



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Our Mission:

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing



Follow Jesus' Way



Lent Mid-week Worship & Prayer

Join us in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access) for worship and prayer at 11:30 am. on Wednesdays through March 20th. Our gathering will be followed by fellowship and lite lunch. If you're staying for the lunch, please bring your sandwich, we'll provide the drinks and side dish. Join us for good fellowship and meaningful mid-week devotion!



Penny Harvest

A few of our Sunday school children were impressed when the Gideons spoke in church, that when the teachers asked the kids where they wanted to send money we're collecting now through Easter, they suggested purchasing Bibles for the Gideons. So that is what we are doing! If you want to help, labeled containers are in the narthex. Take one and fill it up and return it to a Sunday School participant.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." —Mark 16:5-7



Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Lent mid-week services continue in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access) on Wednesdays through March 20th at 11:30 am.

Palm Sunday worship will be held at 9:30 am. on March 24th in the church. We'll also be celebrating 1st communion for 8 children!

Maundy Thursday worship will be held on March 28th at 11:30 am. in Grace Chapel and at 7 pm. in the church.

Good Friday worship will be held on March 29th at 7 pm. in the church.

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunrise service will be held at 7 am., gather on the front lawn (weather permitting); regular services at 8:45 & 10:15 am. in the church.

The annual Easter morning pancake breakfast will run from 7-11 am. in the hall.

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Pr. Lans will also be posting prayers throughout Holy Week on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.



We have exciting news! You can now make donations on-line through PayPal! Login to your PayPal account and search for our tag: @Spl367 or St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Christian Day School.

## **FORWARD**

I wrote this to the group on Facebook where we rostered leaders share information and opinions. Sometimes we ask questions and this was mine: what shall we do when we have enough new people attending worship who don't know the songs or hymns that are part of our repertoire? We've introduced new music by using the idea of the hymn of the month. When we repeat something often enough that helps make it something we become familiar with. What I am looking for are songs that are an entryway into singing together when that isn't something but we do regularly any longer. At the contemporary service, school families have accepted our invitation to attend church, and have their kids in Sunday school, so that it looks different during that hour. What we've been doing for the last 10 years may not be accessible to new families. I was very glad when one of our neighboring colleagues give me a list of songs both from the contemporary music library, but also the camp songs that I've grown to love. That may give us a good head start on helping us all to participate together in the praise of our God.

There are other things we have to think about as we move into the future. People come and go; families who found our school have in the past become a big part of our working together. I hope this continues. People retire and make their way to sunnier climates; no one can blame them when winter ice and snow bogs us down. Then we have also said goodbye to our faithful departed; that is one change that we can't stop. We are relying on new and different people to be a part of the mission and leadership of our congregation. That has always been true, whether we have moved forward, or people have taken exception to how things have – and here's that scary word again – how things have **changed**. But there is only one alternative to growing, and that is the end of the life of a church or a person.

So I have a question which I can't necessarily answer. I may have shared it in different situations because we may not look at it as often as we should. It is, 'how are we preparing to be the Church of the future?' Some of it may be obvious; we've been told for a long time that we should make worship user friendly. Churches today use technology as best as they know how to present worship in a way that seems like what we may experience in daily life. Worship folders with clean and attractive print from a computer replace hand-typed mimeographs. Hymns and songs are printed in that worship folder. But then slide shows projected on the screen have replaced those bulletins. Preaching and teaching have changed to meet the needs of children and families who don't have the same background or knowledge that we lifelong Christians have. As much as we try to hold on to our traditions and practices, Sunday morning in a church is a lot different than it used to be. It may be upsetting, but things move forward or they stop.

There is good news: Not everything that we used to do has to be, or should be, replaced. Language may be updated for hymns and scriptures, but we can use the older versions of the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm whose poetry has sunk deep into our hearts. Hymns retain their beauty when we agree that the old English just sounds right. There are two words whose concepts help us in this way: being *inclusive*, and being *expansive*. People may think inclusivity is all about accommodation. It is about respect and welcome, because after all, we are made in God's image – all of us. Being expansive means that we are adding things; we don't have to subtract. As I said, we're not replacing anything; we are bringing more and different ideas and ways of doing things to the work that we do in an ever changing world.

