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Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 5:30 pm

Discussion follows at 7:30 pm

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**YOUTH GROUP  
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SOUP SUPPER &  
BINGO**

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 22, 2020  
5:30 PM – 9 PM**

What will the new year bring to us? Will we be able to relax and enjoy 2020? Will the election carfuffle continue the turmoil of 2019? Will St. Peter's grow more and will it finally end a year in the black? What will the new year bring to us?



The excitement of a new year is that we have none of the answers. We start off with hopes and dreams and know that with some real effort we can make 2020 a better and happier year. As Christians, we know that our efforts to share the love of Jesus, both by acts of kindness and by words of comfort and compassion, can make some lives better. Simply knowing Jesus, His forgiveness and promised salvation, can make the worries of life less troublesome.

You are each agents for peace. You are each agents of the Lord to bring happiness and salvation to the world. I am often asked how I can handle the hearing of so many problems, the sharing with so many in their times of grief and the visiting of the ill and dying. At times, I admit, it seems overwhelming, but only when I think that it is me alone who does these things. There is a great deal of stress and sadness, but it is God, through his Spirit, who gives me the tools to be of help and it is the love of Jesus which restores rest and joy to those to whom I minister and to me. The same is true when you minister to others. I must add that ministry also includes many happy times, like baptisms and confirmations, and sharing in people's celebrations. Ministry is a joy to be a part of and I look forward to another year of ministry with you here at St. Peter's.

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**A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU**

As usual, you have been very generous in your giving to St. Peter's Lutheran and to your pastor. I would like to thank you for all that you do for the ministry of Jesus Christ here at the church. Cathy and I would also like to thank all of you for your generosity and support and most importantly, the love you share with us and our family. Thank you.

**PASTORAL ACTS**

**Weddings Scheduled:**

Alicia McGowan & Paul Wesemann	2-29-20
Alexandra Kathleen Opsal & Luke Magolda	3-29-20

**Funeral:**

Mary Agnus McDonald	12-05-19
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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.

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| Dorothy Abrahamsen                                             | Mike Mazoué                        |
| Glenn Allen                                                    | Mulcahy Family                     |
| Esther Altmann                                                 | Anthony Napolitano                 |
| Midge Bates                                                    | Neiman Family                      |
| Stephanie Bilash                                               | Debbie O'Hara                      |
| Al & Marilyn Burk                                              | Linda Patton                       |
| Peggy Burnley & family                                         | Sally Peirson                      |
| Lori Burnley                                                   | Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager          |
| Anthony Casperite                                              | Dennis Reed                        |
| Elizabeth Casperite                                            | Schwartz family                    |
| Michael Cesario                                                | (Ethan, Martrese, Eric & Julianna) |
| Jill Clark                                                     | Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers           |
| Calvin Clifford                                                | Floyd Segner                       |
| Harry Cornog                                                   | Gary Segner                        |
| Terri Crimi, Lewis Branin and Nicholas & Christopher Gary Derr | Dorothy Schmidt                    |
| Kenneth Dobson                                                 | Amanda Smith                       |
| Sigi Eichinger                                                 | Stern Family                       |
| Family of Debbie Francis                                       | Mary Lou Tate                      |
| Daniel Frey                                                    | Charlotte Twaddell                 |
| Wade Frey                                                      | Bernd Warner                       |
| Shirley Harp                                                   | Fred Wesemann                      |
| Marjorie Kropp                                                 | Rita Wesler                        |
| Peter & Jean Marchianco                                        | Jo Ann Willenbrock                 |
| Atea McArel                                                    | 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**  
(610) 517-1147

**IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...**



Someone ran into our cemetery fence recently. We were looking into repairs and insurance coverage until Paul (Chip) Griffiths, our cemetery sexton, stopped by the office to tell us that he had straightened the fence using his truck. Thank you, Chip.

A special thank you to those who planned, organized, made scenery, and volunteered to be a part of this year's Christmas pageant. Only those who have worked on putting together a pageant know how much work and joy can come from such a ministry. Thank you for making our Advent and Christmas season more rewarding.

Not to be forgotten, thank you to our choir and choir director who practice for months to provide us with anthems and who sing their hearts out week in and week out. They often leave church hoarse on Christmas Eve. Thank you.

And finally, I have one last thank you to mention. In early December, I hosted the deans, the Bishop and her assistants for a meeting in our church Fellowship Hall. I want to thank Carmella, Marilyn and Rebecca for putting together a breakfast spread for the meeting and for setting up for the catered luncheon. The Bishop sends her thanks as well.

