



From the Pastor:

“So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1

“War cannot end war.” That quote is from tenth-grade me. I still remember writing it. We were tasked by Mr. Grinn to read and respond to the short story, *The Survivor*, written by Walter F. Moudy in 1965. In it, war between the United States and Russia has been replaced by Olympic War Games, where 100 specially trained soldiers fight to the death every four years to decide who the current world power is. Moudy’s story is prescient for its view of live television coverage of the War Games and terribly insightful about the horrible impact that being a soldier can have on the human psyche along with the ripples in society that causes. Mr. Grinn asked us whether the Olympic War Games are a viable solution to the problem of war. I stand by my answer, emphatically no.

I need to contextualize that answer a bit. I have come to the realization that war can end war, but only in the worst way, which is the annihilation of the human race. Also, it’s important to me for you to know that both of my grandfathers served in World War II and one of the sponsors for the baptism of Anna and Kate was an Army Ranger and still serves in the military. Although my grandfathers rarely talked about their service, even when I asked, I have always been proud of their answering that call at that time in the course of world events. Thomas and I generally talk sports and the fantasy football league we play in together. Despite my black and white answer about war, I understand that there are lots of gray areas in the world.

In case you don’t know already, we as the ELCA have produced Social Statements, which are meant to be teaching documents that help us members to be guided in a biblical and Lutheran understanding on particular issues and present a united voice to wider society on what a majority of us would say on a topic. I encourage you to take the time to read them, and in particular at this time, the one titled *For Peace in God’s World*, adopted in 1995. Our Church declares war is a failure while simultaneously acknowledging the possibility of their necessity in a broken world. Likewise, there is thoughtful support for the people who choose the military as a vocation to defend the powerless while also examining how military action itself might be the lesser of two evils in a particular situation. As Christians, we are called to work for peace, God’s peace, in the world in every way that we can, but we also recognize that God’s kingdom has not yet come in full, so we remain imperfect people with imperfect choices to make at times applying God’s love to them as best as we can.

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We live in the in between times, Christ has come – Christ will come again, when sin still affects the course of life and choices we must make, which leaves questions and gray areas. However, that does not change the truth that violence will never be the final solution to violence and war will never end the existence of wars, short of cataclysmic oblivion. In *The Survivor*, the TV analysts claim that the Olympic War Games, along with the death of nearly 200 people every four years, is far better than a world war. Perhaps it is, but it's still not an acceptable final solution. It's the same argument the Pharisees make when they believe that Jesus will stir up the people to a revolution against Rome. Better that one man dies, Jesus, not one of them of course, than the whole nation get crushed. You can almost appreciate the logic in their reasoning, except that Jesus did not and would not have advocated for armed uprising. He lived and taught a better way.

The Way of Jesus, the Way to which we are called, is the Way of Peace. Sure, Jesus said once that he came not for peace but to bring a sword, but that was a method of saying that the status quo of Rome's version of peace, won and kept through violence, would no longer be allowed to stand as the beacon of what peace truly means. He was flipping those accepted norms on their head. Still, I've often wondered on the night of his betrayal, why he called the sword that Peter brought from the upper room to the garden "enough." Why not tell him to leave it behind altogether? Certainly, one sword wouldn't be enough to defend against the mob who would come to arrest him, and Jesus is in the business of multiplying loaves and love not swords. Perhaps that's the key. One sword wasn't enough to repel violence with violence. Instead, one sword was enough for it to be used as a symbol for Jesus' rejection of violent solutions. Peter swings it once. Jesus heals the resulting wound and refuses to let it be used any more. Enough. Jesus knows where he's going and how he's getting there. More importantly, he knows why.