But we at Saint Peters have to make this work for ourselves. Even though I've been here a long time, and I have done things differently than before, you are still the ones who will carry it forward. New people, who are not our relatives, are here; they have been added to those who have been here a long time. Some of you have sent your family members to other parts of our land. This is the church family we have

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## **Baltimore Cancer Support Group**

**Weekly Meetings:** We meet at St. Peter's on Thursday evenings beginning at 7 pm. All who are/have been touched by cancer are welcome to join us for conversation and support. For more information, contact us at 410-668-1762.

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## **St. Peter's WELCA News**

**Quilting Group** - No experience is necessary to help with quilt making—if you can use scissors, we can use you! Contact Janice Frederick for more information (410-665-1868).



for now, and for the future. And while I am here, I will ask the question that Dietrich Bonhoeffer posed to a church in deep crisis in World War II Germany: how shall we be the church for others? The future belongs to others; we will be a part of it, then we will go home to our God and the eternal rest of peace. The Church, the body of Christ, will go on, and grow, as Spirit makes it happen.

Pax, *Pastor Lans*

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## **Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers**

**Ms. Agnes Froberg**

**Ms. Louisa Schultz**

**Dr. Beth Thompson**

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## **March Worship Service Assistants Schedule (8:45 am.)**

### **March 3: 3rd Sunday in Lent**

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis  
Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

### **March 10: 4th Sunday in Lent**

Worship Assistant: Holly Frederick  
Usher: \*Don Bayne

### **March 17: 5th Sunday in Lent**

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne  
Usher: \*Rich Murphy

### **March 24: Passion/Palm Sunday**

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick  
Usher: Kathy Shull

### **March 31: Resurrection/Easter Sunday**

Worship Assistant: Open  
Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

\*Opener

## **March Altar Flower Sponsors**

**3/3** In Loving Memory of **Ruth Richter** for her March 3rd birthday. Given with loving memories by Betty and Nolan, and family.

**3/3** In Honor of our granddaughter, **Olivia Mills**, on her 3rd birthday, March 8th. Love, LaLa and Pop.

**3/3 Open for 10:15 am.**

**3/3 Rose Vase:** In Loving Memory of **Elmer Diepold** for what would have been his 103rd birthday, March 7th. Given with love from his wife, Ruth.

**3/10** In Honor of my daughter, **Susan Johnson's** March 14th birthday and **Ellie Tanesescu's** March 25th birthday. Given by Linda Heinbaugh.

**3/10** In Loving Memory of **Frank and Gloria Barnes'** March birthdays. Given by Nancy Barnes.

**3/17** In Honor of the birthdays of **Mandy and Lucy**. Given by the Harry family.

**3/17** To the Glory of God and Blessings upon **Ms. Ruth Diepold** for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Love, Kathy and Lyle Shull.

**3/17 Possible sponsor for 10:15 am.**

**3/17 Rose Vase:** In Honor of **Ruth Diepold's** March 20th birthday. With all my best wishes, Genevieve.

**3/24** In Loving Memory of my mother, **May LeBrun's** March 26th birthday. Given by Patty Read.

**3/24 Open for 10:15 am.**

**3/31 Easter Cross:** Given In Loving Memory of my parents, **Vi and Ernest Grimm**. With love from their daughter, Carole. ~ and ~ In Loving Memory of our mother, **Audrey Robinson**. Given by the Mills family.

**3/31** In Honor of **Robyn (Harry) Thompson's** April 6th birthday. With love from, Mom.

**3/31** We wish everyone a **happy and blessed Easter!** Given by the Mills family.

## **March Bulletin Sponsors**

**3/3** In Loving Memory of **Wilhelmina Weinreich** for her birthday today. Given with love by the Mills family.

**3/3** In Loving Memory of **Gilbert Kreisel's** March 9th birthday. Given by the Volz family.

**3/10** In Honor of **Lois and Fred Volz** on their March 13th anniversary. Given with love by the Mills family.

**3/10** In Honor of **Brian and Jade Mills** on their 4th wedding anniversary, March 14th. We love you both so much! Mom and Dad.

