

The Voice of St. Peter's



Pastor's Note

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For this month only, I am writing the "Pastor's Note" section of the newsletter. I am doing so because we are once again in transition. The good news is that this should be the last major transition of professional leadership for quite a while. I pray it will be many years! Sunday, September 27, 2020 will be the last time that Pastor Lee Diefenderfer leads us in worship as our interim pastor. I would like to thank Pastor Lee for all he has done. When I first spoke with him, he shared with me that if he came to our church, he would do so 100% and I can say that he absolutely did exactly that! He dove right in and worked tirelessly to lead us during this vacancy. Thank you, Pastor Lee!

It is also my great privilege to remind everyone that on October 1, 2020, Pastor Brian Beissel will be starting here as our new pastor. The unanimous vote by the congregation was a reflection of what a great job our call committee did in reviewing candidates as well as how confident the entire congregation was in Pastor Brian's calling to St. Peter's. The Holy Spirit was at work here and led us to each other. Please take time over the next couple months to welcome Pastor Brian and his family and let's all show our support for him. Thank you, Pastor Brian, for heeding the Lord's call to bring you to St. Peter's.

Nancy Reichelt, Church Council President

Biographical Information for Rev. Brian Beissel

Rev. Brian Beissel was born and raised in Frackville, the child of a single mother who raised him in the Lutheran faith at Zion Lutheran Church in that borough.

Pastor Brian attended North Schuylkill High School and graduated in 1998, having been the marching band's drum major and enjoying playing the trumpet, which he still does occasionally. He was part of the Boy Scout Troop in Frackville, having attained the rank of Eagle.

Upon graduating high school, Pastor Brian attended Susquehanna University, graduating with a B.A. in Religion and a minor in Music in 2002. He was a member of the University's Standing Committee in Religious Life and enjoyed participating in the Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble.

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Committee Chairs**Christian Education**

Nan Hoenich

Fellowship

Donna Zerbe

Evangelism

Justin Stroupbauer

Finance**Property**

Dale Ferrebee

Social Ministry

Dani Warfield

Stewardship

Nancy Reichelt, CC Liaison

Worship & Music

Steve Hikes, CC Liaison

Youth Ministry

Jodi Derr 570-294-6057

Technology

Ben Moyer 570-617-0703

Wellness

Justin Stroupbauer, CC Liaison

Endowment Fund

Steve Hikes

Stew Zerbe Mem. Scho. Fund

Donna Zerbe

Cemetery Association

Kurt Wessner 570-345-8020

Council of Churches

Dale Ferrebee, CC Liaison

(Pastor's Note continued)

Pastor Brian attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, graduating in 2007 and becoming ordained in 2008. While at seminary, during his time as a summer chaplain at Geisinger, he met his wife Michelle, then a candidate to be pastor in the United Methodist Church. They married in 2006. His internship congregation, Grace Lutheran Church in Northumberland, became his first call, and he served two years as an intern and three years as a called pastor, sharing services upon ordination with Trinity Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Danville.

After living in Northumberland for five wonderful years, the Beissel's each sought new adventures, and as such, Pastor Brian was called to Trinity Lutheran Church in Valley View in 2011. Pastor Michelle currently serves as pastor of Elysburg United Methodist Church and they live in Shamokin.

Pastors Brian and Michelle adopted a son, Timothy, in 2017, and he provides much love, energy, and humor.

Pastor Brian can often be found playing the guitar or watching the Philadelphia Phillies when he has a spare minute. He is excited about the possibilities of a journey with the congregation at St. Peter's.

Church Council & Officers

Elected Church Council

Jodi Derr
 Bill Siegel
 Angie Brown
 Dennis Adams
 Dale Ferrebee
 Nan Hoenich
 Nancy Reichelt
 Ben Moyer
 Missy Witherow
 Donna Zerbe
 Steve Hikes
 Justin Stroupbauer

Officers

Nancy Reichelt, President
 Justin Stroupbauer, Vice President
 Nan Hoenich, Secretary
 Ben Moyer, Treasurer

Pastor

Brian Beissel

October Daily Scripture Readings

October 1 – Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23

October 2 – Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Philippians 2:14-18, 3:1-4a

October 3 – Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 6:1-10; John 7:40-52

October 4 – Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 5 Psalm 144; Ezekiel 19:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10

October 6 – Psalm 144; Isaiah 27:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

October 7 – Psalm 144; Song of Solomon 8:5-14; John 11:45-57

October 8 – Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:1-8a; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

October 9 – Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10

October 10 – Psalm 23; Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2: 18-22

