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++Pastor's Message++

by Pastor Frank Harpster

**"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

Revelation

7:12

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace, Peace, and Mercy be to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Just as Pastor Harry has dubbed October as "Lutheran Month," November is known by many as "Thanksgiving Month." November is set aside (including a national holiday that usually includes lots of food, fellowship, and football) to count our blessings and offer thanksgiving for all that we are blessed with). Even when we are facing challenges, we still have much to be thankful for. The power of thankfulness and gratefulness enables us to navigate life; through our mountain top experiences, our deepest valleys, and everything in between.

I encourage you, through this month (and hopefully as an ongoing practice), to include reflecting on, and offering gratitude and thanksgiving, for all that you are thankful for in your daily devotions. In my personal devotional life, my morning devotions are dedicated to praying for others and the needs that I am aware of. My evening devotions consist of recounting and processing my day, and giving thanks to God for all of the blessings of that day. During difficult challenges, the prayer might be as simple and as profound as "Thank you God for carrying me through that situation" or "Thank you God for getting me through this extremely difficult day." The reality is, it is in the challenges of life that we are able to grow, and sometimes, getting through a particular situation is all that we can ask for at the time.

I have also heard of folks who make a "gratitude list." Each day they add a new thing that they are thankful for. Such practices would be helpful in enabling us to discover the blessings that we may overlook. I think it is human nature to take things for granted and sometimes to forget to acknowledge and offer thanksgiving for the blessings in our lives. Someone once shared with me "I didn't have prime rib and lobster tonight, but my belly is full and I had someone to share my meal with." There is a lot of wisdom in such thankfulness.

As we count our blessings and give thanks to our Lord, who is the giver of everything good in our lives, let us also examine how we are using those gifts, and how we are sharing those blessings for the purposes they are intended: That is loving God and Neighbor. Often times, even the challenges that we face can become a blessing when we share our experiences to love and support someone else who is going through a similar situation.

We are blessed to live in a country where we enjoy so many freedoms that folks in other countries are not able to enjoy. As a white, American male, I also know that there are many freedoms and blessings that I am able to enjoy, that my siblings of other gender identity or color aren't able to enjoy. I believe that counting my blessings, and offering true thanksgiving, requires me to do what I can to advocate for those who are not able to share those same freedoms and blessings. How different would our world, our nation, our communities, and maybe even our own families be, if we all practiced such thanksgiving?

As Christ's disciples we have the assurance that in God's eyes there is no distinction of Jew or Greek, slave or free, rich or poor, and no judgement or distinction in color or gender identity.

We are all beloved, blessed children of God, named and claimed in the waters of baptism. The thanksgiving that we offer for such blessings, is sharing that love, blessing, forgiveness, with ALL of God's children with no distinction, just as our Lord does.

It is my prayer that we can each take some extra time and energy to count our blessings and to be truly thankful for all that we are blessed with. May our Lord empower us to live out our thanksgiving in **Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might** in loving service to our neighbor, no matter who that neighbor is.

Please know that I give thanks to God for you and for our partnership in mission and ministry! May God Bless You, as You ARE a Blessing for Others!

Pr. Frank



++ST. PETER'S MINISTRY TEAMS++

ALTAR GUILD

by Mary Haynes

One of our Altar Guild members, Karen Boon, has moved to a retirement community in Maryland.

Karen served on the Altar Guild at St. Peter's for 22 years.

Her service was recognized by Pastor Frank during the 10:30 service on October 8, followed by a reception in the Community Life Center in her honor.

The Altar Guild presented Karen with a gift, recognizing her dedication and service. Karen will certainly be missed.

We wish Karen the best in her new home.

Our wishes for a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Yours In Christ,
Mary Haynes

COMMUNITY SERVICES

by Mary Lou Tietz

With the holidays upon us now, please help us remember the 6 families that the Community Services Committee will support this year, for both Thanksgiving and Christmas support. All Thanksgiving financial and food gifts for the families need to be into the Church by **November 12th**. If sending a gift by check, please make it out to St Peter's Lutheran Church and in the memo section, put in that it is meant to support our 6 holiday families for a Thanksgiving dinner that our committee members will be putting together and distributing the week before Thanksgiving.

