

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
4897 Old Oneida Road
Verona, NY 13478

Worship Services:

Sunday 9 & 11:15 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

"Forward Service Requested"
Time Dated Material

U.S. Postage Paid

Non-Profit

Permit #2

Verona, NY 13478



Celebrate

the work of our hands

Labor Day

THE CHURCH CHATTER

September, 2018

St. Peter's Lutheran
Church, Verona, NY

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church
4897 Old Oneida Road
Verona, NY 13478 315-363-5211**

Pastor Katie Yahns

www.stpetersverona.org

pastor@stpetersverona.org office@stpetersverona.org

***(Our Mission is to provide spiritual growth through
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

Deacons

Janet Fiacco	315-361-4443	Deacon for Worship, Youth, and Visitation
Kathy Haldenwang	315-336-4698	Deacon for Worship, Visitation, and Education
Shirley Netzband	315-334-2279	Deacon for Prayer, Caring Outreach, and Mission Outreach
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.

Church Council Officers

President:	Lillian White	315-363-3749
Vice President:	Jeanette Burke	315-361-1134
Secretary:	Julie Steele	315-280-4100
Treasurer:	Sherri Brown	315-363-4552
Financial Secretary:	Paula Bishop	315-363-8016

Church Council Members

Jeanette Burke	315-361-1134	Lance Comfort	315-225-2338
Patrick Gerwig	315-271-9478	MaryAnn Hilts	315-336-9174
Ellen Masi	315-256-5024	Howard Regner	315-762-8353
Jennifer Rossi	315-366-3462	Lisa Sandefer	315-337-0534
Sandy Spies	315-363-4523	Julie Steele	315-280-4100
Lillian White	315-363-3749		



THE CHURCH CHATTER

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
4897 Old Oneida Road
Verona, NY 13478
315-363-5211
Pastor Katie Yahns

Our Mission is to provide spiritual growth through worship, learning, fellowship and service in the name of the Lord

From the Pastor: The other side of the casket

Dear friends in Christ,



Some of you know that there was a death recently in my husband's family. Jeff's aunt, his mother's sister Nancy Golly, passed away after many years battling PSP (progressive supranuclear palsy). PSP is a neurodegenerative disease with some similarities to ALS and Parkinson's. Nobody knows the cause and there is no cure. It affects the brain cells that control balance, walking, coordination, eye movement, speech, swallowing and thinking (more info is available at curepsp.org).

Aunt Nancy was a special education teacher in the Holland Patent schools for 33 years and lived in this area for many years before she and her husband retired and began “wandering” in their RV. Her children still live for much of the year in the area and her husband Russ is a native of Syracuse. So it was no surprise that the funeral arrangements were here in central New York.

I share this with you for two reasons. First, it was a new experience for me to be on “the other side of the casket” for a traditional funeral here. (My side of the family hasn't had many funerals lately—and those we have had were not especially traditional.) Experiencing the funeral process as a mourner rather than as an officiant helped me understand more of what a family actually goes through. I realized that families don't always ask for what they want out of the process because they don't know what to ask, or how or when to ask it. Tradition sort of carries us along, like a tidal wave, which is a really good thing sometimes, but not always. I also had the joy of experiencing, from the other side, how a well-done church funeral service can actually share and reinforce hope in the resurrection. (I even made a few notes!)

Secondly, I had the privilege of gathering with family locally, and I could feel how that gathering was an important part of the healing process. Obviously I *knew* it was healing before, but it's not always something I am privy to as a pastor. Even when the family graciously invites me to share a meal with them after a funeral service, it's still different for me because I'm there in a different role. This time, I got to actually experience it.

After Aunt Nancy was called upon and prayed over in Holland Patent and laid to rest in Dewitt, we (the family) spent hours at Nancy and Russ' cottage on Oneida Lake, eating, talking, watching the fire, telling stories, and laughing (with an occasional tear now and then). I was reminded once again how food and

stories bind us together. This was the first time gathering with this side of the family since our wedding in 2013, so as one of the newest additions to the family, this was my first opportunity to be there as one of them, and together we helped each other through that hard day.

In a way, it's pretty much the same thing we do together as members of the body of Christ. Food and story binds us together, and together we become part of God's family, working through everything life throws at us and coming out on the other side. I'm grateful to have that experience with you.

Together in Christ,
Pastor Katie Yahns

A few additional notes from me as your pastor:

I would like to start publicly congratulating our staff on their work for St. Peter's and celebrating their anniversaries of when they first came to work for us.

- * Last month marks four years of Anthony Dangler serving as our organist, pianist and choir director for the 9:00 am service.
- * This month marks three years of Kathy Piemonte serving as our administrative assistant.

Congratulations to Anthony and Kathy! Please thank them for their service.

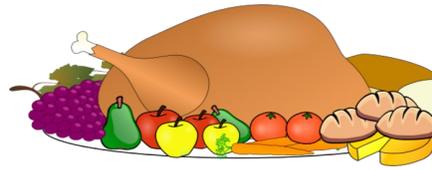
Also, just a friendly reminder that if you post something about your life (especially something personal) on Facebook, don't assume that I have seen it. Facebook doesn't always show everything to everyone. The best way to communicate a pastoral concern (illness, surgery, death, birth, or any situation requiring prayer) or any kind of life news is to call or email me directly (or Kathy in the church office). My cell is 716-785-4632 and my email is pastor@stpetersverona.org.

