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**Hymn Sing the 1st Wednesday of each month.**

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Kathy Piemonte, Church Administrator

Marie Sayles, Sexton

Anthony Dangler and Scott Stewart, Musicians

Anthony Dangler, Choir Director

Betty Browell, Christian Education Coordinator

Linda Hartman, Nursery School Director

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*St. Peter's deacons are people who have completed a course of theological training and are commissioned to perform specific tasks within our congregation's pastoral ministry. If you feel God is calling you to this type of service, please see Pastor Katie or any one of the deacons.*

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### From the Pastor: Searching for good news

Dear friends in Christ,

A few months ago, I looked at the Bible readings that were coming our way in worship for the summer and I realized that this was the year where we had the option of reading through the story of Israel's kings. I've never done that before in my 12 years of preaching (pretty much) every week, and the more I thought about it, the more I thought this "king thing" could be interesting. What a great lens for exploring human nature, power dynamics, and how God works in and through flawed human beings to bless the world. Somehow the series title "God's leadership academy" stuck in my head.

So I clipped in and we started reading selections from First and Second Samuel at the beginning of June. In case you missed anything along the way:

- **June 3** we heard the story of Hannah and the miraculous **birth of Samuel** the prophet as a reminder that God sees and hears the powerless in the world.
- **June 10** we heard about **Samuel the boy**, serving in the temple, and being mysteriously called by God to deliver a message to the religious professional Eli. Fortunately God's leadership academy reminds us that leadership is not about us. It's about listening.
- **June 17** we heard **Israel's demand for a king**, despite God's warnings that this was not really a smart move...but true to form, human beings always desire the very thing that we are warned against!
- **June 24** we heard the story of **Samuel anointing the boy David**—although Pastor Gracious was with you this Sunday and I believe he preached on Jesus calming the storm. No problem there—I'm glad he gave us a little Jesus to get us through all these kings.
- **July 1** the boy warrior David took on the mighty giant **Goliath** with his slingshot, and was victorious because God was with him through it all—something all leaders need!
- **July 8** we heard about **King Saul's increasing paranoia** regarding David and his struggle to hang onto his power as it was slipping away. Power has a corrosive property and gives us tunnel vision—something dangerous for a leader and a follower of Jesus.
- **July 15** we heard of **Saul's death and David's crowning** as king, and pondered how to continue forward after being broken by trauma and grief. David knew that his work as king was not his alone—and that is what gave him the ability to process and move on.
- **July 22** we had the story of **David dancing before the ark** as he brought it into his new capital city, Jerusalem. We learn more of David's weaknesses as his power grows, and remember that God somehow works through flawed people to remember the world.

- **July 29** we heard how David wanted to **build a house for God**—possibly for honoring and respecting God, but possibly for building up his own kingly resume. God turned the tables on David to remind him who was really calling the shots here.

This summer has been a challenge, and we still have the four Sundays of August to go in this series. Four more Sundays to hear about power corrupting even David, the golden child of Israel's kings. And we've got some doozies coming up! David committing adultery with Bathsheba...Nathan confronting David with the truth about his actions...David's deeply broken relationship with his children, and finally his death as an old man, leaving his sons to fight over the throne. The summer will end with David's son Solomon taking his place at the helm of Israel—the last king to rule over a united kingdom before it split into northern (Israel) and southern (Judah) tribes. Solomon saw the violence that his father had committed and asked God to give him wisdom rather than military might.

I won't lie, this series has been a challenge for me to preach. The 11:15 folks know that sometimes (after a 9:00 sermon that wasn't quite what I wanted to say), I'll stand up to preach at their service and say, "I'm still wrestling with some of this, so if it sounds unfinished or unpolished, please bear with me." Power is a heavy topic to tackle in Sunday morning worship, and sometimes I feel like I haven't done it justice. Other times I feel like it's hard to squeeze a drop of good news out of what we are reading, and my practice has been to always strive to end a sermon with some word of hope. (As I said one Sunday, "It's a lot easier to get the gospel from Jesus than it is from David!")

But I remain convinced that there is some kernel of good news in there, about how God's power works in a way that is fundamentally different from human power. God's power is all about lifting up the powerless, seeing the invisible, hearing the voiceless, moving among the people, and walking with those who are imperfect and broken. God's power is stronger than the blows and brokenness we endure in life, and resists our own attempts to contain it or restrain it or ration it out to others or to ourselves.

And because Jesus calls us to be agents of the kingdom of God in our world, he calls us to spread this power, this way of being in the world, wherever we go. To follow that model as best we can, even knowing that we are subject to the same brokenness and sin with which Saul and David and Solomon wrestled. And when we find ourselves caught, frustrated by the broken system in which we live, Jesus calls us to remember that human power will not have the last word over us. God will.

Together in Christ,  
Pastor Katie Yahns

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### **Donations for Back-to-School at JD George Elementary School**



We are once again collecting school supplies for students who need them at **JD George Elementary**! There is a list of needed supplies later on in this issue of the Chatter. Please place all supplies in the box in the narthex. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please see Marie Sayles and she will shop on your behalf. Thanks for your support of our community's kids.

## **Hymn Selection Process**

Have you ever wondered how the hymn selection takes place? Well, it's not just a group that gets together to pick their favorite hymns. The hymns are selected to match up as well as possible with the lessons for the day. This includes not only the lyrics but also the general tone of the Sunday (i.e. joyous, somber, etc.). The two musicians in the group help the rest to understand the level of difficulty for each one. A record is kept regarding which hymns are sung on what dates. This helps identify overly used hymns as well as showing whether the congregation has heard a tune often enough to feel comfortable with it.

Other things taken into account are such as: Has the choir introduced the tune? How many times? Is the choir comfortable with it? Is the hymn to be the gathering, sending or hymn of the day - and why? These are not the only criteria, but it gives you an idea of how much thought and preparation goes into the selection process.

On occasion members of the congregation submit a list of favorites. These lists are saved and seriously considered. Anyone should feel free to submit favorites. But please be aware that if Away in the Manger is submitted in January it will be awhile before it is appropriate to sing (just to give an example)! Please remember also that the tune you are familiar with is not necessarily the one others know best. Even on the committee there are disagreements about which is the "right" tune.

There are some people who only like (feel comfortable) with tried and true hymns. There are others who love to try something new and different. We try to balance our selections to please everyone at least some of the time. Selecting hymns is taken very seriously as part of the whole worship experience.

## **Council Corner**

Please allow me to share a few items covered at our last council meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>:

The Church Directory finally arrived and was distributed. Hopefully all members have received their copy. If not, please reach out to St. Peter's office for your copy.

I am happy to report that we received \$1,300.00 for the 13 old stained-glass windows we had retained. This is great news as the church will be sending \$300 of the proceeds to the Synod and the remainder will go into the building fund.

