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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

"The Spiritual Center of a Serving Community in Christ's Name"

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The Rev. Bradley D. Gow, Pastor



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Thursday 9am - 2pm

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

St. Peter's is a member of the Upper Bucks Conference of Lutheran Churches and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

CURRENT ASSETS			September 2024	
General Checking	\$8,946.20	Monthly +/-	\$3,380.99	
Nursery School Account	\$18,601.64			
Memorial Fund	\$1,818.77	Monthly +/-	\$785.00	
Capital Fund	\$6,310.08	Monthly +/-	\$490.23	
INVESTMENTS			<u>Month to Date Change +/-</u>	
Quaint Oak Bank MM #0041			\$102,802.65	(-\$5,000.00)
Quaint Oak Bank 12-month CD #1687			\$52,860.98	
Embassy Bank 13-month CD #4476 CLOSED			\$0.00	
Penn CD #9526			\$50,000	
<i>Monthly Investment Changes-Total</i>				(-\$5,000.00)
			Total Assets less Liabilities	
			<u>\$222,738.68</u>	



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With gladness and thanksgiving

... The long day of the year is almost done,
and nature in the sunset musing stands,
gray-robed, and violet-hooded like a nun,
looking abroad o'er yellow harvest lands: ...

Empty and folded are her busy hands;
her corn and wine and oil are safely stored,
as in the twilight of the year she stands,
and with her gladness seems to thank the Lord.

Thus let us rest awhile from toil and care,
in the sweet sabbath of this autumn calm,
and lift our hearts to heaven in grateful prayer,
and sing with nature our thanksgiving psalm.



—Kate Seymour Maclean (1829-1916)

What your heart clamors to do

We often speak of pastors as having a divine “calling.” God gives them a strong sense of purpose for a specific holy role, like how Old Testament prophets were called to bring messages to God’s people. But what about the rest of us? Is teaching, practicing medicine, being a plumber, writing or another non-church job also a “call”?

Martin Luther and others have said we should seek work that benefits others and for which God has given us talent.






We should treat any good work we do as a calling — be it cleaning a house or school, mending a broken leg or torn

garment, or (as Luther mentioned a *father* doing — in the 1500s!) changing a baby’s diaper.

Dorothy Sayers wrote that “work is not primarily a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do,” and that “we should clamor to be engaged in work that [is] worth doing, and in which we [can] take pride.” What work does your heart clamor to do? In other words, what is *your* divine call?



~ 2024 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10:15am Worship 3 All Saints Sunday 7:30pm-AA meets	4 Pastor's Day Off	 5 7:30pm-AA meets	6	7	8	9 Social Hall rental 11am-5pm 10am-AA meets
10:15am Worship 10 Lectionary 32 ~Sunday School~ 7:30pm-AA meets	 11	12 Church Council meets @ 7pm 7:30pm-AA meets	13	14	15	16 10am-AA meets
10:15am Worship 17 Lectionary 33 7:30pm-AA meets	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 7:30pm-AA meets	20	21	22	23 10am-AA meets
10:15 am Worship 24 Christ the King Sunday ~Sunday School~ Annual Congregational Meeting 7:30pm-AA meets	25 Pastor's Day Off	26 7:30pm-AA meets	27	28 	29	30 Church decorating for Advent - 11am 10am-AA meets



Sunday, November 3, 2024 10:15am
All Saints Sunday
 The Holy Communion

Sunday, November 10, 2024 10:15am
Lectionary 32
 The Holy Communion

Sunday, November 17, 2024 10:15am
Lectionary 33
 The Holy Communion

Sunday, November 24, 2024 10:15am
Christ the King Sunday
 The Holy Communion



Autumn leaves are falling and we love exploring our new vocabulary

words about fall. We have several new songs and poems about the season. Probably our favorite time is Halloween because we can wear our costumes to school. We have focused on several letters and numbers, patterns, as well as same/different concepts.



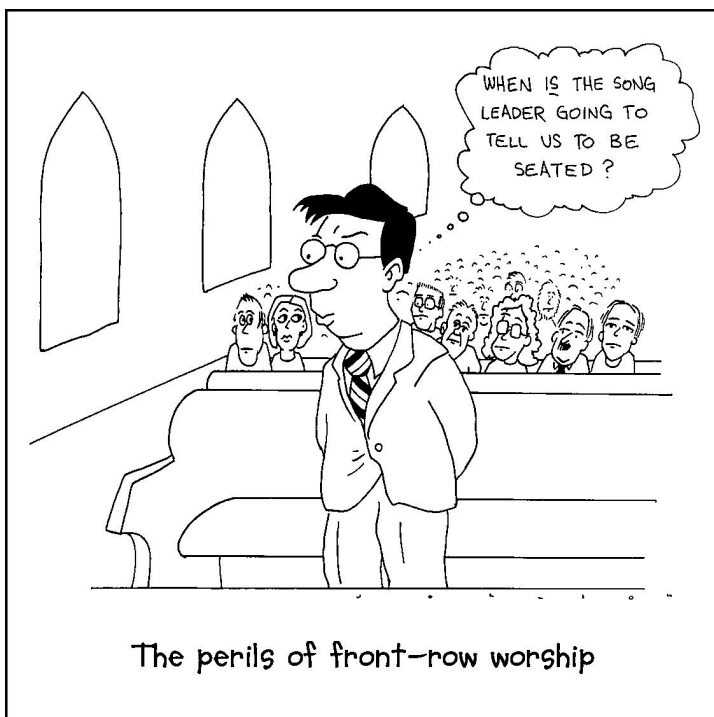
Please remember those on our prayer list: Starr Adams, Marti Apgar, Jason Bigley, Karen Drake, Virginia Dresher, Chris Farrell, Pastor Bradley Gow, Brian Gow, Bella Greaves, Donald Grube, Maureen Haeusler, Bruce Johnson, Ken Johnson, Doris Keller, Ruth & John Kosempel, Macie Litz, Arielle Lopez, Carol McDougald, Bill Meyers, Helen Oldenwelder, Jay Pursell, Reinhold Radke, the family of Jaxson Rand, Jennifer Rehrig, Ruth Ritter, Melissa Soberanis, Bob Snook, Carol & Roger Vonah, Julie Weeast, Patty Wiedner, Barbara Yob.