Council Corner

Here is a summary of what was discussed at our last Council meeting on Tuesday, August 14:

- ◆ The 2018 garden funds will go to support **Arin Liszka**, a Young Adult in Global Mission from Buffalo serving for a year in Madagascar through the ELCA. The well in Zimbabwe is on hold for now as they search for a new water source.
- ◆ Julie's brother donated a **small chest freezer** to use for packing meals for Your Neighbors. This will eliminate the bottleneck in supporting this feeding ministry.
- ◆ Our **July Mission of the Month** was a new partnership with Liberty Resources and their work to help survivors heal from domestic violence. We raised \$237.70!
- ◆ Pastor Katie has started to process the **background checks** required by the Safe Haven policy.
- ◆ Our **financial situation** is slightly less precarious at the moment, so we were able to make an insurance payment and send a portion of our Mission Support to the synod. We continue to check all purchases with Sherri to confirm funds are available beforehand.
- ◆ **Cracks in the parking lot** are going to be fixed this summer/fall and small **repairs to the water heater** have been done—thank you Howard Regner for making this possible.
- ◆ Worship & Music is pursuing ordering a **new communion set** using memorial funds.
- ◆ The **air conditioner** in the sanctuary is acting up; it is still working at this time, but its remaining life is questionable. We will pursue two quotes to compare with the one we received from Urtz to replace it. No matter which is cheaper, this is likely to be a major expense.
- ◆ The **Spaghetti Dinner** will take place Thursday, October 11. Ten percent of the total will go to nursery school scholarships and the rest will go to fund a new copier. Any remaining will go towards new air conditioning.

Mission of the Month for September & October: Thanksgiving Meals at the Rome Rescue Mission



In a normal week, the Rome Rescue Mission provides hot meals and bag lunches year-round, but when Thanksgiving rolls around, they pull out all the stops and provide a full turkey dinner to anyone who needs it. At a time when we celebrate the bounty of the year's harvest, we are especially called to give out of our relative abundance to those who need a hand.

The Rome Rescue Mission provides some services that are not generally available in Verona, so when people come to St. Peter's and ask for assistance, we often direct them to the Rome Rescue Mission. Their programs include emergency housing, children and youth services, transitional housing, a clothes closet, counseling services, and skill-building courses. It is a valuable part of our greater community.

Please remember to support the Rome Rescue Mission's Thanksgiving meal as our September & October mission of the month. Thank you!

Financial Secretary's Report

Income for current expenses through July, 2018

2018	79,975.76	30 weeks
2017	<u>79,034.33</u>	31 weeks
	941.43	Increase

Benevolence Income

2018	2,585.00
2017	<u>4,576.50</u>
	1,991.50 Decrease

Budget Giving During July

July 1	3,048.50
July 8	3,202.00
July 15	3,771.15
July 22	2,389.64
July 29	<u>2,578.05</u>
	14,989.34 Income
	<u>14,586.30</u> Expenses
	403.04 Over

Special Mission Giving in 2018	1,999.25
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
Sale of stained glass windows	1,300.00

Year to Date	93,592.41 Income
	<u>90,811.10</u> Expenses
	2,781.31 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

The purpose of the "Grace Notes" column is to increase and deepen the congregation's participation in music. This month Scott Stewart has some thoughts about Psalm 23 and related music.

Psalm 23: Line by Line Meaning

The LORD is my shepherd =
RELATIONSHIP

I shall not be in want =
SUPPLY

He makes me lie down in green pastures =
REST

He leads me beside quiet waters =
REFRESHMENT

He restores my soul =
HEALING

He guides me in paths of righteousness =
GUIDANCE

For his name's sake =
PURPOSE

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death =
TESTING

I will fear no evil =
PROTECTION

For you are with me =
FAITHFULNESS

Your rod and your staff they comfort me =
DISCIPLINE

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies =
HOPE

You anoint my head with oil =
CONSECRATION

My cup overflows =
ABUNDANCE

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life =
BLESSING

Psalm 23 Topical Related Hymns:

#773ELW- "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Sheet #183- "I Look To The Shepherd"

Sheet #109- "I Need You"

Sheet #81- "In His Time"

Sheet #143- "Thy Word"

Sheet #121- "Shepherd Of My Soul"

Sheet #9- "Cares Chorus"

Sheet #20- "Be Still And Know"

Sheet #119- "Something Beautiful"

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 Penny Stewart's Facebook

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.

Wondering if your child is ready for Confirmation? Students must be entering 7th 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.

Farmer's Market Supporting Young Adults in Global Mission

Have you checked out the St. Peter's Farmer's Market in the narthex this summer? If not, you still have a little longer to enjoy quality homegrown fruits, veggies, herbs and flowers. We also occasionally have eggs or other produce. Check out the table in the narthex, select your items, and choose the amount you are able to give.

For this year, the garden proceeds will go to support Arin Liszka, a Young Adult in Global Mission through the ELCA. Arin is a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in the Buffalo area and recently graduated from United Lutheran Seminary. For the 2018-2019 year, she will be serving in Madagascar with the Lutheran church there. It costs approximately \$15,000 to provide one young adult missionary with training, airfare, a small living allowance, health insurance, and simple accommodations for a year. We will hear updates and more information from Arin through her year of service, and when she returns, we'll invite her to come share her experiences with us.

All extra food is donated to the Verona Food Pantry or the Hazel Carpenter Home in Oneida. Thanks for your support of the St. Peter's Farmer's Market!

Blessing Box and Stone Soup—September is Our Month!

Together with the other churches of the Verona Area Council of Churches (VACC), St. Peter's supports the feeding ministries here in Verona. This includes the Blessing Box (located at the Verona Fire Department) and the monthly Stone Soup community dinner.

The churches of Verona decided a while ago that whichever church is assigned to cook the meal for Stone Soup that month would also be responsible for checking on the Blessing Box and filling it when necessary. **Guess what—September is our month for both of these things!**

If you would like to volunteer to help cook or work at Stone Soup this month, **the dinner is scheduled for Thursday, September 27 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at Verona First Presbyterian.** Watch for a sign up sheet for ingredients and workers on the bulletin board.

You can help the Blessing Box independently by putting a few extra items inside for others to take when needed. Watch for those "10 for 10" deals at the grocery store and give the extras you don't need to the Blessing Box.