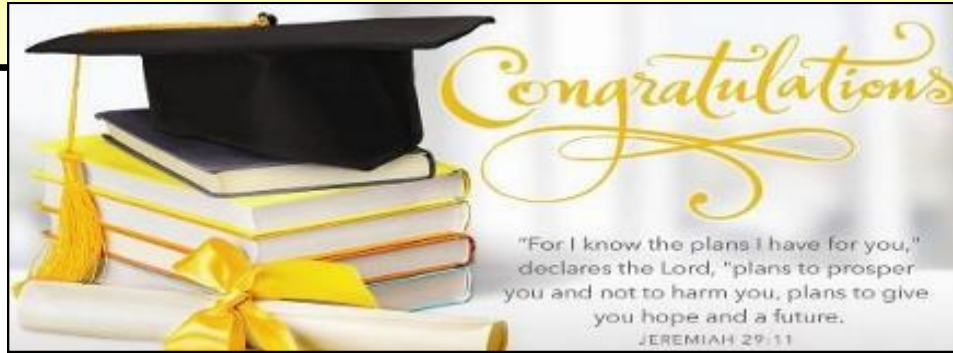
Jesus is headed to the cross, the ultimate place of violence. It exemplifies the terror of domination in response to the threat of insurgency. Along the way, Jesus will be subjected to verbal, physical, and spiritual brutality. Yet, he refuses to answer in kind, rather only with kindness. Jesus absorbs the violence, hatred, warring hearts, and evil of the world and doesn't fight back. At his birth, the angelic army of God proclaims peace, and despite their power at his disposal, Jesus lives that peace all the way to his death.

The author of Ecclesiastes says there is a time for war and a time for peace. As long as we live in a broken world, he may be right. However, Jesus knows that neither war nor violence is the ultimate solution. After all, the kind of peace created by violence and war are only temporary. The kind of love that bears all things is the only definitive way to create and sustain peace in the world. Jesus accepts the violence of the cross because he wants a better way for us. He wants peace for us - peace between God and us and us and each other. It's by no means an easy way. No, the Way to which we are called is far more challenging than simply allowing rage to take over, like turning the other cheek instead of responding an eye for an eye. God's love is the only power strong enough to create God's peace. May you have the strength to wield it mightily.

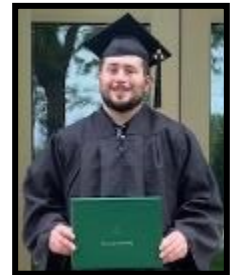
[Click here for ELCA's Social Statement *For Peace in God's World*](#)



Congratulations to all of our 2024 St. Peter's Graduates!
We wish you many blessings for a wonderful future.
Recognition Sunday will be held June 2nd



Davin Beahm Jr. (aka DJ) graduated from Slippery Rock University on May 4, 2024 with a BS Degree in Early Childhood and Special Education. He has accepted a job offer through the Intermediate Unit and will begin full time work in August of 2024. His family is very proud of his accomplishments and wishes him the best in the years to come.



Shane Grosik graduated from Indiana University of PA on May 11, 2024. Shane graduated with a degree in criminal justice. Proud grandma is Pat Capaella, and parents: Sheli Gosiick and the late Scott Grosick who wish Shane many blessings for his future.


James Thomas graduated from Butler High School and plans to attend Slippery Rock University for Music Education in the fall of 2024. In high school, he participated in the band, orchestra, and chorus programs, and went to PMEA music festivals for all three. He was involved with the National Honors Society and participated in the Mycology Club, the Jazz Band, the Sunrise Singers, and the Drama Club.




Madalyn Rajchel, daughter of Catherine and John Kistler, and granddaughter of Helen and Paul Barto, will graduate from Brashear High School in June. She plans on attending CCAC to study film and to travel.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & NOTES OF THANKS


is collecting for
 The 2024 Designated Outreach Project:

St. Peter's Lutheran Church


 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

in Evans City

THANK YOU! For your Contribution.

St. Peter's After School Program received a monetary gift of \$1,000 and many wonderful donations from the annual convention of WELCA SWPA. Thank You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



A special thank you to all of the teachers, aids, and substitutes who helped to make this a year of learning and growing of faith.

Pastor Johns will recognize the teachers with a special dinner in June to thank them for their commitment and dedication to serving in the Christian ministry.



Thank you for the thoughtful gift of \$112.50 for Lutheran Service Society. Your gift joins with that of many others to create a concrete manifestation of the Christian community's care for older adults.