For the Christmas holiday, we will have an Angel tree in the Narthex, which will have stars on it that will have the Christmas wishes of all the children on them. We are supporting 28 children this year and will also support the families with Walmart gift cards, gas and food cards. If it is difficult for you to get a certain item for the children, the gift cards are very welcome and a good way to show your support. However, those who love to shop, are appreciated, as there are a lot of items for committee members to purchase, so if you can help in that way, that is great!! Also financial gifts, either online contributions or checks sent to the church and marked for the holiday for which you are providing support, help us keep this ministry alive!! The final dates to bring in gifts for the Christmas holiday will be **December 10th**, so we can organize all of them for distribution the week of the 18th. The gifts need to be wrapped and the star placed on top so that when we

are putting them together, we will be able to sort them according to each family.

Thank you again for all of your support--we have been feeding 50 to 60 people every Wednesday and handing out 30 bags of food every week to those in need. We also sent those serving in the military our gifts of remembrance last month and will be doing so, again, very soon!

Our next Community Services meeting will be at the church on November 8th at 2--see you there! We will welcome you with open arms!!! Mary Lou

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 free lunch part of the Open Door Feeding Ministry; 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 is busy planning holiday events like-

Oktoberfest - October 29th after the 10:30 Sunday Service (Reformation Sunday) in the CLC. Join us for a delicious German meal consisting of sour beef, dumplings, brats, sauerkraut, hot dogs, and desserts. BYO favorite beer or wine (no hard liquor please), for a fun fellowship time and good food. Please feel free to bring your favorite dessert for all to sample. Tickets are available for a \$25.00pp donation and will be available after each Sunday service in the CLC or by calling Susanne Howard- 443-442-4285.

Advent Wednesdays - December 6, 13, & 20th- Soup Supper in the CLC at 5:30pm, service at 6:30pm. Calling on all our soup makers to surprise us with their delicious home-made soups. Soups - not your forte, desserts are always welcome.

Annual Congregation Luncheon & Meeting - December 10th- there will be only one Sunday Worship Service at 10:30am on this date. Luncheon and meeting will be in the CLC directly after the service. Please notify Pastor Frank if you can bring a covered dish or dessert.

If you feel that you can share some of your time, talent, and help serve our congregation, community, and friends to make these events a success, please reach out to the Fellowship Team. As always, the Fellowship Team will continue to provide coffee, tea, along with pastries before and after each Sunday Services.

FUND RAISING

By Linda Grahe

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS - I wish to thank everyone who bought or sold the Boscov's 25% Discount Shopping passes for Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Over \$200 was raised for St. Peter's Lutheran Church Mortgage Fund. The exact total raised will be published in the next edition.

OCEAN CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE - will take place on **Saturday, December 2, 2023**, at 11 AM, from Old Landing Road marching north to 120th Street. Volunteers are needed to bake Christmas cookies, brownies, muffins, cup cakes, pound cakes, etc. Volunteers are also needed the day of the event from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM to work outside selling the baked goods, hot chocolate, coffee, bottled water and inside volunteers are needed to make the hot chocolate & coffee. We also need donations of hot chocolate, small marshmallows, coffee (regular & decaf), bottled water, cups, napkins, and plastic spoons. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon. Monies raised to go to St. Peter's Lutheran Church Mortgage Fund. Please feel free to wear your favorite Christmas outfits to get into the Christmas Spirit. Come to church with your lawn chairs to get a front row seat for the parade.

BAKE SALE - Sunday, December 3, 2023, after the early & late services. Money raised to go to our Mortgage Fund.

CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA - Saturday, December 16, 2023, 1 - 3 PM, \$25.00 Donation per person

Need volunteers to set up the hall for the event on Friday, December 15, 2023, starting 11 AM (putting on table cloths, tea cups, tea pots, table decorations, and Silent Auction items, etc.)

