



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Our Mission:

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing



Follow Jesus' Way



**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday worship will be held at 9:30 am. on March 24th (gather in the conference center). 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 6:30 am., (gather in Grace Chapel); 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.

Prayers for the Monday-Wednesday of Holy Week will be in bulletins on Palm Sunday and posted on our Facebook page and website.

Prayer Group

Are you hoping to keep up "Jesus Time" as we slide into spring? TRY US on Wednesday, April 3rd at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access). Thirty minutes, minimum, of talking to God and each other, at a mid-week time of renewal!

Everyone's Invited ...

... to these upcoming events hosted by St. Peter's Elementary School & PACE!

Spaghetti Lunch in the hall on Sunday, April 7th after the 10:15 am. service. Free event, free-will donations welcome.

SPES Annual Art Show in the hall on Thursday, April 11th at 7 pm. Come see the artistic talent of the students in our school!

Ice Cream Social in the hall on Sunday, May 12th after the 10:15 am. service. Free event, free-will donations welcome.

Picnic on the back lawn (weather permitting) on Sunday, July 7th after the 10:15 am. service.

*April showers bring
May flowers!*



PEACE

Being in church is an extraordinary thing. We can tell that right from the beginning, when we start the confession and forgiveness asking God to be with us. We may use God's name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Or we may use how the church has described God, as the Holy Trinity. Then we have the audacity to ask God to forgive our sins. And we do that without even offering any sort of sacrifice, because we've been told that Jesus did that once and for all on the cross. Sometimes worship has been called our sacrifice of praise, because after all we are submitting ourselves to God's rule over us. And any stewardship drive from church leadership will ask us, as individuals and as a congregation, to consider sacrificial giving—you can guess that that means more than a couple of folded up bills in the plate.

Then comes the other extraordinary thing that we do the beginning of worship, and that is to greet one another. But it isn't just 'hello', or 'it's nice to see you', or 'welcome!' The classic greeting is from the scriptures: Paul's first letter to the Church at Corinth, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit is with you all." As you well know from attending worship, I have a tendency to write a bunch of different greetings either directly from the Bible or by using biblical qualities: joy, hope, mercy, and the like.

The preeminent greeting that the Church gave, but which extends well past when Jesus used it to the earliest times of the people of Israel, is *peace*. It was the common greeting of one believer to another, whether Christian or Jewish. Jesus would have used the Hebrew word, Shalom. Even when Aramaic was their primary language, I'd have to think that Jesus and his disciples would use the term that was a constant in the synagogue. Along came other peoples: the Greek for peace is *εἰρήνη*, and can be pronounced *i-ray'-nay*,

and you've seen me use the Latin in all my messages and newsletter columns: *pax*.

Peace is the greeting Jesus gives to his disciples when he appears to them after having risen from the dead. It sounds very consequential, because the boundary between life and death has been broken in Jesus resurrection. The word Shalom has carried a great weight even if it is a simple daily greeting. Peace, as used in our common language, means being calm, having contentment and tranquility, or the absence of war and violence. It certainly means the same in a faith community, but also expresses a deeper idea. Peace means wholeness, completeness – it is the fullness of experience that we humans have. Though we have conflicts and struggles, peace means that we are able to take it in, and not succumb to the negative feelings of tension and strife. Peace is given as a gift of Spirit, and as such, can be more meaningful than when we are merely content with how things are.

Peace in our worship becomes the greeting when we are going to approach the altar for Holy Communion. We receive these gifts in the body and blood of Christ: forgiveness and strength. Almost always we'll have the rite of confession that prepares us for the eucharist. But the act of remembering and honoring the gift of Jesus' life in the meal also gives us absolution for our sins. Since we are receiving all the grace and mercy Jesus wants for his followers, then we are blessed with peace and wholeness. And so it stands that we also have the strength and compassion to act on that gift by loving, forgiving and serving others. So, as I often say to the children in chapel on Wednesdays, is that enough? It sure is. Amen

Pax, Pastor Lans

Pastoral Acts

FIRST COMMUNION: *(March 24th)*
Grayson Byron, Ashlynn Connelly,
Vivian Fargus, James Frederick V,
Alice Maina, Sephia Perez, Blake
Styles, and Nina Torres

MARRIAGE: *(March 16th)*
Holly Frederick and Sean Vogt

FUNERAL: *(March 4th)*
Ruth (Betty) Weinreich

 **A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR**

At Holly's and Sean's wedding last Saturday many of us heard Martha's community choir sing: "... may you always have a song!" What a beautiful invitation to give voice to the things that matter to us, whether sad or joyful, in despair or rejoicing, singing brings us together, sharing words of lament or praise and thanksgiving during this time of preparation for Easter, still walking through the season of Lent.

