



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission:

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing



Follow Jesus' Way



November Annual Meeting

The November annual meeting, to discuss and vote on the 2026 budget, and elect council members and investment committee members, is scheduled for **Sunday, November 9th** between the worship services. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

St. Peter's Elementary School & PACE News

Friday, November 7th - Donuts with Dad

Tuesday, November 11th - PACE meeting at 6:30 pm.

Friday, November 14th - School closed for P/T conferences

Tuesday, November 18th - Community Service Night

Thursday, November 20th - Dance-a-thon Fundraiser

Friday, November 21st - Parents' Night Out

Tuesday, November 25th - Thanksgiving Harvest Party

Wednesday, November 26th-Friday, November 28th - SPES school and office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

We wish you all a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving holiday with your loved ones!

Prayer Group

WELCOME ALL to the "Whatever" series based on Phillipians 4:8. On Wednesday, November 5th, we will chat about "whatever is NOBLE." What does 'noble' mean? Come and find out. Our prayers make a difference!

In His Name,
Patty Read & Kathy Shull.

Reformation Sunday & All Saints' Sunday

We will celebrate the Lutheran Church's birthday on Sunday, October 26th - Reformation Sunday. Worship attendees are encouraged to wear RED for this special occasion! Reformation Day is October 31st.

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday for those saints who have gone before us to the church triumphant. If you would like to have a loved one remembered during worship on 11/2, please call the office by Wednesday, October 29th. All Saints' Day is November 1st.



NOVEMBER 25th at 7:00 pm.

CHANGE OF HEART

When we get toward the end of the year, both the last few Sundays of our time with Luke **and** the beginning of Advent, we are drawn to the end of all things. Even John the Baptist sees beyond what he looks for in the appearance of a mightier One who is coming, to what God is doing by breaking into the world to bring all things back to God's final purpose. God is making all things new, and while that is often played on the grand canvas of the history that is awaiting us, there are many small ways that God's will is fulfilled for creation, for humanity. We may see things coming apart, what science calls entropy, but committed and faithful people are also working towards the divine healing that this world and its people need. We are warned of the future that is upon us when apostles and prophets proclaim: the Lord is near. The court jester then calls out: you better look busy!

But we can also take to heart, amidst our fears, that God is near, Jesus is near, in a very intimate way. It may not always be clear, it may seem more like a promise than a reality, but it is also a simple idea. We can pray. We can read God's word and study it together. We can share in worship, both what is simple and honest, or what is grand, and delightful to the senses of sight, sound, touch, and even smell – I like it when incense is a part of a high festival liturgy at one of our city churches. Then there is the bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, where we can say we are what we eat. And Spirit (I like to think of this as a name as well as a *title*) presents us with times of mystery and wonder: a dream, a sensation, a glimpse of beauty, a bold confidence in God's presence wherever we are and especially when we are together.

As God is near us in these ways, both mundane and sublime, we are changed. I've quoted my teacher often enough that you may well know this thought: if we're not moved in some manner by listening to someone, then

we haven't really listened. You have to think that whenever God speaks, things are changed. Yet prophets still go about the business of reminding us of God's word to the world, for the story of God's people from the written word to the history we've known shows that we've rebelled, refused to act on what we've heard. Yes, the seed will fall on shallow ground and has no chance to establish strong roots. But Isaiah also told God's promise that the word will not return to its source without doing what God purposed for it. We can be grateful for God's time, and a patience God has that we cannot comprehend. The Lord is near. We can see it, and yet we can't. Habakkuk said this, which we repeated for many weeks this autumn, to keep us constantly alert:

There is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come, it will not delay.

We know this counsel by heart from Paul, how he states with conviction and confidence that the Lord is near, so that we trust what we know and what we will do: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Pax, Pastor Lans

Pastoral Acts

FUNERALS:

William (Bill) Myers, Jr., October 3rd

Mark R. Henry, October 10th





A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

There are two words I learned in therapy for meditation that I use to calm down at any time and in any situation. One is “Breathe.” When I focus on my breathing, and notice my breath coming in and out, other thoughts will quiet down and move to the background. The other word is “Allow.” Allow what you are feeling, whether it is comfort, irritation, boredom, excitement, even pain, allow it to be there – no judgement – and breathe.