October 11 – Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-4

October 12 – Psalm 34; Exodus 19:7-20; Jude 17-25

October 13 – Psalm 34; Amos 9:5-15; Philippians 3:13-4:1

October 14 – Psalm 34; Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4; John 6:25-35

October 15 – Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; Judges 14:1-6; 3 John 9-12

October 16- Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; Deuteronomy 17: 14-20; 1 Peter 5:1-5

October 17 - Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; Isaiah 14: 3-11; Matthew 14:1-12

October 18 – Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 19 – Psalm 98; Daniel 3: 1-18; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

October 20 – Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 18:21-24

October 21- Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27

October 22- Psalm 1; Numbers 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16

October 23 – Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

October 24 – Psalm 1; Proverbs 24:23-34 John 5:39-47

October 25- Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

October 26 – Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; James 2:8-13

October 27 – Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 10:10-22; James 2:14-26

October 28– Psalm 119:41-48; Proverbs 16:1-20; Matthew 19:16-22

October 29- Psalm 43; 1 Samuel 2:27-36; Romans 2:17-29

October 30- Psalm 43; Ezekiel 13:1-16; 2 Peters 2:1-3

October 31 - Psalm 43; Malachi 1:6-2:9; Matthew 23:13-28

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Saturday Service Schedule

Holy Communion 2nd
Saturday of the month

6:00 pm

Sunday Schedule

Worship Service

9:00 am

Holy Communion

1st & 3rd

Sundays of the month

Sunday School

Online



Sponsorships Available



St. Peter's Mission Statement

"We, the members of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, blessed by God's grace in Word and Sacrament, and desiring to fulfill God's call to minister and witness to the world, commit ourselves to a mission which includes:

Meaningful worship;
Enthusiastic Christian Education programming;
Active witnessing to our Christian faith; Dedicated service; and Responsible support of the programs and financial concerns of the church."

Church Council Members:

When you are planning not to attend a church council meeting, please communicate that intention to the church council president, Nancy Reichelt, or the church council secretary, Nan Hoenich, so you receive an excused absence.

Pastor Diefenderfer

Altar Flowers are available for October 11 – cost is \$20

Chancel Flowers are available for October 4, 11 – cost is \$20

Bulletins are available for October 18, 25– cost is \$15

Sanctuary Candle is available for October and November – cost is \$35

Newsletter is available for November and December - cost is \$40



Be A Sponsor

Call the church office for availability or sign the charts in the hallway.

The October Candle Oil is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Tom by wife Ruth McMullen.

The October **Sanctuary Candle** is sponsored in honor of and in memory of loved ones by Andrew, Tammy, Jocelyn, and Drew Hikes

Church Finances - End of August 2020

August General Income: \$14,236.81

August General Expenses: \$9,614.52

Checking Balances

General Fund

\$43,279.40

Memorial Fund

\$9,644.91

Youth Ministry Fund

\$16,331.70

Capital Improvement Fund

a. Parsonage Improv.	\$1,286.28
b. Video/Audio	\$1,096.67
c. Designated Prepaid Fuel	-
d. Designated Fellowship	\$4,828.37
e. Undesignated Cap.Imp	<u>\$12,145.85</u>
Total	\$19,357.17

Savings Accounts

Undesignated Savings	\$30,912.90
Designated Stew Zerbe	
Memorial Scholarship Fund	<u>\$9,091.82</u>
Total Savings	\$40,004.72

Certificate of Deposit

Stew Zerbe Memorial Scholarship Fund	
	\$1,605.42

Stew Zerbe Memorial Scholarship Fund

CD	\$1,605.42
Savings	<u>\$9,091.82</u>
Total	\$10,697.24

YTD Contributions Total \$101,549.76

Includes the following funds:

General, Lent/Easter, Youth Ministry, Plate, Pre-Buy Oil, Benevolence, Memorial, Building, Capital Imp, World Hunger, Hall Rental, Sunday School, Flowers, Initial Offering, Weekday Church School, Hunger Food Table, VBS, Bulletins, Communion, Newsletter, Stew Zerbe Memorial, Endowment, Needy Fund, Candle Oil, Souper Bowl of Caring, Christmas Eve, Christmas Baskets, Sanctuary Light, Disaster Relief, Pentecost/Ascension, Harvest Home, Reformation, Thanksgiving, Luncheon, Fellowship, Video/Audio and 200th Anniversary



Week 4 – October 4th – Cooking with Andrea

Week 5 – October 11th – Science with Alethea & Gwen

Week 6 – October 18th - Bible Skills & Games with Nan

Week 7 – October 25th – Video with Jodi



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Trunk or Treat Vehicle Registration Form



Trunk-or-Treat

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ (optional)

Make & Model of Vehicle: _____

October 31st Trunk or Treat 5:30-8 pm

All units, directorates and private organizations wishing to participate in the Trunk or Treat should register starting now thru October 29th.