For more than 120 years, Lutheran SeniorLife has reached out to provide excellent care for the health and well being of older adults. We are equally dedicated to serving their spiritual needs. As a Lutheran social ministry organization, we are committed to those principles.

Your partnership in our mission is deeply appreciated. Thank you for helping us bring a more Abundant Life to older adults who we serve regardless of their physical condition or financial circumstances.

Sincerely, Jane E. Bittcher

President



Many thanks to Pastor Randy Marburger who participated in the worship service and baptism of his great nephew on Sunday, May 5th.

St. Peter's Anniversary Committee invited former pastors and sons and daughters of the congregation to speak throughout the year and we are happy to welcome them back!

Thank you for the box of sweets for finals week! I've already started eating some of it while I study. Thank you for thinking of me! It was very thoughtful.



Jake Vичeck

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS:

WELCA SCHOOL KITS

Collection will begin now and continue through mid September.



Our goal for this year is 175 school kits in celebration of our 175th Anniversary.

To help with reaching that goal there is a donation poster in Luther Hall. Please consider taking a tag or two and donating the items to help make much needed school kits. The collection bin is there too.

If you wish to give a monetary donation instead of items please give it to Colleen Prenovitz or turn it into the church office marked School Kits.

(Please make checks payable to WELCA not St. Peter's Lutheran Church)



You are invited to an exciting road trip!

Where: Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA

When: Saturday, November 2

Time: Those wishing to carpool will leave St. Peter's at 9am. The show begins at 3 pm.

Cost: Tickets are \$75 (\$45 for children)
(lunch and dinner are not included)

We'll make a stop for lunch. After the show we'll also stop for dinner and plan to arrive back at St. Peter's around 11pm. Pastor will drive a group.

We reserved a block of 20 that are first come, first serve.

Please see Eilene Budisky for more details.

June Birthdays

**St. Peter's Church Family
Wishes Many Blessings To You!**



- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Colleen Prenovitz | 12 Pam Volz |
| 5 Leah Vassilaros | 16 Helen Barto |
| 5 Josh Green | 16 Jen Vicheck |
| 6 Cora Plank | 19 Emma Plank |
| 6 Inez Schmidt | 22 Patti Flach |
| 7 Amanda Johns | 23 Bill Painter III |
| 9 Heinie Raupp | 23 Troy Anthony |
| 10 Casey Guerriero | 29 Jim Merrison |
| 11 Matt Jason | 29 Penelope Erin |

BASEBALL FANS

We have 40 tickets to the Pirates game on Saturday, June 22 at 4 pm. Tickets are \$28 each with \$5 loaded value (to purchase food at concessions) in Section 307. Since we have purchased 40 tickets already, they are first come, first serve.



St. Peter's Softball Schedule



Games—SRU MAC games start at 6:30, Middle Lancaster games start at 6:15; all doubleheaders

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| 6/5 @ ML | 6/24 @ ML | 7/1 @ ML |
| 6/13 @ ML | 6/28 @ MAC | 7/15 @ ML |
| 6/20 @ ML | | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See Heidi Beahm or Pastor Johns to help at our five-day summer children's ministry event which will happen on June 10-14 from 9 am until noon. Children of all ages are invited to come and bask in the light of the Son!

VOLUNTEER



Your help is needed for Vacation Bible School! St. Johns UCC will host our community VBS July 7-11 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Please see Pastor Johns if you are willing to volunteer for VBS. *Registration on pg. 11 of this newsletter.*

St. Peter's Church Picnic

Sunday, June 2nd after Worship
(Grads will also be recognized this Sunday)

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Everything else is pot luck, so please bring a dish to share if able.

Hang out after the food for outdoor games at the tables in the picnic shelter and in the yard.

Bring your favorite of those to share too!



Join in on the fun on Friday, June 7th at noon for cards and a pot luck lunch. 500 Bid is a fun game and those with experience are willing to teach beginners too!



Interested In Serving Others?

Usually the second Sunday of each month you can stay after worship and help pack food for the food cupboard to distribute the first and third Friday of the month.