Is there an interest in this event? Interested in volunteering? If there is not enough interest in this event and/or enough volunteers - this event will not take place. I know everyone is busier during the Christmas Season. Thanks for your feedback.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

by Paul Grahe

We will meet on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Room #5. We will meet with the ladies to have a delicious breakfast prepared by our Chef, Pastor Frank. We will go to our designated areas to do our studies. Pastor Frank will lead a discussion on the Christian Virtue- WISDOM. Remember to bring your Bible with you. If you plan on attending, please let me know so the proper amount of food can be prepared. You can see me in the CLC after church or call me at 443-604-8068. Thanksgiving Blessings to you!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (S.A.M.)

by Pastor Harry

The BIG event for October was well received. On Thursday, October 5, we met in the CLC for a "TRAVEL LOG" presented by our own Steve Kiser (and Trish) with photo slides of their recent trip to Iceland! As an additional bonus we enjoyed pie and ice cream. Pastor Frank also shared some of his adventures on his recent vacation trip to Hawaii. As always, the fellowship was great.

Looking ahead:

—November 30, *Estella Scrooge* at Clear Space Theater. 50 seats have been reserved!

*Final count as of this writing is 40. Play begins at 11:30. Lunch at 1:30 at Victoria's Restaurant. The cost will be \$60 inclusive. Lunch will be at Victoria's Restaurant at Boardwalk Plaza Hotel. The hotel is always VERY beautifully decorated for Christmas, and we will have a reserved dining room to ourselves. Menu is posted on the SAM board in the Narthex at church.

With December right around the corner, we will be sponsoring our annual stewardship event once again. We invite all members of SPLC to contribute to our ELCA GOOD GIFTS drive. This ministry provides many opportunities to give help to Third World countries and others in the form of farm animals, fishing supplies, drinking water wells, etc. The goal is to provide items that will help sustain life and livelihood. So, as the saying goes, 'rather than give someone a fish to eat, teach them how to fish, and they have the ability to sustain themselves.' Last year, through your generous giving, we were able to provide two whole farms at a cost of \$715 each. Let's see if we can do at least that much again this year. If you wish more information just log into ELCA.org GOOD GIFTS. Information from the Website: *Your donation will be used where it is needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. (For example, a gift of vaccinations may be used to support other health care initiatives.) This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative*

costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the U.S. or abroad.

Also, as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

Blessings,
Pr. Harry Biles
443.944.4779
harrybiles@aol.com

SON & SAND RETREAT CENTER

by Paul Grahe

In November, we welcome the youth from the First Church of God, Carlisle, PA from 11/17/23 - 11/19/23. They will be attending a Middle School Conference. Let's give them a warm St. Peter's welcome. This will be our last group coming on retreat this year! At the end of October, I was able to transfer \$10,000.00 to the General Fund. I will have a report for the congregation at our Annual Meeting in December

If you would be interested in learning more about the retreat center and serving as a Son & Sand Greeter, I am available in the CLC on Sundays or you may call me at 443-604-8068.

May your Thanksgiving Day be a Blessing to you and your family!

SPIRITUAL READINGS

by Deacon, Sharey Biles



The Spiritual Readings Group will meet next on Monday, November 6, at 2:30 pm via zoom.

We will continue our discussion of **One Month to Live: Thirty Days to a No-Regrets Life** by Kerry & Chris Shook. We plan to cover pages 65-93. The book is proving to be one that evokes various opinions on the content. ☺

Please join in! If you have any questions, please give me a call! 443.944.7241.

Blessings,
Sharey Biles

ST. PETER'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA

by Debbie Ryan

Women's Circle Bible Studies

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 11/2, and we will be finishing chapter 5 in "It's All Under Control Bible Study," by Jennifer Duke Lee.

All women are invited, so please let me know if you want to join us, and I'll make sure you get a book and the Zoom link.

For our in-person Women's Bible study at church, with breakfast provided, we will be continuing our study of "Encouraging One Another," by Nicole Johnson. 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 11/18 and will be finishing chapter 5.

As above, all women are invited, so please let me know if you want to join us, and I'll make sure you get a book.

My contact information is: 410-430-4743
and Debryan57@gmail.com.

Blessings,
Debbie Ryan

WITNESS

By Evelyn Houston

In November people are good to each other. They carry food, cookies, and pies to each other's homes to share. Some travel many miles to just give hugs and share a meal. On Thanksgiving we gather with family and friends to thank God for the many blessings He has given us. We also ask God to continue to guide and watch over our families and our country. In want or in have reasons to be thankful.

