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# **THE CHURCH CHATTER July, 2018**

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Church, Verona, NY

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worship, learning, fellowship and service in the name of the Lord.)*

**Worship Services**

**Sunday 9:00 and 11:15 am, Sunday School 10:15 am**

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

**Staff**

Rev. Katie Yahns, Pastor  
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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| Deb Rafte        | 315-264-3589 | Deacon for Mission Outreach, Worship, and Youth          |
| Nan Richard      | 315-337-7230 | Deacon for Worship, Mission Outreach, and Visitation     |

*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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| President:           | Lillian White  | 315-363-3749 |
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| Treasurer:           | Sherri Brown   | 315-363-4552 |
| Financial Secretary: | Paula Bishop   | 315-363-8016 |

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### **From the Pastor: Singing our national songs**

Dear friends in Christ,

As we draw near to the Fourth of July, I've been thinking about some of the "national hymns" that are included in the back section of our hymnal. In years when the Fourth falls close to a Sunday, we try to include at least one of these in our worship, but in years like this one, when the Fourth is on a Wednesday, there isn't a clear Sunday to do that.

When we do, the question always becomes...which song to include?? Our hymnal has a pretty decent selection of those national songs that are also appropriate for singing in church. What does that mean? It means **they are worshipful, they call upon God, they are designed for group singing, and they are not overly individualistic in their language.** (Ever wondered why "O Canada" is included? Because our hymnal is also the primary worship resource for many Lutheran churches in Canada!)

If we agree to include a national song in worship, I'm usually pulling for #888, "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." Why? For me, it's four reasons.

1. **The visual images in the song.** The words were inspired by a cross-country train trip in 1893, where the poet, English professor Katharine Lee Bates, traveled from Wellesley College in Massachusetts to Colorado Springs, Colorado to teach a summer school session. Her train went through the "alabaster city" of Chicago, the "amber waves of grain" of Kansas, and the "fruited plain" that spread out before her when she traveled to Pike's Peak (14,115 feet above sea level). Who doesn't love the image of "spacious skies" and "from sea to shining sea"? And I always have a soft spot for "purple mountains majesty" because I think of the mountains I grew up seeing.
2. **A tune that is incredibly satisfying to sing.** "America" began life as a poem, published to honor the Fourth of July, but right away composers were trying their hand at turning it into a song. The eventual winner, composed by Samuel A. Ward, the organist and choirmaster of Grace Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey, was originally written as a hymn tune for something else before "America the Beautiful" was even written. Before popular opinion settled on the Ward tune, however, people sang it to all sorts of tunes, including the folk song "Auld Lang Syne"! (Try it!)

3. **Both the tune and the words are considered pure works of inspiration.** As Bates stood at the summit of Pike's Peak, the words of the poem began to come to her and she wrote them down when she got back to her hotel room that night. The tune came to Ward as he rode the Coney Island ferry back to his home of New York after a perfect summer's day. Legend has it (according to Wikipedia, anyway) that he was so anxious to capture the tune in his head that he asked his friend Harry Martin for his shirt cuff to write down the notes. Maybe that's why there is something that just feels right about these words and these notes and why they work so well together—they came to the respective artists spontaneously out of nowhere. Everything coalesced at just the right time and what sprang into being became a great contribution to American history.
4. **Deep appreciation and gratitude for everything we have in this nation—both God-given and God-inspired—without triumphalism or exceptionalism.** The images of landscape are abundant, but Bates pays tribute to the American spirit as well—pioneers who bravely set out for a new home and soldiers who give themselves for the freedom of us all. Bates praises America, but also holds us to account, praying that “God mend thine ev'ry flaw”! It is out of love for our nation that we see it honestly, hold it to a higher standard, and ask for God's help.

So that's my favorite. What's yours? If you have ever wondered why we don't sing it in church, you might want to make a special note to come to our July hymn sing on Wednesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm and request it there. Scott will certainly be ready for it.

While it's important for us to remember that Independence Day is not a church holiday (another reason these songs don't always make an appearance on Sunday morning), it's always appropriate to thank God for the gift of freedom and recognizing those “inalienable rights” to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that all humans have from God as their Creator. As you celebrate our nation this Fourth of July, take a moment, lift your voice in song, and give thanks!

Together in Christ,  
Pastor Katie Yahns

### **Council Corner**

Please allow me to share just a couple of items covered at our last council meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>:

- ◆ Pastor Katie will be applying for a Domestic Hunger Grant which will hopefully give us the funds to purchase a freezer. This will enable us to retain additional meals.
- ◆ We had a vendor service the air conditioning units that support the office and nursery room. We learned that the safety switch, which controls the pressure, was not working. At that point in time, we were advised that it could be a very expensive fix. We are glad to report that the fix was much less than expected and the air conditioning is working for now.
- ◆ A family in Vernon lost their home to a fire. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, a benefit will be held at St. Peter's which will consist of a lunch and a basket raffle.
- ◆ We continue to ask for support on helping with Church Guild, Readings, Ushers and caring for the Church Grounds.
- ◆ We are in the final negotiations for the sale of the stained glass windows from the old church building.

Stay cool,  
Lillian White

**Mission of the Month for July: Help Restore Hope Center**

July's Mission of the Month is the Help Restore Hope Center in Oneida, an emergency shelter for women and children who have survived domestic violence. This crucial ministry provides a safe place for those looking to escape a dangerous or unhealthy situation. They also provide survivors and their families with advocacy, support, information, referral, a hotline, therapy, and more.