For the month of June we have offered to donate cleaning products to those in need. Suggestions include: floor cleaner, sanitizing wipes, window cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, scouring pads, etc.

If you enjoy a good meal and good people, please consider being a part of this month's Lunch Bunch and bring whoever you want to join in on the fun.

Lunch Bunch will be **Wednesday, June 12th at 12:30 pm at Red Robin.**

Please let Pastor know ahead of time so we can reserve the right number of seats. We order from the menu & lunch is Dutch treat. We hope to see you!

LUNCH BUNCH

MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET



A special thank you to WELCA for organizing a special mother-daughter tea this year! The tea was well attended and there were lots of homemade treats to enjoy! Thank you to everyone who attended, to the men who served, and all who made this event possible this year.



ST. PETER'S PRIDE



St. Peter's friends and family welcomed baby Hudson as our newest brother in Christ on Sunday, May 5th. Congratulations to proud parents Chelsea & Joe on the birth and baptism of sweet baby Hudson. Proud grandparents, Ryan and Melissa Bonicky, helped to celebrate Hudson's baptism as well as Great Grandma Becky Rengers and many other members of their family. A special thank you to Garrett and Karissa who sponsored Hudson. We pray for his future and his Christian journey. We wish many blessings to Hudson and his family.



Pastor Johns showed After School children how to transplant young tomato plants that were planted from seedlings to larger pots for planting outdoors in the month to come. A special thank you for showing the kids importance of seed planting and plant growth.



A special thank you to Heinie Raupp, Joe Ludkwik, Troy Barkley, and Pastor Johns for replacing the top deck at the parsonage. The old wood was deteriorated and needed to be replaced. The Lord provided a beautiful day in May for the work to be completed.



WORK DAY AT ST. PETER'S

A special thank you to everyone who helped with projects at St. Peter's on our annual spring work day. Thank you to Pastor Johns and Christine for providing a wonderful breakfast for those who arrived at the start of the work day.

Missed the work day? There are still lots of things to check off the list! See Pastor Johns if you would like to dedicate some time to checking things off the St. Peter's to-do-list.



(Left to Right) Michael Bettncourt, Dan Erin, and Ted Lindgren III work as a team cleaning out the gutters on the education building.



Eilene Budisky & Karen Ferrari work on organizing Judy's Closet.

175TH ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION

Celebration 175 Years of being St. Peter's Lutheran Church at a Glance:

- ◆ Guest visits from the Bishop, former Pastors, and others.
- ◆ Custom made ornaments from Wendell August Forge (still available for purchase).
- ◆ A church family cookbook is being published soon.
- ◆ A church history book is in the works from the ever faithful St. Peter's historian group.
- ◆ An anniversary celebration dinner and event at Lutherlyn will happen in October.



If you would like to support the printing of our 175 years of St. Peter's history and/or the closing celebration, you are invited to give funds in support of these projects. Any gifts given in memory or in honor of someone(s) or given to the glory of God will have those honorifics listed in the history book and dinner program. Should you feel so moved, forms to list loved ones will be available on the table soon or leave a note and drop it in the offering plate.

When: Sunday, June 30th
Where: St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Why: As part of our anniversary celebration we will host a cake and punch reception to honor those who have reached or surpassed 75 years of life!



St. Peter's Pipers – Attention alumni of this fondly remembered music ministry! A reunion, complete with sharing songs during worship, is being planned for Sunday, July 14th as part of our 175th anniversary celebrations. If you are interested in participating in this lovely event, please contact Marge Wearing. Help is also needed in reaching out to and gathering together former members who are not currently active at St. Peter's.



Our anniversary committee has worked hard to offer this beautiful Wendell August Forge, St. Peter's Christmas Ornament!

They are available now for you to purchase as many as you'd like at the cost of \$20 in celebration of the 175th Anniversary of St. Peter's. Each ornament has a 3.5" diameter and comes with a red ribbon for displaying it and a color picture of our Shepherd window.

Ornaments are located on the reading table in Luther Hall.

