



The HERALD

LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES

Ash Wednesday	3/06	12:00 pm UCC
Ash Wednesday	3/06	7:30 pm here
Mid-Week	3/14	6:00 pm
Mid-Week	3/21	6:00 pm
Mid-Week	3/28	6:00 pm
Mid-Week	4/04	6:00 pm
Mid-Week	4/11	6:00 pm
Palm Sunday	4/14	10:00 am
Maundy Thursday	4/18	7:30 pm UCC
Good Friday	4/19	7:30 pm here
Easter Sunrise	4/21	6:30 am
Easter Sunday	4/21	10:00 am



Midweek Lenten services will be held every Thursday evening starting March 14 until April 11. A soup supper and Lenten devotions will start at 6 pm. Volunteers will be needed to make soups. Sign-up sheets are located in Fellowship Hall.



GUARDING AT THE TOMB

While we are just entering the Lenten season, planning has already begun for our Guarding at the Tomb event. This function has grown in attendance every year and we hope that even more people will choose to participate.

St. Peter's holds a vigil that begins on the afternoon of Good Friday and goes straight through to Easter Sunday morning with the church being occupied at all times. The intent is for people to attend either alone, in pairs or as a family and truly connect to God on a deep and personal level. People sign up for a one-hour time slot and will be alone in the church, with the doors locked, to sit in prayerful reflection and to be able to open their hearts to embrace the true meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. Stations will be set up for you to read with activities for you to do along the way, but the time is yours to use however you choose.



A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Narthex bulletin board across from the sanctuary. If you are new to St. Peter's or are not familiar with this event, please speak with Cheryl or Larry Smola for more details.

- Cheryl Smola

Lent is late this year. It will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 6. There will be services for Ash Wednesday at St. Peter's UCC at noon and at St. Peter's Lutheran at 7:30 pm. Ashes and Holy Communion will be offered at both services.

In addition to our Sunday worship services, we will provide Lenten devotions each Thursday evening, accompanied by a soup supper at 6 pm. The soups are very tasty with an option of two or three soups provided.

So why do we make so much of Lent? It is certainly not because we want to spend six weeks considering our sins and repenting. We make so much of Lent because Jesus spent so much of his adult life in service to humanity, because Jesus was willing to go without and wander about the countryside and the cities teaching and preaching and healing people. Because Jesus was willing to suffer and die for us so that our sins are forgiven, we can look forward to our salvation. We consider our sinfulness and repent because it is just a little bit more than the least of what we can do.

Take some time this Lent to do some soul searching and humble yourselves before the Lord who gave up himself for us all.



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CHESTER CONFERENCE

A meeting of the SEPA Synod ELCA Chester Conference was held at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Unionville on Tuesday, February 19. Al Burk and Doris Sterner, along with Pastor Wesemann, represented St. Peter's.

Bishop Patricia Davenport spoke to the gathering and answered questions. At the meeting, an election of the dean was overseen by the Bishop. Rev. Ron Wesemann was re-elected Dean of the Chester Conference.

Congratulations, Pastor Ron!

PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings Scheduled:

Elise Murray & Andrew Dykhuis	4-27-19
Patricia Ortega & T.J. McCormick	5-19-19

To Be Received into Membership:

The Philip Grant family (scheduled)	5-05-19
Michael & Lisa Dausch (to be scheduled)	



Please pray not only for your loved ones but also for the entire congregation, its leaders and those listed below as they cope with life's challenges.

