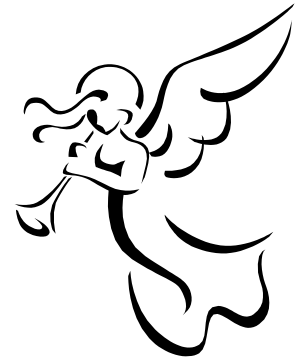




# ST. PETER'S

Lutheran Church, Chester Springs, PA



## The Herald

*November 2020*

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### ***“IN CHURCH” WORSHIP***

The time is here. On November 1, we will celebrate All Saints Day by returning to “in church” worship. As we did outside, we are requiring everyone to wear a mask and social distance themselves. Every other pew has been closed off to help with social distancing. We will run the fan on the heating/air conditioning system and open the windows, at least a little. I have already asked our cleaning service to wipe down the pews, door handles and other items touched by attendees. If you are not feeling well, please be considerate of others, stay home and participate in the service virtually.

A list of those attending will be made as it has been when we worshipped outside. This again is for your protection, in case someone from church gets sick. Attendance is limited to about 50 people, so please let me or the church office know if you plan to attend. If necessary, we will set up the Pikeland Wing for worship as well.

It is exciting to return to “in church” worship. I look forward to taking one more step in the direction of getting back to normal, but we need to be careful so that no one gets sick.

- Pastor Wesemann

### ***WITH THANKFUL HEARTS***

***Give thanks***

*to the Lord, for  
He is good; His love  
endures forever.*

*Psalm 107:1*



It is hard to believe that we are talking about the Thanksgiving Eve service already. My intention is to offer our traditional Thanksgiving Eve service, but without the pie social that has usually taken place before or after it.

We at St. Peter's have good reason to give the Lord thanks. If you are uncomfortable attending in person, we are planning to offer the service on Facebook Live as well.

Whatever each of you decide to do on Thanksgiving Eve, please take some time to express your thanksgiving to the Lord, who created us and who continues to care for us.

- Pastor Wesemann

It has been a relatively quiet time at church. For the most part, we have been spared by COVID-19 as a congregation. We can all say a word of prayerful thanksgiving for our good fortune as a congregation, praying also for the care and healing of those suffering with COVID-19, knowing that some of our members have had friends and extended family members who have or are struggling with the virus. September to October changed from a quiet time to a busy time for our church. I officiated over one baptism, three weddings and four funerals during that time. It actually felt good to be busy, although I would prefer there be more weddings and less funerals.

I would like to talk to you about the turmoil that is encroaching on our time and lifestyles. Masks can be rather annoying. Sometimes when I am talking, I feel like I'm swallowing a mouth full of cotton. I still wear one and I strongly encourage all of you to wear a mask when you go out among other people. It is for your own good and the good of others. Social distancing is extremely difficult at church, family events and gatherings. Cathy and I struggled with this when we attended a family wedding and I've seen people struggle with it at the weddings and funerals at which I officiated. I do not believe that masks and social distancing will become a new normal, but for now they are important, just like frequent handwashing, staying mostly at home, virtual meetings, Zoom Bible Studies and online worship. We may not like enduring these things, but they are for the best. My concern is that some of you are beginning to feel fatigued, depressed, isolated, lonely, fearful or just uncomfortable with the world. My message to you is that the Lord is with you and will continue to be with you.

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The Lord will give you the strength that you need to make it past this difficult time. Again, the Lord is with you, as the words of the Apostle Paul state so clearly in Romans 8:38; "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." You are never alone and the strength and comfort of the Lord will help you through everything here that may make your life uncomfortable or hard. Trust in the Lord. If you need to talk to someone, reach out to a family member, a friend or your pastor.

