

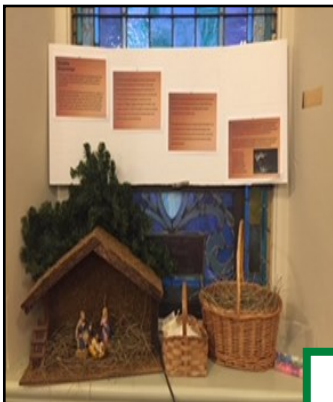
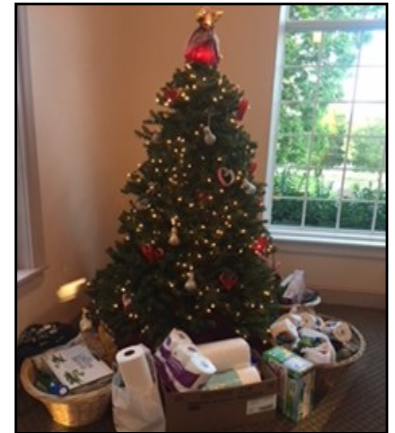


The HERALD

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

St. Peter's hosted a **Christmas in July** event on Saturday, July 27, and it was well received by those who attended. Anytime we can be reminded that Jesus is the Light of the World and we can reflect on the many gifts and blessings we've received throughout our lives, when we can think about the times when we are truly listening and notice we do receive messages from God, when we know we are meant to share our faith and love back out into the world in order to feel fully joyful and yet remain humble, just the way Jesus began his life ... well, it's a good day.

Many thanks to those who created the stations and helped in creating a Christmas-like atmosphere in the church so we could embrace the true spirit of Christmas in our hearts mid-way through the year.



Summertime joys and blues. You would think that summer would bring everyone joy. You would think! But summertime (it could be the heat) makes us, at times, a little lethargic and leaves us with the blues especially when we are working or have chores to do, which may not allow us relaxation or some place comfortable and cool. As a pastor, I have it better than most. The places I visit are usually air-conditioned and what's so hard about talking with you great people?

But there are times when I have a hard time getting out of the office to visit. On a trip to St. Thomas a long time ago, Cathy and I watched as a store employee, when asked to refold and put away a tablecloth, responded to the store manager, "It's so hard, man." There are times during the summer when I feel just like that store employee. "It's so hard, man." Still, I do my writing just the same and I go out and visit the sick, the shut-ins and those who I haven't seen for a while.

I'm sure there are some of you that feel the same and some who look at your alarm clocks on Sunday mornings, thinking that it's time to get ready to go to church and then say, "It's so hard, man."



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Would it be different if I preached sermons that did not challenge you? Would it not be so hard then? Or if we made worship more fun, more entertaining, more inspiring and completely different every week? We could have a rock service one week and a jazz service the next, then a traditional service, then a folk service, then a contemporary service followed by an African American-inspired service. Would that make it all easy enough?

What I have found is that people generally go to church because they want to praise God, to learn about Jesus, to feel God's love, to grow their relationship with Jesus and to be part of a Christian community. For most Christians, entertainment is just a bonus.

When you wake up on Sunday mornings and feel that going to church is "so hard", remember St. Peter's has a lot to offer you and you have a lot to offer each other. Plus, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, God the Father and joy are found here.

PASTORAL ACTS

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
 Al & Marilyn Burk
 Peggy & Mike Burnley
 Lori Burnley
 Anthony Casperite
 Elizabeth Casperite
 Michael Cesario
 Jill Clark
 Calvin Clifford
 Harry Cornog
 Gary Derr
 Kenneth Dobson
 Sigi Eichinger
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 Kathy & Wade Frey
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 Marjorie Kropp
 Peter & Jean Marchianco
 Atea McArel

Anthony Napolitano
 Winnie Neiman
 Linda Patton
 Sally Peirson
 Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager
 Dennis Reed
 Schwartz family
 (Ethan, Martrese, Eric & Julianna)
 Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers
 Floyd Segner
 Gary Segner
 Dorothy Schmidt
 Amanda Smith
 Mary Lou Tate
 Paul Theisen
 Charlotte Twaddell
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 Fred Wesemann
 Rita Wesler
 Jo Ann Willenbrock

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

MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS



Fellowship is sponsoring an outdoor Movie Night at the pavilion on Saturday, August 10, at 7 pm. Movie for viewing will be "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them".

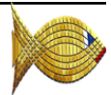
Please bring a snack to share. There will be a bonfire and s'mores to follow.

