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HERALD

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE YOUTH GROUP

Below are a few pictures taken at the recent car wash, bake sale and fall market sale that was held to help offset the cost of the Youth Group's trip to an ELCA Youth Assembly. To see more pictures, you can visit our website at:

<https://www.stpeterschestersprings.org/wordpress/youth-group/youth-group-car-wash-2019/>



With God, All Things Are Possible.



Thank you for supporting our event!

“Hatch, Match and Dispatch!” Many years ago, a cynical pastor, a friend of mine, described the work of the pastor in those terms. So, what did he mean? He was suggesting that the People of God are most interested in having a pastor to “hatch”, that is, to be there at the time of birth and to baptize the child, then to have a pastor available in order to “match”, that is, to unite in marriage a couple that feels that they have found in the other their match, and finally, to have a pastor available to “dispatch”, that is, to perform the funeral and burial services of church members.

The cynical pastor was not wrong about the congregation’s wants or needs in a pastor under those circumstances, but I have learned that the pastor very often has the opportunity to grow to be a member of the church family. There is much more to what is asked of a pastor than “Hatch, Match and Dispatch” and much more for which a pastor feels wanted and needed.



St. Peter’s has become family for Cathy and me. It is great to watch as the kids in our church family grow up. First Communion and Confirmation are times for which we celebrate. We are excited to share in the weddings of church members, past and present. I am honored to stand at the bedside of those who are sick and dying, offering Jesus’ words of healing and comfort. Sadly, a piece of us dies with each member who dies, but it is a special honor to celebrate with the families the resurrection life of their loved ones with our Lord.

I pray now that the blessings Cathy and I receive as we embrace St. Peter’s will appear but a shadow of the blessings that you experience in your lives.

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PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings Scheduled:

Amanda Bleacher & Kurt Goerlich	11-08-19
Alica McGowen & Paul Wesemann	2-29-20
Alexandra Kathleen Opsal & Luke Magolda	3-29-20

Funeral Scheduled:

Daniel Sterner Graveside Service at Scattering Garden	10-19-19
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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
Glenn Allen
Esther Altmann
Midge Bates
Stephanie Bilash
Al & Marilyn Burk
Peggy Burnley & family
Lori Burnley
Anthony Casperite
Elizabeth Casperite
Michael Cesario
Jill Clark
Calvin Clifford
Harry Cornog
Terri Crimi, Lewis Branin
and Nicholas & Christopher
Gary Derr
Kenneth Dobson
Sigi Eichinger
Daniel Frey
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Dennis Reed
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(Ethan, Martrese, Eric &
Julianna)
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Mary Lou Tate
Paul Theisen
Charlotte Twaddell
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Jo Ann Willenbrock
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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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SANCTUARY CHURCH

The ELCA's announcement of the intention of the Church to work toward being a "sanctuary church" has brought about some emotional responses, both negative and positive. Part of this is the result of a volatile political climate and the association of this announcement with one specific political issue, immigration. I don't doubt that the politics of the time brought this initiative to the floor of the ELCA Assembly, but I want to remind you of a long history of the church serving as sanctuary.

In its talking points the ELCA wrote this following sentence: "Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors." Consider, if you will, the fact that we call the area of the church where we worship the "sanctuary". Historically, governments worldwide, except for the harshest of dictatorships, have honored the church's right to be a place of safety, to be a sanctuary. The idea is that the church is here to provide a safe place for its members, for those in need and actually for everyone.

The implications of the announcement have not been fully investigated, but it is my hope that the ELCA will put together a study document for congregations and members to read and discuss. I hope that anyone concerned about the announcement will feel free to discuss, here at St. Peter's, the ELCA's announcement and any documents produced to describe it. Usually such study documents provide the opportunity for congregations and individuals to ask questions and express opinions to an ELCA Task Force responsible for working on the document.

