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UPCOMING EVENTS

When we think of the month of September, it reminds us that an end to our summer is nearing. We don't often associate it with a sense of "newness", like springtime. But, this month does bring with it a new season. We enter into autumn; a time when nature decides to take a rest and restore, yet it shines with vibrant hues of burnt reds, deep oranges and various shades of yellows. And whether we're a fan of this season or not, for just a brief moment, we get glimpses of these colors and it brings with it a sense of awe and maybe even gives us a chance to restore ourselves.

As school comes into full swing for the children and college students, September also begins many activities here at St. Peter's. Almost a kind of "newness". Our choirs, Sunday School and Adult Forum will resume and we also have made available a few opportunities for people to come together and serve in community.

Here are a few examples of what to note on your calendar:



Smola's Limerick Sunoco

414 W. Ridge Pike

Limerick, PA

Car wash, bake sale & farmer's market fundraiser

Sponsored by St. Peter's Youth Group

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 aarden.
- Work at the bake table
- Work at the farmers' market table

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

AFTER WORSHIP



MOVIES & FAITH GROUP

invites you to view the movie in Fellowship Hall

"THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE"

Saturday, September 21

4:30 pm - Movie begins at 5:00 pm

Pizza will be provided

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I did a lot of traveling this past summer. I went to Paris, Normandy and Alaska. Cathy and I are truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to travel. Well, vacation time is coming to an end. I may spend a couple days at the shore, but I expect to be here each and every Sunday between now and my son's wedding in February. We all need vacation time, whether it is away or spent relaxing at home. I sincerely hope that you had a rewarding vacation season. With summer coming to a close, I hope that you will now make a similar commitment and be here in church regularly. Remember, the church needs you almost as much as we all need the church.

With fall approaching, we will begin our full schedule of meetings, study opportunities and specialty fellowship events. Worship and study are essential

EARLY FALL BACKYARD PICNIC

for us in the church body, but church is not limited

to support the car wash, bake sale and farmer's market as well as make and deliver meals to St.

Mary's Shelter. We will be reviving "Movies and

Consider adding your talents and abilities to

those already involved in our church programs and

committees and consider having a little fun by par-

property concerns to worship ideas.

ticipating in our fellowship events.

Faith", an event for viewing and discussing movies. We will also be meeting to discuss everything from

This September we will be looking for volunteers

to those.

Cam and Nancy Cloeter, relatively new members, have graciously extended an invitation to the congregation to join them at their home for a fall picnic. They ask only that we share by bringing some sides and desserts as they will provide the drinks and main course. So, the question is, who is to bring the sides and who is to bring the desserts? If your last name begins with "A-M", please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with "N-Z", please bring a dessert. If you want to trade with someone, feel free. Since September 29 is a Sunday, we will all want a little time to go home AFTER ATTENDING CHURCH (pastor's insertion) and change into more relaxing clothes. Thus, the picnic will begin at 2:30 pm.

Additional information and directions to the

Cloeter's home will be available at the church. To make the planning easier for Cam and Nancy, we will put a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Are you looking forward to a good time?



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PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding:

Gabriel Rebolla & Peter Giuntoli 8-17-19

Funerals:

Dolores Marcinkevich 8-24-19
Kenneth Tshudy 8-30-19
(George) Michael Burnley 8-31-19

lf you would like to submit an article or become a sponsor for the Herald, please contact Cheryl Smola or email it to csmola2@msn.com.



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 Burnley Family of Mike Burnley Lori Burnley Anthony Casperite Elizabeth Casperite Michael Cesario Jill Clark Calvin Clifford Harry Cornog Nicholas & Christopher Gary Derr Kenneth Dobson Sigi Eichinger

Tarri Crimi, Lewis Branin & sons
Nicholas & Christopher
Gary Derr
Kenneth Dobson
Sigi Eichinger
Daniel Frey
Kathy & Wade Frey
Shirley Harp
Marjorie Kropp
Peter & Jean Marchianco
Family of Dolores Marcinkevich
Atea McArel
Mulcahy Family

Anthony Napolitano Winnie Neiman Linda Patton Sally Peirson Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager Dennis Reed Family of Danny Reidy Diann Riepen Schwartz family (Ethan, Martrese, Eric & Julianna) Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers Floyd Segner Gary Segner Dorothy Schmidt Family of Kenneth Tshudy Amanda Smith 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

IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...