SUMMER DONATION DRIVE

Our summer donation drive will continue until August 25. Boxes are available in the Pikeland Wing for donations of canned soup, vegetables, meat or fish, cans or boxes of pasta, dry cereal, crackers, pretzels, toilet paper, paper products or cleaning products.

The donation drive will help support local social service organizations to replenish their pantry shelves.

FISHING FOR GOLD



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

June Winners:

1. Kathy Hartman
2. Debbie Francis
3. Bruce Hartman

July Winners:

1. Richard Weicheld
2. Bruce Hartman
3. Larry Smola

The next drawing will take place on Sunday, August 25. Please make sure you are paid up a week before the drawing so that you will be eligible to win each month. Speak with Debbie Francis or Joanna Sheffer to make a payment or for more information.



Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, August 10, 2019
 9:00 AM

Rain date: August 17, 2019



**Watch for
sign-up sheets
to be placed in
Fellowship Hall.**

MEALS FOR ST. MARY'S SHELTER

DATE	MEAL SUGGESTIONS
9/09/2019	Lasagna, baked ziti or spaghetti and meatballs
9/10/2019	Ham or meatloaf
9/11/2019	Stew or chili
9/12/2019	Macaroni & cheese, chicken or tuna casserole
9/13/2019	Hotdogs, hamburgers, sloppy joes and buns

Volunteer delivery drivers needed.

IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...



The beauty of our property is mentioned time and again by our guests and our members. This beauty is enhanced by a paid landscaper who comes twice each year, thanks to the generosity of one of our members, a lawn mowing service and the simple grunt work of our members. I want to thank Mike Derr for repainting the church doors, weeding the gardens around the church and spraying other areas to hold back nature's attempts to take over.

While thankful for Mike's work, I would like you to make sure that it does not all fall to Mike's willing hands. If we each put in five minutes of weeding every couple of weeks, our church will remain clear of weeds during the whole growing season. Thank you all who are willing to get your hands dirty.

Thank you also to the Sterners who gave the Scattering Garden a good spring cleaning, trimmed bushes, pulled some weeds and put down mulch. The garden looks very nice. Thanks.

Pastor Wesemann

THRIVENT CHOICE \$\$

In July, we received \$32 from Thrivent Financial for a total of \$495 in 2019. We thank Rod and Dotty Frey, as well as Thrivent, for their generosity.

Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars periodically. All designations to our church through Thrivent are so 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 continued support.

- Pastor Wesemann

FROM LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY IN PA

Lutherans have a deep-rooted history in refugee and immigrant issues. One of every six Lutherans in the world was a refugee or displaced person after WWII. The God-given dignity in all people and value of family unity have been cornerstones of ELCA faith-based advocacy and we understand that many immigrants, as well as their families, are both afraid and confused by recent developments. Daily experiences of ministries, Lutheran organizations and members "keep before us—so that we do not forget—the grim realities many immigrants face and the strength of character and resourcefulness newcomers demonstrate," notes the ELCA social message "Immigration".

REACHING OUT: In the ELCA Advocacy Action Center, Action Alerts are available for you to customize with your message to your member of Congress. Begin from the following: "Take action to secure funding for humane and just immigration system". **Use your voice as funding decisions are made.**

Other ways to urge U.S. immigration enforcement policy to recognize human dignity, uphold human rights, ensure the safety and well-being, and treat all individuals and families fairly and with respect, are to: Call your Member of Congress at (202) 224-3121 to connect with your two Senators and one Representative. *Find our who represents you from govtrack.us/congress/members. Tweet, and tag @DHSgov and @POTUS or other official.*

NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

Life never stays the same. There are several stages with unique challenges that make each one memorable. As new parents you add new responsibilities and a baby to your life while trying to establish yourselves as a couple. This new role means sharing your partner with someone else so make sure you talk to each other, have a date night and share your struggles. Adjustment is easier when you know what challenges exist.

The next stage is the teen years and the bid for independence. This coincides with financial concerns such as maintaining a home, supporting the family, preparing for college and possibly helping an elderly parent. Know that the caregiver role for your child is starting to end. To prepare your child for adulthood, teach him/her about financial and personal responsibility and be open with your spouse about any conflicts you have about letting go.

Next is sending your child off to college, career or marriage. You are no longer the parent/controller but a friend/advisor. If this is your last child, it may mean reconnecting with your spouse since the previous years have been focused on your child(ren). You might also be adding the role of caregiver for a parent. Keep in mind as you struggle with your changing roles, your parent is also struggling with his/her loss of independence. Be patient, include your parent in decisions when possible, ask siblings and friends for help and be honest about your feelings.

