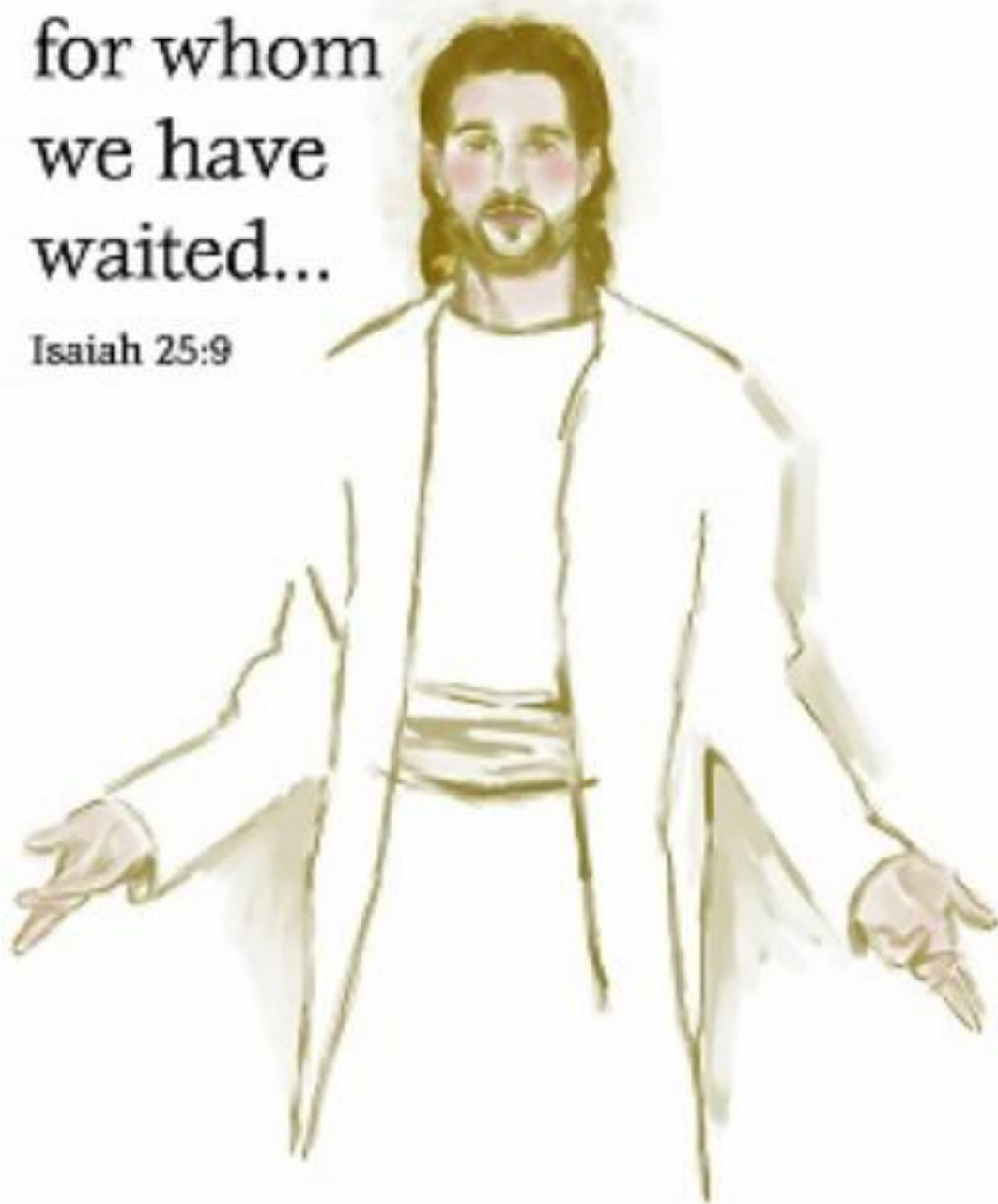


# THE NET

## MARCH 2024

This is  
the LORD  
for whom  
we have  
waited...

