



The

HERALD

ROOTED IN HISTORY—CREATING A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

The 250th Anniversary Committee has been meeting to make plans for the celebration of St. Peter's Anniversary in 2021.

We would like to gather as much information on the history of our church as possible. We are looking to all of you to contribute historical items, such as articles written about our church, artifacts/items from the past and photos that have been taken throughout the years. These items will be put on display throughout the year. If you would like to email something, please send it to mary.eckerdt@gmail.com. We have had a few people already mention that they have some items they would let us borrow and we will be in contact with you soon.



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 Mary at the above email address so we can coordinate receiving it. Your item will be tagged and returned to you, unless 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. St. Peter's truly is a church deeply rooted in history. Let's all be part of creating a legacy for the future. If you would like to talk to a committee member about an idea, please contact Mary Eckerdt, Betty Ryberg, John or Kristy Young or Pastor Wesemann.

- Mary Eckerdt

IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY—NOVEMBER 1



It seems strange that this topic would become a newsletter article. Before this pandemic, "in-person" services were the norm. The worship service as we are currently holding it in the pavilion was the unusual, but we are working our way back to worship in church. Church Council has decided to open the church sanctuary for worship beginning Sunday, November 1, All Saints' Day.

We would like to know how many people intend to worship in the church when it is opened again. Please notify me if you will be planning on attending or not so we can adjust seating accordingly.

- Pastor Wesemann

A week's vacation was very nice. It is amazing how just one short week can recharge a person. Still, I am happy to be back. As we begin the fall season, I would like to ask for a little help. I know that the Property Committee is planning for a work day, so I ask you to contact Christine Reidy to help out. The weeds in the play area and the grass and weeds growing on the overflow parking lot need to be pulled, cut and/or sprayed. Smoke detectors in the church and office need battery changes. Worship assistants are

needed (contact Carmella Venezia if you are interested in serving).

We also have begun to discuss ideas for the celebration of St. Peter's 250th anniversary. If you have ideas, you can share them with the Anniversary Committee for consideration.

Those who have held onto their offerings during the pandemic could help by bringing or sending these offerings to the church. I am limited by where and when I can visit, so I need your help in letting me know when someone is in need of pastoral contact. Thank you for your commitment to St. Peter's and your help.

On a different topic, I implore you to refrain from sharing attacking political emails and Facebook posts. The election rhetoric is volatile enough. It is always okay to share your political beliefs but respect the beliefs of others. Agreement is never as important as respect and mutual care for one another. With the election only a few weeks away, I encourage all of you to do your research and vote for the candidate that is best for our country, not for your own personal interests.

For those concerned about the pandemic, register for a mail-in ballot and, everyone of voting age, please make sure that you are registered to vote and please vote. Finally, pray for the candidates as they seek election, pray for a good election (without issues) and pray for all of our future and current elected officials that they will follow the will of God. Thank you.

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PASTORAL ACTS

Weddings:
 Stephen Cartmell & Whitney St. Clair 9-12-20
 Tyler Land & Christine Bealer 9-12-20

Wedding Scheduled:
 Michael Marron & Charlotte Jordan 10-10-20
 Rehearsal 10-09-20

Baptism Scheduled:
 Jacob Buckwalter 10-04-20

Scattering Garden Funeral:
 Esther Altmann TBD

Funerals:
 Brenda March (Augusterfer) 9-25-20
 Dorothy Kerrigan 10-1-20

Funeral Scheduled:
 Abraham, Jr. Thomas J. & Bette M. 10-8-20



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
 Midge Bates
 Bernadette Bender
 Stephanie Bilash
 Al & Marilyn Burk
 Family of Al Burk
 Lori Burnley
 Anthony Casperite
 Elizabeth Casperite
 Michael Cesario
 Jill Clark
 Calvin Clifford
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 Terri Crimi, Lewis Branin,
 Nicholas & Christopher
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 Daniel Frey
 Wade Frey
 Shirley Harp
 Family of Dorothy Kerrigan
 Laurie Leonard
 Linda Lilienfeld
 Atea McArel

Family of Brenda March
 Peter & Jean Marchianco
 Mike Mazoué
 Mulcahy Family
 Anthony Napolitano
 Debbie O'Hara, Rod O'Hara
 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
 Family of Sarah Schreier
 Amanda Smith
 Mary Lou Tate
 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 610-517-1147

IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING

For a number of years, the Herald has been compiled by Cheryl Smola and she needed a little break. Thank you to Erin Johnson for volunteering to help draft up this issue of the Herald and for jumping into the process. Cheryl was able to pick it back up once more. If you get a chance, please let Cheryl know how much you appreciate her commitment and dedication over the many years of editorship.