UPCOMING FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
 202 Van Buren St. Evans City, PA

**4th Annual
 Rege Rengers Memorial**

**CORNHOLE
 TOURNAMENT**

June 29, 2024
5:30 START TIME

TO REGISTER CALL 724-538-5810 OR
 EMAIL: STPETERSLCEC@ZOOMINTERNET.NET



CONCESSION FOODS & DRINKS - BENEFITS A I S

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
 202 Van Buren St. Evans City

"MORNING MANNA" KIDS CAMP

When: June 10-14
 Time: 9 am - noon
 Cost: Donation

**GAMES, CRAFTS, SONGS,
 BIBLE TIME, SNACKS,
 SCIENCE ACTIVITIES & MORE!**



Register online now!



July 7 - 11, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 PM
(Chef's Dinner at 5:30 PM)

St. John's UCC - Evans City



VBS SCHEDULE

Sunday

- 5:30 - 6:00 pm Chef's Dinner
- 6:00 - 6:25 pm Opening Songs, Bible Lesson
- 6:25 - 7:15 pm Bible Time, Crafts, Games
- 7:15 - 7:30 pm Closing

Monday-Wednesday

- 5:30 - 6:00 pm Chef's Dinner
- 6:00 - 6:15 pm Opening Songs, Bible Lesson
- 6:15 - 7:15 pm Mission Cooking Projects for the Community. (Evans City Food Pantry, Library, Firemen, Presidents Sqare, The Grove and Meals on Wheels
- 7:15 - 7:30 pm Closing

Thursday we will have a special program from 10 - 11 at EDCO Park. The Pittsburgh Zoo will be coming with their "Wonders Of Wildlife Program"! After the program we will share all that we learned with our families, then enjoy a picnic lunch, and to end the wonderful week all the VBS participants will receive a pass to swim at EDCO PARK for the afternoon.

FINANCIAL FACTS

April 2024 Contributions:

Fund Description	Amount
206 Madagascar	135.95
213 Synod Benevolence	1,226.45
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	35.00
242 EDCO Park	130.50
280 Window Coverings	2,100.00
400 Current Fund Income	11,810.80
401 Music Fund Income	100.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	150.00
405 Flower Income	268.00
407 Priority Project Income	845.00
408 After School Program Income	760.00
410 Campership Income	1,160.00
440 Softball Team Income	600.00
Grand Total	19,321.70

2024 Contributions to Date:

Fund Description	Amount
202 American Cancer Society	12.00
206 Madagascar	354.53
211 Meals on Wheels	110.00
212 Food Cupboard	3,034.31
213 Synod Benevolence	4,721.45
215 ELCA Lutheran World Relief	25.00
217 ELCA Lutherlyn Prospect	2,369.00
234 Sherri Ifft - Missionary	180.00
242 EDCO Park	370.50
280 Window Coverings	4,256.00
297 Cub Scout Pack 399	1,185.11
299 Pastor's Disc. Fund	20.00
400 Current Fund Income	52,727.41
401 Music Fund Income	346.00
402 Memorial Fund Income	1,245.00
405 Flower Income	1,706.00
406 Youth Fund Income	588.80
407 Priority Project Income	6,620.60
408 After School Program Income	6,299.00
410 Campership Income	2,394.50
412 Manna Night	30.00
440 Softball Team Income	600.00
Grand Total	89,195.21



A Financial Update – in an effort to keep everyone informed about our current financial situation the reconciled treasurers report of our current fund **as of the end of April 2024** is as follows: Current Fund \$10,795.75, Memorial Fund \$7,409.74, Youth Fund 9,758.97, Manna Fund \$4,292.73, Priority Project Fund \$21,886.79, After School Program \$9,750.04. Many thanks to those who continue to give to these funds which give us the ability to serve Christ and others.

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for June

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for June will support Evans City Fire Dept. If you would like to support this cause, please mark the "Other" line on your contribution envelope: EC Fire Dept.



Direct Choice Dollars—Thrivent

If you are a Thrivent member with eligible benefits you may qualify to direct your Choice Dollars to a charity of your choice, including St. Peter's!

Log into your Thrivent Account or reach out to a Thrivent representative to see how to direct your Choice Dollars.



THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Cole Barkley
John, Summer, Timothy Barron & Family
Helen Barto
Ricky Benson
Dave Brockhoff
(open heart surgery – Robin VanDyke)
Tom Broeren
Jane Brown
Kay Burr
Cindy Caldwell *(Breast Cancer)*
Jane Carruth *(Colon Cancer - B.Barkley)*
Luke Clawson
Michael Clawson
David English *(Lung Cancer)*
Diane Fair
Mary, Glenn, and David Fulghum
Lori Goodwin
Joan Gumpp
Patty Grubbs
Bill Head
Annastyn Hogan
Stephanie Hogan
Ella Jason
Greg John
Carol Kerr
Val Kurth *(Breast Cancer)*
Todd Manuel *(Blood Cancer)*
Diane Marburger



Joe Marburger
Joseph Marburger
Jane Mashuda
Diamond McCracken
Marilynn McElhinney
Matt Morris
Mark Phillips
Leah Plank
Erin Price
Bill Puryear *(cancer)*
Barb Rader
Lori Rasp
Rick Reifenstein
Audrey Smith
Judy Smith
(breathing issues – from: Teresa O'Malley)
Carrie Sphar *(cancer – from: Cheryl Thomas)*
Jane Taylor
Cathy VanDyke
(Robin Van Dyke's Sister-In-Law)
Liam Wahl *(infant in need of heart transplant)*
Glen Walker
Mary Watson
Bob Wearing
Garrie Wearing
John & Kay Yuengert
(submitted by Karen Ferrari)
Nancy & Butch Zattiero

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

*Please contact the church office as soon as possible
to request additions or changes.*

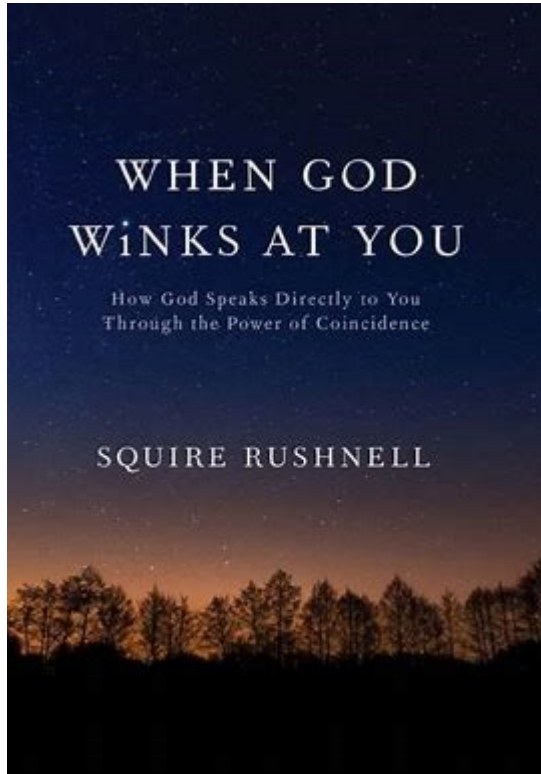
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INTERCESSIONS FOR CONSOLATION IN GRIEF

*Members and friends who have entered the
Church Triumphant in the previous 3 months:*

The family of Karen Marburger
The family of Ruth Rasp
The family of Kim Morris

SUMMER READING & VOLUNTEERS



Our Summer Reading book this year will be *When God Winks at You*, which comes to us courtesy of suggestion from Patti Flach. Through a series of true short stories, Squire Rushnell, the author, examines whether the coincidences that change our days and even lives are chance, luck, or God communicating with us. Save the following dates below and let Pastor know if you would like to have a book ordered for you.