Isaiah 25:9





# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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## ++Pastor's Message++

by Pastor Frank Harpster

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace, Peace, and Mercy, be to you in the name of our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen

For the next few weeks we will continue our journey with Jesus to the cross where we will once again hear:

**"Jesus said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. " John 19:30**

If this were the end of the story, we would not be living as resurrection people. We would be paralyzed at the crossroads, having no clue where to go and what to do. We would not know who we are or where we were going. But, thanks be to God, that is not the end of the story, it is just the beginning. God does something miraculous through Jesus Christ, so we are able to shout with joy-filled hearts on Easter Sunday, "CHRIST IS RISEN!"

**"He is not here; for he has been raised." Matthew 28:6**

This is what we proclaim on Easter Sunday and every day following. Because of God's greatest promise, that he is not dead, but Christ lives, we can once again shout out our "Hallelujah's"! And through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we are granted love upon love and grace upon grace. Through this unfailing, unending "agape" love, we are set free to be resurrection people, covered by grace and forgiven. Because of the empty tomb, we no longer find ourselves at a crossroads, but rather, covered in love and grace.

Therefore, in this love and grace we receive from Christ Jesus, we give God our praise and thanksgiving. For the light of Christ is found in the resurrection, we see Christ in his glory, and we receive the gift of grace. We sing, and we trust the light of Christ will never burn out, it will never be dim, it will not let us stumble in the darkness. Christ's light will shine and guide our steps.

This is why Easter matters. Because we are never to be forsaken, we will never be left alone to wander in the darkness. True light has come into the world, and into our lives, and God has done something extraordinary through Jesus Christ. God, the creator of the world and liberator of all people, has brought Christ to new life, and through the resurrection of Jesus, we are freed from our fears and ignited with the light of Christ.

It is through Jesus Christ that we are forgiven, set free, and saved by grace. There is no greater love than this and nothing compares to this love and grace. Almighty God has restored humanity and in God's mercy, we are called and empowered to share this love and grace with all whom we encounter.

Let the light of Christ shine in your hearts, illumine your path, and guide your comings and goings so that you might always know the way, the truth, and the light. Because we know this only through Jesus Christ, who is, who was, and who will always be our Savior and Lord. Thanks be to God.

Remember the true meaning of Easter, which is the resurrection. As the world brings out fluffy bunnies, sweet treats, and eggs, be rooted in the promises of love, grace, and forgiveness that comes from a crucified and risen Savior. Remember that, when you come to worship, we worship together with trumpets and song a God of unparalleled love. We worship a God who gave everything so we might know the comfort and promise of grace.

And when the trumpets and fanfare fade away, and the work week resumes, we are still covered in God's abundant grace. Remember that as we go about our daily lives and the glorious nature of Easter Sunday fades in your memory, God is still loving us and Christ still died and rose again so we might know this love and grace.

Savor the sacred moments of Lent and Holy Week and let the Holy Spirit wash over you as you worship on Easter Sunday, knowing that God's love is why Easter matters.

May God bless you this Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Season, and may you be a blessing for others!

Rev. Frank E. Harpster III, your Senior Pastor



## **++ST. PETER'S MINISTRY TEAMS++**

### **ALTAR GUILD**

by Maryanne Siegert

The Altar Guild is preparing for our season of Lent as we await the celebration of Easter. The altar is set up for both Wednesday and Sunday services with communion. We continue to offer both wine and juice as well as gluten free wafers for communion, if desired. The Altar Guild members are Mary Ann Holtzer, Susanne Howard, Mary Haynes, Maryanne Siegert, and our newest member Beverly Jester. If you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

by Mary Lou Tietz

The Community Services Committee is asking for your support for our Easter program. We will be providing Easter baskets and a full Easter meal to 6 families and an elderly couple. In those 6 families there are 29 children. We provide candy, gift cards, and a full meal for the families and children and ask for your donations of the following items if you would like to support this program. We will begin collecting items on February 18, and there will be a display in the Narthex with baskets for the collection of items. Those donations needed are:

- candy
- plastic eggs
- Grass
- small stuffed animals
- coloring books
- crayons and colored pencils
- \$10 Walmart or Food Lion cards

Monetary donations, to help with the purchase of food and these items are also welcome as we will be providing hams to each family and other food items for a nice Easter meal. Checks should be made out to St. Peter's Lutheran Church with Easter Family Support marked on them.