With regard to the maintenance of the Church Building, we experienced air conditioning and hot water heater issues in July. We were fortunate in that the repair costs were less than anticipated. However, we need to be cognizant that the Church will require some upgrades in the future.

Please note that "Shihan" Johnny Owens recently lost all items in a house fire. On Saturday, August 18 from 12-5 p.m., St. Peter's will be hosting a benefit. If you wish to donate a basket or a bake sale item, please contact [Betty Browell](#) or [Janet Zimmerman](#).

As always, we continue to ask for support on helping with Church Guild, Readings, Ushers and caring for the Church Grounds.

Happy August!

Lillian White

## Mission of the Month for August: St. Peter's Nursery School Scholarships



St. Peter's Nursery School is a long-established ministry of this congregation. It was founded by Carol Doornbos and is now directed by Linda Hartman, assisted by Deanna Fuller. Our nursery school is known and respected by the teachers at J.D. George as one of the best ways to prepare a child to enter pre-K and kindergarten in the VVS school district.

The curriculum includes basics like letters, numbers and colors, but also includes a weekly “church time” where the kids learn a story from the Christian faith. They have fun celebrating the holidays, especially with the Halloween costume parade and hunting for the mysterious leprechaun every St. Patrick's Day. They also learn the basics of social interaction that will form their relationships into adulthood. Classes are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:15 am to 11:45 am.

Early education has been shown to have a tremendous benefit to children as they grow. St. Peter's nursery school helps to make early education available to the children in our community. We also become “church” for many of the nursery school families. Even if we never see them on Sundays, for many, we are their church.

Please remember to support St. Peter's Nursery School Scholarship Fund as our August mission of the month. Thank you!

### Financial Secretary's Report

Income for current expenses through June, 2018

|      |                  |          |
|------|------------------|----------|
| 2018 | 67,361.76        | 25 weeks |
| 2017 | <u>67,685.33</u> | 26 weeks |
|      | 323.57           | Decrease |

Benevolence Income

|      |                 |
|------|-----------------|
| 2018 | 2,240.00        |
| 2017 | <u>4,130.50</u> |
|      | 1,890.50        |
|      | Decrease        |

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Special Mission Giving in 2018    | 1,709.05 |
| Lent & Self Denial Mission Giving | 865.70   |
| Capital Fund (plus fund raisers)  | 760.00   |
| Sunday School                     | 0.00     |
| Patio Bricks – year to date       | 60.00    |

Budget Giving During June

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| June 3  | 2,887.00        |
| June 10 | 3,081.11        |
| June 17 | 3,451.68        |
| June 24 | <u>2,716.00</u> |

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| Year to Date | 78,603.07        | Income   |
|              | <u>76,224.80</u> | Expenses |
|              | 2,378.27         | Over     |

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|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Other Income  | <u>Current</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
| Online giving | 0.00           | 2,299.36            |
| Thrivent      | 0.00           | 21.00               |

## GRACE NOTES: OUR MUSIC COLUMN



By Anthony Dangler

*The purpose of the "Grace Notes" column is to increase and deepen the Congregation's participation in music, especially in worship. This month Anthony Dangler discusses the value of music making.*

As most of you know, I moved to a new apartment which is closer to my new school as well as St. Peter's. To furnish the new place, I bought a very used but very functional laminate top wood table. As a teacher, I am fortunate to have a little more free time in the summer so I decided to undergo a table restoration project. I don't have a lot of experience doing such work but with lots of help from Bob Fish and my father I got started and went through the process of stripping, sanding, staining and coating the table. This was a huge project for me. Several hours went into this project and I am very proud of the results. However, the finished product is far from perfect. There are smudge marks that I missed while wiping off the stain and white marks for which I didn't compensate while sanding.

These are the kinds of mistakes professional carpenters would never make. A professional's end result would far outshine any of my attempts, no matter how many hours I spent on my table or the perfection of the wood. Most people would say that my amateur efforts are admirable even though the results are eclipsed by a professional carpenter's work. The process made me happy and I raised my self confidence by taking on the task.

Unfortunately, many people do not seem to have the same mindset when it comes to making music. Everybody has God's gift of music making, yet some seem to think that it's only available to professional musicians, and that if they try, they will fall short. More often, people are reluctant to take on a bigger musical project such as learning a new hymn because they are afraid that the results won't be that of a professional musician's.

I think a comparison can be made between my amateur table restoration with a layman's opinion of making music. I am far from being a professional carpenter and furniture restorer; I do it because I enjoy the process even though the finished product is not expertly done. The same should be with music: no matter the outcome, pleasure should come with the process of music making; like the table, the end result will be its own reward and something of which to be proud. God wants us to be happy in everything we do.

Over the past couple of months you may have noticed the choir singing out of the hymnal a little more than usual for our anthems. We have been learning new hymns to introduce and share with the congregation in hopes that they will soon be chosen for congregational hymns. I will be including the hymn numbers in the bulletin so that you may follow along.

Anthony Dangler

*Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.*

Psalm 105:2

## **Confirmation Returns September 9**

Attention all Confirmation students! Our orientation meeting for this year will take place on **Sunday, September 9, at 1:30 pm**. Come hear about our plans for this year, get a class schedule, and ask any questions you may have about the Confirmation process. We're gearing up for a year of exploring the Bible and learning the story of God's love for all creation.

Not sure if your child is ready for Confirmation? Students must be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older to participate. Please talk with Pastor Katie or Kathy Haldenwang if you have further questions on whether a student is ready.

## **Also: New Member Classes Coming Soon**

Are you interested in becoming an official member of St. Peter's? We'll be gathering together to talk about membership and answer questions sometime early this fall. Please contact Pastor Katie ASAP if you are interested.

## **Attention Families of all Graduating Seniors!**

As you plan for graduation parties and other family gatherings this summer, please remember to request your tables and chairs and/or use of the fellowship hall space EARLY to guarantee that they will be available when you need them. Building use forms and item use forms are available on the bulletin board and must be submitted to the office and approved. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **St. Peter's "Farmer's Market" Has Plenty to Share**

Have you checked out the St. Peter's Farmer's Market in the narthex this season? If not, you still have a few months to enjoy quality homegrown fruits, veggies, herbs and flowers. We still have several bags of Farmer Bob's Beans and occasionally have eggs or other produce. Check out the table in the narthex (thank you Linda Rogowski for creating a sign!). You choose the amount you are able to give and all money is donated to global mission. All leftover food is donated to a local food pantry or nursing home. Stay tuned to find out what particular global mission project is planned for this year.

## **Field Trip to Russian Orthodox Monastery**

Everyone at St. Peter's is invited to go on a field trip to Holy Trinity Monastery, a Russian Orthodox monastery, seminary and community in Jordanville, New York (southeast of Herkimer). We will meet at St. Peter's on **Saturday, August 25 at 9:00 am** to carpool there and should return by 2:30 pm. On arrival, we will receive a tour of their space and join them for lunch.