The last stage is retirement where some have a loss of identity because they no longer work while others find new beginnings. To make the transition successful, consciously look for things to do. Resurrect an old hobby or find a new one. Travel to visit family and spend time with your grandchildren. If you can't travel, call them on the phone or use email. Stay connected and interested and you will find a whole new world.

(Source: Magellan Health Services)

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an International Exchange Student
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Host families provide: A bed, 3 meals a day, as well as a loving environment, friendship and a desire to share American culture. SHARE! students all speak English, come fully medically insured and with their own spending money for personal expenses. They attend the host family's local high school for a school year or semester.



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www.sharenortheast.org
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/7 Youth Group Car Wash Fundraiser
- 9/8 Pancake Breakfast
- 9/9-13 Meals for St. Mary's
- 9/21 Movies and Faith
Kyles Quillows
- 9/28 God's Work, Our Hands
- 10/12 Vespers and Bonfire



More info will be provided on these soon!

CHOIRS

Choir rehearsals will be starting up again very soon. If you are interested in joining the bells, adult or children's choir, now is a great time to start.

Please speak with Gabriel Rebolla if you would like to participate.



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	29	30	31	1 6:15 pm Music & Worship Committee	2	3
4 8th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 am Worship—Communion Rev. Karl Krueger 11:30 am Outreach Committee	5	6	7	8	9	10 9:00 am Adopt-A-Highway 7:00 pm Movie Night at the Pavilion
11 9th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Rev. Karl Krueger 11:30 am Evangelism Committee	12	13 6:00 pm Executive Committee	14	15	16	17 5:00 pm Rebolla/Giuntoli Wedding
18 10th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 am Worship—Communion 11:30 am Property Committee Christian Education	19	20 6:30 pm Council	21	22	23 7:30 pm “Beyond the Sea” Concert St. Peter’s UCC	24
25 11th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Committee Last day for the summer donation drive	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Midge Bates
Lily Beidler
Ryan Burnley
Alison Burnley
Carolyn Chernous
Kathleen Friday
Rodger Grant
Fiona Lauer

Charlene McArel
Madeline Osarczuk
Lenox Osarczuk
Clayton Riepen
Dorothy Schmidt

Brianna Schneider
David Schreier
Gary Segner
Cheryl Smola
Dorothea Streit
Walter Supplee
Matthew Wood

Anniversaries

Anthony & Elizabeth Casperite	22
Rick & MaryAnn Ford	37
Daniel & Jody Frey	11
Brian & Beverly Ludlow	17
Robert & Debbie Phillips	43
Pastor Ron & Cathy Wesemann	42
Ben & Jill Witt	4



COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

1	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
2		LABOR DAY. Office closed.
5	6:15 pm	Music & Worship Committee
7	7:30 am	Car Wash Fundraiser
8	11:30 am	Evangelism Committee
		Chris. Ed. Committee
9—13		Meals for St. Mary’s
10	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
11		PATRIOT DAY
15	11:30 am	Property Committee
17	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
21	4:30 pm	Movies and Faith
22	11:30 am	Fellowship Committee
23		Autumn Begins
28		God’s Work, Our Hands
30		ROSH HASHANAH

August 2019	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>			
	4	11	18	25
Greeters	Marilyn Burk	Eckerdt Family	Robert Phillips	Young Family
Ushers	Doug Beck Carm Venezia	Karen Cannizzaro Rebecca Cannizzaro	Tom & Ginny Grant	Bruce & Kathy Hartman
Lector	Al Burk	Doug Beck	Cam Cloeter	Rebecca Cannizzaro
Cantor	Erin Johnson	Debbie Phillips	Frank Riepen	Cheryl Smola
Communion Assistants	Robert & Debbie Phillips	--	Sarah Schreier Kristy Young	--
Acolytes	Anna Eckerdt	Ethan Eckerdt	Rodger Grant	Gary Segner
Altar Flowers	Debbie Francis	Cam & Nancy Cloeter	Doug Beck Carm Venezia	Pastor & Cathy Wesemann
Bulletins	Debbie Francis	Un-sponsored	Doug Beck Carm Venezia	Walter Supplee
Fellowship	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
Altar Team	Diann Riepen		Dave Sterner	
Counters	Joanna Sheffer & Robert Phillips			
Bread/Wine	Bread and Wine: Phillips			
Paper Goods	Un-sponsored			

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Total Income: \$59,946
 Total Expenses: \$75,583
 Total Surplus (Deficit): **(\$15,637)**

Church Sign Humor:

TOO HOT TO KEEP CHANGING THE SIGN.