All donations must be brought or sent to the church by March 17th so that the baskets can be put together and delivered the week of the Easter holiday. As always, we thank you for your support for these families and children who are in need.

Our committee will be sending out letters and gifts to those we recognize from our congregation who serve in the military during the month of February. We are currently reaching out to 11 Service members, and we send them cards and gift cards twice annually. We thank you for your past financial support that helps us provide this

recognition to them and helps us send them our prayers, best wishes and thanks to them for their service. If you would like to see us recognize a member of your family who serves in the Military, please contact either Mary Lou Tietz or Amy Morgan. Mary Lou can be reached at 302-539-0793 or by email at [maryloutietz@yahoo.com](mailto:maryloutietz@yahoo.com).

Our Cold Weather Shelter has been operating since December of 2023 and will stay open for most of the month of March. At our most recent meeting Lyn Meixner related that the shelter had been operating with the support of our volunteers and that the number of homeless individuals, male and female, needing this support has ranged from 3 to 13 people on the nights we were open. We want to thank those who have provided help in registering those who come to the shelter, who have provided meals, and who have stayed overnight with them. We can always use additional support. If you are interested in helping in any way, please call Amy Morgan at the Church office. This is a life saving ministry that we are very blessed to be able to provide at St. Peter's. Some expenses that we need to cover, however, are cleaning costs, utilities, and supplies. Your financial support has been a great help in meeting those expenses.

The next meeting of the Community Services Committee will be Wednesday, April 24th at 2 at the Church. We welcome new members. If you would like to join us for that meeting please let Mary Lou Tietz or Amy Morgan know of your interest, and you will be welcomed with open arms!

### **OPEN DOOR FREE LUNCH MINISTRY**

Pastor Frank

**JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON WEDNESDAYS  
FROM 12-1:30 P.M.**

We are offering a sit down meal, served to folks at their tables. For the safety and well-being of everyone involved, we are not serving meals buffet style at this time.

Thank you to Bob and Dianna Detwiler and Steve and Trish Kiser for leading the free lunch part of the Open Door Feeding Ministry; to Doug and Linda Harry for leading the food pantry operations; our soup maker, Lee Creamer, and all the volunteers, supporters, and contributors who make this ministry possible.

We ask for your prayers, support, and volunteers are always welcome as we continue to grow and nurture this very important ministry.

## FELLOWSHIP

Susanne Howard & Linda Grahe

The Fellowship Team will start hosting Soup Supers on Ash Wednesday and host every Wednesday in Lent through March 27<sup>th</sup>. A variety of great soups, desserts, and fellowship have filled our CLC during Lent in previous years. Again, this Lenten season, we are calling on all our soup and desserts makers to provide us with your talents in making homemade soup and dessert. Soup Supper and fellowship will start at 5:30 p.m. followed by Lenten Services at 6:30 p.m. If any soup is left over, it can be purchased for \$4.00 per pint with all monies donated to the General Fund.

The Fellowship Team is always looking to expand with new members to collaborate with us and share in providing set-ups and food for various occasions. If you would like to join our team, don't be shy, stop me on Sundays in the CLC or give me a call 443-442-4285. We would love to have you on our team.

We will continue to provide coffee, tea, and different pastries before and after each Sunday Service. Blessings always.

## FUND RAISING

By Linda Grahe & Susanne Howard

Subs for Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th was a great success. We wish to thank everyone who purchased subs and gave monetary donations. We sold 51 subs (\$510) and donations (\$250) raising a TOTAL of \$760.00. I wish to thank our committee members and particularly Bridget Foster, Susanne Howard, and Mary Lou Tietz for making the delicious subs and Paul Grahe for taking the sub orders. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all who supported our 1st fundraiser this year.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt, is **Saturday, March 23, 2024**, starting 10 AM. Breakfast will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee and tea. A \$10 donation for anyone 6 years old or older. Free for kids 5 and under. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place after the breakfast. There will also be an opportunity to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny for a \$10 donation. Bring your children & grandchildren for a fun time. Everyone is welcome. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors! Sign up sheets will be available in the Community Life Center (CLC) on Sundays.

