



**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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## **Our Mission:**

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing



Follow Jesus' Way



## **Christmas At St. Peter's**

### **Christmas Eve Worship**

*Sunday, December 24th*

9:30 am. - Lessons & Carols

7:00 pm. - Candlelight

### **1st Sunday of Christmas/New Year's Eve**

*Sunday, December 31st @ 9:30 am.*

Celebrate the 1st Sunday of Christmas together in the light of a New Year! Children will participate in the beginning of the service and attend Sunday school. The Adult Bible study group will meet after the service.

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### **Holiday Closings**

*St. Peter's Elementary School*

December 22nd - January 5th

Reopening Monday, January 8th

*St. Peter's Church Offices*

December 22nd - January 2nd

Reopening Wednesday, January 3rd



## **World's Finest Chocolate!**

St. Peter's ES & PACE will be selling bars of World's Finest Chocolate beginning in January. Be on the lookout for "pop-up" sales and more information in upcoming bulletins.

## **Prayers Group**

Need a warm, cozy, and uplifting break from winter? Join us on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access)! Our gatherings are under an hour and includes time for fellowship and sharing as we begin the new year! No experience is necessary, as we open our hearts to the Lord. Bring your coffee!



# EXPECTING

There are some things that I am always meticulous about. I was fussing over what I saw as a bare spot on the Christmas tree when I dropped and broke a glass ornament. My attention to detail for our worship folders can be frustrating to Joy, our administrative assistant, but even then, typos get through. Do I get angry? Of course not. No one is harmed if something is forgotten, or out of place. Few of us ever want to do a slapdash job, but if we get bent out of shape over our mistakes we might run into real trouble.

As we plan ahead, with a brand new calendar attached to the refrigerator with cute magnets, we need to enter all the events, vacations, and especially evening meetings that we have so that we can assign drivers, who will do what, and what overlapping items will be difficult to manage. It goes without saying that some plans will fall by the wayside when either something more important comes along, or an emergency stops us in our tracks. Also true is that we must keep in mind the bank balance and the credit cards that make these bigger events possible. Again the emergency car repair or doctor visit throws us for a loop. As we look ahead then in this new year, I hope our realities match our expectations.

As Yoda might say, *cloudy the future is*. It is foolish to think that everything will come out as we hoped. I'm not a prophet, but I have a very good guess that this will be another tumultuous year. Wars, another presidential election, and weather disasters are all unpredictable. We who trust in God would like to think that this might cause more people to embrace a faith stance that calls people to come together in the face of our divisions and conflicts. We preach peace against those things in our human nature that does not trust others. We offer love for one another when others look out only for themselves.

Do I know what to expect for Saint Peters in the coming year? I think we have to understand our limits, while at the same time concentrating our efforts on things that are meaningful and useful to our neighbors. More and more, I am so very grateful for the work that our school has done to keep on growing. It is making a difference that we have invited school families, using a little incentive, to attend worship. The only other goal that I would want us to plan for would be one or two events that serve the practical needs of our neighbors. I think people, especially young people, want to do things that make a difference. When we see people in trouble, and bad things happening, it's important to put our hands in the dirt, so to speak, so that lives are lifted up and even changed. I wonder if anyone has ever figured out how much Jesus spoke to people, teaching them things, and how often he helped his people, through healing and feeding. These were miracles, but I might guess they did some practical sharing of food and other resources to the poor and the outcasts who were his followers. After all we're not doing miracles, and yet we are committed to service for whatever need our neighbor may have. I always find a good Martin Luther quote helps us out, so here's this one: God does not need our good works, but our neighbors certainly do. A church, when we have praised God, prayed for our needs, and heard good news about God's grace and mercy, goes out into the world which Jesus has called our vineyard where God's servants go to work. We will always be strong enough because Jesus goes with us. You can expect and trust that this promise will be ours, as daily, we are given the chance to love as we've been loved.