Of course, the Verona Food Pantry (another cooperative feeding ministry) is also in dire need of food. We are working towards collecting 500 items for the pantry before the CROP Walk on October 20. So if you buy "10 for 10," there's enough to share!

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 fall, in addition to learning a few new pieces.

Setting 8 will continue through the rest of 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. For September the Scripture Song will be "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil," and in October and November we'll move to "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage," inspired by Luther's great Reformation hymn "A Mighty Fortress."

The 10:00 am blended worship service on September 2nd will be a "Hymns from the Hat" service. Come see if the hymn you requested during August is drawn from the hat! It will be fun way to reconnect at the end of the summer with a potluck picnic immediately afterwards.

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)

Save the Date—Coming this Fall

Sunday, September 2	Blended Worship Service 10:00 am (potluck picnic afterwards)
Wednesday, September 5	Nursery School "Back to School" Night 6:30 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
Wednesday, September 12	First Day of Nursery School
Friday, September 21	Dames Night Out at Eddie's at Sylvan Beach 4:30 pm
Thursday, September 27	Stone Soup—St. Peter's is cooking 4:30-6:00 pm
Sunday, September 30	"Thank You" Lunch for all of St. Peter's 12:30 pm
Wednesday, October 3	Hymn Sing 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 6	Meatball Morning 9:30 am
Thursday, October 11	Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-7:00 pm
Saturday, October 20	Verona CROP Walk, 8:30 am registration, 9:00 am walk
Saturday, October 27	VVS Community Day 12 noon-7:00 pm
Sunday, October 28	Confirmation Sunday—Blended Worship 10:00 am Trunk or Treat 3:00-5:00 pm
Saturday, November 3	Basket Bonanza 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Wednesday, November 7	Hymn Sing 7:00 pm
Friday, November 9	Messy Church 5:30-7:30 pm

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

“God's Work, Our Hands” Sunday is Almost Here!

On **Sunday, September 9**, we will be doing God's work with our hands with a variety of service projects. Some will be out in the community and others will happen right here at St. Peter's. Kids are welcome for fun Rally Day activities, which will include a scavenger hunt combined with a service project. Here are the details:

- * **Cooking lunch at the Rome Rescue Mission** (this team will be led by **Paula Bishop**). We will be cooking lunch and possibly supplementing their planned menu with dessert or other ingredients.
- * **Packing meals for Your Neighbors** (this team will be led by **Deb Rafté**). ***We need donations of freezable main dishes and veggies brought to church on September 9 (casseroles are always a good choice).*** We will be portioning meals into trays and freezing them for Your Neighbors. These meals fill in an important gap in services for those who cannot yet receive Meals on Wheels.
- * **Creating first aid kits for the Blessing Box** (this team will be led by **Betty Browell and the kids**). ***We could use some donations of antibiotic ointment or spray, small rolls of medical adhesive tape, and small (2 inch square) sterile pads.*** Kids will be learning that Jesus heals...and we can too!

Please see the sign up board posted in the narthex to sign up for any of these opportunities. **Remember to wear your “God's work, our hands” t-shirt on September 9** (thanks to Lisa Sandefer we have an extra XL shirt if anybody would like it). Thank you for doing God's work with your hands in your daily life!

Save the Date—Spring Break Mission Trip in 2019

All Central Crossroads youth (grades 8-12) are invited to a Spring Break Mission Trip to Washington DC, April 15-19, 2019. The trip will be led by experienced mission trip leaders Bonny McCabe and Tom Henry. The group will stay at Luther Place in DC and the estimated cost is \$400 per person. There is only room for 15-20 youth (some additional adult chaperones will also be needed), so if you are interested, please contact Bonny McCabe at 315-877-3945 or bonnymccabe86@gmail.com.

**God's work.
Our hands.**

 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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.

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.

Church Mice Meeting

The next Church Mice meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 10th at 7:00 pm** at St. Peter's Church. Please plan to join us.

Talking About the Hard Questions

Does it seem to you like nobody is talking about the questions that really matter? The Community Relations Team is exploring the possibility of creating a group to engage in civil dialogue around difficult issues such as racism. We would probably meet in November and then, if people wish, again in the new year. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Katie, Kathy Haldenwang, or any member of the Community Relations Team: Paula Bishop, Linda Rogowski, Deb Rafte, or Marie Sayles.

Verona CROP Walk October 20

Fall is just around the corner and it's time to be thinking of our fourth annual Verona CROP Hunger Walk being held Saturday, October 20th. We will again meet at the Verona Presbyterian Church (The Three Voices) on Rock Road at 8:30 am for registration. The walk will start at 9:00 am and be followed by a delicious brunch. Once again, we will be walking with other churches to help support the Verona Food Pantry and Church World Service's global feeding program.

This year Thrivent is once again offering to help us support our local food pantries. **If we are able to collect 500 food items by the CROP Walk date, they will donate \$500 to our food pantry!** Please help us reach that goal and also come walk with us, or sponsor our walkers.

It's easy to participate—just go to crophungerwalk.org/veronany and register. You can join the cooperative team "Verona Walks for Hunger" and start to gather pledges online. Post on social media like Facebook about the CROP Walk to spread the word. Please make sure to bring any cash or check pledges AND a non-perishable food item for the Verona Food Pantry to the walk itself.

For more information, call or text Paula Bishop at 315-420-1668. Thank you for joining the walk to fight hunger!



Charity Detox
By Robert D. Lupton

Book review

written by Kathy Haldenwang

Charity Detox is the follow up to last month's book, also by Robert D. Lupton. It was published in 2016, also by Harper Collins. There is a copy in the church library. As in *Toxic Charity*, Lupton gives actual examples of what has and has not worked. I found this to be very helpful. He also discusses relationships, partnerships and investment (not just in money). What seems like a lose/lose situation in most cases of charitable giving can be turned into a win/win for both givers and recipients when they turn into fellow investors. I highly recommend both books.