- Pastor Wesemann



# ST. PETER'S YOUTH



**TELLING  
THE  
GOOD  
NEWS**



**OF  
GREAT  
JOY!**



**GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN!!**



## **NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER**

**“This is a permanent law for you, to purify the people of Israel from their sins, making them right with the Lord once each year.” Leviticus 16:34**

What are you going to do for your health this year? Are you going to keep all of your old habits and ignore healthier ones? Have you considered limiting your meals at fast-food restaurants? Can you develop healthier choices at the grocery store? Will you improve your exercise habits by walking or joining a health club? Have you considered the health benefits of practicing self-care and a well-balanced lifestyle? Any and all of these will guide you to a healthier life.

Changing old habits or creating new ones is hard but making healthier choices will improve your life by preventing heart disease, diabetes, and even some cancers. Choosing healthier foods and losing excess weight will also impact the physical problems you have from the added stress that weight adds to your joints. This year, make a vow to become healthier. Change your dietary choices, add movement and exercise to your day, and ask God for the strength to follow your plan. Change begins with baby steps which you add to as you see success. If you are committed to change, you will see a new and improved you by December.

Besides improving your physical health, what can you do to improve your mental and spiritual health? What are your interests? Do you like to talk with people, visit the homebound, tutor young children or help with the disabled? Explore your community for organizations or agencies where you could volunteer in those capacities and pick a project. Good health is more than eating right; it is sharing the love of Jesus Christ by sharing your time and talents. Giving of yourself benefits the recipient as well as you. It improves your mental health by focusing on others rather than yourself and grows your spiritual life as you demonstrate your faith, so start volunteering today!

*(Taken from The Church Health Center)*

## **STEWARDSHIP NOTE**

Do you know about LAMPa? LAMPa stands for Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania. LAMPa equips Lutherans in Pennsylvania to live into their baptismal call to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. LAMPa partners with ELCA World Hunger and works to end hunger in Pennsylvania and build up communities where ALL may thrive by encouraging public witness on issues important to the flourishing of God's beloved creation. These issues include hunger, education, standing for welcome, care for creation, civil rights, health care and sufficient and sustainable livelihood for all.

You can find out more on Facebook: fb.com/LAMPaAdvocacy or Twitter: @LAMPaAdvocacy. Or learn more by visiting the website: lutheranadvocacy.org where you can also subscribe to *Action Alerts*

- Doris Sterner

## **FISHING FOR GOLD**

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

### **December Winners:**

1. John Young
2. Kathy Hartman
3. Dave & Sara Schreier



The next drawing will take place on Sunday, 1/26/20. 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 for more information or to make a payment.

## **YOUR GENEROSITY IS MUCH APPRECIATED**

Dear Friends from St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

In this season of giving thanks, we offer our deep gratitude for your recent donation of food items, paper products, and toiletries for our emergency pantry. Your gift helps us keep our doors open and our shelves stocked. We depend on the bounty of food and goods we receive at this time of year to carry us through the winter months. That would not be possible without people like you assisting us.

Right now, many of our neighbors in the Phoenixville community are struggling to eat and pay for other essentials like their rent or mortgage, utilities and heat. With limited budgets, some are faced with choices between paying their rent, keeping their electricity turned on, heating their home, or keeping food on their table. These are choices no one should have to make. The generosity of donors like you enables PACS to provide food, toiletries, and other essentials through the emergency pantry to help our neighbor's financial burden and stress. We are dedicated to helping our neighbors struggling with food insecurity and helping them improve their circumstances by also providing information and connections to services, resources and education.

Thank you again for supporting our mission and sharing our commitment to making a real difference in our community, providing hope and building a brighter future for those in need.

With Gratitude,  
Donna Searchfield, Development Coordinator  
PACS

# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
<b>5 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b> 8:45 am Music & Worship 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship – Communion Sunday School 11:30 am Outreach Committee	6  <b>Epiphany of Our Lord</b>	7	8	9	10	11
<b>12 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>Baptism of our Lord</b> 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship – Sunday School 11:30 am Chris. Ed. Committee Evangelism Committee Youth Group Hangout	13	14 6:00 pm Executive Committee	15	16	17	18 5:30 pm Movies & Faith "War Room"
<b>19 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship – Communion Sunday School 11:30 am <b>ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION</b>	20 Office closed <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	21 6:30 pm Council	22	23	24	25
<b>26 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Worship – Sunday School 11:30 am Fellowship Committee	27	28 7:30 pm Evening Bible Study	29 12:00 pm Bible Study/ Bag Lunch	30	31	1

## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

Elizabeth Casperite	Guinevere McNamee	Nola Sharpless
Anna Eckerdt	Debbie Phillips	Jennifer Simon
Brayden Frey	Kayla Reidy	Charles Sposetti
Tom Grant	Clyde Reynolds	Elaine Stromberg
Robert Jones	Christopher Schmidt	Beverly Twaddell
Dorothy Kerrigan	Lee Segner	Dana Twaddell
Thomas Kerrigan	Jenna Sharpless	Carm Venezia