*Pax, Pastor Lans*

# **A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR**

*“What Child Is This?”*

This was the surprise song we added to the third of Advent service as an answer to the question, “Why we are not singing Christmas carols during Advent, when everyone else does?” Pondering this when touched by the unhappiness of some of us about this practice I thought about how that could be answered without sacrificing the importance of the preparation that our scripture texts ask of us in order to welcome the prince of peace. Isaiah tells us: Prepare the way of the Lord; behold, the Lord comes with might. (Is 40,3,10).

I want to share a few words of the Christmas greeting my husband sent to the family:

*He came: “A child is given to us”! We marvel over mother and child, over new birth, how the future continues, in spite of death and destruction. Awe and humility, song and adoration are the response. Yes, we are not there yet, but we are on the*

*way. If you are stuck in the mud: look beyond and wait with hope but dare to take the next step. Without Advent Christmas loses “the child born in a manger”. Stuck in the mud? Just celebrate! The celebration, while you are engaged, will give meaning. You might be surprised. God surprised the world, and we are still celebrating.*

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary. (ELW 296)

I think that celebrating while waiting with hope is a good start also for the new year. May God bless our celebration as we are here for each other.

Bärbel Otto



## **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.

**On December 21st,** the group will end the year with their annual Christmas pot luck at 5:30 pm., and resume regular meetings in the new year on January 11th at 7 pm. Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

## **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).

**Thank you** to everyone who purchased Christmas candy! Be on the lookout for the Easter candy order form.

## *January Altar Flower Sponsors*

**1/7** In Loving Memory of my parents, **May and Howard LeBrun**, and brothers **Skip, Ned, Jack, and Rich**. Given by Patty Read.

**1/7 Open for 10:15 am.**

**1/14** In Loving Memory of **Janice Webb**. Given by Terri, Rich, Richie, Casey, and John Patrick.

**1/14** In Memory of parents, **Katherine's and Anna's** birthdays. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

**1/14 Rose Vase:** In Honor of **Genevieve Sacker's** January 15th birthday. Given by Ruth.

**1/14** Rose Vase: In Honor of **Everett Hohl Read** for his 8th birthday, January 16th. With love from his grandmother Patty Read.

**1/21** In Honor of **Joe Mills** on his January 23rd birthday. Given with love by Mom and Dad.

**1/21 Open for 10:15 am.**

**1/28** In Loving Memory of parents, **Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Matz and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dohmeier**. Given by Jerry Dohmeier.

**1/28** In Celebration of **Michael's and Lucas'** birthdays. Given by Nancy Barnes.

## *January Bulletin Sponsors*

**1/7 Open.**

**1/14** In Honor of **Aunt Betty & Uncle Bunk Weinreich** on their January 20th anniversary. Given with love by the Mills family.

**1/14** In Honor of the 7th birthday of **Chelsey Marie Volz**, on her January 19th birthday. Given by her grandparents, Lois and Fred Volz.

**1/21** In Honor of **Joey Mills'** January 23rd birthday. Given by the Sykes family.

**1/28** In Loving Memory of my husband, **Phillip Sacker**, and parents, **Catherine and Carl Haug**. Given by wife and daughter, Genevieve Sacker.

**1/28** In Honor of **Jennie** on her February 1st birthday. Given with love by Mom and Dad.

### **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.

## ***January Happy Birthday!***

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 4 Lyle Shull         | 22 Lynn Eschenbach |
| 4 Marlee Duru        | 23 Joe Mills (son) |
| 13 Irma Stockdale    | 25 Peggy Bayne     |
| 15 Genevieve Sacker  | 26 Doris Alkire    |
| 17 Marcia Darney     | 28 Michael Barnes  |
| 17 Linda Gasiorowski | 28 Bruce Bayne     |
| 17 Cynthia Kahl      | 29 James Lawrence  |
| 17 Linda Heinbaugh   | 29 Gavin Lynch     |
| 20 Betty Harry       | 30 Lucas Barnes    |