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) to be put on the list.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

As fall approaches, it's the ideal time of year to have a brick engraved before the snow flies. So it's time to be thinking of ordering bricks to honor or remember loved ones. Stop by the bell tower and visit and think about who you would like to add when our engraver comes. Call or text Paula Bishop at 315-420-1668 or drop off your order in the office.

Calling All Theme Basket Makers!!

Our annual Basket Bonanza will be held on **Saturday November 3rd from 9 am to 3 pm**. We need your help donating theme baskets, baked goods, and food items for our lunch kitchen for that day. The money raised goes for non-budgeted items and causes for our church and our communities. Hope we can count on our congregation, as usual, to help us out again this year.

Thank you and God Bless,
The Church Mice

Trunk or Treat—Halloween Fun on October 28

Start thinking about your best costume AND the best costume for your car trunk! We'll hold this community outreach event on Sunday afternoon, October 28 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm before it gets dark. We could really use a few more cars to help provide a fun and safe trick or treating experience for the neighborhood kids. Also—keep an eye out for good Halloween candy sales, as candy donations help supply those cars. A donation box will be going out in the narthex soon.

New Offerings from ChurchNext for Online Study

ChurchNext offers live online Bible classes that you can take via your computer anywhere in the world, individually or with a group. For the fall they are launching three 6-week courses on the following topics:

- ◇ Heretics in Good Company” with Scott Gunn and Melody Shobe
- ◇ The Bible and Racial Justice” with Kelly Brown Douglas
- ◇ The Bible and Evangelism” with Marcus Halley

These classes begin on September 12 at 8:00 pm Eastern time. All you pay is the subscription fee of \$9 per month for an individual membership. ChurchNext provides affordable Christian education for people everywhere. Find out more and sign up for these classes at: [**churchnext.tv**](http://churchnext.tv)

Thank You from the STEP Center

Thank you! Your hands truly did God's work this July! Without the rummage sale at St. Stephen Lutheran in Syracuse, Lutheran Campus Ministry could not have continued the “Learning to Read, Families Together” program for refugee parents and their toddlers, nor the Success Saturdays tutoring program. The STEP Center's mission, “Step into another world and out together to make a difference,” became a reality! Members of many Central Crossroads congregations, new Americans who participate in the programs, college students, and hosts from St. Stephen worked together. **Thank you, St. Peter's, for your donations of rummage sale items, baked goods, and most of all, your time!**

Women's Empowerment Project Launches in Syracuse

The STEP Center is taking another STEP in its work with refugees living in our neighborhoods. Through the new **Women's Empowerment Sewing Project**, refugee women will have the opportunity for healing as they learn that they really can make a difference in their own lives, as well as the lives of other women with similar stories. Through this project, sewing students will experience integration among our many volunteers and with the greater community.

The project begins with sewing classes for women, aged 16-65, who will learn to use donated sewing machines to make various items of clothing. In the process these women will learn English and business skills, as well as project management to help prepare them to become entrepreneurs. Women refugees will work with S.U. students, and volunteers from St. Stephen, Atonement, and other churches to make simple items at first, working their way up to large projects which they'll be able to sell. In addition, students will make dresses, which will be sent overseas.

Through this project, vulnerable girls and young women will be well dressed and supported. This will improve their status and quality of life in their community, reducing the chances of their being further abused or kidnapped. Sewing students will also have the opportunity to make items for their family, as well as traditional outfits to help preserve their culture. This project is sure to change the lives of many as well as the mindset of a culture, working together to empower women to be proud, self-sufficient, and able to earn a living on their own.

This new project is made possible by a Community Foundation grant. But your help is needed as well! If you have any sewing supplies to donate, the following are needed:

- Sewing machines in good working order
- Sewing machine tables
- Pin cushions and straight pins
- Scissors (straight and pinking)
- Seam rippers
- Needles and thread of all colors
- Pattern boards
- Zippers, buttons, and all types of sewing notions

Monetary donations are also welcome. Please contact Deb Rafté (315-264-3589) if you are interested in helping make this project a success or visiting the group this fall.

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 9:00-9:40 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.

Support Groups Available This Fall Through Hospice

Hospice has published their Fall 2018 schedule of support groups and workshops for those struggling with grief and going through bereavement. Support groups for parental loss, children 6-12, spousal and partner loss, young widows are offered. There are also workshops being offered on "Grief 101," grief after the first year, and what to do about holidays, as well as a walking group in Sangertown Mall. **There is no set schedule for experiencing grief and there is no shame in seeking further support on the journey.** For a schedule, please check the bulletin board in the church hallway or see Pastor Katie or Kathy Piemonte in the office.

Prevent Suicide and Work for Recovery in September

Did you know that September is both Suicide Prevention Month and National Recovery Month? The Center for Family Life and Recovery (502 Court Street, Suite 401 in Utica, 315-733-1709) wants the public to know that there is something you can do to help. If you know someone who is struggling, you can call the Mobile Criss Assessment Team at 315-732-6228 or the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255.

National Recovery Month increases awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders and encourages individuals in need of treatment and recovery services to seek help. Recovery Month celebrates individuals living their lives in recovery and recognizes dedicated workers who provide the prevention, treatment, and recovery support services that make it possible.

Individuals who struggle with a substance use disorder face those struggles every single day with God's grace, determination, and a resolve that is rooted in faith. We are invited to lift them in prayer and ask for God's love and intervention in their lives.

You can learn more about the Center for Family Life and Recovery at www.whenthereshelpthereshope.com.



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.



Youth Corner

"Thank You St. Peter's" Lunch September 30

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 at 12:30 pm** to share their experiences and thank St. Peter's for supporting them. Please plan to come!

The next ELCA Youth Gathering will happen June 29-July 3, 2021 in Minneapolis—youth going into grades 6-10 this fall, 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!