SIN BAD - JESUS GOOD

DETAILS INSIDE

- Submitted by Erin Johnson

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.

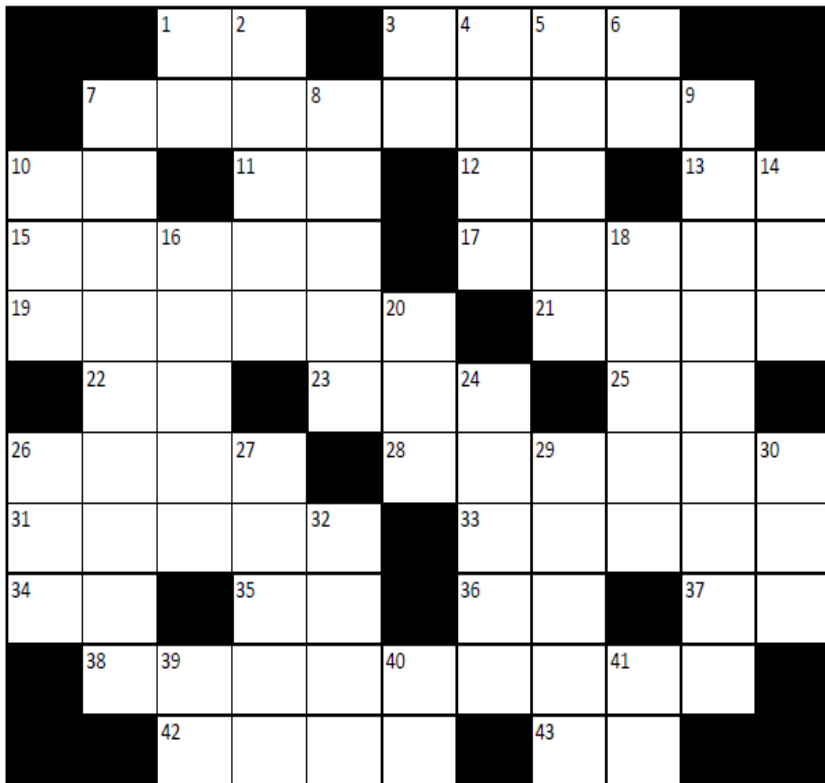
CROSSWORD PUZZLE - BY BOB PATTON

Across

1. Designation meaning "in the year of our Lord"
3. Gospel written first, chronologically
7. ___ Tomb Raider (2 words)
10. "Oh ___ of little faith"
11. Morning letters
12. Chemical symbol for Silver
13. Laughing syllable
15. Bring out
17. French hat
19. "___ Night"
21. Exam
22. Chemical symbol for Titanium
23. Quick swim in a pool
25. A news agency (abbr.)
26. Plunge
28. From whence a sermon is delivered
31. Stringent
33. Dangerous
34. Greek "N"
35. Spanish abbr. for 39-down
36. Contraction describing me
37. Spanish "is"
38. Month when autumn begins
42. Western state originally called "Deseret"
43. Chemical symbol for Tin

Down

1. Well known support group
2. Male duck
3. Common prefix for many Irish names
4. Middle-Easterner
5. Thesaurus writer
6. Chemical symbol for Potassium Fluoride
7. Third book of the Bible
8. Edit
9. Important volleyball player
10. Affirmative answer
14. Large cell phone service provider
16. Salad or martini ingredient
18. Harvests
20. ___ of the iceberg
24. Jewish holiday based on the book Esther
26. One of the twelve tribes of Israel
27. Act like a volcano
29. Arms and legs
30. Belonging to baseball player Cobb
32. Second Greek letter
39. Most of a continent across the Atlantic Ocean (abbr.)
40. "What?"
41. Fourteenth letter



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

Solution to the July puzzle below.

B	L	I	M	P		P	A	R	T	S
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T	E		A	L	A	M	O		A	R
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		I	R			A	L			
L	E	M	O	N		E	L	D	E	R
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C	I	V	I	C		I	N	D	I	A
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 Contact the church office for further details.



Car wash, bake sale & farmer's market fundraiser

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Saturday
September 7, 2019
8 am - 1 pm

In addition to our youth and parents, we are asking for some help to make this a really successful fundraiser! Please let Jay Eckerdt know if you can help:

- Wash & dry cars
- Bake some goodies
- Provide vegetables/flowers from your garden.
- Work at the bake table
- Work at the farmers' market table

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