Loving and caring God,

We know that you are with us in the times when we are struggling, sick on either an emotional or physical level and in our hour of need when we no longer believe in ourselves. Help us to recognize the depth of your love during those times so we do not feel alone. Open our hearts to feel the enormity of your presence, to feel your deep and unconditional love and to recognize your guidance. We ask that you might ease our burdens as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Dorothy Abrahamsen
 Esther Altmann
 Julie Barker
 Midge Bates
 Marilyn Burk
 Peggy & Mike Burnley
 Lori Burnley
 Jim & Stephanie Bylash
 Elizabeth Casperite
 Michael Cesario
 Jill Clark
 Calvin Clifford
 Harry Cornog
 Family of Marcella Curtiss
 Gary Derr
 Kenneth Dobson
 Sigi Eichinger
 Daniel Frey
 Shirley Harp
 Richard & Marjorie Kropp
 Peter & Jean Marchianco
 Atea McArel
 Mulcahy Family
 Anthony Napolitano

Winnie Neiman
 Linda Patton
 Sally Peirson
 Debbie Phillips
 Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager
 James Rendi
 Schwartz family
 (Ethan, Martrese, Eric & Julianna)
 Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers
 Floyd Segner
 Gary Segner
 Dorothy Schmidt
 Amanda Smith
 Cheryl Smola (Larry's sister)
 Alexander Steel
 Mary Lou Tate
 Paul Theisen
 Charlotte Twaddell
 Dee Vaughn
 Bernd Warner
 Fred Wesemann
 Rita Wesler
 Jo Ann Willenbrock
 Irene Williams

Please keep the church informed about the continued need for prayer of those listed on the prayer list. You can submit names for the prayer list to the office. To initiate the prayer chain for immediate prayer needs, contact:

Pastor Wesemann
 (610) 933-9611

Marilyn Burk
 (484) 341-8463 or
 (610) 517-1147

Debbie Francis
 (610) 495-6585

Pancake Breakfast



Please join us on Sunday, March 3, for a pancake breakfast following the worship service.

SPECIAL MEETING

On Sunday, February 17, we held a Special Congregational Meeting to approve a constitutional change for our church.

Church Council recommended that the term of a Church Council member be reduced to two years and that each Council member be permitted to serve for three consecutive terms. The thought was that the initial commitment, being short, would allow members to try serving on Church Council but also allow them to serve for as long as in the past, if they feel that they are making a valuable contribution to the organization and ministry of St. Peter's.

The amendment was approved.

- Pastor Wesemann

BIBLE STUDY

The monthly Bible Study for March has been rescheduled for Tuesday evening, 3/12, at 7:30 pm and Wednesday, 3/13, at noon.

Please note that Rev. Karl Krueger will be leading us in worship on Sunday, March 24.



FISHING FOR GOLD

In 2018, we were able to raise approximately \$2,250 for St. Peter's through Fishing for Gold. We want to thank everyone who participated.

We had 37 people join in the fundraiser with 25 winners. Eight of those numbers won multiple times. The most winning numbers were #2, #20 and #39; all of which won three times each. The highest winning number was #20, having won \$225.

For 2019, we are opening 75 memberships again so sign up quickly. Keep your old number or select a new one. If we reach the goal of 75, we will add another \$25 prize each month. There are 36 opportunities to win throughout the year with prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 every month.

For anyone not familiar with this fundraiser, it is this easy:

- Each participant selects a number from 1 to 75.
- Every month for one year you agree to pay \$10 to be in "good standing". You can pay the entire \$120 all at once, \$60 semi-annually or even \$10 a month. By joining, you are committing to a year's membership. (You must be in "good standing" to win.)
- The first place winner receives \$100, second place \$50, third place \$25, and hopefully, a fourth place \$25.
- Drawings will take place the last Sunday of each month.

Memberships will be sold up to the last Sunday in March, which will be the date of the first drawing. Each Sunday, Joanna Sheffer and Debbie Francis will be in Fellowship Hall to receive memberships. The FFG fundraiser is open to friends and family so don't leave anyone out. Ask around!

Our winners for the months of January and February were:

Place	January	February
1	Jessica Good	Cam Cloeter
2	Al & Marilyn Burk	Jim Twaddell
3	Cathy Wesemann	Dorothea Streit

Who will be the next winners?