## ***January Happy Re-birthday!***

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 5 James Frederick, V | 12 Vivian Fargus       |
| 10 Tabitha Baron     | 12 Frederick Fargus    |
| 10 Hollie Harlow     | 12 Harold Fargus       |
| 10 Alex Harlow       | 14 Steven Gladstone    |
| 11 Brayden Hausmann  | 16 Branson Finnegan    |
| 12 Watson Fargus     | 20 Kaitlin Golabiewski |

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

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

### **January 7: Baptism of Our Lord**

**Rev. Katie Kluckman-Ault presiding**

Worship Assistant:

Ushers: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

### **January 14: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

Worship Assistant: Holly Frederick

Usher: \*Don Bayne

### **January 21: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: \*Rich Murphy

### **January 28: 4th Sunday after Epiphany**

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Usher: Kathy Shull

\*Opener

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

**Ms. Agnes Froberg**

**Ms. Louisa Schultz**

**Dr. Beth Thompson**

## ***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

## ***Church Council Officers***

**President:** Joe Mills

**Vice President:** Karen Yelovich

**Secretary:** Betty Harry

**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

**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.**



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# January 2024

| <i>Sunday</i>                                                                                       | <i>Monday</i>                                                                                                                                                       | <i>Tuesday</i>                                                    | <i>Wednesday</i>                                                                             | <i>Thursday</i>                                              | <i>Friday</i>                                                                | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| <br>HAPPY NEW YEAR | <b>1</b><br>New Year's Day<br>Church/School closed                                                                                                                  | <b>2</b><br>7p (LL) CR                                            | <b>3</b><br>Church office reopens<br>11a (GC) Prayers Group                                  | <b>4</b><br>7p (N/S) BCSG                                    | <b>5</b>                                                                     | <b>6</b>        |
|                                                                                                     | <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             St. Peter's ES remains closed this week for Christmas break.           </div> |                                                                   |                                                                                              |                                                              |                                                                              |                 |
| <b>7</b><br>Rev. Katie Kluckman-Ault presides over worship                                          | <b>8</b><br>St. Peter's ES reopens<br>SPES Open enrollment for 2024-25 begins<br>3:30p (S) MM                                                                       | <b>9</b><br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (N) Science Guys<br>7p (LL) CR  | <b>10</b><br>9a Chapel<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (N) Snapology<br>7p (S) Council mtg.         | <b>11</b><br>3:30p (S) MM<br>6:30p (H) PACE<br>7p (N/S) BCSG | <b>12</b><br>SPES World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser begins<br>3:30p (S) MM | <b>13</b>       |
| <b>14</b>                                                                                           | <b>15</b><br>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day<br>Offices Closed                                                                                                          | <b>16</b><br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (N) Science Guys<br>7p (LL) CR | <b>17</b><br>9a Chapel<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (N) Snapology<br>7p Sch. Brd. Mtg. (virtual) | <b>18</b><br>3:30p (S) MM<br>7p (N/S) BCSG                   | <b>19</b><br>3:30p (S) MM                                                    | <b>20</b>       |
| <b>21</b>                                                                                           | <b>22</b><br>3:30p (S) MM                                                                                                                                           | <b>23</b><br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (N) Science Guys<br>7p (LL) CR | <b>24</b><br>9a Chapel<br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (N) Snapology                                | <b>25</b><br>3:30p (S) MM<br>7p (N/S) BCSG                   | <b>26</b><br>3:30p (S) MM                                                    | <b>27</b>       |
| <b>28</b>                                                                                           | <b>29</b><br>3:30p (S) MM                                                                                                                                           | <b>30</b><br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (N) Science Guys<br>7p (LL) CR | <b>31</b><br>3:30p (S) MM<br>3:30p (N) Snapology                                             |                                                              |                                                                              |                 |

**Key:**

(BH) Brick House; (CH) Church; (GC) Grace Chapel; (H) Hall; (LL) Church Lower Level;  
 (N) North Conf. Room; (S) South Conf. Room; (N/S) Both Conf. Rooms; (SL) School Library  
 BCSG=Baltimore Cancer Support Group; CR=Choir Rehearsal; MM=Mini Maestros; PT=Praise Team Rehearsal



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