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YOUTH GROUP CELEBRATION

Our Youth Group held a "socially distant" celebration of the Fourth of July with a fireworks display behind Holman House. They enjoyed some time outdoors and seeing their friends for the first time in months.

- Jay Eckerdt







BACK TO "IN-PERSON" WORSHIP

Church Council has struggled with the question of reopening the church building, for "inperson" worship. The reasons include the worry of causing one of you to get sick and the potential liability of such a sad event. There is also the concern about the cost of providing necessary cleaning and protective supplies. Church Council has also considered the logistics of how to seat people six feet apart, how to safely offer Communion and how to worship without singing (hum that tune?). With all of this under consideration, we would like to offer "in-person" worship for the congregation and friends on Sunday, August 9, at 10 am, by gathering for worship in the picnic pavilion. Please keep in mind that it is August so dress comfortably and wear your most summery mask (for those without masks, we will have some available). We have benches set up in the pavilion, but you are welcome to bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, we still plan on worshipping in the pavilion.

For those who do not yet feel comfortable worshipping in person, please know that we intend to livestream the service as usual. We plan to continue worshiping in the picnic pavilion until we feel it is safe to move inside.

Please, if you feel sick, stay home. I ask all of you to pray for the safe return of our congregation to "in-person" worship. If things go well, we will consider returning to in-church worship. At that time, we will ask you to notify the church if you plan to attend, to wear a mask or face covering, to use the hand sanitizer when entering the church and to socially distance yourselves. We will try to have your seating arranged in advance.

Worship may seem different initially, but there is the sense that worship is worship. Where two or more are gathered together, you can be sure that the Lord will be present among us as usual.

- Pastor Wesemann

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PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings Scheduled:

Christine Bealer & Tyler Land 9-12-20 Charlotte Jordan & Michel Marron 10-10-20

Scattering Garden Funeral:

Esther Altmann To be scheduled

Funeral & Celebration of Life held:

Luanne Skurka

7-11-20

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We've all heard the words shouted at rallies and we've all read the signs and then questioned in our hearts the meaning of the words "Black Lives Matter". Most of us are willing to accept those words, with the thought, "Of course they matter" and with the added thought, "All lives should matter." While this is true, and I pray that all of you feel in your hearts that all lives matter and that you live accordingly, there is good reason for us to distinguish black lives. In so much of our history, the non-black people of our country and the system of laws and ordinances that govern us, along with the unwritten laws of parts of our society, have not treated black men, women and children as though they mattered. According to our country's founding documents, black people were considered less than white people, slavery was accepted in our country long after the slave trade ended in Europe, and "the owners" of these slaves could not only sell these black men, women and children off, they could brutally punish them and even kill them. Sadly, organizations like the KKK and the more current groups known as White Supremacists are known to have the ear of some of our current politicians and they are actively lobbying their hatred for people of color, Asian and Native Americans.

So today, we who know that all lives matter need to stand up with the Black Lives Matter movement and be willing to express our belief that Black Lives Matter. Too many people still think, talk and act like black lives don't matter. It cannot be assumed that all Americans and the legal system of our country believe that black lives matter. Prejudice, racism and simple hatred have become imbedded in the American way, in our government and in society as a whole.

What can we do as mere individuals? Practice random acts of kindness and help right injustices where we can. Support your local police and law enforcement officials. Support all movements which promote justice. Black Lives Matter. All Lives Matter.

Meals for St. Mary's

Homelessness does not end with a pandemic. Rather, it is worsened by it, which makes the work of St. Mary's Shelter all the more important. St. Peter's committed back in 2019 to provide meals to St. Mary's Shelter for the week of September 8—11 (T thru F), not including Labor Day. We will need volunteers to make meals and be drivers.

As in the past, there will be sign-up sheets but located in the church office for the convenience of those attending live worship at the pavilion. You may also email or call the office to sign up as well.

Remember, all food should be brought to Holman House before 1 pm. If you drop off any food in the church, please notify the office and driver. Please label all food items going to St. Mary's so there is no confusion.

Outreach thanks you in advance for your generosity.

If 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.

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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:

Pastor Wesemann (610) 933-9611

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BIBLE STUDY

We are continuing our study of the book of Mark using the Zoom platform. At present, we are studying parts of Mark 3 and 4. All are invited to participate. The Zoom invitation is sent out to everyone on our membership list, but it is not restricted to members. Anyone can call in from their phone or log in from their computers and participate.

If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please email or call me and I will make sure that you get the necessary information.

Pastor Wesemann



STEWARDSHIP NOTE

We are already into the last half of the year and there is uncertainty about what we'll be able to do, how we'll be negotiating 'normal' activities, even how we will spend our Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. For those in the 'high risk' group, it could mean continuing to shelter in place—social distancing from family, friends and our church community.