The Installation Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 31st from 4:45-5:30 pm on St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church parking lot.

Please return the registration form to:

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
312 S Tulpehocken St.
Pine Grove, PA 17963*

All are encouraged to decorate their vehicle. Please contact the church office at 570-345-3306 for additional information.

Call Committee Members

Steve Hikes
Lindsey Zimmerman
Tammy Hikes
Todd Tice
Vernon Stroupbauer
Tammy Lengel



Bible Journaling will be meeting in person or on Zoom on Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in the Zoom meeting please contact Angie Brown.

Redner's

Save- A -Tape Program

If you shop at Redner's, you can help St. Peter's by depositing your cash register receipts in the box downstairs near the elevator.

Linda Venzl will collect and tabulate the receipts.

Redner's will contribute 1% of the total to St. Peter's.

All proceeds will go toward the Pre-Buy Oil Fund.

So Far, Save-A-Tape Has Generated \$150.04 Toward the 2020-2021 Pre-Buy Oil Fund.

Thank you for your participation!



September 2020 Meeting

Christian Education: Fruit of the Spirit is being presented online by the Sunday School Staff. This is the new Spark Sunday School curriculum. Questions asked about returning to in-person. This will be discussed with Pastor Beissel.

Worship: September 13th will be Confirmation. John Ziegler will preside. No communion.

Youth Ministry: Another outdoor movie, September 26th, live action *Aladdin*. Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 31st. Will talk to Pastor Beissel about how to implement safety precautions.

Property: Elevator is working okay and is up to code. Another inspection will occur in six months.

Social Ministry: Have resumed home visits

Listen to the Weekly Sermons on St. Peter's Website



- 1 May 19 2019 Gospel & Sermon (Live)
- 2 May 12 2019 Gospel & Sermon (Live)
- 3 May 5 2019 Gospel & Sermon (Live)

Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

570-345-3306

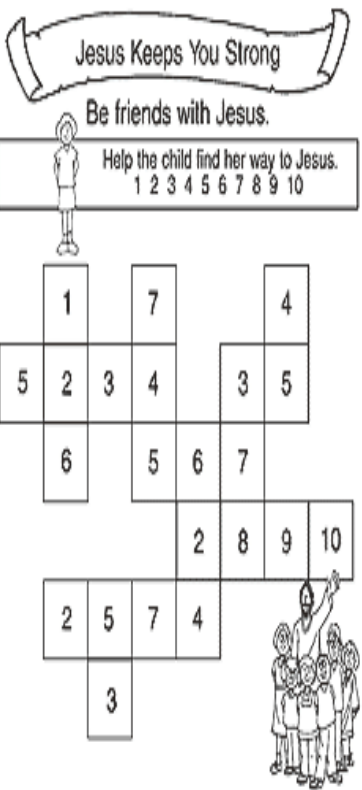
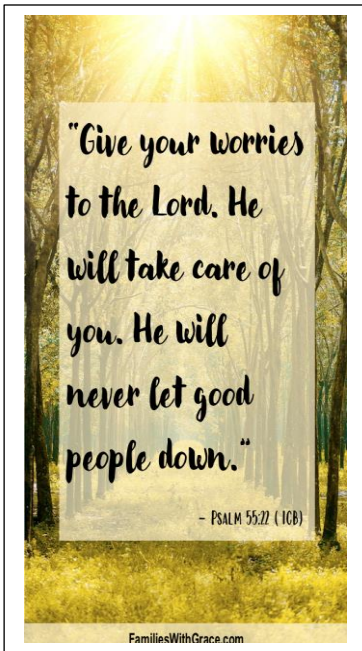
St. Peter's Parish Secretary
LeAnn Reightler

If you need to communicate a message or share information when LeAnn is not in the office, please call and leave a message for her. LeAnn will return your call the next business day when she is in the office.



Youth Ministry Committee meetings will be held every 2nd Sunday via Zoom at 7:00 pm. If you would like to join, please call or text Jodi Derr at 570-294-6057.