Christmas in July has become a reality within the retail community and is getting coverage from the local news outlets. Five of our members had the mind to recapture the heart of Christmas and put together an event cen-

tered around the story of Christmas.

On Saturday, July 27, the church was decorated for Christmas and five stations were set up telling the story, the meaning and the feeling of the Christmas celebration. Crafts were included along with some activities and messages to ponder. The story was told beginning before Christmas, with the angelic visits.

Thank you to Cheryl Smola, Shaina Hlavac, Sarah Schreier, Doris Sterner and Cathy Wesemann for opening themselves to the Holy Spirit and making this all possible. Thank you also to Larry Smola (and me) for helping out with some of the grunt work.

- Pastor Wesemann

MEALS FOR ST. MARY'S

A reminder to everyone who signed up to either prepare meals and/ or delivery them, that we are scheduled to support the residents of St. Mary's Shelter the week of September 9-13.



Thank you to all who are volunteering time and cooking skills.

"When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them. It may take a second to say but for them it could last a lifetime"

- Source Unknown

Sunday October 12, 2019 6 PM Casual attire



THE PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP

- Being a **grateful steward** is our Christian response to what God has first given us—the creation of life, Jesus Christ, the community of believers. We recognize that God comes first.
- Being a **responsible steward** is our way of acknowledging and showing faith in the Gospel. This involves how we treat ourselves, our family and our friends.
- Being a **self-sacrificing steward** is based on the self-sacrifice of Christ. For our sake, Jesus gave up everything to make us rich through the cross and the resurrection. We, too, are called to sacrifice so others may share in God's Word and blessings.
- Being a **willing steward** means each of us has been moved by the Holy Spirit and are prepared to give. We are to give of our time, our talents and our resources.
- Being a **sharing steward** recognizes the gifts each person has received from God and each person's relationship with Jesus Christ and members in the Body of Christ. We are to develop and share these gifts with others.
- Being a **proportionate steward** is our way of giving in relation to our abundance. We are to give according to our "means", not according to our budget or income.
- Being a **committed steward** means making a statement about your intent to fulfill your role as a steward. As members of a church family, we are asked to make a commitment of our time, talents and resources to the ministry of Jesus Christ
- Being a **regular steward** means practicing our stewardship on a daily basis. By doing so, this becomes a lifestyle.
- Being a **genuine steward** means putting your faith into action. This is the tangible demonstration of what is sincerely in our hearts, not simply a verbal expression.
- Being a **challenged steward** recognizes the dynamic nature of our faith. As our faith grows so will our blessings and our responsibilities.

New Cleaning Service

After a long working relationship with Shallis Services, Inc., our cleaning service, the owner decided to retire and move on with his life. We pray that he will have a great life in retirement. Through him we received a recommendation for



After meeting with the owners and walking them through the church and Holman House, we came to an agreement. They began cleaning in August and we ask that everyone be patient as we get used to each other. We are looking forward to a long and satisfying relationship.

- Pastor Wesemann

FISHING FOR GOLD

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

August Winners:

- 1. Doug Beck
- 2. Karen & Joe Cannizzaro
- 3. Linda Devereaux

The next drawing will take place on Sunday, September 29. Please make sure you are paid up a week before the 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.