The ELCA and all of its congregations are made up of people with varying politics and perspectives on social issues. While the statements of our church should stand separate from politics, varying politics and perspectives make our church a richer and stronger body. Everyone's perspective is welcome and can contribute to any future statement made by the church. If the history of social statements goes as in the past, the resultant statement will be Biblically based and include elements that will cause it to be liked and disliked (a little) by the members of the ELCA. Hopefully the result will be reflective of our membership's Christian values, world need and, most important, the love and will of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Pastor Wesemann

IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...

On a beautiful Saturday morning, our youth and their parents and others worked together to raise funds for the youth to go to a future ELCA Youth Assembly. The youth will be enriched by attending this event.

I want to thank everyone who gave up their Saturday morning, especially those who have no kids in their families, to wash cars and entice drivers to come to the car wash. (Thank you to Elaine Stromberg, Kristen Wright, Doris Sterner, Cheryl Smola plus Dave, Sarah, Ethan & Savannah Schreier). Thank you also to Jay and Mary Eckerdt for coordinating the event, to all the youth who participated, to Christine Reidy, John & Kristy Young, Tom Reidy and Larry Smola, the generous host, who made Limerick Sunoco available for the car wash and who also helped wash cars himself. I want to thank the many members who brought their cars in to get washed. I was told that Tom & Ginny were recognized for bringing the dirtiest car/van for washing. Frank & Diann's car ran a close second. Last but not least, thank you to those who baked goodies, supplied items from their gardens, eggs from their chicken coops and made crafty items for sale. The fundraiser did well, making over \$1,400. Thank you all!



YOUTH GROUP

Just a reminder that we will have a Youth Group Holman House Hangout on Sunday, October 6, after Youth Choir rehearsal, when we will be planning out some of the rest of this year's events.



Regarding property improvements, a thank you goes out to Bill Smith for weeding the Scattering Garden, to Paul Griffiths (cemetery sexton) for trimming trees in the cemetery and to Dave Schreier for also trimming the large tree near the Holman House parking lot. Your time and talents are so greatly appreciated.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Please bring your favorite dish to share. The Fellowship Committee will provide the main course. A sign-up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall.

POTLUCK LUNCHEON
REFORMATION
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27, 2019
AFTER WORSHIP



St. Mary's
Franciscan Shelter
For Homeless Families

September 12, 2019

Saint Peter's Lutheran Church
Chester Springs, Pa

Attn: Gabriela Streit

Dear Friends,

In the scriptures it says that "Not even a cup of cold water given in My Name will go unrewarded". The meals your Congregation supplied to our Shelter last week will merit many blessings for your Parish family. The meals certainly were a blessing to our families.

When our residents return each night from work or looking for work, they feel blessed to have a hot meal ready when they arrive. Our children, too, benefit from the nutritious meals and family time together enjoying them. Our staff and volunteers also delight in what your good people shared with us.

We thank you most sincerely and we ask also that you keep The Shelter in your prayers.

Gratefully,

Sr. Bernadette

Sr. Bernadette Dougherty

Staff and Guests of St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter

*The meals were so special!
Thank you and
God bless you.*

NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER



“The human spirit will endure sickness; but a broken spirit—who can bear?”
 - Proverbs 18:14 NRSV

Eating the right kinds of foods may give our brains what they need to avoid depression, or even to treat it once it's begun. When we are feeling depressed, sometimes the last thing that we think could improve our mood is our food. Surprisingly, researchers have been finding over the past decade that a healthy diet—one high in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, and seeds—can prevent depression. In contrast, a diet that is high in processed and refined foods actually increases the risk of depression for everyone, including children and teens. What's more amazing is that recent studies show that a healthy diet may not only prevent depression but could effectively treat it once it's started. One particular study showed that improving one's diet is significantly more effective in improving one's mood than what social support can do. Another study showed that the boost in mood that came from an improved diet was not temporary, but lasted the duration of the six month long study. Those and other recent findings are spurring the rise of a new field: nutritional psychiatry.