It also helps when I find a focus that takes me away from my worries or anxieties. When I jump in the car to go to work, shop or have to attend to a task, I am greeted by the music from the classical music station and immediately feel more settled. Add to that the music of a favorite song and I am ready to tackle what comes next.

We have a great songbook in the Bible called the Psalms – and when you can sing the words rather than just recite them, they have the potential of becoming a mantra in distress. That’s what happens to me when I remember a motet I learned in school of Psalm 71: “In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge.” Turning away from what troubles us and turning to God, who is our refuge, becomes a source of strength and gives us courage to breathe, to allow, and to go forth doing.

Last Sunday we sang a hymn that gives us such a beacon to go forward. Let me close with its entirety:

If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you’ll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God’s unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in anxious weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in your Savior’s keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through ev’ry loss.

The Lord our restless hearts is holding,
in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God’s good will unfolding,
what wisdom from on high has sent.
God who has chosen us by grace,
knows very well the fears we face.

Sing, pray, and keep God’s ways
unswerving,
offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven’s word; though
undeserving,
you’ll find God’s promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need.

ELW 769, text and music by
Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

Bärbel Otto

The Discipline of Gratitude

Gratitude ... goes beyond the “mine” and “thine” and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen

Three Kinds of Giving

“There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, ‘I have to’; duty giving says, ‘I ought to’; and thanksgiving says, ‘I want to.’ The latter comes from a full heart. Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God.”

—Robert N. Rodenmayer

The Discipline of Gratitude and *Three Kinds of Giving* are from the November 2009 issue of *The Newsletter Newsletter*.

November Happy Birthday!

1 John Cheicante	22 Albert Bethke, Jr.
3 Ruth Enders	23 Alexandra Greenwood
3 Liam Muffoletto	24 Mark McQuade
9 Eric Bayne	24 Colt Warner-Pugh
9 Jeremy Pitts	25 Violet Kalb
9 Leah Knoerlein	27 Adalynn Powers
9 Alex Harlow	28 Amanda Smith
16 Steven Gladstone	30 Bill Beachy
18 James Frederick, V	30 Carol Weichseldorfer
19 Barry Gladstone	



November Happy Re-birthday!

2 Kara Neat	19 Brian Mills
4 Kamryn Whitlock	26 Joshua Sacker
11 Derek Lynch	26 Colt Warner-Pugh
17 Gail Lynch	30 Justin Beecher

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

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.

Saturday, November 8th we will be hosting our **33rd Annual Bull Roast** at Columbus Gardens! See the flier for more details.

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

November 2: All Saints’ Sunday

Worship Assistant: Rich Murphy

Usher: Kathy Shull

November 9: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis

Ushers: *Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

November 16: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt

Usher: *Don Bayne

November 23: Christ the King Sunday

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: *Rich Murphy

November 30: 1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Usher: Kathy Shull

*Opener

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,
Lord!*



November Altar Flower Sponsors

11/2 In Honor of **Leanne Van Dyke's** birthday. Given by the Heinbaugh family.

11/2 Open for 10:15 am.

11/2 Rose Vase: Happy Birthday to **Heather Rezek** for her November 1st birthday. Love, Mom-Mom Diepold.

11/9 In Loving Memory of **Walter Sueck** for his November 15th birthday. Given by Terri and Rich Murphy.

11/9 In Loving Memory of the wedding anniversary of **Francis and Madeline Thrift**. Given by Nancy Barnes.

11/16 In Loving Memory of **Audrey and Buzz Robinson** on their shared November 18th birthday. Given with love by the Mills family.

11/16 In Celebration of **Madilyn's** 11th birthday on November 24th. Given with love by Doris Alkire.

11/16 Rose Vase: In Honor of my grandson, **James Frederick, V**, for his 12th birthday, November 18th. Given by his grandmother, Irma Stockdale.

11/16 Rose Vase: To the Glory of God and In Honor of **Noah Shull's** 18th birthday. Given by Kathy and Lyle Shull.

11/23 In Loving Memory of the women in our family: **Nana (Pauline), Elizabeth, Mom (Margaret), and Gail**. Given by Linda Gasiorowski and family.

11/23 In Celebration of **Amanda Smith's** and **Mark McQuade's** November birthdays. Given by the family.

11/25 Thanksgiving Eve - In Loving Memory of my grandparents' 93rd and my parents' 63rd wedding anniversaries.

11/30 Open for 8:45 & 10:15 am.