When we begin to doubt and forget to be thankful, I am reminded of the sacrifices so many have made to preserve our freedoms and to defend peace around the world. Today, the brave men and women of our military continue this noble tradition. These heroes and their loved ones deserve the gratitude of our nation, especially in these troubled times. We thank God for their service.

On this Thanksgiving Day we also remember those less fortunate among us. They are our neighbors, and it is our duty to reach out to them and to all of those in need with Christian love and friendship.

To you and your families and friends, have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.

plenty, in times of challenge or times of calm, we always



++ST. PETER'S NEWS++

COUNCIL NEWS

by Susanne Howard, Council Secretary

From October 10, 2023 meeting

President, Dan Holtzer- reported that expenses were down for the year; however, so were donations. He gave thanks to the Open-Door committee and Fellowship for keeping tight reins on expenditures.

Upcoming Events: Pastor Frank

November 26th-December 3rd - Pastor Frank will be on a family vacation.

December 6th, 13th, & 20th - Advent Mid-Week Soup Suppers- 5:30pm soup will be served in the CLC followed by Worship Services at 6:30pm. (this **will not** be offered on November 29th). Donations of soups and desserts will be appreciated.

December 10, 2023 - Annual Congregation Meeting- there will only be **one Worship Service at 10:30am.** Immediately following the service, there will be a luncheon and meeting. All members are asked to attend.

Pastor Harry - Pastor Harry will be covering pastoral emergencies during Pastor Frank's absence and will lead worship services on November 26th and December 3rd. 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: Pastor Harry

November 30th - Estella Scrooge at Clear Space Theater. 50 seats have been reserved. Final count must be submitted by October 30th. Play begins at 11:30. Lunch at 1:30 at Victoria's Restaurant. The cost is \$60 all inclusive. Please check the Sunday worship folder for further information as well as the S.A.M bulletin board in the Narthex area at church. Also, as always, please feel free to contact Pastor Harry with any questions or suggestions.

December- ELCA Good Gifts- looking to purchase as many animals as possible to help feed a family and break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Dan Holtzer/Stewardship Pledge Campaign - letter sent out to the congregation.

President, Dan Holtzer/Dee Floyd - 2024 New Council Members - have been actively collaborating with members of St. Peter's and have successfully recruited volunteers to fill three open positions on the council for 2024.

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 2023 - 94 per week

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

Total Contributions as of September 30, 2023

\$307,838.00 Year-to-Date Budget

\$256,199.02 Year-to-Date Received

\$(-51,638.98) Year-to-Date Difference



OUR CURRENT REALITY AT ST. PETER'S

Life at St. Peters

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 yet 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 Pastries 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.

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, Dan Holtzer 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. beginning September 13, 2023.

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 \$80.

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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING



**WILL BE HELD
AFTER THE 10:30 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
ON SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2023**

We will have a "Pot Blessed" luncheon after the service and hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in the CLC during the luncheon. Pastor Frank will be providing the Protein and Fellowship will be providing the drinks, and tableware. You are invited to bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert to share (but not necessary). We will also be taking a love offering to help support Fellowship's ministry.

There will be only one worship service this day at 10:30 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP, PASTOR FRANK WILL COME TO YOU!

If you are not able to join us for in person worship and would like Pastor Frank to bring Holy Communion to you (doing what he can to keep you safe and comfortable), please call the church office and we will arrange for that to happen.



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



Our November Ministry of the Month is "The Cold Weather Shelter." Each winter we are blessed to be able to convert our Retreat Center into a Code Purple Cold Weather Shelter for our homeless sisters and brothers. This life saving community ministry is only possible through the support of individuals and businesses in our community.

The Shelter is open December 1-March 30th, based on temperatures and wind chill factors. The shelter not only offers a warm place for folks to sleep in a safe and loving environment, we also provide meals, personal hygiene items, hot showers, laundry service, fellowship, and bus passes for them to get to and from the shelter. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving a monetary donation to help defray the costs of operating the shelter. Please prayerfully consider sending a donation to the church and marking it "Cold Weather Shelter."