- Pastor Wesemann

BOY & CUB SCOUTS NEWS

The Boy and Cub Scouts of St. Paul's in Lionville were regularly meeting outside and in need of a sheltered place to meet during rainstorms until St. Paul's opened their building. We were asked if the pavilion could be used. Council agreed to use of the pavilion, provided they included the church in their liability coverage insurance, which they have. It may just be temporary, but it is nice to see the church pavilion being used for scouting activities.

On Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17, we will host their Pinewood Derby activities at our pavilion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS LIVE

Live Sunday School is back! We will hold classes during the church service on Communion Sundays only. The children will leave the service just before the First Lesson and will return in time for Communion. Classes will be held either in the gazebo or in the screened-in porch of Holman House. One class will include youth of all ages learning together at this time.

We will continue with the study of the book of Genesis.

- Phil Grant



STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Why do you give to charities or to the church? Why do you make a meal for St. Mary's Shelter or send needed pantry items and money to PACS or Good Samaritan Services? Gratitude for all the blessings God has given is the #1 reason people give. Christian people have a built-in desire to say thank you. They like to give because they have already received. Giving is thus an act of worship, as well as an act of thanksgiving. They give as a response to God's giving. When you give, you give to God.

In Victor Hugo's novel, *Les Miserables*, Jean Valjean is befriended and given lodging by a bishop. He then steals the bishop's candlesticks. The police bring Jean back to the bishop's home for questioning. The bishop offers a plausible explanation for the missing candlesticks other than that Jean stole them. Jean is amazed and later asks the bishop why he would do that when he knew Jean was guilty. The bishop replied, "Life is for giving." Giving does, in fact, add meaning to life. There is nothing bad about feeling good, especially when the good feeling accompanies acts that follow the example of Christ.

Giving adds meaning to our lives and is one of the primary joys of living.

- Doris Sterner

FISHING FOR GOLD

Once we resume worship in the church, scheduled to take place on November 1, we will resume the Fishing for Gold fundraiser.

If you are interested in participating this year, the cost is \$120. We are still in need of 18 additional participants in order to begin with pulling the numbers for the drawings. If you are interested, please contact Joanna Sheffer to arrange for your assigned number and payment.



BIBLE STUDY

We are continuing our study of the book of Mark on Zoom. At present, we are studying parts of chapter 4. All are invited to participate.

The Zoom invitation is sent to the entire church email list, but it is not restricted to just members. Anyone can call in by phone or sign in on their computers.

If you do not receive an invitation but would like one, please call or email Pastor Wesemann. The next session will be on October 27, at 1:30 pm.



BOSCOV'S "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" FUNDRAISER

St. Peter's Lutheran Church has registered with Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraising event this year. All you need to do is mention **St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chester Springs PA** when you make your purchases at either the Pottstown or Exton locations, as well as when shopping online.



Shopping days are **Wednesday and Thursday, October 14 & 15, 2020**, for a **20%** discount on all purchases. Boscov's will donate **5%** of the proceeds back to St. Peter's Lutheran. For your shopping convenience, Boscov's will be open from 9 am to 9 pm both days.

Contact Carmella Venezia or Joanna Sheffer for further information.

NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER

“...though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand.”

-Psalm 37:24

As many of us are spending much more time looking at a computer screen during the last six months of social distancing, working from home, online schooling, we begin to hear more talk about eyestrain. According to the Mayo Clinic, eyestrain is a common condition that occurs when your eyes get tired from intense use, such as while driving long distances or staring at computer screens and other digital devices. Eyestrain can be annoying. But it usually isn't serious and goes away once you rest your eyes or take other steps to reduce your eye discomfort. In some cases, signs and symptoms of eyestrain can indicate an underlying eye condition that needs treatment.



Eyestrain signs and symptoms include: sore, tired, burning or itching eyes; watery or dry eyes; blurred or double vision; headache; sore neck, shoulders or back; increased sensitivity to light; difficulty concentrating; and feeling that you cannot keep your eyes open.

