The Scroll

DECEMBER 2022

St. Peter Lutheran Church **Mechanicsburg, PA**

From the Pastor ...

Dear Church,

The new church year has begun. With the First Sunday of Advent on November 27, we are officially in a new liturgical year. This is a season in which we prepare to celebrate Christmas *and* prepare for the second coming of Christ. Let me begin by offering you an Advent blessing (adapted from Kate Bowler's wonderful Advent Devotional available at katebowler.com/advent):

O God, we are waiting, we are longing for you, O Prince of Peace. Come and bring your reign over this whole earth. Blessed are we who look to You and say, "God, truly we are troubled and afraid. Come, govern our hearts and calm our fears." Blessed are we who ask You for wisdom, show us what to turn from, what to set aside. Come Lord, that we might see You, move with You, keep pace with You. Blessed are we who ask that this Advent we might dwell together quietly in our homes. Come Lord, that we might be for others the peace they cannot give. And blessed are we who ask You, Lord, to be for us the wonder that the world cannot give, come Lord! Flood us with the hope and love and joy of Christmas peace. Amen.

As you prepare to welcome Christ anew, I invite you to gather together for worship with your family in faith. We have church all Advent long at 8:00, 9:00 (Wee Worship), and 10:45 in the sanctuary. The 10:45 liturgy is also streaming on our YouTube page.

On Christmas Eve, worship is at 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM. The afternoon service is for everyone and would be especially appropriate for children. The evening service is a traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service with an extended prelude beginning at 8:30 PM.

On Christmas Day, we worship all together at 9:30 AM. The same is true for January 1, where we will have a service of Lessons and Carols.

In this new church year, it is good to be together. In this Advent season, as we celebrate Christ's first coming and await his return, it is good to be together. Come, worship with us, celebrate the newborn king, and prepare with joy for his second coming.

In Christ,
Pastor Alex

President's Corner

DECEMBER 2022

I want to congratulate the new council members who were elected at our Annual meeting on November 13, 2022, to serve on council beginning in 2023. Kim Eichinger, Beth Peffer, Bob Eichinger and Marlene Bohr were elected to serve 3-year terms. Ed Strevig was elected to serve a 1-year term. Please thank these members for agreeing to serve on your council for 2023.

I want to thank Craig Nelson, Kathy Zagoric, Charlene Deavor and Jim Maxwell for your years of service on St. Peter council. Thank you for all that you have done.

Congratulations to the recently elected officers for your 2023 Council. Pam Ringhoffer was elected President, Rena Rinehart was elected Vice-President and Cheryl Fratus was elected Secretary.

As I step down at the end of this year as your Council President and serving on council for the past 3 years, I want to thank our council members for cohesively working together to achieve the very best for St. Peter. It was a pleasure and an honor to serve, and I wish the very best for St. Peter. The future is bright as we move forward together.

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peace,
Dick Smith

MOTION AND ACTION OF COUNCIL

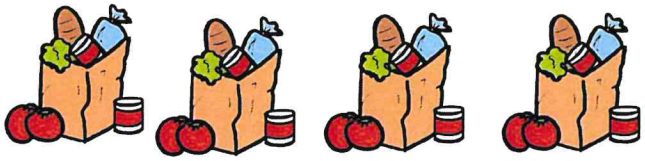
Priss Bashore made a motion to accept the October 2022 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Joyce Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pam Ringhoffer made a motion to approve the request to use the Old Fellowship Hall by Nicole Madison. Carol Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carol Forbes made the motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Joyce Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU:

The Social Ministry Committee expresses their sincere thanks for your extreme generosity regarding providing to clients of domestic violence. We provided 24 bags of food and over $200.00 in gift cards. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.
Social Ministry Committee



DIRECTORY CHANGES:

REMINDER: Please remember that if you have any changes to your address, home phone number, email address, etc. please let Shirley in the church office know so that we can continue to keep our church records as up to date as possible. Thanks.

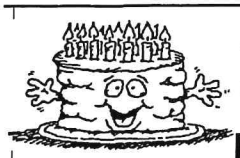
Watch for a new WINTER 2022 –2023 Directory coming out soon!

ALTAR FLOWERS – You may sponsor the altar flowers in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or in memory of a loved one. The suggested amount is $25.00. The sign-up sheet on the worship bulletin board is now available through December 2022.

REMINDER – We will have seasonal silk flower arrangements for the altar vases. We have a special fund where $25 donations can be made to commemorate those special occasions that are so important to all of us and recognition of those special events will be placed in the bulletin. The monies collected throughout the year will be given, at the end of the year, to a worthy project or charity in honor or memory of that special occasion.

You are encouraged to continue to support the Altar Fund through your donations.

