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PENTECOST & CONFIRMATION

We hear the word Pentecost and we know that it has importance in Christianity but it's possible that not all of us could explain what it is to a non-Christian. It's the day that we remember and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the earliest followers of Jesus.

When the Jewish community had gathered for Shavuot, which is a harvest festival also commemorating the anniversary of the day when God gave the Torah to the nation of Israel, Peter stood up and preached his first sermon among the people. This is when he announced that Jesus had been raised and that the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon them. Peter urged the listeners to be baptized in the name of Jesus and to repent. It is written in the book of Acts 2:41 (NIV), "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." That must have been quite the sermon!

Some say that Pentecost is the actual birth of the church because so many were moved and believed in Jesus as their savior that day. From a spiritual perspective, this is also an important day as the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it.

How appropriate, then, that we will recognize the confirmation of six youths on Sunday, June 2, followed by a celebration of Pentecost the next Sunday, June 9. May they all be filled with the Holy Spirit that day and always! We are very excited to anticipate the many contributions they will bring forth throughout their spiritual journeys.

- Chery Smola

MAY BASKETS

A huge thank you to Elaine Stromberg for leading the Youth Group as they put together and delivered May Day gifts. Beautiful gift bags were filled with treats, including brownies made by the youth, as well as activities (puzzle book), gifts (pen and water bottle), a number of pieces of literature including the Sunday bulletin and a card signed by members of the congregation.

Recipients included Dorothy Abrahamsen, Charlotte Twaddell, Winnie Neiman, Floyd Segner, Mike Burnley and Rita Wesler. The Young, Twaddell, Reidy, Grant and Eckerdt families made the deliveries. Thank you!

- Jay Eckerdt



SUMMER DONATION DRIVE

While many take time off during the summer, those who lack enough food for their families to survive don't stop being hungry.

If you are able, please consider donating to our food drive where we support local social service organizations to replenish their pantry shelves. A great way to support this effort is to look through the local grocery store or newspaper sale flyers. Often, there are sales going on where you can spend less money on the needed items while still making a huge impact. Don't forget about sale items from warehouse clubs like BJ's and Costco.

And why not pick up a Giant or Redner's card from Doug Beck and support St. Peter's while you help to support those in need? Donation boxes will be located in the Pikeland Wing from June 9 until August 25.

- 6/09 Cans of soup
- 6/16 Canned vegetables
- 6/23 Cans or boxes of pasta
- 6/30 Cans of meat or fish
- 7/07 Dry cereal, crackers, pretzels
- 7/14 Toilet paper, paper products
- 7/21 Cleaning products

With confirmation scheduled for June 2, I've given a lot of thought to the promises that were once made at the baptisms of our youth by their parents. These promises included promising to live with him/her among God's faithful people, to bring him/her to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper, to teach him/her the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed and the Ten Commandments, to place in his/her hands the holy scriptures, to nurture him/her in faith and prayer, so that he/she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.



These are big promises and are very important. Thankfully, many people take them seriously and do their best to fulfill them. I struggle with what to do to help the many parents who do not take their promises seriously and who do not make Jesus and the church an important part of the life of their children. Other than remind parents of these promises and encourage them to fulfill their promises, there is little that I can do.

I ask each of you to pray for all parents of baptized children and pray that their children will be blessed with a growing relationship with Jesus. Further, I encourage each of you to reach out to parents so that they may know that they are loved and that help is available for them as they try to fulfill the vows they made at their children's baptisms.

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PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:	
Betty Ann Ryberg (Grant)	5-05-19
Received into Membership:	
The Philip Grant family	5-05-19
Weddings	
Patricia Ortegae & T.J. McCormick	5-18-19
Funeral (graveside):	5-22-19
Sara Patterson	
Confirmation Scheduled:	6-02-19
Anna Eckerdt, Rodger Grant, Caden Reidy, Eric Twaddell, Cole Young, Kira Young	
Wedding Scheduled:	
Gabriel Rebolla & Peter Guintoli	8-17-19
Amanda Bleacher & Kurt Goerlich	11-08-19



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
 Midge Bates
 Stephanie Bilash
 Family of Pat Bodine
 Marilyn Burk
 Peggy & Mike Burnley
 Lori Burnley
 Anthony Casperite
 Elizabeth Casperite
 Michael Cesario
 Jill Clark
 Calvin Clifford
 Family of Greg Cole
 Harry Cornog
 Gary Derr
 Kenneth Dobson
 Sigi Eichinger
 Daniel Frey
 Shirley Harp
 Family of Richard Kropp
 Marjorie Kropp
 Peter & Jean Marchianco
 Atea McArel
 Mulcahy Family

Anthony Napolitano
 Winnie Neiman
 Linda Patton
 Sally Peirson
 Debbie Phillips
 Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager
 Family of 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)
 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:

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

Debbie Francis
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WHEN DO WE SHARE THE MESSAGE OF JESUS?