- Debbie Francis

MISSION SUPPORT NEWS

Each year St. Peter's sends part of our offerings to our PA Synod (SEPA) and the national church (ELCA). Unless you are on a mailing list or stop and read the bulletin boards, you might not hear all that our gifts to mission support do.

Mission support provides 80% of the resources that enable the Lutheran Church to begin new ministries. One such ministry is in Philadelphia. In January, 2007, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion at 21st & Samson Streets in Philadelphia partnered with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod which provided a part-time pastor's salary for six months so ELCA Pastor Violet Little could open The Welcome Center. In September, 2009, Pastor Little was installed as pastor of The Welcome Church—a church without walls in Center City that extends a special welcome to people experiencing homelessness.

In January, 2012, The Welcome Church was officially recognized by the ELCA as a congregation under development serving people in poverty. Today, in addition to Pastor Little and Associate Pastor Schaunel Steinnegal, a Presbyterian minister; there is a volunteer clergy team that includes a number of faith leaders from the Episcopal, UCC and other traditions. There are twice monthly outdoor services of Word and Sacrament at Aviator Park, across from the Franklin Institute, meeting on the first and last Sundays of each month, regardless of weather, followed by a coffee hour hosted by various congregations. They also have weekly gatherings at various churches in Philadelphia including "Tea and Talk"; "Prayer, Bible Study, and Holy Communion"; and, especially for women, "Chat and Chew"; "Sanctuary Angels"; and "The Well". You can find more information about The Welcome Church at <https://www.thewelcomechurch.org>.

The Welcome Church celebrated Maundy Thursday in 2011, washing the feet of people living on the streets in Center City. Pastor Little said in her homily, "...re-enacting the way Christ knelt and served his disciples reminds us that this is how all ministry begins – we get on our knees in prayer and reach our hands out to serve." After Holy Communion, Bishop Claire S. Burkat anointed the hands of participants in The Welcome Church's partnership, a venture with a local physician and Temple University's School of Podiatric Medicine to offer free foot care to the homeless community. In the group were Dr. John Scanlon, a local podiatrist and Chestnut Hill Hospital Chief Medical Officer who helped put the partnership together, Temple representatives, whose students will be part of street outreach teams, and the pastor of Arch Street Methodist Church which planned to house a drop-in podiatry clinic. Our tithing to SEPA and the ELCA has had a small part in carrying out God's plan and we can see the ripple effect our giving has accomplished in doing God's work in our world.

- Doris Sterner

THRIVENT CHOICE \$\$

In February, we received from Thrivent \$181. We thank Bob & Linda Patton and Larry & Cheryl Smola, as well as Thrivent, for this generosity. Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars periodically. Your designations to our church through Thrivent are very much appreciated.

On Thrivent's website, St. Peter's is listed as "St. Peter". If you have a hard time finding it, Al Burk or John Young are willing to help.

Thanks again for your support.

- Pastor Wesemann

IT SEEMS LIKE I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...

Most of us either go on our merry way or struggle about life, not giving a second thought to what happens at the church when we are away. Most of us, but not all of us. We have some members and friends that religiously send in their offerings when they are away. Some have a certain amount of money withdrawn from their bank accounts so that they will not forget to support the ministry of Jesus here at St. Peters. Some even give up part of their vacation time to help around the church. I thank you. The church depends on all your gifts of time and money.

A special thank you to our faithful member who hand delivers the weekly offering every time this individual misses a Sunday worship service. Thank you for your dedication and love for Jesus and the ministry of Jesus Christ.



- Pastor Wesemann

NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'" John 8:12



All of us know that regular exercise is good for us, but sometimes it is hard to find the time to get to the gym or the energy to get that regular exercise that is so good for us. As Lent approaches, instead of thinking about what you can give up, try thinking about what you might add to your daily routine.