All of the monies collected in 2022 were used as seed money for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This fund allows the Pastor to provide small monetary support to those who have a recognized emergency need.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

3 Priss Bashore
4 Megan Kramer, Cheri Wetzel
6 Jill Lester
7 Craig Nelson
8 Frank Fawber, Bill Laubenheimer
9 Carolyn Jacobs, Tommy Wetzel
10 Lou Quatrini
11 Paula Dickert, Beth Peffer
12 Evan Terry, Jeannine Webb
13 Thomas C. Wetzel, Jr.
15 Kristen Slack, Todd Wiley
17 Christopher Barry
18 Marsha Hertweck, Carole Knisely, Chuck Wiley
20 George Bedorf
21 Jerin Oberdorf
23 Bonnie Gasswint, Madison Weigel
24 Katherine Allen, Carol Forbes
26 Teran Moyer, Christopher Nelson, Barbara Smith
28 Cindy Rigg, Victoria Williamson
29 David Kephart, Jr., Todd Garver
31 Frances Hummer

January Birthdays

1 Kim McClure, Steven Signorello, Melissa Duchesne
2 Kristen Paul, Matthew Witmer
4 Jeffery Sakimura, Kamryn Terry
5 Faith Klemick, Kathryn Taylor
6 Darlene Fawber, Daniel Paull, Michael Peffer
7 Grant Franko

December Anniversaries

4 Scott & Ann Bechard
27 Rich & Marsha Lepley
31 David & Laurie Hamilton

Altar Flowers For December

4 ***Available***
11 ***Available***
18 ***Available***
25 ***Available***

Why not sign up today to sponsor flowers in 2022? Just call Shirley Maxwell at 717-766-2701 for available dates.

Please Pray for...

Larry Bashore, Sandy Bender & her brother, Bitner Family, Sondra Bowen, Shirley & Bob Buckbee, Dan Caruso (Lori too!), Ed Charles (Mary Ann too!), Pat Deniston, Liam Hansen, Carolyn King (& Jim too!), Lou Quatrini (& Jackie too!), Tim Trissler, Dave Wenthe, Chuck & Judy Wiley.

NOTE: Please let the church office know if a name is missing, misspelled or can be taken off the above list. Your help is greatly appreciated!

If you have a prayer request, please contact the Church Office. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks.

COMMUNITY AID BOX – Thank you for your support of the clothing collection box on our property. The Community Aid bins may be used to put your donated clothing in but PLEASE, add them only if there is room in the bin!

DO NOT PUT ANYTHING OUTSIDE THE BIN IF THE BIN IS FULL! THANK YOU.

2022 Congregation Council

Alex R. Martini, Pastor.....484-678-9233

OFFICERS

Richard Smith, President 717-421-3545
Pam Ringhoffer, Vice President 717-443-8633
Vacant, Council Secretary.....
Shirley Maxwell, Recording Secretary.....717-766-5237

COMMITTEE CHAIRS (* = Council Member)

*Christian Caregiving, Cheryl Fratus..... 814-460-6896
Christian Education, *Vacant*.....
*Communication, Rena Rinehart..... 717-514-0994
*Family &Youth Ministry, *Vacant*
*Fellowship, Craig Nelson (Co-Chair).....717-766-1013
*Finance, Priss Bashore (Chair)..... 717-766-3705
*Joyce Bowers (GLEE Liaison).....717-796-1571
Property, Clyde Forbes.....717-609-2698
Safety & Security, Bill Laubenheimer 717-737-7860
*Safety & Security Liaison. Kathy Zagoric.....717-991-7191
*Social Ministry, Carol Forbes (Chair).....717-433-6718
*Stewardship, Melissa McCord.....717-579-9269
Worship & Music, Joy Gross (Chair).....717-574-0393
*Dick Smith (Property Liaison).....717-421-3545

FINANCIAL OFFICERS

Jim King, Associate Treasurer.....717-766-0988
Tom Draude, Associate Treasurer..... 717-697-6321
Rick & Bonnie Allen, Financial Secretaries.... 717-697-5427

OTHER KEY PEOPLE

Tom Draude, Grocery Gift Cards.....717-697-6321
Priss Bashore, Grocery Gift Cards.....717-766-3705
Joyce Bowers, ELCW President.....717-796-1571
Bob Eichinger, Men's Group President.....717-732-4354
Carolyn King, SCROLL Editor.....717-766-0988

STAFF CONTACTS

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Interim Organist, Emily Koons
Dir. of Music, Karl Segletes.....484-374-9184
Ladies Ensemble/Chimes Dir, Priss Bashore. 717-766-3705
Dir. of Youth Ministries, Kellan Michalowski.717-979-1044
Cleaning Contractors, Sopps.....717-756-6692
(*Michael, Heather & Hannah*)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS...