This field trip is open to everyone, all ages, but youth are especially invited. Please RSVP to Janet Fiacco (315-527-4800) if you wish to attend. You might be surprised to learn that there are Christians from such different traditions right in our backyard!



On behalf of the Tallman Family, we would like to thank St. Peter's Lutheran Church for allowing us to use your facility on 23 June to celebrate our mother's (grandma's and great grandma's) 90th birthday. We also want to thank all of the ladies who helped with the food and set up. You are truly blessed to have such willing workers. May the Lord continue to bless all your endeavors in Him.

Tim Tallman and Family

## **Blessing Box Busy in the Summer**

The Verona Blessing Box (located at the Verona Fire Department) has been extremely busy this summer. Sometimes it's been stuffed full of food and toiletries at the start of the week, only to be empty by the following weekend! Clearly there is a need and the people of Verona have stepped up to the plate.

You can participate too whenever you have time by checking on the box to make sure it's in good condition and everything inside it is safe and not expired. If you are able, feel free to drop off some items for others to take. Even school supplies are welcome as we move closer to September!

Also, please spread the word to others who might like to donate or find themselves in need. The Blessing Box motto is **"Give what you can – take what you need."**

The Verona churches are taking turns checking on the box and Boy Scout Troop 25 Verona keeps the box in good working condition. For more info, please contact Pastor Katie, any member of the Community Relations Team (Paula Bishop, Marie Sayles, Linda Rogowski, Deb Rafte), or Dean Hilts, Scoutmaster of Troop 25.

## **What's On Tap for Worship**

from the Worship and Music Team

To mark the different seasons of the church year, we have made plans to use some of the liturgical settings we already know this summer and fall, in addition to learning a new one.

August brings the 9:00 group back to worshipping with **Setting 8**, which we already know well.

**Setting 9** will come back for October and November, and while we already know most of this setting, the choir will be helping us to learn the few pieces we don't know.

While 11:15 doesn't have a liturgical "setting" so to speak, the Scripture Song and prayer texts will continue shifting to mark the various seasons. For August and September, our Scripture song will be #512 in the hymnal, "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil."

**The 10:00 am blended worship service on September 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a "Hymns from the Hat" service.** This is your opportunity to request your favorite hymns! Just fill out and submit the suggestion form available in the narthex throughout the month of August and then come see which hymns are drawn from the hat. A fun way to reconnect at the end of the summer with picnic after.

## **Upcoming 10:00 am Blended Worship Opportunities:**

**Sunday, September 2, 2018** (Sunday before Labor Day)

**Sunday, October 28, 2018** (Reformation Sunday)

**Sunday, December 16, 2018** (Children's Christmas Pageant)

**Sunday, December 30, 2018** (Sunday after Christmas Day)

**Sunday, April 14, 2019** (Palm Sunday)

**Sunday, July 7, 2019** (Sunday closest to Independence Day)

## **Also in Worship This Summer:**

We will continue singing **The Lord's Prayer** in worship on the first Sunday of each month (at both services) throughout the summer. We'll be using the tune written by Albert Malotte. This is an arrangement that many people know, and if you don't know it, it can be learned through listening.

We will continue using the **two separate clipboards** for Announcements and Prayer Concerns and spreading them out on the table in the narthex to avoid a traffic jam.

## **Bulletin Art Welcome This Fall**

In order to save a little money, we will stop using the pre-printed color bulletin covers beginning in September. Instead we will be using a variety of artwork that coordinates with the lessons or theme for the day. We welcome artwork from ALL ages to be used in this way. All you have to do is submit your artwork to Kathy Piemonte in the office. She will scan your drawing and return the original to you. If your art is some medium other than drawing, a high-quality photograph may also be acceptable. Please talk to Kathy if you have questions.

### **Possible themes coming up this fall:**

- Jesus healing a little girl and a deaf man
- Peter confesses that Jesus is the Messiah (Mark 8:27-38)
- Jesus welcomes a child (Mark 9:30-37; Mark 10:13-16), teaches about divorce (Mark 10)
- Jesus teaches about a camel fitting through the eye of a needle (Mark 10:17-31)
- Jesus teaches that the way of a disciple is about serving others
- Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Proverbs 1:20-33; Proverbs 31:10-31
- The story of Esther
- The story of Job
- Reformation Sunday
- All Saints
- Stewardship

## **Save the Date—Coming this Summer and Beyond**

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| Wednesday, August 1                          | Hymn Sing 7:00 pm  |
| Monday, August 13-17                         | St. Peter's Vacation Bible School "Shipwrecked" 9 am-12:30 pm        |
| Friday, August 17                            | St. Peter's VBS Picnic (6 pm) and Program (7 pm)                     |
| Saturday, August 18                          | Benefit for "Shihan" Johnny Owens, 12—5 pm                           |
| Saturday, August 25                          | Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 am—2 pm                                     |
| Saturday, August 25                          | Field Trip to Russian Orthodox Monastery—meet at 9 am at St. Peter's |
| Sunday, September 2                          | Blended Worship Service 10:00 am (potluck picnic afterwards)         |
| Wednesday, September 5                       | Nursery School "Back to School Night" 6:30-7:30 pm                   |
| Wednesday, September 5                       | Hymn Sing 7:00 pm  |
| Sunday, September 9                          | "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday and Rally Day                         |
| Sunday, September 9                          | Confirmation Orientation Meeting 1:30 pm                             |
| Sunday, September 30                         | "Thank You" Lunch for Youth Gathering Participants                   |
| Wednesday, October 3                         | Hymn Sing 7:00 pm  |
| Thursday, October 11                         | Spaghetti Dinner   |
| Thursday, October 18 -<br>Friday, October 19 | AARP Driving Course, 8:45 am—12 noon                                 |
| Saturday, October 20                         | Verona CROP Walk   |
| Saturday, October 27                         | VVS Community Day 12 noon-7:00 pm                                    |
| Sunday, October 28                           | Confirmation Sunday / Trunk or Treat in afternoon                    |
| Saturday, November 3                         | Basket Bonanza   |
| Wednesday, November 7                        | Hymn Sing 7:00 pm  |
| Friday, November 9                           | Messy Church 5:30-7:30 pm  |

## **ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Altar Guild needs a few more volunteers for altar preparation. Man or Woman! Help is really needed. Just one month a year and only takes 30-60 minutes to set up. Can't you give an hour a week for a month to God? Please call or talk to Sandy Spies or Marie Sayles as soon as possible. Thank you and God Bless.