**Book study dates are as follows:
June 16, 23, 30 and July 14, 21, and 28**

June VOLUNTEERS

Date	06/02/2024	06/09/2024	06/16/2024	06/23/2024	06/30/2024
Acolytes	Owen Price	Luke Zoelle	Mark Zoelle	Gus Mossor	Alyssa Mossor
Altar Flowers (\$40)	Joe Ludwik & Carol Kerr	Kim Sharrar	Bea King	Roberta Domhoff	Eilene Budisky
Altar Guild	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley	Teresa O'Malley
Asst. Minister	Anna Plank	Karen Ferrari	Teresa O' Malley	Glenn Fulghum	Robin Van Dyke
Bell Ringer	Davin Beahm	Troy Barkley	Jason Plank	Corey Walker	Joe Ludwik
Communion Ministers	Ted Lindgren III	Debbie Merrison	Robin Van Dyke		Teresa O'Malley
Eternal Candle (\$15)	Tom & Cindy Ayers	Tom & Cindy Ayers	Tom & Cindy Ayers	Tom & Cindy Ayers	Tom & Cindy Ayers
Greeters	Jason & Robin Plank	Marge Wearing & Robin Van Dyke	Charlie & Patti Flach	Roberta Domhoff & Marla Bird	Luann Brosius & Bev Critchlow
Lector	Patti Flach	Tom Ayers	Teresa O'Malley	Emma Plank	Robin Plank
Nursery	Melissa Bonicky	Beverly Barkley	Pat Capella	Teresa O'Malley	Colleen Prenovitz
Offering Counters	Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers	Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers	Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers	Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers	Colleen Prenovitz & Cindy Ayers
Tech Support	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price	Adam Price	Heidi Beahm	Adam Price
Ushers	Troy Barkley & Dean Zinkhann	Heidi Beahm & Brian Johns	Joe Ludwik & Dan Erin	Adam Price & Rob Burr	Tom & Cindy Ayers

JUNE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Grad Recognition 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Sunday School 12pm - Church Picnic	3 4pm - After School 6:30pm - Fellowship	4 9am - Pr. Cluster -Zelle. 4pm - After School 7pm - Property Mtg.	5 9am - E.C. Ministerium 4pm - After School 6:15pm - Softball - ML 7pm - Choir Practice	6 9am - Quilters Group 1pm - Mary Circle 4pm - After School 7pm - Boy Scouts	7 12pm - 500 Club & Lunch	8
9 Confirmation 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship 11:45am - Pack Up Food 12:45pm - Worship	10 4pm - After School 7pm - Anniversary	11 4pm - After School 7pm - Council Meeting	12 12:30pm - Lunch Bunch 4pm - After School	13 9am - Quilters Group 4pm - After School 6:15pm - Softball - ML 7pm - Boy Scouts	14 4pm - After School	15 6:30pm - Game Night
16 9am - Summer Book 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship	17 7pm - Sowers	18	19	20 9am - Quilters Group 6:15pm - Softball - ML 7pm - Boy Scouts	21	22 4pm - Pirates Game
23 9am - Summer Book 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship	24 6:15pm - Softball -ML	25 7pm - Dorcas Circle	26	27 9am - Quilters Group 7pm - Boy Scouts	28 6:30pm - Softball - MAC	29 5:30pm - Cornhole
30 Honoring Elders 9am - Summer Book 10:15am - Worship 11:30am - Fellowship	1	2	3	4	5	6



SAVETHE DATE!!!!

On Sunday, June 9th, Leah Plank, Seth Price, and Mark Zoelle will receive their confirmation and be celebrated as our newest voting members! Plan to stay after church for some cake.



Confirmation

You're Invited:

Strawberry Festival

St. John's
Stone Church



Saturday,
June 15

4:30 - 7 pm

235 Stone Church Rd
Harmony, PA 16037

For more information, talk to Pastor Banyay, because she is the pastor serving this church currently.

MAY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 14, 2024

Present: Staci Bettencourt, Rob Burr, Marlene Domhoff, Patti Flach, Casey Guerriero, Pastor Johns, Ted Lindgren III, Adam Price, Rita Reifenstein, Linda Schmidt, Corey Walker (Zoom)



Absent: Dan Erin, Jane Taylor

Reception of Visitors: None

President Adam Price called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM, and Pastor shared a reading, *Theology of the Cross and the Rites of the Church and Peace* from *The Way of Peace* and led us in discussion and prayer.