November Bulletin Sponsors

11/2 Open

11/9 Open

11/16 In Honor of **Kathy and Steve Sykes** on their anniversary, November 19th. Given with love from the Mills family.

11/16 In Honor of our granddaughter, **Allie Wilmot's** November 21st birthday, and our daughter-in-law, **Kristen Volz's** November 25th birthday. All our best wishes, Lois and Fred Volz.

11/23 With thankfulness for all of God's blessings. Given by the Mills family.

11/25 Thanksgiving Eve worship - In Honor of my 30th wedding anniversary.

11/30 Open

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/The Flower Bucket! Call them for pricing and design information at 410-335-6286.



Fall Back!
November 1st-2nd

Church & School Staff

Church:

Pastor: Lans Alexis 443-388-1828
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Bärbel Otto 410-665-7300

**Contemporary Music/Praise Team
Director:** Richard Stone

Administrative Assistant:
Joy Mayne 410-665-7300
splcoffice7910@gmail.com

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

School:

Principal: April Blahut 410-665-4521
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Parents Association for Christian Education (PACE):

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info@spesmd.org

Church Council Officers

President: Mark McQuade

Vice President: Karen Yelovich

Recording Secretary: Lena Frankenfeld

Treasurer: Kathy Sykes

Financial Secretary: William Lauer

Church Mission & Planning Team Members

Faith Formation: Karen Yelovich

Fellowship: Lena Frankenfeld

Investment: Rich Murphy

Nominating: Mark McQuade

Prayer Chain: Ruth Diepold

Property: Don Bayne

School Board: Lena Frankenfeld

WELCA: Heather Frederick

Annual Meetings

4th Sunday in February: Missions and Life of the Church (*committee reports are due to the church office 3 weeks prior to the meeting*).

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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November 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 All Saints' Day Turn clocks back
2 All Saints' Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends 10a (H) EGW	3 4p (4th) MM	4 3:30p (4th) MM 7p (GC) CR	5 9a Chapel (w/ Personal Care collection) 11a (GC) Prayer Group 3:30p (4th) MM	6 7p (S/SL) BCSG	7 SPES Donuts with Dad 3:30p (4th) MM	8
9 9:45a Annual Meeting (2025 Budget & Voting) 10a (H) EGW	10 4p (4th) MM	11 Veterans Day 3:30p (4th) MM 6:30p (H) PACE mtg. 7p (GC) CR	12 9a Chapel 3:30p (4th) MM 7p (V) Council Mtg.	13 7p (S/SL) BCSG	14 SPES Closed for P/T conferences	15
16 10a (H) EGW	17 4p (4th) MM	18 3:30p (4th) MM SPES Community Service Night 7p (GC) CR	19 9a Chapel 3:30p (4th) MM 7p (V) Sch. Brd. Mtg.	20 PACE Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser 7p (S/SL) BCSG	21 3:30p (4th) MM 6p (H) SPES Parents' Night Out	22
23 Reign of Christ Sunday 10a (H) EGW 	24 4p (4th) MM	25 7p Thanksgiving Worship	26 SPES Closed	27 Thanksgiving Day Church Office & SPES Closed	28 Church Office & SPES Closed	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent 10a (H) EGW	<i>O, heavenly Father:</i> <i>We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.</i> <i>We thank thee for health and remember the sick.</i> <i>We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.</i> <i>We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.</i> <i>May these remembrances stir us to service,</i> <i>that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.</i> —Abigail van Buren					
Key: (CH) Church; (GC) Grace Chapel; (H) Hall; (LL) Church Lower Level; (S) South Conf. Room; (SL) School Library; (V) Virtual Meeting BCSG=Baltimore Cancer Support Group; CR=Choir Rehearsal EGW=Ebenezer Grace Worship; MM=Mini Maestros						

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Buffet Shrimp,
Pit Beef, Ham,
Turkey,
Entrees,
Salads, Desserts

33rd Annual Bull Roast
Fundraiser

Halloween Bash Costume Party

BALTIMORE CANCER
SUPPORT GROUP

7:30pm-12:00am

NOVEMBER 8 2025

Tickets must be purchased in advance
for \$65.00 per person.

DJ DANNY JAHN, OPEN BAR,
DOOR PRIZES, AUCTION,
RAFFLES, PHOTO BOOTH

Please contact **Geri Booker** 410-852-3688 or **Karen
Haughey** 410-960-1148

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