## **Photo Directory**

Our St. Peter's photo directory is finally here! Please check the history case in the narthex to see if there is one waiting there for you to pick up (they are labeled). If you would like one, please see Kathy in the office. The number is limited, but we do have a few more for those families who would like one. We will do our best to make sure that everyone who wants one gets one!

Now, as we all know, every directory goes out of date pretty much five minutes after it's published. We tried our very best to make sure that everyone who wanted to be included was included, and that all information was correct. However, if you find a mistake or if your information changes, please submit it to Kathy in the office right away. We will publish changes in the Chatter (as agreed to by each family) so you can mark the updated information in your directory.

## **Here are the latest directory updates:**

Deb & Jon Fjeld (fall-spring): 444 Cliffrose Ave, Mesquite, NV 89027

Rickey Fuller: email rabbirickey@gmail.com

Paige Brown: 126 Eagle Street, Upper, Fredonia, NY 14063

## **Faith Talks Coming Up Later This Fall**

At St. Peter's, we usually connect our fall stewardship drive to our faith, to the life experiences we've had that make us value and appreciate a church community that strives to live out God's love. If you are interested in sharing your faith in this way, by telling stories about why St. Peter's is important to you, please contact Pastor Katie. We will share this year's theme in a future issue of the Chatter, but in the meantime, start thinking about whether the Holy Spirit is calling you to share your story with St. Peter's.

## **"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday Returns September 9**

Once again, on Sunday, September 9 after worship, we will be going out into the community to do God's work with our hands and volunteer at a variety of service projects. We'll also have a few service projects here at St. Peter's and the Sunday School kids will be doing a service project as part of Rally Day. Right now plans include:

- Cooking lunch at the Rome Rescue Mission
- Packing meals for Your Neighbors (at St. Peter's)
- Something to assist the Verona Food Pantry

We are also exploring partnerships with other community organizations.

If you have specific suggestions, please tell someone on the Community Relations Team: Paula Bishop, Linda Rogowski, Deb Rafte, Marie Sayles, and Pastor Katie.

If you would like to order a yellow "God's work, our hands" T-shirt or any other apparel (hoodies, sweatshirts, baseball caps, long sleeve T-shirts), please let Pastor Katie know **ASAP** so we can place a group order with our church name on the back. See the various options available at [oldlutheran.com/collections/elca](http://oldlutheran.com/collections/elca).



## **Toxic Charity**

*By Robert D. Lupton*

### **Book review**

**written by Kathy Haldenwang**

Have you ever felt that there are so many worthwhile charities out there and that you struggle to decide just how much you can give and to whom? Then you should read at least some of *Toxic Charity* by Robert D. Lupton. It was published by Harper Collins in 2011 and there is a copy available in the church library. The subtitle of this book is "How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help". I think we all know about checking into charities to see how much of our donation will go to "administrative" costs and how much actually goes to the cause. But Lupton pointed out many things I didn't know. For instance, is everyone as clueless as I was about the big business of "religious tourism"? Lupton explains why many mission trips cost more money and cause more problems for the people we are hoping to help. He also delves into how charity feels and changes those who are on the giving end and those who are on the receiving end. It is not as clear cut as you might imagine. If non-fiction is not what you usually read you can still learn a lot just by reading a few chapters in this book. It is definitely worthwhile. Next month I will follow up with Lupton's second book on this topic.

### **Sign Up for Weekly Emails!**

We hope that you love the Chatter. But let's face it...sometimes it's easy to lose your copy of the Chatter, or misplace it during the month. Sometimes it's daunting to read everything and you get behind. Well, we now have a weekly mini-newsletter that is sent out only by email, reminding you of what's coming up this week, who's serving at church the following Sunday, any major news, and any other tidbits about happenings at church. If you are not already receiving this email weekly and would like to, please contact Pastor Katie ([pastor@stpetersverona.org](mailto:pastor@stpetersverona.org)) to be put on the list.

### **SISTERS OF THE FAITH**

Please note that Sisters of the Faith generally meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. However, the group is checking in to decide if they are meeting. So before venturing out, please call or text either Sherri Brown at 315-264-6042 or Linda Rogowski at 315-796-5152 to see if they are meeting.

### **MEMORIAL BRICKS**

With the temperatures hitting 100 it looks like summer is really here! It is time to be thinking of ordering bricks to honor or remember loved ones. Stop by the bell tower and visit and let me know who you would like to add when our engraver comes in the fall. Call or text Paula Bishop at 315-420-1668 or drop off your order in the office.

## Youth Corner

### 2018 Youth Gathering: "This Changes Everything"

They're back! Our youth Meghan O'Dell, Kaylee-Ann Zimmerman, and chaperone Christine O'Dell had a fantastic time at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. They invite the ENTIRE congregation to a **thank-you lunch on Sunday, September 30** to share their experiences and thank St. Peter's for supporting them. Mark your calendars now and watch for more details.

### GIFTS AT THE YOUTH GATHERING

- 437 HAIR DONATIONS, to children with hair loss;
- 1,248 UNITS OF BLOOD, donated from 987 donors;
- 40,000 BOOKS, donated at Blast off for Books;
- 200 GRACE BAGS and 100 kindness project rocks made by tAble participants;
- 700 INDIVIDUALS attended MYLE and visited 13 service sites;
- \$260,000 + raised for ELCA's Global Farm Challenge;

***All thanks to 31,242 registered Gathering participants!***

The next ELCA Youth Gathering will happen June 29-July 3, 2021 in Minneapolis—youth going into grades 6-10 this year (2018-19), you are eligible to go! Please contact Pastor Katie if you are interested.

### Ongoing Can and Bottle Drive

Thank you to a handful of devoted volunteers, the cans and bottles left in our shed are redeemed on a regular basis and the proceeds go into the youth account. We have an account at **Cash for Cans in the Northside Shopping Center in Oneida**, so you can also take your cans and bottles there and tell them to put the funds in the account for St. Peter's Lutheran Church. THANK YOU everyone for kindly separating your cans and bottles and sharing them with us. We appreciate your support and those deposits really add up!

**ALSO:** Occasionally we are in need of volunteers to take those cans and bottles left in our shed to be recycled. We will email or text you when a recycling run is needed and you can take them to Cash for Cans or another recycling facility of your choice. Funds can go either into the youth account or to support another St. Peter's ministry of your choice. Please contact Kathy Piemonte in the church office or Marie Sayles if you can help out.