Depression has many causes, but it's really about an unhealthy brain. A poor diet makes depression worse by failing to provide the brain with the variety of nutrients it needs. Processed and deep-fried foods often contain trans fats that promote inflammation, which is believed to be a leading cause of depression. So what should we eat to support a happy and healthy brain? A diet comprised primarily of fruits and vegetables, healthy fats such as extra-virgin olive oil, legumes, nuts and whole grains will boost your mood. The complexity of the plant-based diet will provide the nutrition our brain needs, regulate our inflammatory response and support the good bacteria in our gut. A healthy diet has no negative side effects, unlike antidepressants, and it can prevent other health problems, such as heart disease, obesity and diabetes.

Source: *The Wall Street Journal*

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP



Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, October 26, 2019

9:00 AM

Rain date: November 2, 2019

First-time volunteers will need to sign a PennDOT release form and watch a brief safety video. For more information, please contact Bob Patton.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

One of the most efficient ways to give to charity is available only to those ages 70 ½ and older. It is known as the qualified charitable contribution (QCD) made directly from your IRA. Under a QCD, the charitable contribution made from an IRA is not included in the gross income of the IRA owner. Nor does the owner take a deduction for the contribution. In addition, the QCD counts toward the required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

A distribution must meet certain requirements to be a QCD. The charitable contribution must be made directly from the IRA custodian or trustee to the charity. QCDs are limited to no more than \$100,000 annually, no matter the amount of your RMD for the year. The IRA owner should have documentation in writing from the charity acknowledging the amount and date of the contribution.

Every act of faith tends to enrich the one who makes it. For most people, it is an act of faith to contribute a significant portion of their incomes to the programs of the church. Developing adequate faith for tithing is certain to bring deeper involvement in and stronger commitment to the church. Great spiritual enrichment will result.

From Stewardship, July 2019

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30	1	2	3 6:15 pm Music & Worship Committee	4	5
6 17th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship - Communion Baptism 11:30 am Outreach Committee 12:00 pm Youth Group Hangout	7	8 6:00 pm Executive Committee Yom Kippur	9	10	11	12 6:00 pm Vespers & Bonfire
13 18th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Evangelism Committee Christian Ed. Committee Property Committee No youth choir rehearsal Clergy Appreciation Day	14 Columbus Day Office closed	15 6:30 pm Council	16 National Boss Day Boscov's Friends Day	17	18	19 11:00 am Daniel Sterner Service at Scattering Garden 4:30 pm Movies & Faith
20 19th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship - Communion No youth choir rehearsal	21	22 7:30 pm Evening Bible Study	23 12:00 pm Bible Study/ Bag Lunch	24	25	26 9:00 am Adopt-A- Highway
27 20th Sunday After Pentecost Reformation Sunday 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Potluck Luncheon	28	29	30	31 Reformation Day	1 All Saints' Day	2 9:00 am Adopt-A- Highway Rain Date

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Marty Burke	Paul Hlavac	Debbie Schneider
Betsy Burns	Christopher Kerper	Floyd Segner
Karen Cannizzaro	Marjorie Kropp	Kenneth Sheffer
Marcella Curtiss	Jason Linderman	Larry Smola
Mike Derr	Bob Patton	Kate Vaughen
Julia Frey	Linda Patton	William Vaughen
Wade Frey	Diann Riepen	Margery Windolph

Anniversaries

Cody & Sara Beidler	4	Shawn & Carol Maholland	21
Andrew & Charli Daniel	10	Stephen & Jennifer Simon	13
Jay & Mary Eckerdt	26	Jeffrey & Carrie Sposetti	12
Mark & Meagan Foster	9	Bob & Elaine Stromberg	21
Tim & Erin Johnson	10	John & Kristy Young	25
Robert & Debbie Jones	45		