Hold the Date - **Saturday, April 23, 2024**: Craft & Vendor Fair (& lunch), Crafters & Vendors are needed. Please contact Linda Grahe at 443-608-8068 for more information & to sign-up.

Hope to see you at our upcoming fundraiser events.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

by Paul Grahe

We will meet on Saturday, March 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in the CLC with the ladies to enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our chef, Pastor Frank. A free-will offering, for the General Fund, will be collected.

We will move to our designated areas to do our studies. Pastor Frank will lead our discussion on the Christian Virtue- Justice. Remember to bring your Bible with you. If you're planning to attend, see me in the CLC after the church services or call me at 443-604-8068 so the proper amount of food can be prepared.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (S.A.M.)

by Pastor Harry

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY MARCH NET 2024

VALENTINE'S DAY was celebrated a bit early with our SAM gathering at Fager's Island Restaurant on February 8<sup>th</sup>. We had a beautiful day with a great view of the Bay, excellent service, good food, and fine fellowship enjoyed by everyone.

Coming up in March, we have a return trip to **Clear Space Theater** in Rehoboth Beach to enjoy the live presentation of *My Fair Lady*. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 to share transportation. The show begins at 11:00. The cost is \$25 per person. I have reserved 55 seats, but we need to get our payment in immediately. As always, please make the check out to SPLC with note for SAM Clear Space. Arrangements have been made for lunch at **Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant** at around 1:30. We will order from the menu with individual checks. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex at church.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

APRIL plans are still open.

MAY 9 -- Bonfire on Assateague! We are planning to return to the beach by popular demand. It has been suggested that instead of having hot dogs and everybody bringing a dish to share, we all bring our own food. That way we would have less to schlep down to the beach. We would still have a bonfire. With s'mores! We might need some help preparing the fire, etc. We will plan to gather at 4:00.

JUNE event pending.

JULY -- Shorebirds on a Saturday night with fireworks

AUGUST -- Suicide Bridge lunch cruise on Choptank River

DECEMBER 5, *White Christmas*, at Clear Space Theater, 11am and lunch at Victoria's Restaurant at 1:30. 55 seats are currently reserved! Cost for Clear Space is \$25 per person. Meal will likely be in the \$30 range.



As always, please contact me with any questions or suggestions. I look forward to these events and hope that you will as well.

Blessings,  
Pastor Harry Biles  
443.944.4779

### SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER

by Paul Grahe

I mailed out 37 letters to all the visiting churches and groups who have come on retreat in the past about the changes taking effect in 2024. I am happy to report that I have received 2 deposits from the following: The Edge Crew of Carlisle 1st Church of God, Carlisle, PA from March 1st-3rd; and the Campus Ministry of Marymount University, Arlington, VA from October 3rd-6th.

Looking ahead to this year, we look forward to welcoming our visiting churches/groups who will be coming on retreat. We could not provide this ministry of hospitality without the time and talents of those who serve as Son & Sand Greeters. If you would like to become part of this ministry, you can see me in the CLC on Sundays following the services or contact me at 443-604-8068. I give thanks to God for those who serve as Son & Sand Greeters.

### SPIRITUAL READINGS

by Deacon, Sharey Biles



March Spiritual Readings

The Spiritual Readings group will meet to discuss **The Boys in the Boat** on Monday, March 11, at 2:30 pm via Zoom. Amy Morgan will email a link that morning to everyone.

Please join us to discuss [Part 3: The Parts That Really Matter](#) (through page 226).

Our church library has books that pertain to Lent. Please feel free to check them out.

We are in need of someone who will care for our library and keep it current. If you could serve in this way, please let me or anyone on the church council know.

Happy Spring on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

Sharey Biles  
443.944.7241

### ST. PETER'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA

by Debbie Ryan

#### Women's Bible Study

Our Zoom Ruth's Circle Bible study is held on the first Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM. This month, we will meet on March 7. We will continue our study using, "It's All Under Control Bible Study," by Jennifer Duke Lee.