These women and children need clothing, toiletries, diapers and baby items, household items and things for children like art supplies, school supplies, toys and games. Some of these things can be gently used donations, but there are a number of items that must be purchased new. Our donation will go into a fund for survivors to meet the needs that cannot be met any other way (diapers, formula, deposit on a new apartment, transportation to legal appointments, clothes, food, and bedding).

Please consider supporting the July Mission of the Month and survivors of domestic violence with your donations in the mission jar in the narthex. Thank you!

**Financial Secretary's Report**

Income for current expenses through May, 2018

|      |                  |          |
|------|------------------|----------|
| 2018 | 55,938.78        | 21weeks  |
| 2017 | <u>59,357.93</u> | 22 weeks |
|      | 3,419.15         | Decrease |

Benevolence Income

|      |                 |          |
|------|-----------------|----------|
| 2018 | 1,994.00        |          |
| 2017 | <u>3,624.50</u> |          |
|      | 1,630.50        | Decrease |

Budget Giving During May

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| May 6  | 3,267.72        |
| May 13 | 4,330.21        |
| May 20 | 4,548.75        |
| May 27 | <u>2,595.17</u> |

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|------------------|----------|
| 14,741.85        | Income   |
| <u>13,724.73</u> | Expenses |
| 1,107.12         | Over     |

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Special Mission Giving in 2018    | 1,512.24 |
| Lent & Self Denial Mission Giving | 865.70   |
| Capital Fund (plus fund raisers)  | 690.00   |
| Sunday School                     | 0.00     |
| Patio Bricks – year to date       | 60.00    |

|              |                  |          |
|--------------|------------------|----------|
| Year to Date | 66,467.28        | Income   |
|              | <u>63,774.69</u> | Expenses |
|              | 2,692.59         | Over     |

|               |                |                     |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 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 Scott Stewart



## GRACE NOTES: OUR MUSIC COLUMN

*The purpose of the "Grace Notes" column is to increase and deepen the congregation's participation in music. This month Scott Stewart has some new found info, even to him, about the "Metrical Index" on page 1199 in your hymnal.*

The metrical index lists hymns by their metric designation. It begins with the first lines containing the fewest number of syllables and/or words and progresses to longer lines and ends with the IM(PM)meters or irregular (peculiar) meters. The index shows the variety of meters found in the hymnal and aids the worship planner by grouping hymns with the same meter together. Texts and tunes with the same metrical pattern maybe interchanged.

The metrical pattern of a given hymn refers to the number of pulses in a poetic line. The most common metrical pattern, CM, is designated by the term *common meter* and has an 86.86 pattern.

In an 86.86 pattern, the first poetic line has eight pulses, the second poetic line has six, and then the entire pattern is repeated. "Amazing Grace" is a good example.

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

8 syllables, 6 syllables, 8 syllables, 6 syllables

By using the metrical index, other tunes designed for the 86.86 pattern of the common meter can be used with these words. For example, the

tune for "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing,"

AZMON, is written in common meter and may be sung with the words of "Amazing Grace."

Another use for the index is exchanging unfamiliar tunes for familiar tunes. Perhaps you want to sing

"In Christ There Is No East or West" for

World Communion Sunday, but your congregation is unfamiliar with the tune. Since it is a common meter text, you would look in the metrical index

to see what other tunes match the meter. Among your many choices are AZMON, the tune to "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," ANTIOCH, the tune to "Joy to the World," and ST. ANNE, the tune to "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

Common meter (CM), short meter (SM), and long meter (LM) are all in the iambic pattern, that is, they begin with an unaccented syllable, followed by an accented syllable. Other metrical patterns may be

either iambic or trochaic, which is an accented syllable followed by an unaccented syllable. It is important to know which of these patterns a tune follows. Tunes with the same meter will not work if they do not follow the same pattern of accented and unaccented syllables. The metrical index tells you if a tune is iambic or trochaic.

The metrical index is an excellent tool for enhancing music in worship. Use it to expand the congregation's repertory of hymns and to better coordinate the hymn texts with theme, scripture, and sermon.

### TABLE OF METRICAL ABBREVIATIONS

**SM-Short Meter.** 66.86 pattern. Exemplified in BAYLOR, the tune to which we sing "Restore in Us, O God"

**SMD-Short Meter Double.** 66.86.66.86 pattern.

Exemplified in DIADEMATA, the tune to which we sing "Crown Him with Many Crowns."

**CM-Common Meter.** 86.86 pattern. Exemplified in AZMON, the tune to which we sing "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

**CDM-Common Meter Double.** 86.86.86.86

pattern. Exemplified in MATERNA, the tune to which we sing "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies."

**LM-Long Meter.** 88.88 pattern. Exemplified in DUKE STREET, the tune to which we sing "Jesus Shall Reign."

**LMD-Long Meter Double.** 88.88.88.88 pattern.

Exemplified in YOUR ONLY SON, the tune to which we sing "Lamb of God."

**IM-Irregular Meter.** An irregular meter signifies that the meter does not follow a regular pattern and can rarely be substituted for another text with an irregular meter. Several examples of irregular meter are "Go Tell It on the Mountain," "Were You There," and "Stille Nacht."

And like Bach who was to sign off his compositions with the notation: "All music is to the Glory Of God", please engage fully in your participation of our wonderful music ministries here at St. Peter's.