News from Our Health Minister, Doris Sterner

"Health and fitness are better than any gold, and a robust body than countless riches. There is no wealth better than health of body, and no gladness above joy of heart." Sirach 30:15-16



Preventing heart disease not only happens at the kitchen table and at your local gym, but your heart also receives great protective benefits from sleep. Adequate amounts of good quality sleep are essential to your heart and blood vessel health. A recent study of more than 54,000 individuals found that individuals who experienced difficulty falling asleep, or staying asleep, and did not wake up feeling refreshed in the morning more than tripled the risk for heart failure.

Insufficient or interrupted sleep increases white blood cells and inflammatory compounds that accelerate atherosclerosis or plaque build-up in the arteries. Adequate sleep helps to reduce our cardiovascular risk factors such as elevated cholesterol and blood fats, obesity and diabetes. During normal, good quality sleep, your blood pressure goes down. In contrast, experiencing sleep shortage means that your blood pressure stays higher for a longer time, causing damage over time.

Here are some ways to get good, heart-protecting sleep:

- Follow a regular sleep schedule, averaging 7 to 8 hours per night
- Limit your exposure to bright and blue lights before bedtime
- Use bright light in the morning and engage in daily, moderate exercise
- Keep your bedroom cool and completely dark with fresh air
- A tub bath with lukewarm temperature and a few drops of lavender essential oil helps prevent insomnia by calming the sympathetic nervous system

Persistent sleep problems are nothing to ignore. See your doctor and a sleep specialist if none of these suggestions helps you gain restorative sleep.

Source: Wildwood Sanitarium, 5/9/2019

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

In August, we received \$194 from Thrivent Financial for a total of \$689 in 2019. We thank Doug Beck, Bob & Linda Patton, Doris Sterner and Gabriele Streit, 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

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

While we didn't have many volunteers show up to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway road clean-up, thankfully, there was also not a great deal of trash strewn along the roadway to pick up either. Thank you to all who helped out and we welcome anyone who would like to help in the future!



Volunteer Shaina Hlavac

September 2019									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
1 12th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 am Worship-Communion 11:30 am Outreach Committee	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4	5 6:15 pm M&W Committee 7:15 pm Adult Choir	6	7 7:30 am Car Wash Fundraiser at Limerick Sunoco			
8 13 th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Evangelism Committee Christian Ed. Committee	9	10 6:00 pm Executive Committee	11 12 7:15 pm Adult Choir PATRIOT DAY		13	14			
PHIONIC OLDINITION									
15 14" Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 am Worship-Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Property Committee	16	17 6:30 pm Council	18	7:15 pm Adult Choir	20	21 4:30 pm Movies & Faith			
22 15 th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Fellowship Committee	Autumn Begins	24 7:30 pm Evening Bible Study	25 12:00 pm Bible Study/ Bag Lunch	26 7:15 pm Adult Choir	27	28 God's Work Our Hands			
29 16" Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 am Worship-Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 11:30 am Fishing for Gold 2:30 pm Church picnic at the Cloeter's home	30 Rosh Hashanah	1	2	3	4	5			

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Al Burk Wyeth Casperite Linda Devereaux Ginny Grant Timothy Hughes Joelle Koon Trey Koon Jacob Lauer Amy Nielsen Robert Phillips Caden Reidy Mary Ann Seavers Doris Sterner Dave Sterner Michael Streit Gabriele Streit Ted Weicheld Kim Wood

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Anniversaries

Joseph & Christine Linderman David & Charlene McArel Matthew & Jenna Sharpless



COMING UP IN OCTOBER

6:15 pm	M&W Committee
11:30 am	Outreach Committee
	Holman House Hangout
6:00 pm	Executive Committee
	YOM KIPPUR
6:00 pm	Vespers & Bonfire
11:30 am	Evangelism Committee
	Property Committee
	Chris. Ed. Committee
	COLUMBUS DAY
6:30 pm	Council
	NATIONAL BOSS DAY
	Boscov's Friends Shopping
7:30 pm	Evening Bible Study
12:00 pm	Bible Study/Bag Lunch
11:30 am	Fellowship Committee
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Adult Choir: 7:15 pm Thursdays & 9:15 am Sundays