For our in-person Women's Bible study, we meet at church, with breakfast provided by Pastor Frank. We meet on the third Saturday of the month at 9:00 am for breakfast and 10:00 am for study. This month, we will meet on March 16. We will continue our study using, "Encouraging One Another," by Nicole Johnson.

I hope you care join us for one or both. My contact information is: 410-430-4743 and [Debryan57@gmail.com](mailto:Debryan57@gmail.com).

Blessings,  
Debbie Ryan

### WITNESS

By Evelyn Houston

Faith believes that God is true to His word. He never deserts us. His love always burns strongly for us. Even when the circumstances in our life might tempt us to think otherwise, faith holds on to believing that God knows what he is doing.

There comes a time when we have faith in God despite the circumstances we are experiencing. Even when there is no immediate proof from our experience that God is powerful and that he loves, you continue to trust in Him. We believe even though we can't see it. Faith keeps on trusting in spite of the fact that we can no longer see God's hand at work.

Why is it so difficult to believe in Jesus? There are things we can't physically see, but that we believe/know exist nonetheless. I believe in electricity -- I can't actually see it, but I see its effect everywhere -- my computer that powers up, in the toaster that toasts my bread, and the washer and dryer that clean my clothes. Why then, is it so hard to believe in Jesus?

We know the Easter story inside out. Jesus rose from the dead -- and yet we didn't see it; we didn't see Jesus in person after witnessing His cruel and gruesome death. Why do we believe without seeing? How then do we 'see' Jesus in this day and age? Faith that's the key. Faith lets us see Jesus everywhere, and His presence is testimony to all He said and did. Faith is not 'proof' but it testifies to the truth of the Gospel. We are blessed because we have faith without sight and the truth and power of the resurrection. Our faith gives us spiritual sight to see God active in the world and Jesus' love poured out in forgiveness, embracing us all.

Alleluia Christ has risen!



## ++ST. PETER'S NEWS++

### COUNCIL NEWS

by Susanne Howard, Council Secretary

from Congregation Council Meeting  
held February 5, 2024

**Treasurer's Report/Dave Wolinski** - we only made budget one week out of four last month. In April, Dan Holtzer, our Financial Secretary, will once again negotiate with our representative from Mission Investment to keep our mortgage payment at \$6,200 a month. Dan has continued to send all documentation to Mission Investment, as requested by them, for a 12-month period that extends to May 2024. During this period, we have continued to pay the principal and interest on the loan. We are still in a deficit situation, but the increase in liquid assets has extended our cash reserves, currently, to approximately 104 weeks out.

#### Ministry Team Reports

#### Pastors' Reports:

##### Pastor Frank

##### Lent, Holy Week, Easter-

Pastor Harry, Pastor Bettye, Deacon Sharey, and Pastor Frank prepared and served the Annual Shrove Pancake and Sausage dinner on Tuesday, February 13. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

**Lent Mid-Week Soup Suppers/ Worship Services**-the Soup Suppers starting at 5:30 p.m. and Worship at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays starting 2/14 (Ash Wednesday) 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, & 3/27.

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny/ Easter Egg Hunt** on Sat. March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Palm Sunday Services** at 9 a.m. (Contemporary) and 10:30 a.m. (Traditional) on March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Maundy Thursday Worship Service** at 6:30 p.m. on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Good Friday Worship Service** at 6:30 p.m. on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Resurrection Worship Services** at 9 am (Contemporary) and 10:30 am (Traditional) on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

##### New Member Classes/Pastor Frank

There are 5 people interested in becoming members of St. Peter's. We will be offering New Members classes on March 2 & 9th from 9-11 a.m. and will welcome these members during the worship services on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor Frank**- will be on vacation April 1-14<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Harry will be covering and leading worship services in his absence.

##### Pastor Harry

Pastor Harry continues to offer, on a volunteer basis, preaching and presiding at worship services, leading the

Senior Adult Ministry (S.A.M.), and other areas of ministry as needed.

#### Senior Adult Ministry- (S.A.M.)

##### Upcoming Event:

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**- My Fair Lady at Clear Space Theatre and Lunch.

**Dan Holtzer/Parking Lot Light Pole**- Dan is researching information given to him concerning companies or a licensed electrician that would be able to repair the parking lot light pole.