In Faith, Scott Stewart, 11:15 am Musician  
Website: <http://keyboard331.faithweb.com>

Excerpts from Diana Sanchez

## **For Your Prayers**

Paul Doornbos passed away Tuesday, May 8 in Florida. He and his wife Carol Doornbos were longtime members of St. Peter's and Carol founded the St. Peter's Nursery School in the 1980s. Please remember Carol and his family in your prayers. If you would like to send a card, you may send it to:

Mrs. Carol Doornbos  
US Highway 19 N  
Lot #141  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689  
[cdoornbos@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cdoornbos@tampabay.rr.com)

## **New Member and First Communion Classes**

Pastor Katie is hoping to hold a short series of new member classes sometime this summer, and she and Kathy Haldenwang are planning another round of First Communion preparation for ages 8-9. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact the office so materials can be ordered and schedules consulted.



### **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.

The course provides research-based information to help update driving knowledge and skills, as well as an opportunity to learn to drive more safely and confidently. Both sessions will be with student guidebooks, audio/visuals and classroom discussions pertinent to driver safety. The course allows a participant to receive a discount on vehicle insurance premiums for three years.

## **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.

## **Blessing Box Officially Open!**

**What is a Blessing Box? It's a small box on a post with a door and shelves that empowers the community to directly help people in need.** The idea is that members of the community leave something inside—food items, toiletries, even school supplies. Anybody who needs it can come and take it at any time. It can be summed up with the phrase **“Give what you can—take what you need.”** Ours is located at the Verona Fire Department.

So! What can you do to help make the Blessing Box a success?

- ◆ **Spread the word** that it exists by posting a flyer (found on the Welcome Table) in the community, or taking some of the smaller sheets with Blessing Box info to hand out as needed.
  - ◆ **Donate appropriate items in the box** as you are able. In freezing temperatures, the contents could include ramen noodles, granola bars, paper products, hygiene products, and similar items. As we move into non-freezing temperatures, cans and bottles that can withstand temperature changes are OK too.
  - ◆ **Check on the box** to make sure nothing dangerous, expired or inappropriate is in there, and if there is, take it out and throw it away (or give to the food pantry if that's the right place for it). The various churches of Verona will be taking turns checking on the box too, but volunteers are still welcome.
- The Blessing Box is a cooperative effort of the Verona churches, Boy Scout Troop 25 Verona, and the Verona Fire Department. Thank you to all parties for making the box a success. For more info, please contact Pastor Katie or any member of the Community Relations Team (Paula Bishop, Marie Sayles, Linda Rogowski, or Deb Rafte). For more information about the concept itself, visit [littlefreepantry.org](http://littlefreepantry.org).

## **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 spring and summer, in addition to learning a new one.

Now that the season of Easter has concluded, we have shifted to use **Setting 3** for the first portion of the Season after Pentecost. This was Setting 1 in the green book and will also be familiar to many. **Setting 8**, which we already know well, will be returning for August and September. **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. “Ancient Words” has returned as a Scripture song for the summer.

## **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.

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

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Wednesday, July 11     | Hymn Sing 7:00 pm ( <i>rescheduled from July 4</i> )  |
| Friday, July 13        | Messy Church 5:30-7:30 pm   |
| Friday, July 20        | Dames Night Out 4:00 pm carpooling to The Hamlet, Chittenango                                       |
| Monday, July 23-27     | VACC Vacation Bible School at Verona Seventh Day Baptist  |
| Thursday, July 26      | Stone Soup (4:30) VBS program (5:30), and Opus Black Concert<br>All at First Presbyterian in Verona |
| Wednesday, August 1    | Hymn Sing 7:00 pm   |
| Monday, August 13-17   | St. Peter's Vacation Bible School "Shipwrecked"   |
| Friday, August 17      | St. Peter's VBS Picnic (6 pm) and Program (7 pm)  |
| Saturday, August 25    | Red Cross Blood Drive   |
| Sunday, September 2    | Blended Worship Service 10:00 am (potluck picnic afterwards)  |
| Wednesday, September 5 | Hymn Sing 7:00 pm   |
| Sunday, September 9    | "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday and Rally Day  |
| Sunday, September 30   | "Thank You" Lunch for Youth Gathering Participants  |
| Saturday, October 20   | Verona CROP Walk  |
| Sunday, October 28     | Confirmation Sunday / Trunk or Treat in afternoon   |
| Saturday, November 3   | Basket Bonanza  |

## **Pack Rat Rummage Sale, Saturday, July 21 at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Syracuse**

The STEP Center at Syracuse University and St. Stephen Lutheran Church provide a whole host of vital ministries that help recent refugees make their home in CNY. Now they invite and encourage all the churches of Central Crossroads to lend a hand for the Packrat Rummage Sale to support this work with new Americans.

Volunteers are needed to tag sale items at St. Stephen July 17 through July 20 and to set up. Look for the signup sheet posted at your church. And of course, items are needed for sale as well! Donated items can be dropped off at St. Stephen any time until July 20. On the day of the sale, volunteers to work are needed as well as baked goods for the bake sale table. Vendor tables and craft tables are also available for a small fee. Look for a flyer to spread the word about the sale in early July.

This project needs your help to be a success! Come join the effort and enjoy connecting with those from other churches and meet the participants in the program, who will be volunteering as well. If you'd like to help, you may call St. Stephen at 315-479-9912 or Debra Rafte from St. Peter's at 315-264-3589.