When someone says the word evangelism, people tend to look down or away. It's like when you were in school and the teacher would ask for the answer to a hard question or ask for a volunteer. "Don't make eye contact and maybe the teacher won't call on you."

Evangelism is not as hard as some may think. It's not about browbeating someone into believing; it is simply sharing what you have experienced. We readily share about movies, TV shows, books we've read, sporting events, even political happenings, so why not church? Are you embarrassed by what we do or by what is said here in church? If evangelism is simply sharing what you feel about your church and Jesus, it should be very comfortable and easy.

You don't need to be fake about it or act different in anyway. Just start by talking to people about something that was said or done in church recently. Some good things are happening here! We share a message of Jesus' love, forgiveness and salvation.

Will you become an evangelist? Simply tell a friend or family member about something good that was said or done here at St. Peter's or something that you learned about Jesus and his church here.

Simply sharing can be the foothold Jesus needs to enter the door of someone's heart and life. Rev. 3:20 (KJV), "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock..."

- Pastor Wesemann



IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...

Did you ever wonder how the newsletter is put together and eventually sent to you by mail or email? It begins with a reminder sent out early in the month by Cheryl Smola asking for articles and pictures for the next issue. This is followed by Council members, Committee representatives, the pastor, the office administrator and a few interested members emailing information and photos to Cheryl. All this is then gathered together and organized by Cheryl into the newsletter format.



Next, the newsletter is sent to Denise Rich who, along with Pastor and Debbie Francis, proofreads it for accuracy and grammar. Then, Denise makes all the corrections, sends the Herald out by email and also prints out the copies which are to be mailed.

That's not the end of the process. We have two folders from Brian's House, Len and Normie, who come to the office to fold the printed copies. Denise then addresses and puts seals on those which will be mailed. Some Heralds are placed in a box and taken to the church for distribution on Sunday and those to be mailed are placed in the mailbox. With any luck, this has your Herald arriving at your home or on your communication device by the first of the month.

Thank you to all those who help with the newsletter.

- Pastor Wesemann



The Wesley Bell Ringers in Concert

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

7:30 pm

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
1239 Clover Mill Rd.
Chester Springs, PA 19425
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(The Wesley Bell Ringers are from Christ United Methodist Church, Salt Lake City, UT)

GRAINS OF SALT, GRAMS OF KNOWLEDGE

"Kindness has converted more sinners than zeal, eloquence or learning." -Frederick Faber, Mormon Leader

"Every Christian goes through three conversions, first, the heart; then the head; and finally the purse." -Martin Luther

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." -Various

"There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life—happiness, freedom and peace of mind—are always attained by giving them to someone else." -Peyton Conway March, US Army Chief of Staff, 1918-1920

Taken from SALT, Seasoning Faith & Generosity

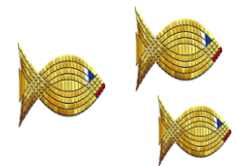
- Doris Sterner

FISHING FOR GOLD

Congratulations to the recent winners in for our Fishing for Gold fundraiser:

May Winners:

1. Nancy Cloeter
2. Doug Beck
3. Orville March



The next drawing will take place on Sunday, June 30. Please make sure you are paid up a week before the actual drawing so you will be eligible to win each month. Speak with Joanna Sheffer or Debbie Francis for more information or to make a payment.

THRIVENT CHOICE \$\$

In May, we received \$120 from Thrivent Financial for a total of \$463 in 2019. We thank Bob and Linda Patton, as well as Thrivent, for their generosity.

Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars periodically. All designations to our church through Thrivent are very much appreciated.

On Thrivent's website, St. Peter's Lutheran 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

VERY GRATEFUL

Mike and Peggy Burnley were surprised and delighted with the May Basket designed and filled by the St. Peter's Youth Group and their leaders. The contents of the "basket" were chosen with much thought for handicapped seniors who are unable to attend church on a regular basis. Mike enjoyed the pretzels, mints and the brownie—I only got a smidgen! The Sudoku book will be a challenge to both of us. The large water bottle will save me many trips to the fridge for drink requests. The rest of the gifts will all be used.

We enjoyed our visit with Jay and Mary Eckerdt who so kindly delivered the gift. Anna and Ethan filled us in on their love for swimming and football and how much dedication and hard work are involved.

Again, we would like to thank each and every person involved with this project. We appreciate the love and thoughtfulness we received.

In Christian Love,
Peggy and Mike Burnley



NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER



“Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in distress.” Psalm 31:9 NIV

More than one million Americans at or over age 40 are currently blind. Vision impairment creates problems for an additional 2.4 million. As Baby Boomers age, these numbers are expected to double. That means this is a problem for all of us. Blindness and visual impairment from many eye diseases and disorders can be reduced when detected and treated early. The leading causes of vision blindness and visual impairment include:

- **Diabetic Retinopathy:** This common complication of diabetes affects and impairs vision in nearly half of all diabetics to some degree over their lifetime. Blood vessels of the retina can break down, become blocked or leak. Effective treatment includes laser surgery and some medications. Diabetics require annual dilated eye exams.
- **Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD):** AMD is the most common cause of legal blindness and vision impairment in older Americans because it damages central vision. There is no generally accepted treatment, but laser therapies may reduce the risk of further vision loss.
- **Cataract:** This is the clouding of the lens of the eye and usually appears with advancing age but can be linked to smoking, diabetes and excessive exposure to sunlight. Surgical treatment can eliminate vision loss by replacing the eye's lens.
- **Glaucoma:** Vision loss is caused by gradual damage to the optic nerve which carries visual information from the eye to the brain. Vision loss is not noticed until significant nerve damage has occurred so screenings are important for early diagnosis when it can be controlled. Any vision loss cannot be restored.