**PASTORAL ACTS**

<b>Weddings:</b>	
Charlotte Jordan & Michael Marron	10/10/20
<b>Baptism:</b>	
Jacob Buckwalter	10/04/20
<b>Scattering Garden Funeral:</b>	
Esther Altmann (To be scheduled)	
<b>Funeral:</b>	
Dorothy Kerrigan	10/01/20
George Dobson	10/17/20
<b>Graveside Funeral:</b>	
Thomas & Bette Abraham	10/08/20



*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

Karil Abrahamsen

Glenn Allen

Midge Bates

Leroy Bauman

Bernadette Bender

Stephanie Bilash

Peggy Brown

Al & Marilyn Burk

Michael Cesario

Jill Clark

Calvin Clifford

Harry Cornog

Terri Crimi, Lewis Branin,

Nicholas & Christopher

Gary Derr

Family of George Dobson

Kenneth Dobson

Sigi Eichinger

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

Beth Pierson

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

Dorothea Streit

Mary Lou Tate

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Fred Wesemann

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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**

**Marilyn Burk 610-517-1147**

## **BEING GOOD STEWARDS**

### **Down, In and Out: Loving God and Our Neighbor**

The practice of stewardship invites us to look in three different directions: **DOWN, IN and OUT.**

We begin by looking at how God has come **down** to us. We then look **in** to discover all that God has entrusted to our care. We end by looking **out** to understand the needs of our neighbors. While these three actions may not always happen in this order, the practice of stewardship always invites all three.



- Doris Sterner

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

As Lutherans, we have a broad understanding of the word "saint". For us, a saint is an individual who died in the faith and has gone on to be with the Lord. We also have a loose understanding of a saint who has distinguished him or herself in Christian life; many of these saints died for their faith. We also consider all who live by faith, who have been baptized, as being saints. This is not to say that they have distinguished themselves as special, but are understood as simultaneously saints and sinners; saints because of what Jesus has done for them and sinners because they fail to love and they fail to obey God's law.

All Saints Day is a day not only to celebrate those who have died in the faith, but also our own place among God's children. On November 1, we will remember as a part of our service all the saints who have gone to be with the Lord.

- Pastor Wesemann

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

On Sunday, November 8, the congregation will meet to review and approve the 2021 budget and elect Church Council members. The meeting will begin immediately following our worship service in the sanctuary. Those not worshipping in person may join by Zoom. An invitation will be sent out. **Phone: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 896-2019-0201, Passcode: 997609.**

So far, we have one Council nominee name, Betty Ryberg. Budget information may not be available until that day. I do know that the budget will be mostly the same as the 2020 budget, as expenses and receipts have not been in line with former years because of the pandemic.

- Pastor Wesemann

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

There have been a couple of Sundays when Mike Derr was not available to record the Sunday worship service. I would like to thank Gabriel Rebolla and John Young for setting up and recording the worship services to Facebook. It is great to know that we have people who can fill in for Mike when he cannot be here.



- Pastor Wesemann

## **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

In October 2020, we received \$211 from Thrivent, for a total of \$2,698 to date. A "thank you" to Denise and Kerry for designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars for St. Peter's this month.

Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars periodically. Your contributions to St. Peter's through Thrivent are very much appreciated.

When you go to the Thrivent website, St. Peter's is listed as "St. Peter". If you have a difficult time finding it, Al Burk or John Young are willing to help. Thanks again for your support.

- Pastor Wesemann

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

**NOVEMBER 25, 2020**

**7:30 PM**



## **BIBLE STUDY**

We are continuing our study of the gospel of Mark on Zoom. All are invited to participate and 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 me. The next session will be on Tuesday, November 24, at 1:30 pm.

- Pastor Wesemann

## **FISHING FOR GOLD**

It won't be long before we are announcing winners in our Fishing for Gold fundraiser. So, don't wait much longer to get your number assigned so that you have a chance to win some cash.



The cost for participating this year is \$120. We are still in need of 18 additional participants in order to begin pulling the numbers for the drawings. Please contact Joanna Sheffer to arrange for your favorite number and payment.

Dear God, please keep my family, friends and loved ones safe in this new month and always. Please watch over them and bring them good health, happiness and blessings. If someone is hurting, kindly comfort them and make them well again. Amen.



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

**“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”**

**- John 15:13**



How much thought have you given to how you can help others? Organ and tissue donation is one way to offer help. It can be as simple as donating a pint of blood every six months or as complicated as donating a kidney to a relative. Even at death you have an opportunity to share life-giving measures since thousands of people across the country wait every day for another chance at life through organ donation.