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:40

## **St. Peter's "Farmer's Market" Ready for Produce**

As you may remember, this year we will not have a garden planted at St. Peter's. However, we will still host a "farmer's market" on Sunday mornings where you can bring produce and purchase whatever is there. 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 mission project is planned for this year.

P.S. We still have a few bags of Farmer Bob's dried beans available in the narthex to kick off this year's sales!

**Are you looking to sell some real estate?** We have become aware of a woman originally from this area who is looking to move back after a brief retirement in North Carolina. Her children live in this area and her husband passed away suddenly after they moved there for retirement a few years ago. She is searching for a small home on an acre of land (or perhaps land where she could put a home). If you know of anyone who might be a good connection for this person, please let Pastor Katie know and she will pass the information along.

### **Annual Meeting of St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery Association**

The Annual Meeting of St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery Association will be on **Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm. If there are any questions call Arlene Hornyak at 315-363-5036 or Bob Zeller at 315- 339-0912.

### **Messy Church**



Yes, everyone Messy Church is once again heading to St. Peter's. This innovative program helps children and adults look at scripture in a fun way. The participants may use every day experiences to recognize and learn about the word of the Lord. Please come and discover the joy and fellowship. MESSY CHURCH will meet on Friday, July 13, 2018, from 5:30 to 7:30. Dinner will be served. If you like bring a friend.

### **"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. 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 by **August 1st** 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).

### **Confirmation Field Trip**

As part of the final unit of Confirmation class this year, we are planning a field trip to another house of worship. Unfortunately we were not able to attend an iftar dinner during the month of Ramadan, but we are planning to visit the mosque at the Islamic Society of Central New York on the morning of Saturday, July 14.

**This field trip is also open to the congregation!** If anyone would like to learn more about the Muslim faith and its practices, please consider joining us. Please contact Pastor Katie or Kathy Haldenwang if you are interested or have questions.

### **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.



## I Am Malala

By Malala Yousfzai

### Book review

written by Kathy Haldenwang

This month's book review is *I Am Malala*, the autobiography by Malala Yousafzai. It is a Back Bay Book published in 2013. There is a copy in the church library. I thought this book would be timely considering the recent death of the Taliban leader who ordered Malala killed. This book is worth reading even if all you learn from it is more about the ways of life in the Middle East and come to understand that most Muslims are not terrorists. Malala is a young woman of faith who believes in and prays to the same God we do. Her story is an inspiring one of great courage. Even after the terrifying attempt on her life her faith remains strong to this day. I believe she will be a force to be reckoned with.

### 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.

### Photo Directory

Our new photo directory is finally HERE! Because we have a limited number of directories, we are distributing them in batches. **Those families who were photographed for the directory are in the first batch.** If this is you and you did not yet pick up your directory, please ask for it in the office or make other arrangements with Kathy P.

**If you did NOT get your photo taken for the directory, please add your name to the list of those who would like one.** This list is also available in the office. Council is still determining exactly how to allocate the remaining directories and save some for new members in the future. We will do our best to make sure everyone who wants one will get one!

Now, as we all know, every directory goes out of date pretty much five minutes after it is published! We tried our very best to make sure 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.

## Youth Corner

### 2018 Youth Gathering

At the time this issue of the Chatter was being compiled and printed, Kaylee-Ann Zimmerman, Meghan O'Dell, and chaperone Christine O'Dell were at the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. They return on Monday, July 2 and we will be hearing from them in September about their time spent worshiping, serving, learning, and connecting with 30,000 other Lutheran youth from around the country. Check out [elca.org/gathering](http://elca.org/gathering) for more info on the gathering and please pray for them and this milestone in their faith!

**THANK YOU to everyone who made the May Mission of the Month, "Blast Off for Books," such a great success! We raised \$237.82 which was enough to purchase a total of 38 books to be shared with kids in Houston.**

### 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. These funds go to help our youth attend Youth Gatherings as well as give seed money for fundraisers and funds for fun activities. THANK YOU everyone for kindly separating your cans and bottles and bringing them to St. Peter's. We appreciate your support and those nickels really add up!

We now have an account at **Cash for Cans in the Northside Shopping Center in Oneida**. You can take your cans and bottles there and tell them to put the funds in the account for St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The value goes up to 6 cents per item (with no limit on items) and you've done your good deed for the day! We thank you for your generosity.

**ALSO:** We are in need of volunteers to take those cans and bottles left in our shed to be recycled. The pool of volunteers has shrunk over the years and we could use a few more people. 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.

## **Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon Update**

Ten dedicated riders and seven support crew joined together to raise \$2600 for our 38th ride for cystic fibrosis. It was a hot day but all riders made the full 20 miles. Thanks go out to all of you who supported us. Our riders this year were: Nathan Angell, Chris Bui, Anthony Dangler, Brian and Dawn Larsen, Dave Makarchuk, Gavin and Keith Parry, Donna Tuthill and Dale White. Thanks to Bob and Dawn Larsen for marking the route. Our safety crew was Bob Larsen, Phil Bishop and Isaiah Mackey. Dorothy Parry and Clarice Mackey helped with the picnic and counting the money. Thanks also to the Diane Angell and the Peploski family for hosting the rest stops. Thanks again for your support for this worthy cause.