Thank
You

Pastor Katie, Marie, and everyone who helped with Katherine's funeral. We are very blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, caring and giving church community. Thank You for everything you did to help us celebrate our Mom's life.
The Family of Katherine Sandefer



Tuesday, August 21, 2018

The Reverend Katie Yahns
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
4897 Old Oneida Road
Verona, NY 13478-2111

Dear Pastor Katie:

On behalf of The Lutheran Homes Foundation, I wish to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to you and the members of the congregation at St. Peter's Lutheran Church for your very generous contribution of \$232.67 to our Chapel Fund. I know this is like "preaching to the choir" and I know I don't have to tell you how tremendously important your gift is in our efforts to continue to provide for our full-time Chaplain and on-campus chapels vital to the spiritual and emotional well-being of the people we care for and care deeply about.

Since 1919, LutheranCare has been making a positive difference in the lives of the people of our community in need of compassionate care and has relied on the generosity of our strongest contributors to enable us to do so. With the continued support of the Chapel Fund, LutheranCare will be able to minister to our residents today, tomorrow and throughout the years to come.

Once again, many thanks and God's blessings upon you and the congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran Church for your very generous and compassionate donation to The Foundation's Chapel Fund.

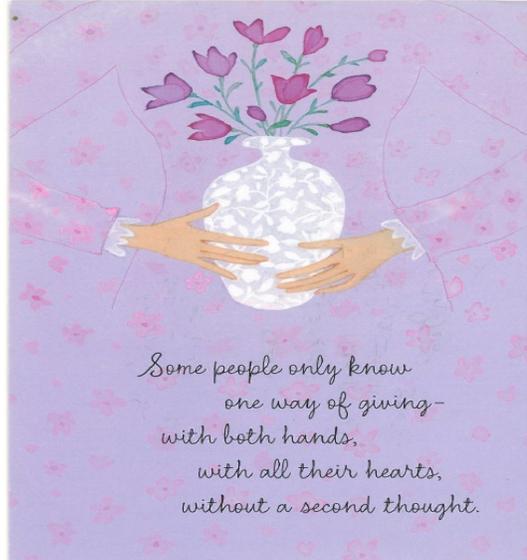
Warmest regards & Best wishes,


Karen Anne Ostinett
Director of Funds & Volunteer Development
315.235.7104 | kostinett@lutherancare.org

Please pass out these along to your Pastor!

* For Federal Income Tax purposes, LutheranCare has not provided any goods or services, in whole or in part, in consideration for your thoughtful contribution.

From the Verona Food Pantry:



Thank you for being one of those people.

Thank all of you for your continued support!

The Food Pantry Volunteers



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

PRAYER VENTURES SEPTEMBER 2018

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

- 1** Give thanks that we are a church that values, seeks and works to build connections and partnerships in our communities and globally for doing God's work together using the abundance of assets, skills and diverse perspectives we have as the body of Christ.
- 2** Traditions in the church can help guide and enrich our faith and worship, and they can sometimes present boundaries and stumbling blocks. Pray our traditions and religious practices are dynamic, meaningful and reflect our theology, Scripture, ministry contexts and prayerful discernment of what God is revealing to us today.
- 3** *Labor Day* On this day we pray for and recognize the work people do for the benefit of society and the sustenance of their families. Pray all have fair, safe work, are renewed through times of sabbath, and find joy and fulfillment in their labor; pray for all those who seek employment and for the well-being and care for people who are unable to work.
- 4** ELCA campus ministry has a presence at more than 180 state and private colleges and universities with cooperating congregations in campus ministry at an additional 400 campuses nationwide. Pray for leaders and congregations serving students, faculty and staff, and for Lutheran Campus Ministry Network's work of strengthening and sustaining ELCA campus ministries.
- 5** Give thanks for the rich partnership and relationship we have with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for the church and ask God to further our respect for one another and work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.
- 6** Pray, as followers of Christ, that we are bold examples and practitioners of civility, respect, truth, justice and empathy for our neighbor in everything we do and say, in every place and circumstance.

7 Remember in prayer young adults beginning a year of service with the Young Adults in Global Mission program; pray the Spirit will equip, sustain and encourage them as they work alongside companion churches and organizations in communities around the world.

8 Pray for seasonal workers who are seeking new employment and places to live, that they are affirmed for their gifts and service and find employment with fair wages, affordable housing and welcoming, supportive communities and congregations.

9 Ask God to sharpen our awareness of when we demonstrate favoritism in our relationships, ministry and daily life, and reassure us of the grace and forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ freeing us to confess our prejudices and strive to change for the sake of doing God's work in the world – without bias.

10 Give thanks to God for the season of fall with its new beginnings, abundant harvests that feed the hungry and rhythms of change in nature that move us to reflect on God with awe and praise.

11 Sing, shout and whisper praises to God, our creator, hope, help and advocate for the poor, hungry, ill, imprisoned, forgotten and oppressed; our inspiration, guide and example.

12 Give thanks for people who work the land and oceans to feed themselves and the world; pray for people living in regions suffering from drought, soil unable to sustain agriculture and changing climate, and ask God to help us find ways to exercise generosity with our resources and food while working together for appropriate and lasting solutions to agricultural problems and hunger.

13 Pray we never lose sight of people – our neighbors and brothers and sisters in Christ – who live in poverty and that we serve as trustworthy advocates and friends who are generous with our resources and care, respectful, value the gifts of all people and are committed to ending poverty and hunger everywhere.

14 Give thanks for the service and leadership of our retired rostered ministers, and pray they continue to respond to God's call to new opportunities – even in retirement – for sharing their gifts, wisdom and experience in their communities, the church and world.

15 *National Hispanic Heritage Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latino brothers and sisters, and pray for the growth and vitality of the 147 Latino ministries of the ELCA as they share the gospel, equip leaders and serve their neighbors.

16 How do we describe Jesus? We pray that through our baptism and the work of the Spirit we are imprinted with a deep understanding and faith in Jesus as the son of God, the one true messiah – our salvation, hope and light.