Through multiple tissue and organ donation, one donor has the potential to help from one to over 35 people. Some common organs that are removed include the heart, eyes, skin, bones, liver, lungs, kidneys and veins. The people waiting for these organs suffer from conditions like heart disease, kidney disease, cancer or accident reconstruction surgery, corneal damage, incurable lung diseases and even curvature of the spine. A donation of bone, tissue or organ is their only chance at a better quality of life.

Although approximately 90% of Americans say they support organ donation, waiting lists continue to grow because the availability of organs and tissue is extremely low. Only 35% of those who support organ donation have taken steps to do so and about a third of them do not donate because of family dissention or misunderstandings. There’s no age limit to donation. One of the oldest organ donors in the U.S. was age 92. He was a liver donor and saved the life of a 69 year old woman.

Educating people about organ donation is an important part of the solution. If you choose to be an organ donor, discuss it with your family. Help them understand why it is important to you. Act now and become a donor. You can sign up online or in-person at your local motor vehicle department. Talk with your family today about this important act of faith, hope and love.

*(Source: US Dept. of Health and Human Services  
[www.organdonor.gov](http://www.organdonor.gov))*

## **WALK YOUR TALK**

**“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.”**

**- Galatians 5:13**

As with many people, I am guilty of acting impulsively in a time of anger or frustration, rather than taking the time to cool down and think about the consequences of my potential actions. I think it’s a natural reaction to have a fight or flight response when it comes to confrontation, although God has given us free will to change how we respond to certain situations.

Even Jesus became angry at times when he would deal with the people, because he chose to live among us and experience human emotion and physical feelings. For example, when he went to the temple in Jerusalem, he took a cord and knocked down the tables of the money changers (John 2:13-16). Ultimately, when his very life was in the balance, he willingly gave Himself up for us by being put to death on a tree. The least we can do is honor his choice and precious gift of salvation to us.

I think it is so important that we chose to react in love no matter what, because if we react in hatred and anger, it will only harm us and not the person who has done wrong. Even if we do react in anger and have a vengeful attitude towards someone initially, we should, if at all possible, apologize. It’s not easy to “walk our talk” as Christians, but ultimately, it is worth every single GOOD decision we do make in God’s name. We have free will, yes, but we should react according to the most important of biblical principles, which is **LOVE**.

*- Erin Johnson, Inspired by Nickole Atkinson*

**Of all the things I learned  
in grade school, trying to  
avoid cooties was the  
last one I expected  
to use later in life.**

November 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> 10:00 am Worship - Communion Sunday School <b>In the Sanctuary and</b> <b>Livestream on Facebook</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3  <b>Election Day</b>	4	5	6	7
<b>8 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Annual Cong. Meeting <b>In the Sanctuary and</b> <b>Livestream on Facebook</b>	9	10 6:00 pm Executive Committee	11  <b>Veterans Day</b>	12	13	14
<b>15 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 am Worship - Communion Sunday School <b>In the Sanctuary and</b> <b>Livestream on Facebook</b>	16	17 6:30 pm Council	18	19	20	21
<b>22 Christ the King Sunday</b> 10:00 am Worship <b>In the Sanctuary and</b> <b>Livestream on Facebook</b>	23	24 1:30 pm Bible Study	25 7:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	26  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	27	28
<b>29 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Reformation Day Observed</b> 10:00 am Worship - Communion Sunday School <b>In the Sanctuary and</b> <b>Livestream on Facebook</b>	30	1	2	3	4	5

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS	
<u>Birthdays</u> Dorothy Abrahamsen Sara Bowman Joe Cannizzaro Cameron Cloeter Carolyn Dietrick Philip Grant Arthur Herling Austin Hlavac Philip Lauer Robert Morrison Donna-Lee Morrison Abigail Osarczuk Christine Reidy Devyn Schneider Bill Smith Tyler Smola Bernhard Streit Susan Weicheld Ben Wright	<u>Anniversaries</u> Al & Marilyn Burk Earle & Carolyn Dietrich Bob & Linda Patton Donald & Rita Wesler Matt & Kim Wood
	