### Reminder about Worship on Facebook Live

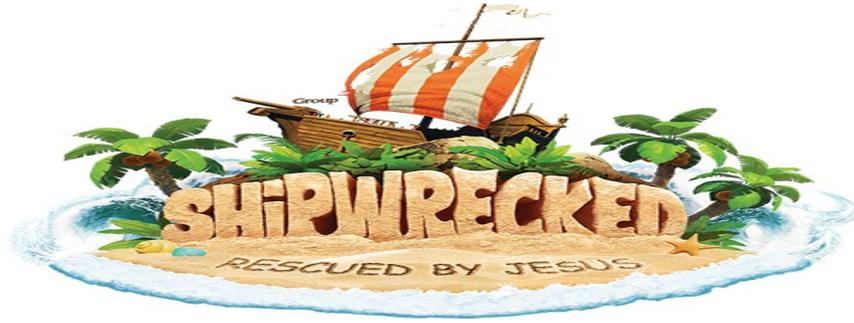
from the Worship and Music Team

A number of you have already discovered that when weather or sickness keep you from getting to church, you can tune into our Facebook page at approximately 9:30-9:40 and hear that morning's sermon. Thank you for listening! The feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

Remember, in recognition of privacy concerns, we have decided to limit the streaming of worship to the sermon only. This way we do not need to worry about copyright permissions for music or for showing children during the children's sermon.

The camera (Russ' phone) is mounted on the pole that you see in the sound booth. Russ zooms in from that location on the pulpit for the sermon. So while there is a tiny chance that the back of your head may be shown briefly on Facebook, we will not be broadcasting anybody's face.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to know more, please speak to Julie Steele, chair of Worship and Music, Russ Brookins, Pastor Katie, or anybody on the team.



We would like to invite all children from Pre school to 6<sup>th</sup> grade to join us this year for 'SHIPWRECKED', this year's Vacation Bible School! Mark your calendar for Aug 13<sup>th</sup> – Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, 9AM to 12:30PM. A week of wonder is just around the bend at St Peter's Lutheran Church.

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun-Gizmos', team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

This year's *Shipwrecked* Vacation Bible School needs great volunteers, if you are interested in helping children know and grow in their belief in Jesus, then consider serving as:

**18 and up – Site Leader**

**7<sup>th</sup> grade and up – Helper**

There is a sign-up sheet for leaders and helpers in the Narthex along with VBS registration forms. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at [bbrowell@live.com](mailto:bbrowell@live.com) or between Sunday services.

God's blessings,

*Betty Browell*

### **Book Fair Coming VBS Week**

Shop the latest elementary book releases from Sparkhouse during Vacation Bible School Week, August 13-17, as well as the weekends before and after! You'll get a discount on all books if you order and pay that week. Come browse the selection of what Sparkhouse has available now for the early elementary age group.

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### **AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE AT ST. PETER'S**

St. Peter's Lutheran Church will host the AARP Driver Safety Course on **Thursday, October 18** and **Friday, October 19** at the church, 4897 Old Oneida Road, Verona. Classes will be from 8:45 am until 12:00 pm each day. Please arrive promptly at 8:45 am. Attendance is required both days to complete the 6-hour course. Pre-registration is required. Pre-payment must be received by **October 8** to reserve a seat as class size is limited. Individuals with a valid driver's license are encouraged to apply. This class is open to the public. To register, call Robert Fish at 315-363-0455 or Diane Myers at 315-363-6154. Make check or money order payable to AARP and should be mailed to Robert Fish at 336 Valenti Country Estates, Oneida, NY 13421. The course fee is \$20 for AARP members or \$25 for non-members.

## Get to Know the Body of Christ—by the Confirmation Class

### **Interview with Deb Rafta**

**by Dylan DePasquale**

What do you do to help others? Deb works with refuge adults and children in Syracuse. She teaches them English. In addition, Deb helps with our church. What do you do for a living? Deb is a retired school teacher. How long have you been a member of St. Peter's? Deb has been a member for 20 years or more. What are your hobbies. How do they relate to community service and serving God? Deb likes to garden and helps with the garden when we had one at church. She likes to cook and cooks for large dinners at St. Peter's and for others. How have you served at St. Peter's (jobs, committees, offices, fund raisers, etc.)? Deb served on Church Council and was president of the council. She has worked on fundraisers, Christmas pageant. What is your favorite part of church? Church services. What would you like to help with in the community or at church? More outreach in the community. What would you like to change? Deb would like to see more parishioners become involved in church activities. She would like to see more youth involvement before and after confirmation.

### **Interview with Linda Hartman**

**by Matthew Rossi**

Hi, my name is Matthew Rossi and I am finishing up my first year of confirmation at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. For one of our assignments, I was tasked with interviewing Mrs. Hartman. Mrs. Hartman has been a member of St. Peter's her whole life and works as the director and one of the teachers at the nursery school program at St. Peter's. Many of her hobbies include being outside especially in her garden, being active, cooking and crocheting. These all relate to God because she loves all of his beautiful creations he has given to us. Like I said before, she is a teacher, but her favorite job is being a mom to her daughters Emily and Katie. There are many complex things that do on during the services, but Mrs. Hartman's favorite part is communion because Pastor Katie welcomes all to the table not just members or the same religion, all. I enjoyed interviewing Mrs. Hartman because she was my wonderful nursery school teacher for 3 years and I learned our lives are connected to God in many different ways.

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Pastor Katie and board -

Thank you for the lovely wind chime you gave me. I will certainly enjoy it this summer!

Thank you for thinking of me, and also for allowing me to be a part of St. Peter's Nursery School. It is an honor.

Love, Deanna

Dear St. Peter's Congregation,

I have had occasion over the last few months to spend a bit of time at the council meetings. I want you all to know what an exceptional group of people you have elected to represent you. They are thoughtful and thorough. They listen to each other respectfully and make the meetings a safe place to dissent or voice a different opinion. I am very proud of this group. The next time you talk to a council member thank him/her for the time they spend and the good work they are dedicated to doing for St. Peter's. And keep them always in your prayers.

Kathy Haldenwang



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## PRAYER VENTURES

### AUGUST 2018

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- 1** Remember in prayer the newly elected synod bishops, and pray they be strengthened and inspired by the Holy Spirit for serving and encouraging leaders and members of their synod's congregations and ministries.
- 2** Pray for unity among all Christians and that, as followers of Christ, we pursue and celebrate a unity that bridges differences and affirms we are of one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God.
- 3** Sing and shout praise to God for the fullness and wonder of creation and nature, gifts that renew our spirit, inspire creativity, sustain life and reveal God's power and love; pray we value and tend carefully these gifts entrusted to us for the sake of the world, all life and glorifying our Creator.
- 4** Give thanks for the ELCA missionaries accompanying our global companions in Germany and Russia to help build the capacity of Lutheran churches for evangelism, mission and leadership development.
- 5** In the spirit of Jesus' feeding 5,000 people, pray for generous responses to ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge, a year-long, youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty.
- 6** It takes the skills, dedication and work of many to run our schools – people who teach, cook, attend to special needs, drive buses, clean, counsel students, coach and more. Pray for everyone who has a role in the education, development and well-being of children and youth in our schools.
- 7** The Lutheran Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations Network (LEIRN) is made up of volunteers representing the 65 synods of the ELCA. Pray for the work of LEIRN's representatives as models and advocates for ecumenical and inter-religious engagement in the life of the synod and this church.
- 8** Remember in prayer all those who suffer daily from chronic pain and its physical, mental and spiritual effects; pray they find hope, effective treatments without addiction and relief from their pain.