Walking together – what that means, a favorite Easter story of mine can illustrate: two disciples of Jesus walk together to Emmaus, they are walking home, disappointed and full of pain, because their hope of their master bringing them freedom has been dashed by his brutal death as that of a criminal. They walk away from him whom they experienced as teacher, healer and the one who called himself the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). But they do not stay alone, someone joins them on their walk, explaining God's ways to them so that they feel strangely encouraged and invite the stranger to stay. He does and as they share supper, and he breaks the bread they recognize Jesus. Recognizing the life, they also recognize the truth and the way – and they turn back to Jerusalem to the others who also experienced Jesus alive.

One of our Easter hymns describes beautifully that it is God, who promised in

the Old Testament reading we heard this morning in church "that he would make a new covenant with his people where he would write his law on their heart and they would know him," and that it is in worshipping together that our faith is renewed and we keep returning to the one who gives us life.

Here are the words of one of our contemporary hymn writers I cherish, Susan Palo Cherwien's hymn "Day of Arising" ELW 374:

*Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.*

*When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.*

*Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.*

*Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.*

Bärbel Otto



April Altar Flower Sponsors

4/7 Open for 8:45 & 10:15 am.

4/14 In Honor of **Dillon's** 4th birthday and **Aidan Heinbaugh's** April 28th birthday.

4/14 In Celebration of **Ashley's** and **Rachel's** birthdays. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

4/14 Rose Vase: In Honor of my great-granddaughter, **Hayden Marie Rezek**, for her 13th birthday, April 18th. Love, C.C.

4/21 To the Glory of God and In Memory of what would have been our **78th wedding anniversary**. Given by Ruth Diepold.

4/21 In Celebration of **Elaine Barnes'** birthday. Given by Nancy Barnes.

4/28 Open for 8:45 am.

4/28 In Loving Memory of **Frank Alkire's** April 27th birthday. Given by Doris Alkire.

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.

11th Annual Car Show: Sunday, October 6th from 10:30 am.-2 pm. (rain date 10/20). See details on the flier at the end of the newsletter.

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).

April Bulletin Sponsors

4/7 In Honor of **Emma Rose Volz's** 12th birthday, April 11th. Given by Nanny and Pop.

4/14 In Loving Memory of **Henry Volz** for his April 18th birthday. Given by the Volz family.

4/21 In Honor of our daughter-in-law, **Jill Volz**, for her April 27th birthday. Given by Lois and Fred Volz.

4/28 In Honor of **Mae Bast's** May 1st birthday. Given by the Volz 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, DBA The Flower Bucket! Call them for pricing and design information at 410-335-6286.



April Happy Birthday!

1 Jim Lynch	18 Rachel Smith
2 Joseph Mills	18 Hayden Rezek
5 Laura Sacker	20 Jerry Dohmeier
6 Beth Thompson	24 Alvin Pasquinelli
6 Robyn Thompson	27 Andrei Yelovich
9 Ashley Kane	28 Louisa Schultz
11 Vito Castellano	30 Corwin Neat



April Happy Re-birthday!

2 Madison Buttion	11 Michael Barnes
2 Melody Lynch	11 Carter Williams
3 Stephanie Yelovich	24 Jennifer Gasiorowski
4 James Frederick, IV	29 Joe Mills
6 Ruth Diepold	29 Anita Gladstone
7 Adalynn Powers	30 Kathy Sykes
7 Madeline Barnes	

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

April Worship Service Assistants Schedule (8:45 am.)

April 7: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis

Usher: *Don Bayne

April 14: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt

Usher: *Rich Murphy

April 21: 4th Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: Kathy Shull

April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Ushers: *Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

*Opener

Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers

Ms. Agnes Froberg

Ms. Louisa Schultz

Dr. Beth Thompson



Church & School Staff

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Director:** Richard Stone

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

School:

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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

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Fellowship: Lena Frankenfeld

Investment: Don Bayne

Nominating: Mark McQuade

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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April 2024

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3 11a (GC) Prayer Group	4	5	6
Church & School Easter break						
7 11:15a (H) PACE/Church Spaghetti Lunch	8 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Dance/Theater Club	9 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	10 9:15a Chapel 11a (GC) Prayer Group 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Snapology 7p (S) Council mtg.	11 3:30p (S) MM 6:30p (H) PACE & Art Show 7p (N/S) BCSG	12 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Board games	13
14	15 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Dance/Theater Club	16 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	17 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Snapology 7p Sch. Brd. Mtg. (virtual)	18 3:30p (S) MM 7p (N/S) BCSG	19 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Board games	20
21 Pr. Joe Lettrich leads worship	22 Earth Day 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Dance/Theater Club 	23 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR	24 9:15a Chapel 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Snapology	25 3:30p (S) MM 7p (N/S) BCSG	26 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Board games	27
28	29 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (H) Dance/Theater Club	30 3:30p (S) MM 3:30p (N) Science Guys 7p (LL) CR				
<p>Key:</p> <p>(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</p>						

Baltimore Cancer Support Group

11th ANNUAL CAR SHOW



Held at Joppatowne Plaza, on the corner of Rt 40 Pulaski Highway and Joppa Farm Road

Sunday October 6, 2024 from 10am to 2:30pm (Rain Date October 20th)

\$20 Entry Donation

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