Youth Choir: 11:30 am Sundays Bell Choir: 12:00 pm Sundays

Sept.	Assistant Schedule							
2019	1	8	15	22	29			
Greeters	Kristen Wright	Larry Smola	Cam Cloeter	Bruce & Kathy Hartman	Marilyn Burk			
Ushers	Cam Cloeter Steven Hartman	Bob Patton Gary Segner	Luanne Skurka Michael Derr	Chris Reidy Kayla Reidy	Larry Smola Cole Young			
Lector	Jay Eckerdt	Mary Eckerdt	Debbie Francis	Tom Grant	Bruce Hartman			
Cantor	Doris Sterner	Ted & Sue Weicheld	Hannah Weicheld	Kristy Young	Al Burk			
Communion Assistants	Doug Beck Betsy Burns		Karen & Rebecca Cannizzaro		Cam Cloeter Joanna Sheffer			
Acolytes	Kayla Reidy	Cole Young	Kira Young	Doug Beck	Bruce Hartman			
Altar Flowers	Marty Burke	Art & Janet Herling	Robert & Debbie Phillips	Jacqui deNight	John & Kristy Young			
Bulletins	Unsponsored	Unsponsored	Phillips	Unsponsored	Young			
Fellowship	Unsponsored	Unsponsored	Unsponsored Unsponsor		Christian Ed.			
Altar Team	Carmella Venezia Cathy Wesemann Carmella Vene							
Counters	Erin Johnson & Christine Reidy							
Bread/Wine	Bread & Wine: Robert & Debbie Phillips							
Paper Goods	Cam & Nancy Cloeter							

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Total Income: \$89,016
Total Expenses: \$101,524
Total Surplus (Deficit): (\$12,508)

"Seeds of hate are sown subtly.

If allowed to grow and flourish,
they will become the weeds
we eventually have to pull,
leaving gaps and scars behind.

Intentionally, sow seeds of love and care for them."
- Source Unknown
(Submitted by Cathy Zoe Wesemann)

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. Second book of the Bible
- 7. Wooded section in a city
- 11. Actor Power
- 12. Region
- 13. Chemical symbol for Chlorine
- 14. TV studio with a cat in its logo
- 15. Mounties (abbr.)
- 16. Female chicken
- 18. Tanker at sea
- 20. Type of medical scope
- 22. -Fat milk
- 23. Well-made copies
- 28. What lawyers need to pass
- 29. Rhyming writer
- 30. Region in Spain
- 34. Cost to use something
- 35. Part of a tree below ground
- 36. Number of years old
- 38. First state (abbr.)
- 39. Karenina
- 40. Luxury motor coach brand
- 42. Touch
- 43. Navy Construction Battalion sailor

Down

- 1. One who cuts metals with acids
- 2. Aromatic hydrocarbon solvent
- 3. Either's partner
- 4. Perignon
- 5. "Do others..."
- 6. Future pastors
- 7. Root vegetable related to the carrot
- 8. Bridge support
- 9. Non-gendered French name meaning "Oarsman"
- 10. ABC TV affiliate in eastern Washington state
- 17. Letters on a prescription bottle
- 19. Abraham's cousin
- 21. Type of sander
- 24. Township's Eco-group
- 25. Sound heard in the comics
- 26. Eye of a
- 27. Remington ___ (old TV series)
- 30. Spee (German Zeppelin)
- 31. Steak sauce brand
- 32. The Ranger
- 33. Crooked or awry (Scottish dialect)
- 37. Beach in Hawaii
- 41. Author ___ White (initials)

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Solution to the August puzzle below.

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CHRISTIAN HUMOR

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, making lewd gestures to the guy in front of you and, cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. So, naturally I assumed you had stolen the car."

We need to **Stop** and ask ourselves whether we are just Sunday morning Christians; do we **Proceed with Caution** when it comes to doing the right thing or do we **Go** out into the world every day setting a good Christian example?