**9** Continue praying for all who are recovering from natural disasters, severe weather, flooding and wildfires; ask God to stir an enduring hope, resilience and spirit of mutual care in people as they face the lengthy, difficult and emotional work of grieving loss and rebuilding lives and communities.

**10** Ask God to bless and further the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA) in supporting, equipping and advocating for our 1,400 schools and early childhood centers and their 18,000 educators and employees serving and sharing the gospel with over 150,000 children and their families.

**11** Just as God has fed, nourished and sustained us in body and spirit, pray we too are generous with our resources, abundance and witness for the sake of our neighbors who are hungry or food insecure and for the sake of those who long for the hope and good news we know in Jesus Christ.

**12** Jesus' refusal to turn away hungry crowds reminds us that gospel-centered, faith-driven compassion and responses are not easily dissuaded by daunting problems or large-scale situations that might otherwise discourage our engagement. Pray for the Spirit to stir in us empathy, determination and an awareness of the assets around us that we can put to use in serving our neighbor.

**13** Florence Nightingale (1910) and Clara Maass (1901) Pray for all who work for the care, healing and comfort of those who are sick, injured or in the last stages of life, especially physician assistants, nurses, physicians, hospice staff, health educators, medics in the military, emergency responders and home-care providers.

**14** Pray for humility and courage to be imitators of God and put aside anger, bitterness, slander, dishonesty and cruelty, and be – as urged in Ephesians – kind, tenderhearted and forgiving of one another as God in Christ has been for us.

**15** Give thanks for the ways Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA is strengthening and growing ministries of the church here and around the world. In this last year of the campaign, pray that the Spirit will continue to spark generosity, involvement and a clear sense of the amazing things we can accomplish together.

**16** Remember in prayer students of every age who are returning to school, that their hearts and minds are open to learning, study and *change*.

**17** Bless, praise and give thanks to God, for God is good and hears our every prayer, cry, joyful laugh and sigh.

**18** Pray our schools are safe, encouraging environments free from violence that children and youth can learn, mature, socialize and develop skills for life without fear, anxiety or worry.

**19** Give thanks for the gifts of God's grace, love and restored hope we experience in Holy Communion and for the promise that Jesus Christ is present in the word, bread and wine through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**20** Ask God to help us be aware and affirming of the vital gifts and assets of elders in our congregations and communities; pray we have the wisdom to call on their spiritual gifts, faith, interests, life experiences and insights for the mission of the church and serving our neighbor.

**21** The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty. Remember to pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

**22** Pray for help in discerning, living and walking in God's ways and wisdom, especially when we feel uneasy or uncertain of God's ways in the midst of popular culture, social norms, diverse values, current politics, peer pressure or other powerful influences in our daily life.

**23** Ask for the Spirit of God to be present and active in planning groups, staff and volunteers preparing for the beginning of fall congregational programs; pray these programs and ministries reach new people, deepen the faith of members, inspire people of all ages to serve neighbors in need and help grow the church.

**24** Give thanks to God for the work of the Spirit in our lives and the church as we seek to do good in the world, pursue peace and love our neighbor.

**25** Pray for young adults finishing a summer of service in outdoor ministries that they will continue to be committed to learning, witness and service in their communities, schools, church and the world as leaders equipped with faith, skills, creativity and insights gained through outdoor ministry experiences with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

**26** Give praise and thanks to God for the gift of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, in whom we have new life, salvation and hope.

**27** Remember in prayer people and situations – nearby and globally – that have slipped from our memory, prayers, daily conversations or media coverage; pray these people and concerns in the world live in us and are not easily forgotten.

**28** Faithful, generous volunteers are critical for doing God's work in the world. Give thanks for volunteers who lead and staff programs and ministries in our congregations; pray they are inspired and sustained by their faith, find training and support for their work, and are moved by the Spirit to share their faith and the good news of Jesus Christ with others.

**29** Pray to be "strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power" when confronted by difficulties, threats or the darkness of evil and that we are always ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and pray for the needs and concerns of others.

**30** Give thanks for the rich partnership and relationship we have with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 2009. Pray for their church and ask God to further our respect for one another and work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**31** Give thanks for our long, rich tradition and commitment to faith-based education in homes, congregations, day care and early learning centers, schools, colleges and universities, seminaries, lay schools of theology and through online learning; pray for writers who prepare curriculum, educators, faculty, staff, volunteers and administrators who have responded to the call to serve children, youth and adults of all ages, abilities and needs.

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# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

## August

- 1 Thomas DePasquale
- 1 Julie Netzband
- 2 Jeffrey White
- 5 Kaitlyn O'Dell
- 6 Joyce Carver
- 7 George Netzband
- 8 Brandon Simons
- 11 Melanie Angell
- 11 Max Dreyer
- 14 Kristen Drake
- 15 Doris Althouse
- 15 Mike Kegebein
- 16 Deborah Fjeld
- 16 Jacob Graham
- 16 Douglas Larsen
- 20 Krysdina Novak
- 21 Jessica Wandell
- 21 Taylor Miller
- 23 Debra Hyatt
- 24 Samantha Croad
- 24 Tom Croft
- 25 David Hyatt
- 28 Sara Wandell
- 29 Denise Ward

## September

- 2 Diane Graham
- 3 Jordan Rogowski
- 6 Lisa Mierek-Farrar
- 7 Bonnie Croft
- 8 Paige Brown

(\*This is just a partial list of September)

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# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## August

- 1 Adam & Megan Bice
- 1 Megan & Wanda Murling
- 6 Peter & Connie Froschauer
- 9 Bob & Colleen Zeller
- 11 Jerry & Jeanette Burke
- 12 Tom & Nancy Clance
- 12 Robert & Kristen Drake
- 23 Charlie & Julie Netzband
- 26 Kevin & Melanie Angell
- 27 Ernest & Denise Ward

## September

- 3 Wayne & Rita Wood
- 5 Vincent & Linda Rogowski

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Butterflies are deep and **powerful** representations of life. Many cultures associate the butterfly with our souls. The Christian religion sees the butterfly as a symbol of resurrection. Around the world, people view the butterfly as representing endurance, change, hope, and life.

## **News Around the ELCA / Upstate New York Synod**

### **Public Hearing for Social Statement on Women and Justice on Sept. 8**

The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice has released a draft of a social statement that examines the big picture of sexism and patriarchy in church and society. The task force invites you to study the document and provide feedback. Hearing your input is an essential part of the process to ensure that the draft speaks for and to ELCA members.