Minutes: Minutes from the April 9th meeting were read and reviewed. Ted motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Staci. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary's Reports: Written reports were submitted, discussed and approved. Ted motioned to accept and it was seconded by Patti. Motion carried.

Financial: A written report was submitted. The profits from the sale of geraniums will go to Madagascar this year. Ted seconded this recommendation. The Lenten offering and Fasting for Change were dedicated to the Lutherlyn Capital Campaign. New envelopes have arrived. Ron Knauff has agreed to complete the church audit. At the end of the first quarter, the Endowment Fund was \$70,423.43.

Pastor's Report: A written report was submitted and discussed. Another busy month for Pastor; however, his duties at St. Paul and Zion have ended. There were many hospital and home visits, and unfortunately a funeral. Pastor has also gotten more involved at the local elementary school. (In the future, this report will be given prior to all committee reports.)

Fellowship: No written report was submitted, but a meeting was held. The picnic is the first Sunday in June. The Pirate game is scheduled for June 22nd, and the trip to Lancaster's Sight and Sound on November 2nd.

Learning Ministry/Youth: No written report was submitted. This week is the last Sunday School. A book for summer reading needs to be selected, and will probably begin on June 16th. Morning Manna, our own version of Vacation Bible School, will be held from 9:00-Noon during the week of June 10th. In addition there is our involvement with the community's Vacation Bible School.

Memorial: No written report was submitted. A few new gifts have come in recently.

Mutual Ministry: No written report submitted.

MAY COUNCIL MINUTES *(continued)*

Property: A written report was submitted. It will cost \$327.00 to replace the wood on the highway sign that needs repairs, but this will be tabled for now. The sign for all of the churches is no longer accurate, and should be changed. The Borough Council is working on the three signs with the organizations and the churches. All of the fire extinguishers in the church have been checked. The bell tower windows still need to be completed.

Worship and Music: A written report was submitted. A Healing Service was held on May 12th. Confirmation will occur on June 9th. Pastor Randy Marburger assisted at the service and the Baptism of Hudson Kenney on May 5th as part of our Anniversary Celebration. Setting will change on the 16th of June.

Anniversary: No written report was submitted. A meeting was held last night. On the 30th, the church will be honoring older members (those 75 and older). Rita is searching for information on several members. On July 14th former St. Peter's Pipers will be a part of the service. The Directory (pictures to be taken in September), the cookbook and the Church History book will be forthcoming. Pastor Thompson and his wife will assist at a service on August 11th. The October 6th celebration and dinner will be at Camp Lutherlyn.

Unfinished Business:

Outreach Committee: No update

Refugee Resettlement Project: Drivers are needed to help transport a refugee to and from work.

Church Constitution: No Update.

Pest Control: A bill for \$450.00 was received. Moles and voles were caught.

Directory: (see Anniversary committee notes)

Pastor Review: Adam Price, Jane Taylor, Rita Reifenstein and Patti Flach have met and initiated the process.

New Business/Miscellaneous:

No new business was reported.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment with Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM. Ted moved to adjourn, and Rita seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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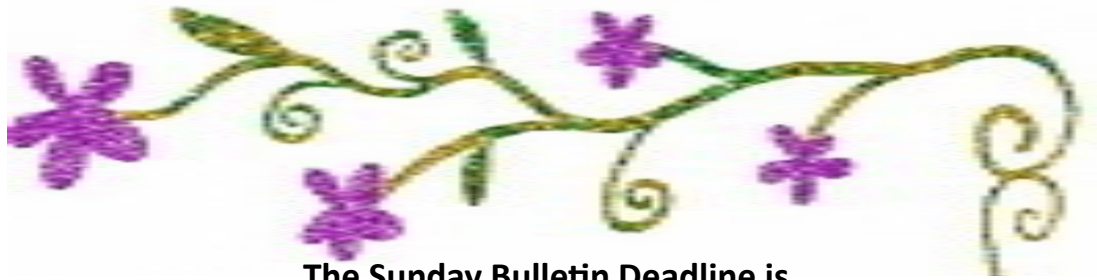
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Amen.

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