**Evan McDermott - Beach Scapes Landscaping Company**- the removal of the shrubs/bushes and weeds that were overgrown from the parking lot side of the entry way, was completed by Beach Scapes, and replaced with stone and small bushes. The cost of the completion of this work was \$2,000. Beach Scapes donated \$1,500 back to us, and a member of our church donated \$500 which gave us a zero balance. Thank you to both contributors

**Susanne Howard/Mailboxes**- the mailboxes needed to be redesigned with new members and existing members' names. Bridget Foster, Linda Harry, and Susanne Howard will move forward with this project.

**Charlie Brown/Property Committee Chair**- as Jim Cloud and family have relocated, Charlie Brown has taken over as Property Chair, and is looking for volunteers to help with the upkeep of St. Peter's. Please reach out to Charlie Brown at 410-726-1384 or clbrownjr77@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the Property Committee.

### AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

January - 82 per week

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

#### Total Contributions as of January 28, 2024

**\$29,389.24 Year-to-Date Budget**

**\$25,466.21 Year-to-Date Received**

**\$(-3,923.03) Year-to-Date Difference**

### OUR CURRENT REALITY AT ST. PETER'S

#### Life at St. Peter's

Our worship schedule offers a Contemporary Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. and a Traditional Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. We are offering Holy Communion at both services, handing you the bread and pouring red wine into your cup. We also have gluten free wafers and pre-filled cups of white grape juice for those who request/require them. Those who are not comfortable sharing in Holy Communion in this fashion are still in full Communion through the words of promise.

You are encouraged to share the "Peace of God" in whatever way you feel comfortable.

Both Services are in the Sanctuary with coffee and refreshments available in the CLC before and after each service.

**Masks are no longer required for anyone**, but you are encouraged to wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so. Masks are available at the Greeter's Desk.

Hand sanitizer – available throughout the building.

Water fountain is available to be used.

We are live streaming the 10:30 Worship Service. This service is then uploaded to our website to be viewed later. The live stream is available through our website and YouTube page.

***We are still looking for a couple folks who would be willing to help with live streaming from time to time.***

**Please join us only if you feel safe and comfortable doing so. If you are not feeling well or test positive for Covid 19, please stay home.**

Please contact Pastor Frank or Council President, Evan McDermott if you have any questions.

### **OTHER GATHERINGS, EVENTS, AND GROUPS**

**The church building is open for in house meetings and choir practices.**

St. Peter's Council meetings are being held in person.

Ministry Teams are meeting in whatever way they are most comfortable; either in person or via Zoom.

The building is open for outside groups. Those meetings/gatherings must make reservations coordinated through the church office.

Amy is in the office Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Please contact her via phone, text, or email. Pastor Frank has office hours Tuesdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. and other times by appointment. Pastor Frank is always available by phone, text, or email.

Pastor Frank is leading bible study in person (room 5) and online (see info on the Bible Study section) on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

We will continue to stay connected and keep you updated with concerns and changes via the Constant Contact email system, the Call Multiplier automated prayer chain, and by mail for those who are not electronically connected.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership in the mission and ministries at St. Peter's.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION ELEMENTS**



If you would like to sponsor flowers for a Sunday morning worship service *in Memory* or *in Honor* of a loved one, you may do so by calling the church office to make those arrangements. The cost for both vases is now \$95.

You may also sponsor Communion Elements for a particular Sunday in the same manner. The donation for sponsoring elements is \$20. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
at 2 a.m. on MARCH 10, 2024**

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, or you will be late for worship on March 10<sup>th</sup>

### **LENTEN SUPPER AND SERVICE**



Join us for soup suppers at 5:30 p.m. and Lenten Mid-Week Services at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

*There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for those who would like to provide soup or a dessert for any of these days.*

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**



**March 24, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service





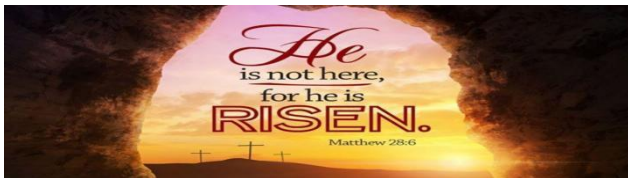
**Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024**

Worship Service at 6:30 p.m.