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

01		All Saints' Day
02	9:00 am	Adopt-A-Highway Rain Date
02		Jr. Youth Gathering/Synod
03		Jr. Youth Gathering/Synod
03	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
03		Daylight Saving Time Begins
05		Election Day
07	6:15 pm	Music & Worship Committee
10	11:30 am	Evangelism Committee
10	11:30 am	Chris. Ed. Committee
10	11:30 am	Property Committee
10	11:30 am	Executive Committee
11		Veterans Day
12	6:30 pm	Council
17	11:30 am	Annual Congregation Meeting
24	11:30 am	Fellowship Committee
27	7:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
		Pie Social follows
28		Thanksgiving Day

Adult Choir: 7:15 pm Thursdays & 9:15 am Sundays
 Youth Choir: 11:30 am Sundays
 Bell Choir: 12:00 pm Sundays

October 2019	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>			
	6	13	20	29
Greeters	John Young	Carmella Venezia	Kristen Wright	Peggy Burnley
Ushers	Dave Sterner Caden Reidy	Anna Eckerdt Kira Young	Walter Supplee John Young	Doug Beck Carm Venezia
Lector	Kathy Hartman	Erin Johnson	Carol Maholland	Bob Patton
Cantor	Jay Eckerdt	Erin Johnson	Debbie Phillips	Frank Riepen
Communion Assistants	Doug Beck John Young	--	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	--
Acolytes	Rodger Grant	Ethan Eckerdt	Anna Eckerdt	Bob Patton
Altar Flowers	Peggy Burnley	Betsy Burns	Un-sponsored	Bill Smith
Bulletins	Patton	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Bill Smith
Fellowship	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
Altar Team	Kristy Young		Marilyn Burk	
Counters	Doug Beck and Marilyn Burk			
Bread/Wine	Bread: Cannizzaro		Wine: Young	
Paper Goods	Un-sponsored			

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Total Income: \$97,499
 Total Expenses: \$113,531
 Total Surplus (Deficit): **(\$16,032)**

"Gratitude, the ability to count your blessings, is the ultimate way to connect with the heart."

- Baptist de Pape

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. ___ 51 (classified area in Nevada)
5. ___ Street
11. Appendages
12. Plant ___ (anti-oxidant)
13. CD followers
14. Weekend comedy on NBC (abbr.)
15. Letters in a love letter
16. Opposite of west
20. Second smallest state (abbr.)
21. Retired soldier (2 words)
25. Nickname of Mariah Carey
26. Painful, as joints
27. Cleopatra's lover
30. Indefinite pronoun
31. Start of a poker game
32. "That is" in Latin (abbr.)
33. Spanish aunt
35. Historic tale
37. Type of chair
41. Oohs and ___
42. Solar or wind, for example
43. Inventor of the steam engine

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

Solution to the September puzzle below.

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Down

1. Amazon's helper
2. Martin Luther started one
3. Cackleberry
4. ___ Wednesday
5. High performance Chevy of old
6. Visitor wanting to phone home
7. Opposite of NW
8. "Art" in Latin
9. "___ Football" (2 words)
10. Ms. DeGeneres
16. Brand of bottled water
17. Common diphthong
18. Pennsylvania, for example
19. Kind of support
22. "Peace" in Russian
23. "It's fun to stay at the ___"
24. Greek "R"
27. Pope's hat
28. Where to find Matthew, Mark, Luke & John (abbr.)
29. Leavening agent
34. High card
35. Wood-cutting tool
36. You call them when you need a tow
38. Chemical symbol for Krypton
39. "For example" in Latin (abbr.)
40. Stock symbol for the Royal Bank of Canada



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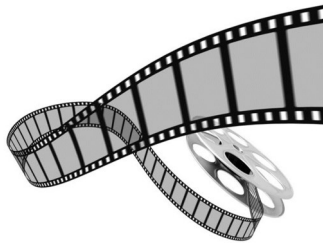


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October 12, 2019
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and S'Mores to share



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MOVIES & FAITH GROUP
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Saturday, October 19, 2019
4:30 pm



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