St. Peter's is, however, still functioning. Online services take place every week, plans are being considered for how to safely hold worship services at church, Pastor Ron is visiting our members, Gabriel directs the choir members with virtual music and Denise is in the office each week making sure office tasks are done and information goes out.

We need to support St. Peter's as best we can through this time. Please continue with your offerings either by sending a check in the mail, using your online banking program to give to St. Peter's, or using our online Tithely program to make your donation.

- Doris Sterner

GOOD SAMARITAN & PACS

Good Samaritan Services has had to cancel many of its fundraising events. In September, it will sponsor an online auction of baskets and other items. Good Samaritan is looking for gift cards to buy items for the baskets and your support for the auction. Please help out this important work and ministry.

Also, did you know that you can donate money directly to PACS via their webpage? They, too, are in need of your support.

IT SEEMS LIKE I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...

For some time, Church Council has been discussing what we will do when our church reaches its 250 years of ministry here in Chester Springs in October of 2021. We have formed a Planning Committee, consisting of Betty Ryberg, John and Kristy Young, Cheryl Smola, Mary Eckerdt and Joe Cannizzaro, which has begun discus-



sions about whether it is to be a celebratory event or one of ministry, or perhaps both. I would like to thank each of you for your willingness to participate in the work of this committee.

- Pastor Wesemann

ROOTED IN HISTORY—CREATING A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

As we begin our discussions of how to celebrate the fact that St. Peter's Lutheran Church has been ministering to the community for 250 years come October of 2021, the Planning Committee would like to ask for your help. We are putting together some ideas that we hope everyone will enjoy and we may call on some of you to assist with a particular project. We hope that you will be willing to provide support.

To begin, we would like to gather as much information on the history of our church. We are looking to all of you to contribute historical items such as articles written about our church, artifacts/items from the past, photos that have been taken throughout the years, etc. These items will then be put on display throughout the year.

If you would like to email something, please send it to **CherylSmolaChurchEmail@gmail.com**. If you would like to mail something, please send it to the church office to the attention of Pastor along with a note. If you have a physical item that we could borrow for display throughout the year, please contact Cheryl at the above email address so we can coordinate receiving it. Your item will be tagged and returned to you, unless of course you choose to donate it to the church.

More information will be shared in the coming months as we work through some of the details. This truly is a church deeply rooted in history. Let's all be part of creating a legacy for the future.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We are continuing to gather by way of our phones, computers and Zoom each Sunday morning after the time of worship. If you have not joined in, I encourage you to do so. You can join even if you do not have video capabilities. We stay on for about an hour. I look forward to seeing and hearing you at the Fellowship Hour.

By computer, you can use this link to join:

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/4042609577? pwd=bFdFazNzZVBLVFdqZ2RkblBlZ042UT09

By phone, you can call:

1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 404 260 9577

Contact Pastor for the password.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Thank you to Shelby Miller, Cathy and Ron Wesemann and Bob Patton for braving the heat and picking up trash and debris along Clover Mill Road, on Saturday, July 18. Below is a letter received from the Chester County Adopt-A -Highway Coordinator:

On behalf of the PA Department of Transportation, I would like to express our appreciation to St. Peter's Lutheran Church for your recent litter pick-up and for reporting your results to us. PennDOT utilizes these statistics in many ways, with press releases being the most important.

Recent improvements to the program have made it easier to participate! A new website has been created to provide groups on-line access to the AAH program, which can be found here: https://adoptahighway.penndot.gov/.

(These improvements enable groups to apply on-line, use an interactive map to 'point and click' to select a roadway when applying, request supplies for an event, enter trash collections, notify PennDOT after the event that bags are ready for pick up, update group information (contact, phone number, email address), renew or cancel their agreement, and communicate via email (contact you AAH coordinator to provide an email address). These improvements will make volunteer participation less time intensive and much easier!)

Again, thank you for your commitment to the program and we look forward to partnering with you many years into the future.

Robyn White, Adopt-A-Highway County Coordinator, Chester County

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
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2 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship - Communion (Livestream on Facebook) 11:30 am Zoom Fellowship	3	4	5 4:00 pm Virtual Sunday School	6	7	8				
9 10 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Live Worship, Pavilion (Livestream on Facebook) 11:00 am Zoom Fellowship	10	11 6:00 pm Virtual Executive Committee	4:00 pm Virtual Sunday School	13	14	15				
16 11 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Live Worship Communion, Pavilion (Livestream on Facebook) 11:30 am Zoom Fellowship	17	18 1:30 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Virtual Council	4:00 pm Virtual Sunday School	20	21	22				
23 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Live Worship, Pavilion (Livestream on Facebook) 11:00 am Zoom Fellowship	24	25	26 4:00 pm Virtual Sunday School	27	28	29				
30 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Live Worship Communion, Pavilion (Livestream on Facebook) 11:30 am Zoom Fellowship	31	1	2	3	4	5				