**Good Friday, March 29, 2024**

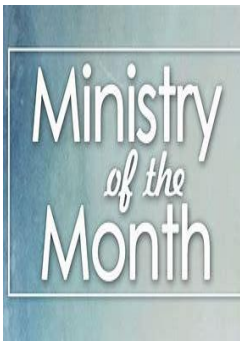
Worship Service at 6:30 p.m.



**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

**MINISTRY OF THE MONTH**



Our March Ministry of the Month is St. Peter's "Military Support Ministry." Our Community Service Team works diligently to stay in contact and support folks in our congregation and/or their family members who are actively serving in the military. This is done through prayer, as well as sending cards, notes, and gift cards. We ask you to keep these folks, along with all those serving in the military, and

their families in your prayers. We have a list with these folk's addresses and encourage you to join us in reaching out to them with a card or a note. We also ask you to prayerfully consider sending a donation into the church designated "Military Support Ministry" to help to pay for the gift cards and shipping costs.

Please contact Mary Lou Tietz if you have any questions.

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM  
ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

It is very exciting that we have new folks worshipping with us who are interested in becoming members of St. Peter's. If you would like to become a

member, please call the church office 410-524-7474 or email [amy.splcoc@comcast.net](mailto:amy.splcoc@comcast.net) to let us know. Please continue to worship, fellowship, and serve with us.

Please also plan to join us for New Members classes 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

We also ask that a member from each ministry team plan to be with us March 9<sup>th</sup> to share what the ministries are all about. We will formally welcome new members at both worship services on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pr. Frank if you have any questions.

**WEDNESDAY INTERACTIVE & HYBRID  
BIBLE STUDY**

**JOIN US FOR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**



The bible studies are Interactive and Hybrid. This means that you can join us in person at St. Peter's Room 5 or you can join us via zoom by following the directions below.

Everyone is encouraged to join us either way, on whatever Wednesdays you are available!

The Bible Studies will be looking at the Scripture Readings for that Sunday's Worship Service. (the readings are emailed prior to the bible study).

To join in the study via zoom, type or cut and paste the following URL in your web browser:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89266262232>

Or you can:

1. Type [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) into your web browser
2. Click on "Join Meeting"
3. Type in Meeting ID Number:  
892 6626 2232

Please contact Pastor Frank if you have any questions.



**++G4 MINISTRIES++**

**G4 Ministries...** The G4 group continues to find ways for the four Lutheran Churches on the Southern Eastern Shore to support one another.

Please continue to pray for Faith Lutheran Church, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, and their pastor, Pr. Margaret Brack, as they continue to support one another in shared ministries.

We also ask for continued prayers for Pastor Karis Graham & Community Lutheran, and for the folks at Grace of God Lutheran Church as they transition to the next phase of ministry.





## ++NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION++



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joanne & Bill Soultz

03/15



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ronald Hartman	03/04	Karen Schultz	03/20
Deanna Floyd	03/05	Pamela Wagner	03/20
Sharon Harris	03/05	Mary Lou Erwin	03/21
Miriam Fritz	03/08	Frank Harpster III	03/21
Carol Ann Ellis	03/14	Bettilyn Bogia	03/22
Bill Skledar	03/14	Herb Zampini	03/23
Jeannette Latzo	03/17	Gary Wagner	03/26
Sharey Biles	03/19	Katie Rimel	03/29



### GIFTS & MEMORIALS



Gifts & Memorials received in January

#### IN HONOR OF

Many Great Years Growing Up at VBS

to  
Open Door Feeding  
from  
Luke Andrzejewski

to  
General Fund (Friend of St. Peter's)  
from  
Michelle Prather

#### PRAYER CHAIN AND PRAYER LIST

by Pastor Frank

*I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.* Ephesians 1:16

The "Call Multiplier" automated prayer chain continues to be a valuable resource and blessing. If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, please text or call Pr. Frank at 814-279-5732 to have a prayer request

sent out. If you are requesting prayer for someone else, you **MUST** have his/her permission before sending out the request. We can share as much, or as little, information as you want to be shared. When you receive a prayer call, you are asked to pause and offer prayer for the need presented. You are then asked to continue to hold that person/need in prayer. The Automated Prayer Chain will be active daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please let Pastor Frank know if you are not receiving the prayer calls and would like to be.