17 Remember in prayer the Rev. David and Alecia Brondos, ELCA missionaries working with theological education in Mexico; the Rev. Meghan Brown Saavedra, YAGM country coordinator for Mexico; and the young adults serving alongside our companions in Mexico as part of the Young Adults in Global Mission program.

18 In the midst of the hurricane season and increasingly unpredictable weather, pray for regions of our nation and world susceptible to severe weather and natural disasters; pray for those who are recovering and rebuilding in the wake of disasters, especially where resources and long-term assistance are sparse.

19 Ask God to help guide and temper our words and the manner in which we speak to others so that our speech and tone serve to bless, demonstrate concern and encourage rather than injure, condemn, belittle or divide.

20 Pray for refugees and immigrants everywhere, asking God to grant them safe passage and the diligent support of advocates, caring companions and welcoming congregations and communities.

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 Pause what you are doing, look around and listen to the concerns and joys of your heart; talk with God about what catches your attention or weighs on you.

23 In this time when power, position and wealth seem to wield more influence and attract more attention than humility, service and generosity, we ask the Holy Spirit to keep us centered in the heart and mind of Jesus, remind us of what God values and direct our attention to people – today and throughout history – who exemplify Jesus' compassion and concern for humanity.

24 Pray the Holy Spirit continues to reveal to us the value and meaning of accompaniment – walking together with Lutheran, ecumenical and interfaith sisters and brothers around the world.

25 Give thanks for God's attentiveness to our prayers – spoken in every language, whispered or silent.

26 Pray for ministry candidates and their families as they await assignment and for those who are involved in the assignment process of helping leaders move forward in their response to God's call to ministry and service – wherever it may lead them.

27 We hold in prayer our leaders gathered for the Conference of Bishops, that they be inspired and sustained by the Holy Spirit for the work of guiding our church in its mission in a complex and changing world that continues to yearn for hope, reconciliation, purpose and good news – the very things we know and experience through Jesus Christ.

28 Pray for faith in God's ways and wisdom, a wisdom that is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and compassionate acts, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

29 *Michael and All Angels* The mystery of angels – God's messengers – is alive in Scripture and experienced in the world throughout history. Give thanks for all spiritual beings created by God to worship and praise God, fight against evil, protect and help us, and convey to us God's word and will.

30 Give thanks for the diverse and sometimes surprising ways in which members of the body of Christ do God's work in the world and for how the Spirit equips us uniquely for serving our neighbor in unexpected situations and places.

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 for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

September

- 2 Diane Graham
- 3 Jordan Rogowski
- 6 Lisa Mierek-Farrar
- 7 Bonnie Croft
- 8 Paige Brown
- 11 Garrett Gregory
- 13 Ben Smith
- 14 Gary Smith
- 14 Lauren Stewart
- 16 David Hartwell
- 19 Kierstyn Kahler
- 23 Elliott Jane Grimm
- 27 James Pritchard
- 28 Thomas Netzband
- 28 Rod Nestle

October*

- 2 Gerry Brown
- 2 Nancy Herzog
- 2 Marie Sayles
- 3 Megan Bice
- 4 Bob Fish
- 4 Connie Froschauer
- 5 Matthew Rossi
- 5 Evan Pritchard
- 5 Sarah Pritchard

(*This is just a partial list of October)

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August

Correction:

- 1 Mike & Wanda Murling

September

- 3 Wayne & Rita Wood
- 5 Vincent & Linda Rogowski
- 9 Ken & Kimberly Carver
- 9 Duane & Lisa Krzyzanowski
- 9 Chawn & Christine O'Dell
- 15 Mike & Dianna Ross
- 15 Matt & Sherri Klepadlo
- 28 Keith & Nancy Herzog

October*

- 2 Bob & Audrey Stonger
- 6 Russ & Wendy Myers

(*This is just a partial list of October)



Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn. We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy, for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist, for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches, for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls, for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children, for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land, for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.

Amen

- Doug Leonhardt, S.J.

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 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 to sign up). Join the online community of Lutherans!

September 21: International Day of Peace

Global migration has reached unprecedented numbers, and cultural polarization is only one result, resulting in conflicts between neighbors. Lutherans in Liberia, Zimbabwe, South Sudan, and Columbia are leading the way in moving people beyond conflict toward reconciliation.

Liberia: When the 15-year civil conflict ended in 2003, women who had been instrumental in ending it formed a group called Women in Peacebuilding Network. In fact, one of the women, Leymah Gbowee, a member of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, won the Nobel Peace Prize. They monitor the progress of the peace agreement between the government and the rebel leaders, document violations, and intervene with actions of peace and reconciliation.

Zimbabwe: Zimbabwean churches historically have aided the victims of politically motivated violence, but in order to help prevent the violence, they launched the Ecumenical Church Leaders Forum, led by retired Bishop Ambrose Moyo of the ELCZ. 88 local committees are now in place, trained in conflict prevention, management, resolution and peace building.

Colombia: In 2016, a peace agreement was reached between the government and a guerilla group, after more than 50 years of conflict. The House of Reconciliation and Peace Education was founded last year by Emmaus Lutheran Church. Its vision is to preach the gospel and to live out the gospel in the community, so they are teaching the people in the neighborhood to resolve conflicts peacefully.

South Sudan: Regional violence in S. Sudan has forced people to flee, only to find they become neighbors of people from their rival ethnic group. Last year, the Lutheran Center opened in Juba, the capital, offering worship, education, health care, and healing. School children have quiet place to do homework, women are learning to sew, and medical staff attends to the ailing. It gives them hope for the future, and, in turn, a reason not to pick up firearms and fight.

The ELCA directly or indirectly supports these initiatives. Your mission support helps bring peace to places that have known lifetimes of war. Thank you!