Extended use of computers and other digital devices is one of the most common causes of eyestrain. The American Optometric Association calls this computer vision syndrome, or digital eyestrain. People who look at screens two or more hours in a row every day have the greatest risk of this condition.

Computer use strains eyes more than reading print material because people tend to: blink less while using computers (blinking is key to moistening the eyes); view digital screens at less than ideal distances or angles; use devices that have glare or reflection; and use devices with poor contrast between the text and the background. Glare on your screen, poor posture, the setup of your computer workstation, circulating air, such as from air conditioning or a nearby fan can make the condition worse.

(Adapted from the Mayo Clinic website)

Blink often to refresh your eyes.

Many people blink less than usual when working at a computer, which can contribute to dry eyes. Blinking produces tears that moisten and refresh your eyes. Try to make it a habit to blink more often when looking at a monitor.

Take eye breaks.

Throughout the day, give your eyes a break by looking away from your monitor. Try the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds.

Adjust your monitor.

Position your monitor directly in front of you, about an arm's length away, so that the top of the screen is at or just below eye level. It helps to have a chair you can adjust, too.

Check the lighting and reduce glare.

Bright lighting and too much glare can strain your eyes and make it difficult to see objects on your monitor. The worst problems are generally from sources above or behind you, including fluorescent lighting and sunlight. Consider turning off some or all of the overhead lights. If you need light for writing or reading, use an adjustable desk lamp. Close blinds or shades, and avoid placing your monitor directly in front of a window or white wall. Place an anti-glare cover over the screen.

Use a document holder.

If you need to refer to print material while you work on your computer, place it on a document holder. Some holders are designed to be placed between the keyboard and monitor; others are placed to the side. Find one that works for you. The goal is to reduce how much your eyes need to readjust and how often you turn your neck and head.

Adjust your screen settings.

Enlarge the type for easier reading. And adjust the contrast and brightness to a level that's comfortable for you.



October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28	29	30	1 1:30 pm Kerrigan funeral	2	3 SUKKOT
4 18th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship - Communion Baptism - Jacob Buckwalter Located in the Pavilion Livestream on Facebook	5	6	7	8 11:00 am Abraham funeral	9 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	10 11:00 am Jordan/Marron Wedding
11 19th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Located in the Pavilion Livestream on Facebook	12 COLUMBUS DAY	13 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	14 BOSCOV'S SHOPPING	15	16 PINEWOOD DERBY (SCOUTS) NATIONAL BOSS DAY	17
18 20th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship - Communion Located in the Pavilion Livestream on Facebook	19	20 6:30 pm Council Meeting	21	22	23	24
25 21th Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Day Observed 10:00 am Worship Located in the Pavilion Livestream on Facebook	26	27 1:30 pm Bible Study	28	29	30	31

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Cody & Sarah Beidler	Philip & Amy Lauer
Andrew & Charli Daniel	Shawn & Carol Maholland
Jay & Mary Eckerdt	Jeffrey & Carrie Sposetti
Mark & Meagan Foster	Bob & Elaine Stromberg
Tim & Erin Johnson	John & Kristy Young
Robert & Debbie Jones	

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

01	Begin Worship in Sanctuary	All Saints' Day
		Daylight Saving Time Ends
03		Election Day
11		Veterans Day
10	6:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
17	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
22		Christ the King Sunday
24	1:30 pm	Bible Study
25	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
26		Thanksgiving Day



Oct 2020	Assistant Schedule			
	4	11	18	25
Greeters	--	--	--	--
Ushers	--	--	--	--
Lector	Bruce Hartman	Kathy Hartman	Kathy Hartman	Kristy Young
Cantor	--	--	--	--
Communion Assistants	Kira Young	--	Karen Cannizzaro	--
Acolytes	--	--	--	--
Altar Flowers	Young Family	Eckerdt Family	Betsy Burns	Bill Smith
Bulletins	Young Family	Walter Supplee	Un-sponsored	Bill smith
Fellowship	--	--	--	--
Altar Team	--			
Counters	Joanna Sheffer and			
Bread & Wine	Bread: Un-sponsored Wine: Bill Smith			
Paper Goods	Un-sponsored			

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

*THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF FINANCES
JANUARY 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020:*

Total Income: \$ 94,840
 Total Expenses: \$109,732
 Total Surplus (Deficit): (\$ 14,892)

“Compassion is the greatest form of love humans have to offer. I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go”.

— Rachel Joy Scott

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.



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