Paula Bishop

## **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).



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 the 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*

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Pastor Katie,

Hope all is going well at St. Peters these days. Just read in the Chatter that the theme of the VBS is "Ship Wrecked". We have the same theme and our VBS is this week with over 100 children. I am sending you a picture of our altar all decorated with over 70 live tropical plants as our back drop. Thought you might like to see it. The children seem to love it with all the music and skits. We have over 20 volunteers working the stations with our Ship Wrecked shirts on. I am one of 6 people manning the registration and handling the \$\$\$\$\$. It's nice seeing all the children with big smiles on their faces. I think you selected the right theme.....you will really enjoy it! Bob Benzing





Dear St. Peter's Church,

I am honored to have received the Janet Grimm Memorial Award. Thank you to all of those involved in St. Peter's Church for supporting not only me but all of those graduating as we start a new chapter in our lives. Growing up with God in my life has helped to shape me into who I am today and I can't wait to go and spread the work of God as I go through my life. Thank you again for this generous scholarship. I am excited to start my adventure.

Sincerely, Emily Rossi

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To My Church Family,

Many thanks for celebrating my 90th birthday with me and my dear family! "Secret efforts" by my Alaska and Oklahoma families, Pastor Katie and nearby niece, Lisa Esch, working with Sandy Spies and several willing workers made it all happen!

A blessing which warms my heart greatly! P.T.L and keep the faith!

Marion S. Tallman

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Dear Family in Christ,

Sincere gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy on Paul's passing. Your prayers, cards and words of comfort have meant so much during this difficult time. St. Peter's family continues to hold a very special place in our hearts.

With love and friendship,

Carol and family

The Paul Doornbos Family

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**For the Freda Scheifele Scholarship:**

Dear Pastor Yahns,

I would like to thank you for the award. I plan to use the scholarship money to pay for books while I am at Penn State University for Aerospace Engineering. Thank you again.

Nathan Brewer

Pastor Katie Yahns:

Thank you very much for awarding me with the Freda Scheifele Memorial Award. I am very honored to have received this scholarship. I will put the award towards my first year of books for college. Thank you again!

Sincerely, Alina Janowski

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God's work. Our hands.

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## PRAYER VENTURES

### JULY 2018

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**1** Pray for youth, adults and ELCA Youth Gathering volunteers traveling home from Houston that they will return home safely to share their enthusiasm, deepened faith, appreciation for the diversity and complexity of the body of Christ, and a broadened vision of the ELCA and their role in carrying out its mission in the world.

**2** Give thanks to God for being attentive to our difficulties, experiences of human tragedy and questions and for reassuring us that we are loved and that nothing is beyond God's ability to heal, restore or save.

**3** We remember in prayer people, communities and regions affected by recent flooding and severe weather that the Spirit will sustain their faith and hope while they deal with loss, damage and the daunting work of recovery and rebuilding.

**4** Give thanks for the blessings of freedom we experience in our nation, and pray the Spirit will guide us in using our freedom to exemplify God's ways of justice, peace, humility and mercy while caring and advocating for those who still experience injustice and obstacles to freedom in our society and world.

**5** Give thanks and praise to God for being gracious to us and being our helper, turning our mourning into dancing and clothing us with joy.

**6** Give thanks for the ELCA missionaries serving in Cameroon, Kenya and Liberia and for their work alongside our global companions in theological education, parish ministry, communications and growing the church.

**7** Pray the Spirit of God stirs in us an inclination to be generous and concerned with the needs of our neighbor that "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

**8** Just as the disciples were sent out with few physical comforts and resources – but were well equipped for ministry with the wisdom of Jesus, the power of the Spirit and the company of one another – we pray that we too will trust in the guidance and assets God has provided us to do God's work in the world.

**9** Hold in prayer the city of Houston, which was host for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, that the witness and impact of the faith, enthusiasm and service of the youth and adult participants will endure long after the Gathering and give hope and encouragement to its residents and faith communities.

**10** Ask God to have mercy on us that our spirits are restored when we feel disparaged or criticized and that we are strengthened to respond not with vengeance or anger but with the same mercy and love we have experienced through faith in Jesus Christ.

**11** Pray for congregations, social ministries and community organizations working in partnership to prepare for serving our neighbors in need on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, Sept. 9.

**12** Give thanks for the bounty and impact of community gardens tended by congregations and neighbors for the sake of those who are hungry, need fresh food to supplement their diets or are uncertain of their next meal.

**13** We ask God to help us see and understand our shortcomings, hardships and tragedies in life not as humiliating weaknesses but as sources of strength, preparation and wisdom to help us better understand and serve our neighbor and share the good news of the hope and healing we have in Jesus Christ.

**14** Give thanks for the rich partnership and relationship we have with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for their church and ask God to further our respect for one another and work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**15** Pray we each have a measure of John the Baptizer's boldness, persistence, courage and confidence of faith as we talk about our faith with others, share the gospel and invite our neighbor to experience God's grace through Jesus Christ.

**16** Continue to pray for leaders of nations working toward diplomatic solutions to complex and deep-seated conflicts in the world; ask God to grant them persistence, mutual understanding and an openness to reconciliation for the sake of people caught in the middle who suffer injustice, violence, displacement, division and poverty

**17** Pray our ears, minds and hearts are open to what Scripture tells us about God's steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace and goodness and what it means for our life and baptismal journey.

**18** Remember in prayer youth and adults involved in service learning and mission trips this summer; pray they discover mutual bonds of faith, understanding and partnership in communities where they serve and that a spirit of servanthood will grow and endure in them throughout life.

**19** Give thanks and glory to God for the gift of eternal life and the coming time when we will be gathered in heaven as loved children adopted through Jesus Christ – a gift that infuses our life with understanding and appreciation of true love and mercy.