**St. Peter's prayer list:** In order to keep our prayer list up to date, names that are on the prayer list (that are published in the newsletter and bulletins) will remain on the list for **one** month. If after that month, there is still a need for that person to be held in prayer, you will need to let the church office know so we can put the name back on for another month. While we want to be praying for everyone who needs our prayers, we also have to be able to keep that list current and up to date. Please see Pr. Frank if you have any questions.

#### PRAYER CONCERNS



Permission is needed to use your full name when publishing your request for prayers in both the bulletin and newsletter. Call the office.

**Current needs:** Lyn Meixner, Pastor Frank, Karen Gorby & family & friends, Bob Dose & family, Pat and family & friends, Tom Hughes, Jackie Harpster, Chuck Pyle, Savanah Bona, Bob Raymond, Marty & Janet Schoeder, Brenda Robbins, Patty M., Dennard Quillen

**Ongoing needs:** Caregivers, first responders and all on the front lines working to save lives, Joe Machovic, Fred & Mary Lou Kauffman, Carol Stano, Bonnie Hiewsky, Ron & Barb Albright, Pat Pfannenstiel, Kim Councill, Jodi Wolinski, Amelia Councill, Terri Wheatley, Phil Ermer, Dave Searle, Erin Ryan, Pastor Harry Wolpert, Steve Ellis, Janet Ellis, Jen Anderson

**Assisted Living:** Claire Deickman, Mim Fritz, Violet Green, Elsie Koehler, Mary Grahe, Betty Romig

**In the Military:** Gunnar Bogan, Justin Carter, Cal Cramer, Katie Cramer, Stephanie Dallochio, Noah Kauffman, Nicolas Nalbene, David Owens, Joshua Robinson, Nicholas Sorrentino, Jacob Sturgill

**Our Bishops:** Elizabeth Eaton & Bill Gohl

#### **G-4 Church Partners:**

*Community Lutheran Church (Frankford, DE)*

*Grace of God Lutheran Church (Longneck, DE)*

*Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (Salisbury, MD)*

*St. Alban's Episcopal Church*

#### THANK YOU

I want to thank my church family for the cards, calls, and messages of love and support following the passing of my mom. She was 90 and lived a long, wonderful life. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. My comfort comes from knowing that she is with our Lord and Savior.

Again thank you.  
Stephanie George.



**++FROM ST. PETER'S OFFICE++**

**PASTORAL EMERGENCIES**  
**CONTACT PASTOR HARPSTER**  
For emergencies or after hours  
(c) 814-279-5732

**FROM THE OFFICE**  
Please inform the church office of any changes in your personal information: mailing address, email address, phone numbers, marriage, divorce, or new births so we can keep our records up-to-date

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Friday - 8:00am-1:00pm

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesdays - 11:00 am-1:00 pm  
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Other times by appointment

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## MARCH BIBLE LESSONS

<p><b>Sunday, March 3</b>  <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b></p>	<p><b>Exodus 20:1-17</b>  <b>Psalm 19</b>  <b>1 Corinthians 1:18-25</b>  <b>John 2:13-22</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 10</b>  <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b></p>	<p><b>Number 21:4-9</b>  <b>Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22</b>  <b>Ephesians 2:1-10</b>  <b>John 3:14-21</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 17</b>  <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b></p>	<p><b>Jeremiah 31:31-34</b>  <b>Psalm 51:1-12</b>  <b>Hebrews 5:5-10</b>  <b>John 12:20-33</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 24</b>  <b>Sunday of the Passion</b>  <b>Palm Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Isaiah 50:4-9a</b>  <b>Psalm 31:9-16</b>  <b>Philippians 2:5-11</b>  <b>Mark 14:1--15:47</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 31</b>  <b>Resurrection of Our Lord</b>  <b>Easter Day</b></p>	<p><b>Acts 10:34-43</b>  <b>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</b>  <b>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</b>  <b>Mark 16:1-8</b></p>