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Midge Bates Lily Beidler David Buckwalter Alison Burnley Ryan 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 R. Walter Supplee Matthew Wood

Anniversaries

Anthony & Elizabeth Casperite Rick & MaryAnn Ford Daniel & Jodie Frey Daniel Brian & Beverly Ludlow Robert & Debbie Phillips Gabriel Rebolla & Peter Giuntoli Ronald & Cathy Wesemann Benjamin & Jill Witt

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

7 8-11 8 11 13	LABOR DAY Meals for St. Mary's 6:00 pm Virtual Executive Committee PATRIOT DAY GRANDPARENTS DAY 1:30 pm Virtual Bible Study
	6:30 pm Virtual Council
19	ROSH HASHANAH
22	AUTUMN BEGINS
28	YOM KIPPUR

Most in-person meetings and activities are cancelled until further notice.

In addition to the live outdoor worship service being held at the pavilion on Sunday morning, our worship service will also be livestreamed on FaceBook.

Aug 2020	Assistant Schedule								
2020	2	2 9		23	30				
Greeters									
Ushers									
Lector	Carm Venezia Bruce Hartman		Kathy Hartman	Doug Beck	Doug Beck				
Cantor									
Communion Assistants			Bruce Hartman		Doug Beck				
Acolytes									
Altar Flowers	Unsponsored	Unsponsored Cloeter		Peggy Burnley	Peggy Burnley				
Bulletins	Cloeter Unsponsored		Beck	R. Walter Supplee	Unsponsored				
Fellowship									
Altar Team									
Counters									
Bread/Wine	Bread: Alan Walter Wine: Unsponsored								
Paper Goods	Unsponsored								

If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them.
If someone is being ignored, find a way to include them.
If someone has been knocked down, lift them up.
Always remind people of their worth.

Be who you needed when you were going through hard times.

Just one small act of kindness could mean the world to someone.

In all situations, decide to build others up instead of tearing them down. - Source Unknown

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.

News from Our Health Minister, Doris Sterner

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us."
- Romans 8:18

The COVID-19 pandemic doesn't have to halt all of your summertime fun. Here are several fun outdoor activities you can still enjoy.

By Mayo Clinic Staff

Despite changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, there's still plenty of fun to be had. In fact, seeking out fun activities may be even more important now. Doing something you enjoy can distract you from problems and help you cope with life's challenges.

WHY CHOOSE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES?

The COVID-19 virus is primarily spread from person-to-person through respiratory droplets released into the air when talking, coughing or sneezing. When you're indoors, you're more likely to inhale these droplets from an infected person, especially if you're in close contact, because you're sharing more air than you do outdoors. Poor building ventilation can cause droplets to hang in the air for a longer period of time, adding to the potential for infection. When you're outside, fresh air is constantly moving, dispersing these droplets. So, you're less likely to breathe in enough of the COVID-19 respiratory droplets to become infected. And being outside provides other benefits, too. It offers an emotional boost and can help you feel less tense, stressed, angry or depressed.

LOW-RISK WAYS TO MOVE MORE

Coming into close contact with people who don't live with you increases your risk of being exposed to someone infected with the virus. In general, any activity that allows you to keep a social distance of at least 6 feet (2 meters) from others is lowerrisk. There are many activities you can enjoy close to home, whether you're visiting your favorite public park or even spending time in your neighborhood. Get moving with these low-risk outdoor activities during the pandemic: Walking, running and hiking; rollerblading and biking; fishing and hunting; golfing; kayaking, boating and sailing; fitness classes, held outside, that allow distance. Avoid crowded sidewalks and narrow paths and choose routes that make it easy to keep your distance. You don't have to wear a cloth face mask while exercising outdoors, but it's a good idea to have one with you if you can't maintain a 6 foot distance from others.

Low-RISK SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - Many other outdoor activities can be good choices, too: **Picnics.** Pack food from home or pick up takeout from your favorite restaurant or food truck and take it to enjoy at your favorite public park. **Farmers markets.** If you can't maintain social distance from others, wear a face mask. **Gathering with friends.** Allow for social distancing between people from different households; skip the hugs and handshakes. Plan activities that don't require close contact, such as sidewalk chalk for kids and games like Frisbee. And offer hand sanitizer. Remember that just getting together for a chat at a safe distance can offer a valuable opportunity to be with people you care about and boost your mood at the same time. **Drive-in movies.** The pandemic has launched a drive-in movie theater comeback in the U.S. It's something many people can enjoy together with plenty of physical distance.