**20** For physicians, scientists and researchers who commit their lives and skills to curing, treating and ending life threatening and debilitating diseases, we lift up prayers of thanksgiving and encouragement.

**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. Pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

**22** Pray we learn from the selfless, empathetic example of Jesus to not turn our backs on our neighbors, especially those in need or crisis, but to move close, accompany them and exercise generosity and compassion.

**23** Mary Magdalene, Apostle The stories of women in the Bible who are examples of faith, courageous leadership, serving neighbors in need and sharing boldly the good news of Jesus Christ sometimes remain untold or unfamiliar to us. We pray to be disciplined in studying their stories in Scripture and to share far and wide the inspiring stories of women of faith in the church today.

**24** We may not know much about shepherds in today's world, but we know enough to be grateful that God – like a shepherd – is attentive to our daily lives and needs for care, comfort and guidance.

**25** Pray for the ELCA missionaries serving in Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica and Jamaica and for their work alongside our global companions in health education, teaching English, human rights, leadership development and theological education.

**26** Pray for communities preparing for the long hurricane season ahead. Ask God to move us to be generous in supporting Lutheran Disaster Response and the congregations, volunteers and agencies that are quick to mobilize and assist with disaster relief and recovery across the United States and the Caribbean region.

**27** Ask God to remind us of and restore among us the unity and peace we have in the promises, love and sacrifice of Christ Jesus that reconcile us to God.

**28** Young Adult Ministry of the ELCA serves a diverse population of young people who are students, working, serving in the military, raising families, exploring life and may or not be affiliated with a community of faith. Pray the inspiration, opportunities and resources Young Adult Ministry offer bear fruit and complement the work of congregations in supporting and connecting young adults with communities where they can uncover their identity as children of God, experience belonging and find opportunities to serve their neighbors.

**29** Give thanks for the work we participate in through ELCA World Hunger and our partners to end poverty and hunger in the world, and ask God to stir our confidence and faith in the assets, resources and capacities with which we've been equipped for the challenges before us.

**30** Remember in prayer congregations facing challenges of changing communities, demographics and economic contexts; pray they find insightful assistance, draw on the resources of synods and churchwide programs and move forward with creativity, new wisdom and renewed energy for the mission of the church. **31** We rejoice that whether new to faith in Christ or a mature leader or elder in the faith, the same Spirit is at work in us, the same love of Christ dwells in us and we are blessed by the same fullness of God that broadens our imagination of our baptismal calling and what can be accomplished together as followers, witnesses, teachers and servants in daily life.

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*This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

*Contact [info@elca.org](mailto:info@elca.org) for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.*

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

## July

- 1 Jana Haldenwang
- 2 Travis Regner
- 3 Peg Dreyer
- 7 Christopher Burke
- 7 Patty Kahler
- 8 Becky Smith
- 12 Sally Moe
- 14 Lisa Krzyzanowski
- 15 Anna Welker
- 16 Randy Witzigman
- 18 Don Timmermann
- 19 Nancy Clance
- 19 Auring Froschauer
- 20 Matthew Daniels
- 21 Bob Stonger
- 23 Paula Bishop
- 24 Duane Krzyzanowski
- 25 Katherine Sandefer
- 26 Leigh Ann Gilladette
- 29 Helen Lehner
- 30 Bonnie O'Dell
- 31 Vince Rogowski

## August

- 1 Thomas DePasquale
- 1 Julie Netzband
- 2 Jeffrey White
- 5 Kaitlyn O'Dell
- 6 Joyce Carver

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

**If you want to be included or removed from the Birthday/Anniversary List - please contact Kathy Piemonte at (315) 363-5211 or email [office@stpetersverona.org](mailto:office@stpetersverona.org)**

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## July

- 8 Tom & Vicki Novak
- 8 Brian & Cheri Schmalz
- 11 Fred & Kathryn Scherz, Jr.
- 14 Rod & Pat Nestle
- 16 Jerry & Doris Althouse
- 17 Arnold & Lorraine Hogan

## August

- 1 Adam & Megan Bice
- 1 Megan & Wanda Murling
- 6 Peter & Connie Froschauer

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

## Synod Assembly 2018, "Let Your Light Shine"

report by Deb Rafte, voting member

"Let your light shine before others.. and glorify your Father in Heaven." This Bible verse was the essence of the speakers, music and worship at this year's assembly. There was a spirit of excitement as we listened to the wit and enthusiasm of Rev. Ruben Duran, the guest speaker, ELCA Director for Congregational Vitality presenting "A Church for the Life of the World." With humor and knowledge he spoke of us being Detectives of Divinity and asked us how we can seek and connect the ways God is already at work in our communities. He also asked us to examine what our role is in continuing this work in our home congregations. Timely and exciting work!

The assembly worship was a Celebration of Hymns. Hymns of different eras and styles were presented during Holy Communion. Joshua Brown on piano and the Swing Boldly Jazz Ensemble led a rousing jazz service that had us dancing and swaying. The ImmanuBells from Immanuel, Webster mesmerized us with their talent. It was a musical treat to hear them play.