After reading the draft statement, you can either share your individual comments until September 30, 2018 or participate in the public hearing on September 8, 2018 at 10:00 am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Liverpool. The hearing will not be a debate or a discussion, but it is an opportunity to hear comments from a variety of people and publicly state your comments for the record. All comments will be recorded and relayed to the Task Force in preparation for issuing a revised statement in February 2019.

Visit [elca.org/womenandjustice](http://elca.org/womenandjustice) to download a copy of the statement, order print copies, and learn more about ways to participate in the social statement process. Social statements of the ELCA are not binding on members' consciences, but they do guide the formation of policy and teaching across the church.

### **ELCA Publications Available at Church**

Curious about what churches across the ELCA are up to? The complimentary publications *Living Lutheran* and *Stories of Faith in Action* are available in the narthex, in the wall-mounted document rack. Other publications are there for the taking as well. Browse for a few minutes and see what you find. Exciting things are happening all across the church!

### **Follow us!**

Do you follow the ELCA on social media? Keep informed with church news, events, pictures and video across many platforms. We're on Facebook at [Facebook.com/Lutherans](https://www.facebook.com/Lutherans); [@ELCA on Twitter](https://twitter.com/ELCA); [@ELCA on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/ELCA) and [YouTube.com/ELCA](https://www.youtube.com/ELCA). Also, the Upstate New York Synod is on Facebook at [facebook.com/upstatenysynod](https://www.facebook.com/upstatenysynod) and sends out a bi-weekly email newsletter called the Upstate Update (visit [upstatenysynod.org](http://upstatenysynod.org) to sign up). Join the online community of Lutherans!



## **Bishop's Annual Golf Tournament Coming August 20**

To all golfers, the best and the rest, tee off with Bishop Macholz on Monday, August 20, 2018 at Shadow Lake Golf and Racquet Club, 1850 Five Mile Line Rd., Penfield, NY. Funds raised at the event will support the 2018 Bishop's Appeal.

The outing will begin at 12:00 noon with a "shotgun" start, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by awards, celebrations and the auction (including a wine pull). Last year's event exceeded \$10,000 - let's see if we can double that for 2018! A tall order but we'll have lots of fun and give it our all.

Recruit your team of four and plan to join us. If you don't have enough for a team, sign up and we will create a team. Folks can also join us just for the dinner at 6 p.m. Early bird registration for foursomes is \$400.00, with individual registration at \$100.00. Early bird "dinner only" rate is \$30.00. These rates expire on July 15th, so register early.



We're looking for event and lawn sign sponsors - it's awesome to see the number of churches committed to sponsoring this event! Volunteers are needed to help with planning and on the day of the event.

Online registration available soon at the synod website: [upstatenysynod.org](http://upstatenysynod.org). Contact Keith Nickoloff for more information, [knickoloff@pharos.com](mailto:knickoloff@pharos.com).



### ***Don't forget the Verona Food Pantry!***

Open Tuesdays from 1 to 2:30 pm and  
Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 pm  
Located at the Verona Town Hall (water  
dept.  
building), 6600 Germany Road

#### **Donations especially needed during the upcoming summer months for children who are out of school:**

canned soup (other than tomato); cereal; toiletries; paper products; and lunch items. Your continued support is always appreciated!

To volunteer, call Linda Finnerty at 315-813-3477  
Please put donations in the box in the narthex at  
St. Peter's

#### **PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN:**

You or a family member is sick or in the hospital.  
You are planning a meeting or scheduling an event—to place it  
on the church calendar.

A baby is expected in your family.

You want to arrange for a baptism or wedding.

A family member has passed away.

Your telephone number or address has changed.

You are planning to move, locally or out of town.

You feel the church can help you in any way.

#### **Church Chatter via Email**



Go Green: If you prefer to receive the church chatter via email, please email Kathy Piemonte at **office@stpetersverona.org** and she will email you the Chatter.



#### **The Good News Center:**

##### **Rosary Walk with Chicken Barbecue**

Please join us between 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm on  
**Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10475 Cosby Manor Road,  
**Utica** for a chicken barbecue. Cost is \$10. Reservations required for barbecue. Call 315-735-6210.

Then at **6:00 pm** pray the Rosary with us along our beautiful outdoor trail led by Mike Dziura. There will also be a Rosary prayed on the Center lawn for those unable to walk the trail. Seating will be provided. Free refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

#### **Leave a Legacy**

Nobody likes to think about what will happen when they die, but one of the ways you can make an impact on generations to come and share the light of Christ with future generations is to make a legacy gift to the church.

There are several ways to do this. The ELCA church-wide organization has a campaign called "Always Being Made New" that supports efforts to fight malaria and hunger, launches new congregations, provides seminary scholarships, and reaches out to youth and people with disabilities. You can choose to make a one-time gift to that campaign or to any entity you want to support (i.e. the Upstate New York Synod, Vanderkamp, one or more of our seminaries,



If you are a Facebook user and you haven't already "liked" our page, please do so! We currently have 263 likes and 267 people have checked in at St. Peter's (checking in on Sunday is an easy way to share your faith with others). Search for "St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Verona N.Y." and click on "like" to add us to your news feed. We are now also on Twitter and you can follow us at @StPetersVerona. Remember, even if we don't show up in your news feed, we may be posting important information, so the best way to see what we're up to is to go directly to our Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who has RSVPed to an event, liked a post, or shared a post with your friends—you are helping make St. Peter's a wonderful and welcoming place!

#### **KEEP IN TOUCH!**



Help us keep our mailing and phone contacts up to date.

##### **MOVED? CHANGED A PHONE NUMBER? GONE OFF TO SCHOOL?**

Call, write, or email us your changes so we can keep the office records up to date.

315-363-5211

4897 Old Oneida Road, Verona, NY 13440  
office@stpetersverona.org



## HOW DO I ASK FOR PRAYER?

We have several ways to request prayer:

**For emergencies:** Contact Marie Sayles ([msayles2@twc.com](mailto:msayles2@twc.com), 315-337-8758) to begin the Prayer Chain

**For ongoing prayer done privately:** Fill out a green form from the pew racks and put in the offering plate OR leave a note in the Prayer Ministry mailbox in the entryway

**For prayer in Sunday worship:** Write it on the clipboard in the narthex

**For a prayer shawl:** Contact Leigh Ann Gilladette at 315-280-4100

## ALTAR GUILD

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar or have the sanctuary candle lit on a particular Sunday in memory or honor of someone, please sign up for your desired Sunday on the bulletin board outside the sacristy and choir room (*same hallway as the restrooms*). For flowers, you are free to shop for flower arrangements or plants and bring them to the altar before 8:30 on Sunday morning. After the 11:15 service concludes, you may take them home or leave them to brighten the church space.