LOW-TO-MODERATE-RISK OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES - Depending upon how they're done. many popular outdoor activities can also be enjoyed safely, including: Restaurant patio dining. Outdoor patio dining at uncrowded restaurants where patio tables are spaced appropriately is safer than indoor dining. Wear a mask when not eating or drinking. **Camping.** If you only have close contact with people you live with, camping is low-risk. Swimming pools and beaches. Contact closer than 6 feet or 2 meters with others, not water itself, can make these activities risky. If you go to the beach and come into close contact with others, your risk is higher. Water itself doesn't seem to spread the COVID-19 virus to people. BBQs and outdoor potlucks. Keep your gathering small, maintaining social distance from others. Plan activities that don't require close contact. You may even choose to have everyone bring their own food and drinks to enjoy the togetherness with less chance of virus spread. Wear a mask when not eating or drinking. Sports and sporting events. Contact sports, such as wrestling and basketball, carry more COVID-19 risk than others. Team sports such as tennis, baseball, softball and soccer, pose less risk because players can maintain physical distance. It's important for spectators, players and coaches to keep social distance. Wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and ensure you have enough social distance between you and other spectators, whether you're standing, sitting in chairs or sharing bleachers.

HIGH-RISK OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES - Bringing many people together in close contact for a longer period of time poses the highest risk of COVID-19 spread. Examples include: Large gatherings. Being in large crowds of people where it's difficult to stay spaced at least 6 feet apart poses the highest risk. The longer people are together in these situations, the higher the risk. Weddings, festivals and parades are examples. Summer camp activities. Camps are generally high-risk because campers come from different locations and spend a lot of time together indoors, in close contact. Camps can pose less risk if campers are from the same area, don't share objects, wear masks, and spend time outdoors with at least 6 feet between them. Playgrounds. The many frequently-touched surfaces of playground equipment make it easier to transmit the virus that causes COVID-19. However, in many areas, parks and playgrounds are open. Children who use playground equipment should maintain distance from others and wash their hands afterwards to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

THINK SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT - As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it's important to take care of yourself and those around you. Practicing good hand hygiene such as washing your hands, not touching your face with unwashed hands, social distancing from others and wearing a mask when you can't avoid being near other people are all good steps to take. These steps are especially important for those with a higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19.

At the same time, well-being also includes doing things that make life worth living. With the right information, you can make thoughtful choices about ways to bring a sense of normalcy and joy to your life during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE - BY BOB PATTON

ACROSS

- 1. Initials found on most electrical appliances
- 3. Policeman or fireman
- 7. Complement to Physical
- 10. State to the west of PA
- 11. Gushan Environmental Energy stock symbol
- 12. Chemical symbol for Chromium
- 13. You and me
- 15. Sounds of exasperation
- 17. Similar to smoked pork
- 19. Like cell phone coverage in some remote areas
- 21. Research facilities
- 22. State that spans from St. Louis to Kansas City (abbr.)
- 23. Affirmative response
- 25. Chemical symbol for Iron
- 26. Go against
- 28. Belonging to those people
- 31. Map within a map
- 33. Second or sixth president
- 34. Book with Matthew to Revelation (abbr.)
- 35. Chemical symbol for Gold
- 36. Who extinguishes blazes (abbr.)
- 37. Each (abbr.)
- 38. Toothed edge on a knife
- 42. School at Annapolis, MD (abbr.)
- 43. Fourteenth letter of the alphabet

DOWN

- 1. Opposite of down
- 2. Opposite of dark
- 3. Informal greeting
- 4. Cut metal with acid
- 5. Out in the farm lands
- 6. Overall (abbr.)
- 7. Materials sent by trucks
- 8. Describing corroded steel
- 9. Tree workers
- 10. Forerunner of the CIA
- 14. Initials of the founder of the Republic of China
- 16. Mistakes
- 18. Crime organization
- 20. Still
- 24. Elevator or mine passage
- 26. Noise
- 27. 365-day time periods
- 29. Haskel on "Leave it to Beaver"
- 30. Retirement income for most seniors
- 32. "No Left"
- 39. Entity that includes Germany and France, among others
- 40. Good bond rating
- 41. Opposite of off

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

Solution to the July puzzle below.

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It's All a Matter of Perspective

today was the absolute worst day ever and don't try to convince me that there's something good in every day because when you take a closer look the world is a pretty evil place even if some goodness does shine through once in a while satisfaction and happiness don't last and it's not true that it's all in the mind and heart because true happiness can be obtained only if one's surroundings are good it's not true that good exists I'm sure you can agree that the reality creates my attitude it's all beyond my control and you'll never in a million years hear me say that today was a good day



Now, go back and read each sentence in reverse order.

- Source Unknown



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