Kid's Zone



Children's Worship Bulletins | www.childrensbulletins.com



Name _____

Bible Activities
Joseph's Coat

Bible Stories Color by Code

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2 ~ green

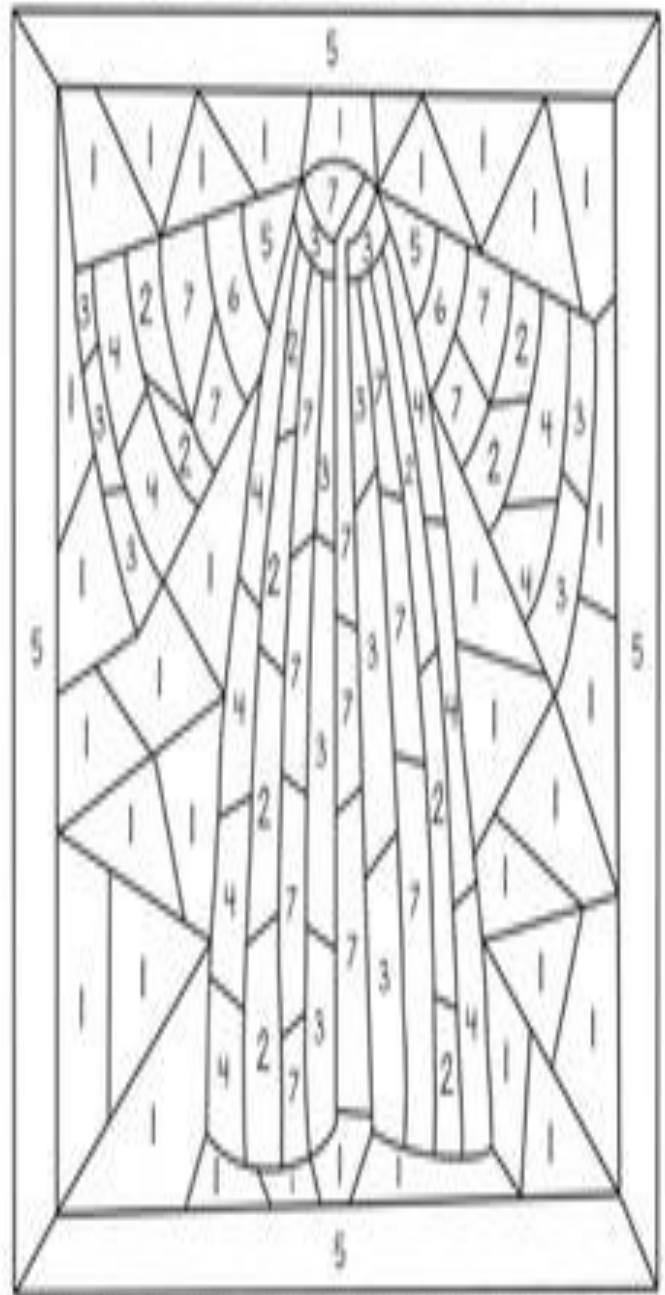
3 ~ pink

4 ~ blue

5 ~ orange

6 ~ red

7 ~ purple



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Memorials and Gifts... To the Glory of God

General Fund

\$100 in memory of Todd Schaeffer by Julie Zimmerman
 \$20 in memory of Patricia Gilbert by Norma Brown
 \$50 in memory of Ken Stolarick by Elaine Benko
 \$20 in memory of Garry Moyer by Elaine Benko
 \$20 in memory of Norman Kreiser by Elaine Benko
 \$20 in memory of Debra Keefer by Elaine Benko
 \$20 in memory of Patti Gilbert by Elaine Benko
 \$100 in memory of my wife, Patricia Gilbert by Charles D. Gilbert
 \$100 in memory of my sisters, Mattie Tobin and Nancy Miller by Charles D. Gilbert
 \$20 in memory of Pat Gilbert by Jerry and Missy Witherow and family
 \$10 in memory of Charlie "Birdie" Keefer by Jerry and Missy Witherow and family
 \$30 in memory of our dad, Rich Wertz by Jerry and Missy Witherow and family
 \$100 in memory of Gene Hindman Sr. by Mary Jane Hindman
 \$25 in memory of Ken Stolarick by Richard Becker and Kathy Toy
 \$30 in memory of Kenny Stolarick by Dwight and Patricia Miller
 \$20 in memory of Paul McMullen by Kathy Toy

Memorial Fund

\$25 in memory of Norman Kreiser by Gerald and Elaine Long
 \$25 in memory of Norman Kreiser by Kenneth and Bonnie Snyder
 \$25 in memory of Norman Kreiser by Roger and Kathy Adams
 \$20 in memory of Norman Kreiser by Brandon and Jenn Rottmund
 \$25 in memory of Norman Kreiser by Lenwood and Sonia Hepler
 \$50 in memory of Norman Kreiser by Karen A. Herring
 \$50 in memory of William Harris by George and Kathy Sorokach

Building Fund

\$50 in memory of Gene Hindman Sr. by Mary Jane Hindman

Youth Ministry Fund

\$80 in memory of Garry "Mike" Moyer by Penn State Hershey Medical Labor and Delivery Nurses
 \$30 in memory of Garry Moyer by Sandy Stolarick

Stew Zerbe Scholarship Memorial Fund

\$250 in memory of Stewart Zerbe by Keri and Alex Rusynyk

Stew Zerbe Memorial Scholarship

On Sunday, September 20th the Stew Zerbe Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Savannah Low.