People packed satchels for seafarers around the world, and several trips were made to cars as 433 pounds of can tabs were collected, which translates to a total of \$192.73 for a mission to be named soon. "Be the light for a brighter future" was this year's motto for World Hunger. The goal for our synod was to raise \$45,000 to help send kids to school around the world. We missed that goal by just a bit as together we raised \$40,807.71. Bishop Macholz and his wife pledged they would donate five dollars to the cause for every pair of slippers that people would wear into assembly on Tuesday. He graciously announced that the hotel had slippers available by request. Many people forgot their slippers at home and were wearing a lovely pair of white floppy slippers that morning. That donation of \$2170 was what brought the donation up to the total of \$40,807.71. Many gave to help this cause.

We also passed many resolutions and proposals. One major resolution called for attention to and action against barriers, discrimination and harassment faced by women preparing for and serving as ordained ministers of this church. The ELCA council was charged to develop strategies to address inequity by all ordained women in this church, especially women of color. The 2020 Assembly will celebrate and recognize the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women. The resolution "Toward an Open and Healthy Expression of Human Sexuality" asked the ELCA to consider revising the current policy regarding sexuality within monogamous relationships for ordained ministers. Additional resolutions advocated for the human rights of Palestinian children and called congregations and individuals to participate in the 2018 Poor People's Campaign. The 2019 Mission Plan was adopted as presented.

Next month, look for news about the topics for future assemblies. If you have never been to Assembly, think about going. It is an experience that gives you hope, fellowship and a really comfortable bed with huge pillows to sleep on. May God's peace be with you.

### **Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice available for review**

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. The comment period for the draft is open until Sept. 30, 2018. The social statement is available as a download (at [www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft](http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft)) or you may order a print copy.

**THIS JUST IN! Discussion sessions on this social statement will be happening at Atonement Lutheran Church in Syracuse this summer.** If you are interested, please contact Pastor Katie.

## 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!

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## Happenings Around the Area....

Helping Families  
Touching Lives



The  
Good News Center

### **Separated & Divorced Support Group**

Meets every other Sunday, 5:00-6:30 pm; upcoming meetings and July 8<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> at The Good News Center, 10475 Cosby Manor Rd., Utica. The group meets in a warm, caring, **confidential** environment designed to help you learn skills and practical information that will guide you in rebuilding your life after your separation or divorce. Free and open to all. For more information contact Judy at 315-735-6210, [judy@thegoodnewscenter.org](mailto:judy@thegoodnewscenter.org), or visit us at [www.thegoodnewscenter.org](http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org).

### **The Third Option**

Meets every other Sunday; upcoming meetings July 8<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm at The Good News Center, 10475 Cosby Manor Rd., Utica. **WISH YOU HAD A BETTER MARRIAGE?** Learn to handle anger more constructively, resolve conflicts, and communicate better. Hear couples share how they overcame problems in their marriages. The Third Option support group for married couples. For more information and to register call 315-735-6210, [info@thegoodnewscenter.org](mailto:info@thegoodnewscenter.org) or visit us online [www.thegoodnewscenter.org](http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org).

### **Grief Survivors**

Meets every other Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 pm at The Good News Center, 10475 Cosby Manor Rd., Utica. Upcoming meetings will be July 10<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>. Drop-ins welcome. This is a non-denominational support group for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Meets bi-weekly to help you face the difficulty associated with losing a loved one. For more information contact The Good News Center at 315-735-6210, [info@thegoodnewscenter.org](mailto:info@thegoodnewscenter.org), or visit us online [www.thegoodnewscenter.org](http://www.thegoodnewscenter.org).

### **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.



### ***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.

### **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, etc.). You also have the option of setting up a fund at St. Peter's to support future ministry in whatever capacity you desire.

Please speak with Pastor Katie or someone on the Investment Committee (Jeff White, Jeanette Burke, Kevin Angell) to find out more.



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.

## MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNITY INFORMATION...



### PackRat Rummage Sale Craft/Vendor Sale

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church**  
873 DeWitt St. Syracuse,  
N.Y. 13203  
Saturday, July 21, 2018  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Featuring many Homemade Craft items and Retail Vendors.

- Many raffles and items to give away
- Refreshments will be available
- Bake Sale
- Free Ice Tea and Lemonade

Rental spaces available, if interested contact:

Betty Goff at [bettugoff11@uahoo.com](mailto:bettugoff11@uahoo.com)

Proceeds to benefit the Ministries at St. Stephen Lutheran Church to include Lutheran Campus Ministry STEP Center, New American Programs and the Capital Building Fund at St. Stephen.



### PRAY WITH HANDS UNFOLDED

Church leader John Wesley once said, "Prayer is where the action is."

When Christians see a need in the world, we pray. With hands folded in prayer we lift up to God people in distant lands as well as the needs we see in our local communities. And with hands unfolded, we dedicate ourselves to serving neighbors in need: providing meals for the hungry, tutoring the young, befriending the lonely. We give witness to our faith through our acts of service and the love we extend to "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40).

During a colder than normal winter, members of Holy Trinity Church in Reidsville, North Carolina, prayed with hands unfolded to address the needs in their neighborhood. As part of a Thrivent Action Team, church members put their prayer into action by assembling comfort soup mixes into quart bags and distributed the meals to families through their local Red Cross affiliate.



**When we see a need, let us first pray.  
And then, let us pray with hands unfolded.**

Do you know of a specific need in your community? Learn more about Thrivent Action Teams at [Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://Thrivent.com/actionteam).

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### Attention Married Couples:

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Plants and grass need tending to grow healthy and strong, and so does your marriage!

Following are the scheduled Northeast US spring

Weekends:

\* **March 16-18, 2018** at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. A newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

\* **April 6-8, 2018** at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College PA. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.