COMING UP IN DECEMBER	
07	<b>Pearl Harbor Day</b>
08 6:00 pm	Executive Committee
10	<b>Hanukkah Begins</b>
15 6:30 pm	Council
18	<b>Hanukkah Ends</b>
21	<b>Winter Begins</b>
22 1:30 pm	Bible Study
24 4:00 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Services</b>
7:00 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Services</b>
25	<b>Christmas Day</b>
26	<b>Kwanzaa Begins</b>
31	<b>New Year's Eve</b>

Nov 2020	Assistant Schedule				
	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Greeters</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Ushers</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Lector</b>	Doug Beck	Bob Patton	Bruce Hartman	Al Burk	Kristy Young
<b>Cantor</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Doug Beck	--	Bruce Hartman	--	John Young
<b>Acolytes</b>	Doug Beck	Bob Patton	Bruce Hartman	Kira Young	Cole Young
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Wesemann	Herling	Burk	Sheffer	Peggy Burnley
<b>Bulletins</b>	Kevin Kloss	Jacqui DeNight	Walter Supplee	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored
<b>Fellowship</b>	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Altar Team</b>	Carmella Venezia		Betsy Burns		Kira Young
<b>Counters</b>	Carmella Venezia & Joe Cannizzaro				
<b>Bread/Wine</b>	<b>Bread:</b> Un-sponsored <b>Wine:</b> Un-sponsored				
<b>Paper Goods</b>	Un-sponsored				

<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE:</b>	
<i>THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF FINANCES JANUARY 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020:</i>	
Total Income:	\$ 94,840
Total Expenses:	\$109,732
Total Surplus <b>(Deficit):</b>	<b>(\$ 14,892)</b>

***Faith and fear both demand us to believe in something we cannot see - it's up to us to choose and the earlier the better.***

- 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.*

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE - BY BOB PATTON

### ACROSS

1. True heroes of 9/11
5. Common vehicle type
8. River in Italy
10. City in Bavaria
11. Doubting disciple
13. Baker's preparation appliance
15. Stir up
16. Barbie's California home
17. Spanish for "bull"
18. Expressive word
19. Something glowing in a fireplace
21. It makes up 78-80% of us
24. Push
27. Consumer
29. Laughing syllable
30. Season before Easter
32. Seller at a flea market
35. Soothing plant
36. \_\_\_ Allen, of the Green Mountain Boys
37. Rabbit's home
39. Disposes
41. Chemical symbol for Tin
42. So far
43. Quickly (abbr.)

### DOWN

1. Province in eastern Canada (abbr.)
2. Maker of pianos and motorcycles
3. Not pass
4. 561, to Caesar
5. One way to play a banjo
6. Pausing syllable
7. Rapidly swirling matter
8. Two
9. A Norwegian capital
12. St. Thomas \_\_\_
14. Siskel and \_\_\_ (old movie critic duo)
16. Cut a lawn
20. French hat
22. Choir voice
23. Diner or restaurant
25. "Help me, \_\_\_" (Beach Boys song)
26. Roofing material
28. Occurrence
30. Acts of Congress
31. Lotus car model
33. Drag racing org. (abbr.)
34. Speaker's platform
38. Apple designer, maybe (abbr.)
40. Spelling (abbr.)

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

*Solution to the October puzzle shown below.*

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## **WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS**


It was on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918 when the world agreed to halt all hostilities during World War I. When the war ended less than one year later, it was President Woodrow Wilson who declared November 11 to be known in the US as Armistice Day. The word armistice means to have a truce or cease fire. It became quite the celebration with parades and public gatherings to commemorate the day. Then in 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the "recurring anniversary of November 11, 1918 should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations." While 27 states had already made November 11 a legal holiday, it wasn't until 1938 that it officially became a Federal holiday "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'".

In 1954, the 83rd Congress amended the 1938 Act which had made Armistice Day a holiday. They wanted to remove the word Armistice and instead honor all veterans. It was on June 1, 1954, that President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared it Veterans Day for all Americans who have served their country. To this day, the United States shows honor and respect by holding an official wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Veterans Day should not be confused with Memorial Day. Memorial Day is for those who have served our country and died; thus we hold them in memory. Veterans Day serves as a reminder for all of us to pay tribute to and to thank all of the men and women, both alive or dead, who bravely served our country, protecting our freedoms and rights during war or peacetime.

- Cheryl Smola



 This is a handicap-accessible facility.