For the candle, please speak to Diane Angell, Phone 315-363-6249, to make arrangements.



## MUTUAL MINISTRY TEAM

The purpose of the Mutual Ministry Team is to support the ministry of St. Peter's and deal with any concerns which may arise among the partners in ministry, i.e. the congregation, pastor, and staff. The team will meet quarterly or more often as the need arises.

Steps to be taken when there is a concern:

- A concern is brought to the attention of a team member.
- Discussion takes place within the team on how best to address the concern.
- The team will offer guidance and support to all parties involved in addressing the concern.

*Note: While all concerns will be shared with the entire team (including the pastor), confidentiality will be maintained within the team as appropriate.*

MMT Members:

Jerry Burke 361-1134(h); 339-2954(c)

Kathy Haldenwang 336-4698(h); 264-3419(c)



Just a reminder! We collect can tabs YEAR ROUND! That includes tabs on soup cans, pet food cans, and tuna fish cans in addition to your standard soda can tabs. Place them in the plastic jar on the Welcome Table and we will bring them to Synod Assembly in the spring for that year's ministry opportunity.

This is a list of supplies needed at the JD George, Sr. Elementary School. Each year St. Peter's takes up a collection of items needed for students in need. Please consider donating items. If you prefer not to shop, monetary donations are accepted at St. Peter's and Marie will do the shopping. Donations accepted at St. Peter's in July and August. Your assistance is appreciated.

## John D. George, Sr. Elementary School

### Supply List 2018-2019 School Year

Box of 24 Crayons  
Box of 24 colored pencils  
Loose Leaf Paper - Wide Ruled Only  
#2 Pencils with erasers (Ticonderoga if possible)  
Zippered Pencil Case (Cloth)  
Plastic Pencil Box  
Black Sharpie markers  
Large boxes of Tissues  
Glue Sticks  
Bottles of Glue  
Highlighters (yellow)  
Pair of scissors  
Pencil sharpener (hand held)  
Package of 3x5 Index Cards  
Single subject notebooks (Red, Yellow, Blue, 2 Green, Purple)  
2-pocket folders (Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Purple, and any other folder for Take Home folder, Social Studies, Science, Math, Writing, Guided Reading)  
Container of Disinfecting Wipes (i.e. Clorox wipes)  
Bottle Hand Sanitizer  
Set of multiplication flash cards (can be found at Family Dollar, Dollar Tree, Walmart, etc.)  
1 inch Binder  
3 inch Binder  
Casio FX 300MS Scientific Calculator  
Expo Dry Erase Markers  
Backpacks

**\*\*No Trapperkeepers\*\***



## AUGUST 2018

### 9:00 am

| DATE                             | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS                                       | MINISTER ASSISTING | GREETERS                       | LECTOR           | USHERS                      | ACOLYTES                              |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8/5/18*<br>Time after Pentecost  | Caleb Decker, Shirley Netzband, Carol Noble, Lillian White | Janet Fiacco       | Betty Browell<br>Wayne Wood    | Deb Rafté        | Bob Zeller<br>Julie Steele  | Matt Rossi<br>Jordyn Steele           |
| 8/12/18<br>Time after Pentecost  |  |                    | Dave Hyatt<br>Kathy Haldenwang | Sandy Spies      | Dean Hilts<br>William Hilts | Dylan DePasquale<br>Carter DePasquale |
| 8/19/18*<br>Time after Pentecost | Marie Sayles, Deb Fjeld, Anna Rossi, Jim Fiacco            | Deb Rafté          | Wayne Wood<br>Matt Rossi       | Ken Regner       | Ken Regner<br>Aaron Dust    | Peter Makarchuk<br>Caleb Decker       |
| 8/26/18<br>Time after Pentecost  |  |                    | MaryAnn Hilts<br>Bob Zeller    | Kathy Haldenwang | Marge VanSlyke<br>Bob Fish  | Violetta Hilts<br>Kaitlyn O'Dell      |

### 11:15 am

| DATE                             | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS              | MINISTER ASSISTING | GREETERS | LECTOR       | USHERS          | ACOLYTES         |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 8/5/18<br>Time after Pentecost   |                                   |                    |          | Chris Crill  | Matt Klepadlo   | Camryn Klepadlo  |
| 8/12/18*<br>Time after Pentecost | Carissa Klepadlo<br>Lisa Sandefer |                    |          | Ellen Masi   | Terry Fike      | Grace Candee     |
| 8/19/18<br>Time after Pentecost  |                                   |                    |          | Terry Fike   | Marvin Perkosky | Emma Rogowski    |
| 8/26/18*<br>Time after Pentecost | Ellen Masi<br>Chris Crill         |                    |          | Kary Comfort | Lance Comfort   | Liesl Froschauer |

\* Communion

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please make attempts to find a replacement.  
If you are unsuccessful, please call or email the office. Thank you!

# August 2018

| Sun  | Mon                           | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |  |   |  |
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| <b>Note: Sunday, September 2</b><br><b>10:00 am Blended Worship</b><br><b>Picnic afterward</b> |                               |   | <b>1</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group<br>7:00 pm Hymn Sing                      | <b>2</b><br>6:00 pm Sisters of the Faith                            | <b>3</b><br>6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal  | <b>4</b><br>2:00 pm Wedding   |  |   |  |
|  |                               |   | <b>5</b><br>9:00 am Worship with Communion<br>11:15 am Worship                                  | <b>6</b><br>Pastor's Day Off  | <b>7</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>10:00 am Hymn Selection Meeting<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study | <b>8</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group   | <b>9</b><br>1:00 pm Community Relations Team Meeting | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>  |
| <b>12</b><br>9:00 am Worship with Baptism<br>11:15 am Worship with Communion                   | <b>13</b><br>Pastor's Day Off | <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 AM – 12:30 PM</b>  |   |   | <b>14</b><br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study<br>7:00 pm Church Council Meeting                                     | <b>15</b><br>1:00 pm Deacons Meeting  | <b>16</b><br>6:00 pm Sisters of the Faith            | <b>17</b><br>6:00 pm VBS Cookout<br>7:00 pm VBS Closing Program | <b>18</b><br>10:00 am – 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use |
| <b>19</b><br>9:00 am Worship with Communion<br>11:15 am Worship                                | <b>20</b><br>Pastor's Day Off | <b>21</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study                                    | <b>22</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group<br>10:00 am Nursery School Board Meeting | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br> <b>American Red Cross</b><br>9:00 am – 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive |  |   |  |
| <b>26</b><br>9:00 am Worship<br>11:15 am Worship with Communion                                | <b>27</b><br>Pastor's Day Off | <b>28</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study<br>6:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting | <b>29</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group  | <b>30</b><br>4:30 pm Stone Soup at Verona First Presbyterian Church | <b>31</b>  |   |  |   |  |