### Anniversaries

None for January

## COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

02	11:30 am	Outreach Committee
		<b>Groundhog Day</b>
06	6:15 pm	Music & Worship
09	11:30 am	Chris. Ed./Youth Committee
		Evangelism Committee
11	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
14		Valentine's Day
16	11:30 am	Property Committee
17		<b>Presidents' Day</b>
18	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
22	5:30 pm	YG Soup Supper/Bingo
23	11:30 am	Fellowship Committee
26	12:00 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
	7:30 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>

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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

Jan. 2020	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>			
	5	12	19	26
<b>Greeters</b>	John Young	Marilyn Burk	Cam Cloeter	Bruce & Kathy Hartman
<b>Ushers</b>	Larry Smola Walter Supplee	Anna Eckerdt Kira Young	Doug Beck Carm Venezia	Dave Sterner Caden Reidy
<b>Lector</b>	Cam Cloeter	Jay Eckerdt	Mary Eckerdt	Tom Grant
<b>Cantor</b>	Jay Eckerdt	Erin Johnson	Cheryl Smola	Doris Sterner
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Joanna Sheffer Christine Reidy	--	Luanne Skurka Mike Derr	--
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gary Segner	Kayla Reidy	Bob Patton	Cole Young
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Linda Devereaux	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
<b>Bulletins</b>	Walter Supplee	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Art & Janet Herling
<b>Fellowship</b>	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
<b>Altar Team</b>	Kristy Young		Diann Reipen	
<b>Counters</b>				
<b>Bread &amp; Wine</b>	<b>Bread:</b> Al & Marilyn Burk		<b>Wine:</b> Pastor & Cathy Wesemann	
<b>Paper Goods</b>	Luanne Skurka & Mike Derr			

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

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

Total Income: \$142,305  
 Total Expenses: \$164,876  
 Total Surplus **(Deficit): (\$22,571)**

**"Kindness is the language  
which the deaf can hear  
and the blind can see."**

- 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. Intimidate
6. Father of David
11. Boredom
12. Person found at many formal dinners
13. Many special effects are actually these
14. \_\_\_-relief (flat carvings)
16. Ambulance destination
17. Diphthong used some words of Greek origin
18. Happen again
20. Smallest state (abbr.)
21. Apples, bananas, etc.
23. Sight or sound
25. John, Paul or George (abbr.)
26. A West Coast state (abbr.)
27. One who parted the Red Sea
30. Chief executive of a city
33. Extra hours worked (abbr.)
34. Maple or corn \_\_\_
36. Atomic symbol for Plutonium
37. "\_\_\_, no!"
38. Fishing device
39. Designation of many German sports cars
40. Regional defense organization in existence from 1955 to 1977
43. Reward
46. What a short circuit may have done
47. Former rulers of Iran

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

*Solution to the December puzzle below.*

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### Down

1. Coffee that won't keep you awake
2. Ire
3. Organization of many national governments (abbr.)
4. A Greek letter
5. Small, landlocked Asian country
6. The Reason for the Season
7. Thirteenth letter
8. Southern state (abbr.)
9. Prophets
10. Creepy
15. Electric option
18. Baptism, marriage, etc.
19. Summarize
22. Start of many ship names
24. Negative vote in Congress
27. Largest deer relative
28. Different one
29. Group of many Lutheran churches in a certain area
30. Dogs of no specific breed
31. Ms. Winfrey
32. Oxidizes
35. Regarding, in a letter
41. Only state where diamonds are mined (abbr.)
42. Spanish tea
44. Blood factor
45. Per





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## **WELCOME & THANK YOU!**

We welcome our two new Council members, Doug Beck and Tom Grant. Thank you for being willing to serve. We also thank Carmella Venezia and Robert Phillips for serving our church well as Council members these past few years.

Our new officers and committee liaisons are shown below. Liaisons may or may not be the committee chairpersons, but report to and from Council to their committees. Please pray for and support your church leaders.

- Pastor Wesemann

### **2020 Council Members, Officers, Committee Liaisons**

<b>President</b>	<b>Dave Schreier</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Doris Sterner</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Joanna Sheffer</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Al Burk</b>
<b>Christian Education/Youth</b>	<b>Jay Eckerdt</b>
<b>Evangelism</b>	<b>Erin Johnson</b>
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Doug Beck</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Joanna Sheffer</b>
<b>Music &amp; Worship</b>	<b>Tom Grant</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Joe Cannizzaro</b>
<b>Property</b>	<b>Christine Reidy</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>Doris Sterner</b>

If you have any interest in serving on any of the above committees, please contact the appropriate Council member(s).



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