We have a responsibility to care for our eyesight. God has given us our body and the resources to care for it. In I Corinthians 3:16 Paul tells us, “You yourselves are God’s temple and ...God’s spirit lives in you.” In verse 9 he says, “You are God’s field, God’s building.” By seeing our eye doctor regularly for vision exams and following our doctor’s advice, we become good stewards of our bodies. We use the resources God has given us so we can become the extraordinary servants He intends us to be.

(from Seasons of Wholeness, Vol VI, Church Health Center)

June 2019	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>				
	2	9	16	23	30
Greeters	Larry Smola	Peggy Burnley	Cam Cloeter	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Kristen Wright
Ushers	Bob Patton Walter Supplee	Larry Smola Cam Cloeter	Dave Sterner Caden Reidy	John Young Cole Young	Luanne Skurka Michael Derr
Lector	Robert Phillips	Sarah Schreier	Christine Reidy	Doris Sterner	Elaine Stromberg
Cantor	Debbie Phillips	Frank Riepen	Cheryl Smola	Ted & Sue Weicheld	Doris Sterner
Communion Assistants	Karen Cannizzaro Cam Cloeter	TBD	Anna Eckerdt	--	Christine Reidy Joanna Sheffer
Acolytes	Gary Segner	Ethan Eckerdt	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Rodger Grant	Kayla Reidy
Altar Flowers	Dave & Sarah Schreier	Joanna Sheffer	Linda Devereaux	Un-sponsored	Carol Lauer
Bulletins	Carol Maholland	Walter Supplee	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
Fellowship	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Christian Education
Altar Team	Betsy Burns		Jacqui deNight		Carm Venezia
Counters	Karen Cannizzaro & Doris Sterner				
Bread/Wine	Bread: Pastor & Cathy Wesemann		Wine: Dave & Sarah Schreier		
Paper Goods	Un-sponsored				

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

**THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF FINANCES
JANUARY 1 THROUGH APRIL 30 2019:**

Total Income: \$50,151
 Total Expenses: \$58,644
 Total Surplus (Deficit): **(\$8,493)**

Happy Father's Day!

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

- Mark Twain

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. A television network
3. Temporarily hot thing
6. Western hemisphere continent (abbr.)
8. Bottom of a dress
10. Adam's wife
11. Drink slowly
12. Evade
14. Overtake
16. 120 volts _____
17. Inventor of the light bulb and phonograph
19. Preposition
20. Sea (French)
21. Summer month
24. Glowing bit of wood
26. Mexican corn cakes
27. Whitetail
28. Wildebeest
29. A New England state (abbr.)
30. Group of puppies or kittens
32. Diphthong combination
33. Material
35. Battery terminal
37. Bovine animal
38. Stuff in a pen
40. Pickup from Fiat-Chrysler
41. A New England state (abbr.)
42. Coy
43. A Canadian province (abbr.)

Down

1. Played unfairly
2. Word on a doormat
3. Small waterway
4. Audio-visual (abbr.)
5. _____ *Ex Machina* (ancient plot device in Greek and Roman theater)
6. Title of respect
7. What you put on your smart phone or tablet
9. Greek M
11. Dawn
13. Black mark
15. Trip
18. Invisible light (abbr.)
22. Person from the Silver State
23. Holds in high regard
25. Under
26. Underhanded
28. Sporty car designation
31. That's partner
33. A part of FDR's New Deal
34. Man whose wife was turned to a pillar of salt (Gen 19:26)
36. Either's partner
39. A New England state (abbr.)

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

Solution to the May puzzle below.

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Christmastime is always a hectic time of year as we prepare for family gatherings in celebration of the birth of Jesus. Rarely do we slow down enough to truly embrace the miracle of the birth of our Savior.

Our church sanctuary will be open on Saturday, July 27, for people to walk through various stations created by Shaina Hlavac, Sarah Schreier, Cheryl Smola, Doris Sterner and Cathy Wesemann, and to reflect and recapture the spirit of Christmas in their hearts a little early this year.

Unlike the Easter Vigil, there is no need to sign up for a specific time for this event as the church will be made available for 12 hours! People can come and go at a time that best fits their schedules. We encourage everyone to bring along family and friends of all ages!

Date: Saturday, July 27
Time: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Place: St. Peter's Lutheran Church



This is a handicap-accessible facility.