Registrations are also being accepted for the fall Weekends: **September 14-16, 2018** at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA; **October 19-21, 2018** at Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA; and **November 9-11, 2018** at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish to help cover expenses and ensure the continuation of the program.

To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up TODAY. Simply go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org), choose the Weekend desired, and pay the \$100 registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, please contact Northeast US Contacts for Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).



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May 24, 2018

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Thank you for equipping others to live lives of abundance and witnessing to the healing and hope we share in Christ Jesus. Your generosity is making a difference!

In God's grace,

Christina Jackson-Skelton  
Executive Director, Mission Advancement

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## JULY 2018

### 10:00 am – BLENDED SERVICE

| DATE                            | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS  | MINISTER ASSISTING | GREETERS                   | LECTOR      | USHERS                 | ACOLYTES                            |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 7/1/18*<br>Time after Pentecost | Carol Noble, Bev Noble,<br>Carissa Klepadlo,<br>Lisa Sandefer | Janet Fiacco       | Bob Zeller<br>Diane Angell | Chris Crill | Bob Fish<br>Terry Fike | Liesl Froschauer<br>Konrad Thurston |

### 9:00 am

|                                  |   |                  |                               |              |                                 |                                       |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 7/8/18<br>Time after Pentecost   |   |                  | Karen Yerka<br>Deb Rafte      | Carol Noble  | Tom Thurston<br>Konrad Thurston | Jordyn Steele<br>Logan Sherwood       |
| 7/15/18*<br>Time after Pentecost | Wayne Wood, Bonnie O'Dell, Diane Angell,<br>Deb Fjeld             | Deb Rafte        | Dave Hyatt<br>Konrad Thurston | Julie Steele | Jerry Burke<br>Bob Pawlowski    | Jack Makarchuk<br>Peter Makarchuk     |
| 7/22/18<br>Time after Pentecost  |   |                  | Bob Zeller<br>MaryAnn Hiltz   | Jeff White   | Ken Regner<br>Aaron Dust        | Carter DePasquale<br>Dylan DePasquale |
| 7/29/18*<br>Time after Pentecost | Heather Pritchard,<br>Mary Ann Hiltz, Deb Rafte,<br>Beverly Noble | Kathy Haldenwang | Marie Sayles<br>Deb Fjeld     | Anna Welker  | Marge VanSlyke<br>Bob Fish      | Konrad Thurston<br>Kaitlyn O'Dell     |

### 11:15 am

| DATE                             | COMMUNION ASSISTANTS             | MINISTER ASSISTING | GREETERS | LECTOR         | USHERS          | ACOLYTES         |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 7/8/18*<br>Time after Pentecost  | Chris Crill,<br>Ellen Masi       |                    |          | Ellen Masi     | Terry Fike      | Grace Candee     |
| 7/15/18<br>Time after Pentecost  |                                  |                    |          | Karry Comfort  | Lance Comfort   | Carissa Klepadlo |
| 7/22/18*<br>Time after Pentecost | Linda Rogowski,<br>Lisa Sandefer |                    |          | Ellen Masi     | Matt Klepadlo   | Camryn Klepadlo  |
| 7/29/18*<br>Time after Pentecost | Terry Fike,<br>Carissa Klepadlo  |                    |          | Linda Rogowski | Marvin Perkosky | Emma Rogowski    |

\* Communion

Revised 6/27/18

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please make attempts to find a replacement.

# July 2018

| Sun  | Mon                           | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|-------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| <b>1</b><br>Time after Pentecost<br>9:00 am Breakfast<br>10:00 am Blended Service                      | <b>2</b><br>Pastor's Day Off  | <b>3</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>10:00 am Hymn Selection<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study  | <b>4</b><br>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED   | <b>5</b><br>6:00 pm Sisters of the Faith                          | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>11:00 am – 4:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use |
| <b>8</b><br>Time after Pentecost<br>9:00 am Worship<br>11:15 am Worship with Communion                 | <b>9</b><br>Pastor's Day Off  | <b>10</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study<br>7:00 pm Church Council  | <b>11</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group<br>7:00 Hymn Sing   | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br>5:30-7:30 pm Messy Church                                  | <b>14</b><br>9:30 am – 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use |
| <b>15</b><br>Time after Pentecost<br>9:00 am Worship with Communion<br>11:15 am Worship                | <b>16</b><br>Pastor's Day Off | <b>17</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study                            | <b>18</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group<br>10:00 am Community Relations<br>1:00 pm Deacons' Meeting | <b>19</b><br>6:00 pm Sisters of the Faith                         | <b>20</b><br>4:00 pm Dames Night Out to the Hamlet Diner in Chitterango | <b>21</b>   |
| <b>22</b><br>Time after Pentecost<br>9:00 am Worship<br>11:15 am Worship with Communion                | <b>23</b><br>Pastor's Day Off | <b>24</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study<br>6:00 pm Worship & Music | <b>25</b><br>9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group   | <b>26</b><br>4:30-6:00 pm Stone Soup at First Presbyterian Church | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b><br>5:00 pm Confirmation Project Meeting     |
| <b>29</b><br>Time after Pentecost<br>9:00 am Worship with Communion<br>11:15 am Worship with Communion | <b>30</b><br>Pastor's Day Off | <b>31</b><br>8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible<br>2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study                            | <b>7/23-7/27 VACC VBS at Seventh Day Baptist Church</b>  |   |   |   |