Savannah is a 2020 graduate of Pine Grove Area and her future plans are to study radiology at Penn State Schuylkill. The congregation of St. Peter's wishes Savannah the best of luck in her future endeavors.

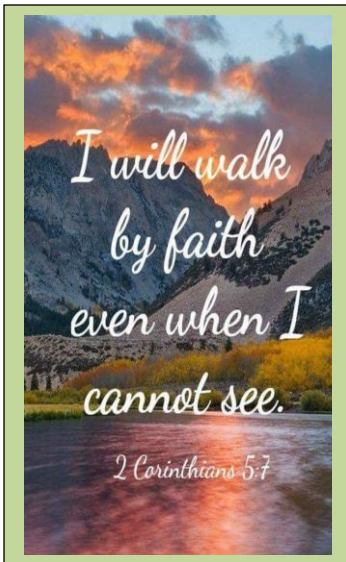


Publishing Deadlines

If you want to publish something in the Sunday bulletin or the monthly newsletter, please submit your information by the following deadlines:

The bulletin deadline is Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 pm.

The November newsletter deadline is Sunday, October 18th. This is necessary to allow time to lay out the publication.



Resource Links

ELCA

<https://www.elca.org/>

NEPA Synod

<http://nepasynod.org/>

Schuykill Mission District

<http://lutheransalive.org>

Latest Monthly Worship Assignments

Please Visit
St. Peter's Webpage at:

stpeterslutheranpinegrove.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

those who are hospitalized, recuperating, ill, or in any need, especially:

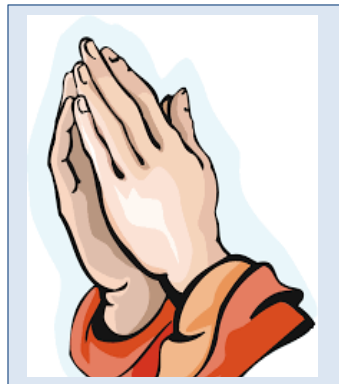
**Kimberly Buerkle
Linda Hoffman
Evan Keller
Jaden Leiby
Arlene Knoll
Beatrice Minnich
Junior Brown
Gerry Nagle
Tim Ditzler
Mary Jane Hindman
Dana Stroupbauer**

**Bill Moyer
Elaine Bender
Marci D'Ambrosio
Susan D'Ambrosio
Grace Aungst
Richard Becker
Catherine Williams
201st Red Horse Unit
Dennis Morgan**



**Derick Legarht
Donald Thomas
Fred Sanders
Angie Keller
Ginger Webb
Thelma Lengel
Susan Hall
Kathryn Hepler
Randy Brown
Ty Hippert**

If you have prayer requests please contact the church office or Nan Hoenich at 570-345-8706.



Serving The Fellowship of St. Peter's

Ushers:

October 4: Missy Witherow

October 11: Dennis Adams

Communion Assistants:

October 4: Stephen Hikes

Lay Readers:

October 4: Jodi Derr

October 11: Justin Stroupbauer

Altar Guild:

October 4: June Reed

October 11: Donna Zerbe

October 18: Gail Adams, Gary and Thelma Adams

October 25: Alethea Wessner



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Icon or visit
St. Peter's Website*

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 am Knitting Group	2 9:30 am Bulletin Assembly	3
4 9:00 am Holy Communion	5	6	7	8 10:00 am Knitting Group 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	9 9:30 am Bulletin Assembly	10 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service
11 9:00 am Worship Service	12	13	14	15 10:00 am Knitting Group 7:00 pm Bible Journaling	16 9:30 am Bulletin Assembly	17
18 9:00 am Holy Communion	19	20	21	22 10:00 am Knitting Group	23 9:30 am Bulletin Assembly	24
25 9:00 am Worship Service	26	27	28	29 10:00 am Knitting Group	30 9:30 am Bulletin Assembly	31 5:30 pm-8:00pm Trunk or Treat 