**3/17** In Honor of my Godmother, **Lois Volz**, on her March 18th birthday. Given with love from Donna.

**3/24** In Honor of our wedding anniversary, March 24th. Given by **Tom and Leah Knoerlein**.

**3/31** In Honor of **Joe Mills'** birthday, April 2nd. Given by the Sykes family.

### **To Sponsor ...**

- bulletins or 8:45 am. flowers contact the church office
  - 10:15 am. flowers contact Nancy Barnes
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**Altar flowers** (2 bouquets) - \$30

**Altar piece** - \$45

**Bulletin sponsorship** - \$10

**Rose Vase** - \$10

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**Need a floral arrangement** for an upcoming holiday event or special celebration? Consider using our Sunday bouquet florist, Drayer's Florist, of the Rutland Beard Floral Group! Call them for pricing and design information at 410-335-6286.

## ***March Happy Birthday!***

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Stephen Sykes      | 18 Lois Volz       |
| 4 Holly Frederick    | 20 Ruth Diepold    |
| 4 Dennis Miller      | 20 Anita Gladstone |
| 6 Caroline Greenwood | 25 Rich Murphy     |
| 8 Margery Bayne      | 26 Catherine Sykes |
| 8 Catherine Sacker   | 27 Kathy Sykes     |
| 8 Olivia Mills       | 28 Danielle Sacker |
| 14 Kevin Gladstone   | 31 Betty Kahl      |
| 15 Arwen Bayne       | 31 Jeff Ebbeson    |

Happy Birthday and Happy RE-birthday to those of you who were born or “born into” God’s family through baptism in March! If your Birthday or RE-birthday is not listed, contact the church office.

## ***March Happy Re-birthday!***

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| 11 Alan Sacker       | 22 Bryson Whitlock |
| 13 Steven Sykes      | 24 Ryder Kane      |
| 15 Arwen Bayne       | 25 Spencer Knotts  |
| 18 Joey Mills        | 26 Holly Frederick |
| 21 Heather Frederick |                    |



## ***News from St. Peter's Elementary School***

“Open Enrollment” for the 2024-25 school year continues. Contact the office at 410-665-4521 if you have questions, want to schedule a tour, or to register.

Weekly chapel services are on Wednesdays at 9:15 am. Parents and families are always welcome to join us!

PACE is hosting a pancake brunch in the hall on Sunday, March 3rd following the 10:15 am. worship. All are welcome to attend!

Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated March 3rd - 8th! The theme is “On the Road”, referring to Luke 24:13-35, “The Road to Emmaus.” The focus is on our faith journey with Christ.

Scholastic Book Fair will be here from Sunday, March 3rd – Friday, March 8th in the school lobby, and on-line through March 17th. All are welcome to browse and shop!

Standardized testing week is March 11th-15th.

Look in upcoming bulletins for details of our electronics upcycling/recycling event!



## ***Church & School Staff***

### **Church:**

**Pastor:** Lans Alexis 410-918-9445  
pastor@st-peterslutheran.com

### **Organist/Choir Director:**

Bärbel Otto 410-665-7300

### **Contemporary Music/Praise Team**

**Director:** Richard Stone

**Secretary:** Joy Mayne 410-665-7300  
office@st-peterslutheran.com

### **Sunday Morning Schedule:**

8:45 & 10:15 am. Worship  
9:45 am. Coffee & Conversation  
10:00 am. Sunday school

### **School:**

**Principal:** Lori Fales 410-665-4521  
lfales@spesmd.org

**Secretary:** Marcia Darney 410-665-4521  
mdarney@spesmd.org

### **Parents Association for Christian Education (PACE):**

stpeterspace@gmail.com

### **Church Web Address:**

www.st-peterslutheran.com

### **School Web Address:**

www.spesmd.org

### **School Inquiries Email:**

info@spesmd.org

### **Join us on these Social Media platforms:**

#### **Facebook:**

St. Peter's ELCA-Fullerton, MD

#### **YouTube:**

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Fullerton

**Articles for Networks are due to the church office by the 15th of each month. For the June/July issue, they are due by May 15th.**