We also ask you to prayerfully consider other ways that you might be able to safely support this ministry. First and foremost, praying for those who don't have a warm place to lay their head at night. We are also in need of folks to help with registration, providing meals, and folks to stay overnight with the residents. If you are interested in helping with any of these opportunities, please call the church office and let us know. Safe practices training will be available and required for all volunteers. Thank you for your support of this life saving ministry. Please contact Pastor Frank if you have any questions.

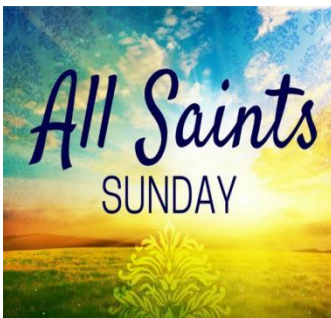
NOVEMBER EVENTS



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS
AT 2 AM ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 5, 2023.**

MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS **BACK** ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD OR YOU ARE GOING TO BE VERY EARLY FOR CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNING.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 5TH



As part of our All Saints celebration, during our worship services, we will be remembering in prayer those saints who have entered Eternal Life this past year.

If you have a loved one or friend that you would like to be remembered in prayer during worship, please provide their name to the church office by Wednesday, November 1st.

You are also welcome to bring a photo of that departed loved one to be displayed during worship and then you can take that photo with you after the service.

Please see Pastor Frank if you have any questions.



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ECUMENICAL
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 7:00 P.M.
AT COMMUNITY CHURCH
10900 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines.**

**LET US GATHER TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY TO
GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THAT WE ARE
BLESSED WITH!**

Please see Pastor Frank if you have any questions.

PASTOR FRANK

Pastor Frank will be away November 26th through December 3rd for a family vacation.

Please contact Pastor Harry Biles should you have a pastoral emergency or need a prayer chain sent out.

We thank Pastor Harry for leading worship on November 26th and December 3rd.

TIME AND TALENT



November is often referred to as "Thanksgiving Month". While we should be thankful and count our every day, this month is designated for extra time and efforts to count our blessings. In honor of that extra time and effort, we are extending an invitation and a challenge to ALL of our St. Peter's family.

On November 12 we will be giving each of you a new Time and Talent Sheet. We ask you to pray over these Time and Talent Sheets for 2 weeks and then prayerfully fill it out and return it to St. Peter's by the first week in December.

The reality is that God's blessings are only true blessings when we share them. In your prayerful discernment, ask God what talents you might be able to share in the mission and ministries at St. Peter's.

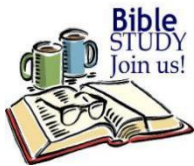
As Christ's disciples, we are not mere guests or observers, we are active participants of both worship and mission & ministry. Over the past couple years, many of our folks who have been active in various ministries have either passed away or moved away, thus leaving a heavy burden to those continuing to keep the ministries going. It is no secret that St. Peter's is struggling, and it is up to each of us to do what we can to help improve the health of this congregation that we love and that so many people depend on.

As you count your blessings please consider how you can better steward all that you have been blessed with. While it may be difficult for some to give much more of your treasures, perhaps God can put on your heart how you can share more of your time and talents. Sharing in your time and talents is a commitment to help when you can, it does not require a commitment for every week or every function, and it is not a life sentence.

Please see Pastor 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 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.

THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH BECAUSE PASTOR FRANK WILL BE ON VACATION WITH HIS FAMILY



++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. Albans 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 Pastor Bettye Wolinski (who is serving as Vice Pastor) and Grace of God Lutheran Church.



++NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION++



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Keith Hall & Phillip Cropper	11/01
Rae & Norman Disney	11/02
Ron & Barbara Hager	11/05
Patrick & Karen Nash	11/08
Thomas & Bettilyn Bogia	11/27
Carol & Bob Zimmerman	11/28



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

James F. Cloud III	11/01	Theresa Pyle	11/17
Donna Maul	11/02	Paul Grahe	11/18
Michael Siegert	11/09	Fred Deily	11/19
Bodey Gutowski	11/14	Christine Bauerdorf	11/21
Gregory Nuovo	11/14	Linda Riley	11/21
Marjorie Hagood	11/15	Anna Marie Bushnell	11/22
Anne Schneider-Stearns	11/15	Tom Seibold	11/23
Violet Green	11/17	Mary Haynes	11/27
		Erin Ryan	11/28

CAN YOU HELP GIVE A RIDE?