You could make walking a part of your daily Lenten practice. Just as Jesus traveled the long journey to the cross, walking can be an act of spiritual and physical devotion. You could go for a daily walk, reflecting on God's gifts to you while you walk. Or perhaps you might commit to taking more steps each day through Lent or using a pedometer to count the distance you walk each day.

You might find committing to getting to the gym each day through Lent works best for you, perhaps spending the time on that gym machine in prayer and reflection on God's direction for you. For those of us who cannot do a lot of physical activity, making a commitment to getting out of our chair at least one time every hour, even just to stand for 30 seconds, is good for our physical health.

God wants us to take care of ourselves so that we can listen and hear what God's direction for our lives is and be able to move forward in His plan for us.

PICTURE WALL

We are small as a congregation but it is still difficult connecting each face with each name.

New members and visitors could benefit greatly by every member submitting their photos to the church to be placed on our picture wall.


For those of you who think that you look terrible in pictures, after you send it to the church, just don't look at it! I promise you that no one will be scared away by your photo.

Thank you in advance for submitting your pictures.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3 Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship–Communion 11:30 am Pancake Breakfast Outreach Committee	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday 12:00 pm UCC 7:30 pm St. Peter's	7 6:15 pm Music & Worship	8	9
10 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Christian Education Evangelism Committee Youth Group HH Hangout Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12 6:00 pm Executive Committee 7:30 pm Evening Bible Study	13 12:00 pm Bible Study/ Bag Lunch 7:30 pm Confirmation Class	14 6:00 pm Lenten Vespers/ Soup Supper	15	16
17 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship–Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Blood Pressure Screening 11:30 am Property Committee Youth Group Game Night St. Patrick's Day	18	19 6:30 pm Council Meeting	20 7:30 pm Confirmation Class  Spring Begins	21 6:00 pm Lenten Vespers/ Soup Supper	22	23
24 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship–Karl Krueger 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Fellowship Committee	25 Annunciation of the Lord	26	27 7:30 pm Confirmation Class	28 6:00 pm Lenten Vespers/ Soup Supper	29	30
31 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship–Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Fellowship Committee	1	2	3	4	5	6

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Eric Burnley	Jenna Lacey
Xaiver Dangler	Tyler Lacey
Meagan Foster	Sally Peirson
Mark Foster	Edward Rafferty
Jodie Frey	Scott Schneider
Mason Frey	Ewan Sharpless
Steven Hartman	Cathy Wesemann
Shaina Hlavac	Thomas Wright
Ian Kull	

Anniversaries

David & Doris Sterner 56
 Doug & Nicole Vaughn 22



COMING UP IN APRIL

1		April Fools' Day
7	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
9	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
14	10:00 am	Palm Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Christian Education Committee
		Evangelism Committee
16	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
19	7:30 pm	Good Friday Service
20		Passover Begins
21	6:30 am	Easter Sunrise Service
	10:00 am	Easter/Our Lord's Resurrection
22		Earth Day
23	7:30 pm	Evening Bible Study
24	12:00 pm	Bible Study/Bag Lunch
		Administrative Professionals Day
28	11:30 am	Fellowship Committee

Adult Choir:	7:15 pm Thursdays & 9:15 am Sundays
Youth Choir:	11:30 am Sundays
Hand Bell Choir:	12:00 pm Sundays
Confirmation Classes:	7:30 pm Wednesdays
Lenten Vespers/Soup:	6:00 pm Thursdays until April 11