## ***Church Council Officers***

**President:** Joe Mills

**Vice President:** Karen Yelovich

**Recording Secretary:** Patty Read

**Treasurer:** Kathy Sykes

**Financial Secretary:** William Lauer

## ***Church Mission & Planning Team Members***

**Fellowship:** Lena Frankenfeld

**Finance:** Mark McQuade

**Investment:** Don Bayne

**Nominating:** Open

**Planning:** Karen Yelovich

**Prayer Chain:** Ruth Diepold

**Property:** Don Bayne

**School Board:** Lena Frankenfeld

**WELCA:** Mary Lue Frederick

**Worship:** Steve Sykes

## ***Annual Meetings***

**4th Sunday in February:** Missions and Life of the Church

**2nd Sunday in November:** Vote on budget and council and Investment Committee members



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*March 2024*

| Sunday                                                                                                                                            | Monday                                                                                                                                        | Tuesday                                                       | Wednesday                                                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                  | Friday                                                                                    | Saturday                                    |
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| 3<br>3rd Sunday in Lent<br>Lutheran Schools Week<br>Scholastic Book Fair<br>11:15a (H) PACE Pancake Brunch                                        | 4<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (H)<br>Dance/Theater Club<br><br> | 5<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (N)<br>Science Guys<br>7p (LL) CR  | 6<br>9a Chapel<br>11a (GC) Prayer Group<br><b>11:30a (GC)</b><br><b>Lent Worship</b><br>3:30p (S) MM                                    | 7<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>6:30p (H) PACE<br>7p (N/S) BCSG                                      | 8<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (H)<br>Board games                                             | 9                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                               |                                                               | <b>SPES celebrates “Lutheran Schools Week”<br/>Scholastic Book Fair in the school lobby this week only</b>                              |                                                                                           |                                                                                           |                                             |
| 10<br>4th Sunday in Lent<br>Daylight Saving Time begins<br><br> | 11<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (H)<br>Dance/Theater Club                                                                                         | 12<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (N)<br>Science Guys<br>7p (LL) CR | 13<br>9a Chapel<br><b>11:30a (GC)</b><br><b>Lent Worship</b><br>3:30p (S) MM<br>7p (S) Council Mtg.                                     | 14<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>7p (N/S) BCSG                                                       | 15<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (H)<br>Board games<br><b>Frederick/Vogt Wedding Rehearsal</b> | 16<br>1 pm<br><b>Frederick/Vogt Wedding</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                               |                                                               | <b>SPES Standardized Testing Week</b>                                                                                                   |                                                                                           |                                                                                           |                                             |
| 17<br>5th Sunday in Lent<br>St. Patrick’s Day<br>Last day to order (on-line) from Scholastic book fair                                            | 18<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (H)<br>Dance/Theater Club                                                                                         | 19<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>7p (LL) CR                              | 20<br><b>1st Day of Spring</b><br>9a Chapel<br><b>11:30a (GC)</b><br><b>Lent Worship</b><br>3:30p (S) MM<br>7p Sch. Brd. Mtg. (virtual) | 21<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>7p (N/S) BCSG                                                       | 22<br><b>(H) PACE Easter Egg Hunt (during the school day)</b>                             | 23                                          |
| 24<br>Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday<br>9:30a Worship, with 1st Communion                                                                      | 25<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (H)<br>Dance/Theater Club                                                                                         | 26<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>7p (LL) CR                              | 27<br>9a Chapel                                                                                                                         | 28<br>Maundy Thursday<br>Church & School closed<br>11:30a (GC) Worship<br>7p (CH) Worship | 29<br><b>Good Friday Church &amp; School closed</b><br>7p (CH) Worship                    | 30                                          |
| 31<br>Resurrection/Easter Sunday<br>7a Sunrise (meet on front lawn)<br>7a (H)<br>Pancake Breakfast<br>8:45 & 10:15a Worship                       | <b>Church Office &amp; School Easter Break</b><br><b>March 28 - April 5</b><br><b>Have a safe and blessed Easter holiday!</b>                 |                                                               |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                           |                                                                                           |                                             |