“Three Sides” Podcast Debuts

“Three Sides” is a new monthly podcast featuring stories from the ELCA. As a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together, “Three Sides” will share diverse voices from across this church. Typically, it’s said there are two sides to every story. But often a middle or third side of the story is revealed, providing another perspective to consider. The first episode focuses on “Women who lead,” including our presiding bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Find it by doing a search for “three sides” on your podcast app.

Healthy Congregations Workshop Leadership in Healthy Congregations



Third workshop in a series of four offered in central Upstate NY Synod

**Saturday, October 20, 2018
9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
210 Hazel Street
Liverpool, NY 13088**

Cost \$20 / person
[includes workshop materials,
snacks & lunch]

For pastors and laity both - Send a group for maximal benefit!

To Register: call: St. Paul's Lutheran Church: 315.457.3210
email: stpaulslivoffice@gmail.com

mail to: St. Paul's, 210 Hazel St., Liverpool, NY 13212
Register by Monday, October 8th to reserve your spot.

Workshop Leader Pastor Greg Tennermann

Pr. Tennermann is an assistant to the bishop, Upstate NY Synod, who supports Intentional Interim Pastors and the Conflict and Healing Team members to facilitate their important ministries. Pr. Tennermann has been trained as an Intentional Interim Pastor by the Interim Ministry Network and as a Bridgebuilder Consultant and Healthy Congregations Workshop Leader by Peter Steinke.





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 : canned soup; cereal;
toiletries; paper products; and lunch items. Your con-
tinues 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.



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

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 271 likes and 322 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!



HOW DO I ASK FOR PRAYER?

We have several ways to request prayer:

For emergencies: Contact Marie Sayles (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.

Separated & Divorced Support Group

A caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences

You don't have to go through separation or divorce alone!

Every other Sunday
(except holidays)
from 5:00-6:30PM
at The Good News Center
10475 Cosby Manor Road
Utica NY 13502



2018-2019

Sept 9 Sept 23 Oct 7 Oct 21 Nov 4 Nov 18
Dec 2 Dec 16 Jan 6 Jan 20 Feb 3 Feb 17
March 3 March 17

To Register: call (315)735-6210 or visit www.thegoodnewscenter.org—events calendar
Questions: contact Judy: 735-6210 x231 or judy@thegoodnewscenter.org

This program is sponsored by The Good News Foundation at no cost to you

Many couples consider just two options... **his way** and **her way**...

...but now there is

the third OPTION

Find the joy in your marriage
and live a happier, healthier life together!

2018-2019

Every Other Sunday
6:30-8:30pm
The Good News Center

Sept 9	Building a Climate of Respect
Sept 23	Ending the Blame Game
Oct 7	Expectations
Oct 21	Redefining the Power Struggle
Nov 4	Coping with Control Issues
Nov 18	Listening Beyond the Words
Dec 2	Appreciating Personality Differences
Dec 16	Recognizing Childhood & Emotional Baggage
Jan 6	Handling Anger Constructively
Jan 20	Speaking the Truth In Love
Feb 3	Learning How to Fight Fair
Feb 17	Breaking the Hurt Cycle
March 3	Practicing Forgiveness & Repair
March 17	Rebuilding Trust

Free & open to the public. Come together or individually.

TO REGISTER:

call (315)735-6210 or visit TheGoodNewsCenter.org—Events Calendar

QUESTIONS:

Call The Good News Center at (315) 735-6210 or
info@thegoodnewscenter.org

This program is sponsored by The Good News Foundation at no cost to you



10475 Cosby Manor Road, Utica NY



presented by...



Honor Your Heroes & Families
Make a Difference
Help Volunteer
Become a Field Sponsor
Help Spread the Word
Tell A Friend

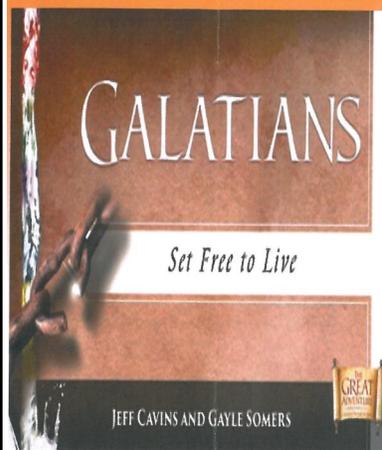
Week of Veterans Day

**November
2 - 11, 2018**

Memorial Parkway, Utica

Sponsor a Flag for \$35 Donation

for more information call:
315-735-6210



Please join us for a new
Bible Study

Galatians: Set Free to Live
by Jeff Cavins and Gayle Somers

Paul's letter to the Galatians speaks directly to the heart of Christians and addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?" This fascinating letter reveals the merciful love that God the Father has for us, his children. It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, and it explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice through faith and love. Galatians is a study that will reignite your love for God as you learn of the astonishing love God has for you.

Wednesdays

September 12 - November 7

10 am - 12 pm or 6 pm - 8 pm

At The Good News Center

10475 Cosby Manor Road

Utica, NY 13502

\$20.00 Per Person

To Register Call 315-735-6210

Or email Michele at: mjones@thegoodnewscenter.org



TIME IS RUNNING OUT to sign up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Gardens and lawns need tending to grow healthy and strong, and so does your marriage. Register TODAY to be sure to get the Weekend of your choice. Opportunities this fall are:

* September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style retreat center with many acres of woodlands in the heart of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown, PA.

* October 19-21, 2018 at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat center adjacent to the Olmsted Mansion in the Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh, PA.

* November 9-11, 2018 at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts. Situated on the edge of a nature preserve in the heart of the Berkshires, an hour northwest of Springfield, MA.

Go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org for all the details about Weekends and to register online. For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

Coming soon!

Lutheran Campus Ministry Fundraiser Dinner

Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

From early September on tickets are on sale at Central Crossroads Conference congregations for LCM's Reformation Fundraiser Dinner. The Genesee Grande Hotel in downtown Syracuse will again host this popular event.