<i>March</i> <i>2019</i>	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>					
	<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>31</i>
Greeters	Larry Smola	Carm Venezia	Kristen Wright	Peggy Burnley	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Cam Cloeter
Ushers	Carm Venezia Anna Eckerdt	Dave Sterner	Mike Derr Luanne Skurka	Bob Patton Cam Cloeter	Chris Reidy Kayla Reidy	Bruce & Kathy Hartman
Lector	Matt Wood	Bob Patton	Al Burk	Doug Beck	Cam Cloeter	Jay Eckerdt
Cantor	Doris Sterner	Kristy Young	Hannah Weicheld	Al Burk	Jay Eckerdt	Erin Johnson
Communion Assistants	Dave Sterner Christ Reidy	Karen Cannizzaro	--	Joanna Sheffer John Young	Anna Eckerdt	Doug Beck Betsy Burns
Acolytes	Rodger Grant	Bob Patton	Gary Segner	Kira Young	--	Ethan Eckerdt
Altar Flowers	Un-sponsored	--	Un-sponsored	Pastor & Cathy Wesemann	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
Bulletins	Un-sponsored	Walter Supplee	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Walter Supplee	Un-sponsored
Fellowship	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Chris. Ed.
Altar Team	Betsy Burns	Carm Venezia	Betsy Burns	Karen Cannizzaro		Carm Venezia
Counters	Carm Venezia					
Bread/Wine	Bread: Luanne Skurka/Mike Derr			Wine: Burk		
Paper Goods	Schreier					

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

**THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF FINANCES
JANUARY 1 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2019:**

Total Income: \$10,839
 Total Expenses: \$15,063
 Total Surplus (Deficit): (\$ 4,224)

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.*

*Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

ST. PETER'S MISSION is to fulfill our calling as the Body of Christ. We will be a worship center in the community. We will learn and teach the meaning of God's Word. We will share our Christian Faith with others. And we will support individuals in their time of personal need. As we accomplish these things, we will be faithful Stewards of God's Gifts.

OUR VISION is to be a center of activity and a welcoming congregation of worshipers growing in faith, while encouraging community outreach through various ministries.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE - BY BOB PATTON

Across

1. The Word of the Lord
6. Cheap
11. Islands, in Spanish
12. Shaq
13. Cajun state
14. Punctuation mark
16. An on-line college (abbr.)
17. ___ Vegas
19. Radio band
20. ___ Miserables
21. The "S" in S.T.E.M. schools
24. ___ Wednesday
25. Wildebeest
26. What Peter used for fishing
28. Uncle ___
30. Gospel read most often during the "A" lectionary cycle
34. Org. for Garth Brooks and Carrie Underwood (abbr.)
35. Year designation 3000 years ago
36. High priest in the Book of Samuel
37. Blood type
38. Ms. Boop, in the comics
41. Midwest state (abbr.)
42. Asian primate
44. Sent a message over a phone line
46. Speaks to God
47. Abrasive on a board or a cloth

Down

1. Utilities, credit cards, etc.
2. Son of Abraham and Sarah
3. Stock symbol for BlackLine, Inc.
4. Fon du ____, Wisconsin
5. ___ Beso (Spanish song)
6. Remark
7. Cell material
8. A major outfitter (abbr.)
9. ___ and Marketing department
10. Water and ice mixture
15. Big ___ (McDonald's hamburger)
18. Greek "S"
20. Woodworking tool
22. Fourteenth letter
23. Fourth book in 1 Across
27. Movie character who phoned home
28. Where your hair grows
29. Yellow color
31. Do
32. Mr. Fudd, in the comics
33. Breezy
38. Purchase
39. Teflon, chemically
40. Sweet potato
43. State where Boston is the capital
45. Chemical symbol for Xenon

Solution to this puzzle can be found in the next issue of The Herald.

Solution to The February puzzle below.

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SEEING THE TREES FOR WHAT THEY ARE

When you go out into the woods and you look at trees, you see all these different trees. And some of them are bent and some of them are straight. Some of them are evergreens and some of them are whatever. And you look at the tree and you allow it. You see why it is the way it is. You sort of understand that it didn't get enough light and so it turned that way. And you don't get emotional about it. You just allow it. You appreciate the tree.

The minute you get near humans you lose all that. And you are constantly saying "You're too this, or I'm too this." That judging mind comes in. So I practice turning people into trees which means appreciating them just the way they are.

Written by Ram Dagg



This is a handicap-accessible facility.