Pastor Frank



We are looking for folks who are able to give other rides to worship or medical appointments. If you are able to help with this from time to

time please call the church office and let us know.

We are also looking for a contact person to help coordinate rides when the need arises. If you are willing to be that person please call the church office.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this very important ministry.





GIFTS & MEMORIALS



Gifts & Memorials received in September IN LOVING MEMORY OF

E. Reese and Louise Wolf

to
Gifts & Memorials
by
Sharon Harris

THANK YOU

by Elsworth Wheatley

I would like to thank all those who helped make my 35th anniversary with St. Peter's a fun and memorable event. There are many memories and events that have happened in my life with this church. Now to see what the next 35 years have in store!

Thank you.
Elsworth

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Current needs: Eileen Coyner, Linda Riley, Kelly & Jason Shipley, Ray Priebe, Johan Nykvist, Linda Grahe, Evelyn Sobczynski, Dennis Felix, Fred Kauffman, Pat Johnstone, Bridget Foster, Sandy Holthe, Robert Grahe, Carol Stano

Ongoing needs: Caregivers, first responders and all on the front lines working to save lives, Lee Creamer, Bonnie Hiewsky, Ron & Barb Albright, Michael Parker, Phillip Delaney, Chuck Pyle, Sharon Harris, Brenda Scheminant, Dee Floyd, Paul Grahe, Patti McDermott, Pat Pfannenstiel, Kim Councill, Vinnie Grauso, Byron Anthony, Jack Hardy, Teresa, Pauline Schilling, James, Ryan M., Rosalie & Ted Frick, Sherie Detty, Jodi Wolinski, Lindsey George, Rick Latchaw, Amelia Councill, Noreen Emerson, Pat Strickland, Eric Pierce, Viola Collins, Denise Smith, Dennard Quillen, Fred Ryon, Stuart Glassman, Dan Barnhart, Ann McClelland, Tobey Soper, Pastor Rick, Elizabeth Hammond, Doug & Sarah, Elsworth & Terri Wheatley, Mary Lou Kauffman, Jessica Harpster, Susan Meyer, Patty M., Bob & Eileen, Larry Mullis, Ada May Shipley, Mike Miller, Chris, Jack Sherman, Bob, Barbara, Patti, Jacob & Nicole Wamsley, Seth Patterson, Phil Ermer, Joe Ellingworth, Inga, James, Linda & husband, Jen Engers, Gracie Patton, Richard Goodman, Raymond, Kathryn & Tom Hughes, Richard, Stan Gibson, Lynn & Ted Wiseburg, Fran, Ellie, Vicki, Darlene Harner, Danielle Hawkins, Aubrey Coin, Traci Swingler, Sherry DeFelice, Luke Skledar, Mandy Brown, Phil Brown, Addison, Troy, Lora Smolenski, Chris K., Larry, Charlene Lewis, Sue Shoop, Treva Smith, Sharon, Steve, Jim, Marilyn Gay, Debbie, Dave Searle, Erin Ryan, Conrad, Melissa Nuovo, Children of Jeffrey Nuovo, Linda Rhine, Pastor Harry Wolpert, Rose Skledar, Steve Lepone, Richard Smith, Beverly, Jo Rohr, Tim & Kim Raymond, Nicole Lewis, Mary W., Marty & Janet Schroeder, Carolyn Nuovo, Jim Gardone, Dorothy & Stephanie, Savannah Bona, Jenine Baldus, Samara Loss, Sonja, Brenda Robbins, Carol Robinson, Bernie Hartline, Steve Ellis, Janet Ellis, Jen Anderson

Assisted Living: Lisa C., 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 Nalbone, 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. Albans Episcopal Church



++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

PASTOR HARPSTER

Tuesdays - 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Wednesdays - 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Other times by appointment

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NOVEMBER BIBLE LESSONS

<p>Sunday, November 5 All Saints Sunday</p>	<p>Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12</p>
<p>Sunday, November 12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13</p>
<p>Sunday, November Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30</p>
<p>Sunday, November 26 Christ the King Sunday</p>	<p>Ezekiel 34:11-6, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-26</p>