Also remember in your prayers: those who mourn, those in the military, those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, births & other happy milestones; Our friends & loved ones, those seeking employment, those undergoing treatment for serious illnesses & recovering from medical tests and procedures; disaster victims around the world, victims of the ravages of war & violence; the mission & ministry of St. Peter's, Pastor Bradley D. Gow, the Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod & Bishop Bryan Penman, the ELCA & Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.



A ceremony to honor our veterans will be held on Saturday, December 14th, 2024 at 12pm at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville PA 18077

**Order forms to sponsor wreaths are available on the table at the back of the church, or at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0731.



Property Update

The Women of St. Peter's have secured a contractor to lay new plank flooring at the ramp door and library entrances. Stay tuned for updates on the installation date!



December 14, 2024

Performances at 5:00PM and 7:00PM

Trinity Lutheran Church Pleasant Valley
2170 Rt. 212

Coopersburg, PA 18036

We are looking for help with the production!
Below is a list of the ways you can help:

Actors – no speaking parts

We need Mary, Joseph, Shepherds (as many as I have costumes for), 3 Wiseman, Angels of all sizes, and an Inn Keeper

Choir Members – music will be provided to each congregation

Clean up and set up of stage area

Baking Cookies for refreshments

There will be a full rehearsal on Saturday December 7, 2024, at 6:00PM. The choir may have additional rehearsals at times to be determined.

Please email Betsy Nilsen at betsy.nilsen@gmail.com or call 610-360-0521 if you are willing to help or if you have any questions.



QUESTIONS ABOUT The Flu Vaccine

Can getting the flu vaccine give me the flu?

No, the flu vaccine does not cause the flu. Flu vaccines given by injection are made from killed viruses. Some people may experience short term side effects such as headache, muscle aches, and low-grade fever and confuse this as the flu.

Is it worth getting vaccinated since some people who get vaccinated can still get the flu?

While it is true that some people who get vaccinated can still get the flu, this can happen for several reasons:

- 1.) It takes 2 weeks for the body to develop antibodies after vaccination and may have already been exposed to the flu virus prior to vaccination or during that 2-week period.
- 2.) It may be a different respiratory virus instead of the flu.
- 3.) You may be exposed to a different flu virus that wasn't included in the flu vaccine for that year.
- 4.) Older people or people with chronic illness may develop less immunity compared to healthier, younger people.

Yes, get vaccinated. Studies show that people who were vaccinated but still get the flu have less severe symptoms than people who weren't vaccinated.

Do I need to get the flu vaccine every year?

Yes. This is because flu viruses change from year to year. The flu vaccine is changed every year to protect against specific strains that are thought to be circulating for the upcoming year.

If I didn't get my flu vaccine in October, is it too late to get my vaccine?

No, it's not too late. Flu activity can last as late as April or May.

Should I get the flu vaccine if I am pregnant?

Yes, pregnant women should receive the flu shot, but NOT the nasal spray flu vaccine.

Where can I get my flu vaccine?

Flu vaccines are readily available at most doctor's offices, drug stores, grocery chains, and some places of employment.



ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Sunday is on November 3rd. There is a sign-up sheet for names of those you would like read aloud in remembrance at the back of the sanctuary, or you can email/call the church office with requests also. Last day to request names is October 31st, so there is time to update and print.

Saturday Evening worship

There will be no Saturday Service in November or December. Going forward, Saturday worship will now be the third Saturday of the month.

Church Council

Church Council's next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th at 7pm.

Cheesecake Sale

St. Peter's will once again be holding a Maddalena's cheesecake sale for the Christmas holiday! Orders are due November 27th, with pickup at the church on December 19th. Please see the sample order form at the back of the newsletter for additional information. If you would like to place an order, contact Linda Prosak at the phone/email on the form.

Sunday School

Sunday School will be having a Christmas Pageant this year! Planning has already begun; anyone who would like to help please see Christina Pintabone.

Congregational Meeting

St. Peter's 2nd annual congregational meeting of 2024 will be held after worship on Sunday, November 24th. All active members are encouraged to attend, as we will be voting on budget approval for 2025!

175th Planning Committee

The committee's next meeting will be Thursday, November 21st at 10am.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF, COUNCIL MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS-2024

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