Bonny McCabe, youth worker, and the Rev. Marie Jerge, former bishop, will be recognized as this year's "Distinguished Disciples." Beth Broadway, Executive Director of InterFaith Works of CNY, will be keynote speaker.

Tickets for the full dinner and program are \$75 each. Patron tickets and patron tables of 8 will also be available. If you cannot attend, or even if you do, you might consider making a \$75 donation for a student to attend.

Write the event into your calendar now, and look for future notices and tickets at your church office. Please support this life-changing ministry among students at Syracuse University and SUNY-ESF.

For over 100 years Lutheran Campus Ministry has been working with students at Syracuse University, thanks to the support of generations before us. With the help of all of us, it will be here for another hundred years.



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
630 FRENCH ROAD
NEW HARTFORD, NY 13413
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
6:00-9:00 PM**



Food: Enjoy Brats, homemade German potato salad, sauerbraten, sauerkraut and more

Drinks: Beers to sample, soda & cider

Music & Dance: With Guitarist Matt Aceto and DJ Joe Load & the Edelweiss Dancers



This is a Family Friendly Event! Donations gratefully accepted!

**LOCAL CHURCH NIGHT OUT
AT THE ADIRONDACK BANK CENTER**

NOVEMBER 2

FEATURING FIVE TIME GRAMMY® NOMINATED

MercyMe's

**IMAGINE
NATION**

TOUR 2018

WITH TENTH AVENUE NORTH

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE ADIRONDACK BANK CENTER BOX OFFICE OR ONLINE AT EMPIRESTATETIX.COM

GROUP TICKET SPECIAL: \$22.50/PER TICKET

FOR GROUP PURCHASES OF 10 OR MORE - CALL 315-790-9070 FOR MORE DETAILS



SEPTEMBER 2018

10:00 am – BLENDED SERVICE

DATE	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	MINISTER ASSISTING	GREETERS	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTES
9/2/18* Time after Pentecost	Bonnie O'Dell, Cheri Schmalz, Ellen Masi, Lisa Sandefer	Kathy Haldenwang	Deb Rafta Diane Angell	Julie Netzbard	Dale White Lance Comfort	Camryn Klepadlo, Matt Rossi

9:00 am

9/9/18* Time after Pentecost	MaryAnn Hilts, Deb Fjeld, Wayne Wood, Kathy Haldenwang		Karen Yerka Marie Sayles	Jennifer Rossi	Dale White Philip White	Jack Makarchuk Peter Makarchuk
9/16/18* Time after Pentecost	Lillian White, Meghan O'Dell, Diane Angell, Carol Noble	Janet Fiacco	Dave Hyatt Deb Fjeld	Heather Pritchard	Wayne Wood Bob Bibik	Jordyn Steele Logan Sherwood
9/23/18 Time after Pentecost			Bob Zeller Betty Browell	Sherri Brown	Ken Regner Aaron Dust	Dylan DePasquale Carter DePasquale
9/30/18* Time after Pentecost	Jim Fiacco, Beverly Noble, David Hyatt, Julie Steele	Deb Rafta	Kathy Haldenwang MaryAnn Hilts	Melanie Angell	Marge VanSlyke Bob Fish	Violetta Hilts Konrad Thurston

11:15 am

DATE	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	MINISTER ASSISTING	GREETERS	LECTOR	USHERS	ACOLYTES
9/9/18* Time after Pentecost	Linda Rogowski Terry Fike			Karry Comfort	Lance Comfort	Emma Rogowski
9/16/18 Time after Pentecost				Ellen Masi	Marvin Perkosky	Grace Candee
9/23/18* Time after Pentecost	Ellen Masi Chris Crill			Terry Fike	Matt Klepadlo	Carissa Klepadlo
9/30/18* Time after Pentecost	Lisa Sandefer, Carissa Klepadlo			Chris Crill	Terry Fike	Camryn Klepadlo

* Communion Revised 9/4/18

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!

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 10:00 am Blended Service with Communion 11:30 am Potluck Picnic 1:00 pm First Communion Class	3 LABOR DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Pastor's Day Off	4 8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible 2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study 6:00 pm Worship & Music Team Meeting	5 9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group 6:30 – 7:30 pm Nursery School Back to School Night 7:00 pm Hymn Sing	6 10:30 am Community Relations Team 6:00 pm Sisters of the Faith	7	8 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Fellowship Hall in Use
9 Rally Day God's Work, Our Hands 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:15 am Rally Day Fun 11:15 am Worship with Communion 1:30 pm Confirmation Meeting	10 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Church Mice Meeting	11 8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible 2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study 7:00 pm Church Council	12 9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group 9:15 am – 11:00 am First Day of Nursery School 1:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	13 9:15 am – 11:45 am Nursery School	14	15
16 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship 1:30 pm Confirmation Class	17 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	18 8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible 9:15 am – 11:45 am Nursery School	19 9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group 9:15 am – 11:45 am Nursery School	20 9:15 am – 11:45 am Nursery School 6:00 pm Sisters of the Faith	21 4:30 pm Dames' Night Out to Eddie's, Sylvan Beach – meet in church parking lot	22
23 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship with Communion	24 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm VACC meeting at Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church	25 8:00 am Breakfast with the Bible 9:15 am – 11:45 am Nursery School 2:00 pm Pastors' Sermon Study 6:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting	26 9:00 am Community Christian Seniors Group 9:15 am – 11:45 am Nursery School	27 9:15 am – 11:45 am Nursery School 4:30 – 6:00 pm Stone Soup @ Verona First Presbyterian Church – St. Peter's cooking	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship with Communion 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Worship with Communion 12:30 pm Thank You Lunch for St. Peter's/Confirmation Class 1:00 pm Confirmation Class	Note: Wednesday, October 3 – 7:00 pm Hymn Sing					