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 13th St Peter's Annual Meeting was held. The proposed 2023 budget was approve. New council members were approved as well. They are:
Marlene Bohr, Bob Eichinger, Kim Eichinger, Beth Peffer, & Edward Strevig.
Marlene, Bob, Kim & Beth (3 year terms); Ed (1 year term). Please welcome these new council members of St. Peter.

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EVENTS AT CAMP: This event is scheduled at both Kirchenwald, Nawakwa and the Wittel Farm.
Advent Day Apart 12/3, 9-2

For more information:
https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/

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SAVE THE DATE! "Chew and Chat"--a time to gather, share a meal, discuss an important book and end with a short time of worship. This event will be **Wednesday, February 1st** beginning at 6:00 p.m. The book we will be discussing is entitled I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown, an acclaimed book written by a young woman of color.

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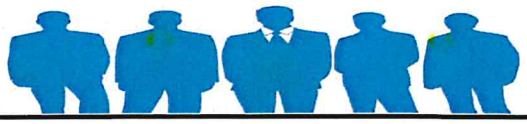
MEN'S GROUP NEWS—The Men's Group is open to all men of St. Peter and their friends/ family. Please be sure to come out and join this group. They get together, plan various projects and things that can be done around the church. All members are encourage to join this group. Fresh ideas, skills not only physical in nature, but knowledge in all kinds of shape/form are needed. Come, see what you can contribute to this wonderful group of Men! Enjoy Fellowship and good food with others once a month!

NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, **February 23rd, 2023 at 6:30 PM.**

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 2022:

December 4th – Second Sunday of Advent:

Esther 4:1-17—For such a time as this, Esther was made queen.
(*Matthew 5:13-16, Salt & light.*)

December 11th – Third Sunday of Advent:

Isaiah 42:1-9, Through the Spirit, God's servant will be a light to the nations, bringing release to prisoners.
(*Matthew 12:15-21, The ministry of Jesus.*)

December 18th – Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Matthew 1:18-25-Announcement of Jesus' birth to Joseph; Jesus will be Immanuel.
(*Psalm 23:1-4, or 23:4.*)

December 24th – Christmas Eve:

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) - Birth of Jesus.
(Psalm 96:10-13)

December 25th – Christmas Day:

Luke 2:8-20, - Shepherds visit the infant Jesus.
(Psalm 95:6-7)

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS:
There are MANY opportunities just waiting for you to try during our worship services. Please see Joy Gross/Pastor Alex or contact the Church office for information on the volunteer opportunities waiting for YOU!

DECEMBER COUNTER SCHEDULE:

4th: Team 5: Shirley & Bob Buckbee, Carol Slack

11th: Team 6: Joyce Bowers, Mary Jane Steinhart

18th: Team 7: Bob Eichinger, Steve & Dory Kessler

25th: Team 1: Tom Draude, Clyde Forbes

Knit Wits Fall/ Winter Schedule:
The Knit Wits have return to their Fall/ Winter/Spring schedule:

Mondays at 7 pm in person (Fellowship Hall) or on Zoom.

Tom Draude & Priss Bashore are selling Giant & Weis Gift cards @ the 8 and 10:45 am Worship Services. Please see them for more information.

Financial Information for OCTOBER 2022

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Accrual Basis

St Peter Lutheran Church
General Fund Summary
October 2022

	Oct 22	Jan - Oct 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4110 · Offertory Env General Fund	17,046.50	143,557.38
4155 · VANCO ACH- General	3,657.20	33,267.90
4156 · VANCO ACH- Fees	-50.61	-526.92
4220 · Bldg Usage/Donations	60.00	537.00
4225 · Building Usage- GLEE	275.00	2,960.00
4310 · Interest General Fund	0.00	0.00
Total Income	20,988.09	179,795.36
Expense		
5050 · Administrative Expenses**	13,489.84	144,937.29
6000 · Property & Equipment Exp	4,269.09	46,399.50
7000 · **Ministry Education & Worship	3,263.31	19,593.01
Total Expense	21,022.24	210,929.80
Net Ordinary Income	-34.15	-31,134.44
Net Income	-34.15	-31,134.44

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St Peter Lutheran Church
Building Fund Income & Expense
October 2022

	Oct 22	Jan - Oct 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4510 · Offertory Env- Bldg Fund	2,758.00	20,010.50
4515 · VANCO ACH- Building	340.00	4,269.00
4820 · Interest- Building Fund	0.33	3.38
Total Income	3,098.33	24,282.88
Expense		
9110 · Mortgage Pymt Principal	3,500.64	34,700.79
9115 · Mortgage Pymt Interest	116.45	1,339.42
Total Expense	3,617.09	36,040.21
Net Ordinary Income	-518.76	-11,757.33
Net Income	-518.76	-11,757.33

October 2022 Summary

	10/02/2022	10/09/2022	10/16/2022	10/23/2022	10/30/2022	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND						
Envelopes	$6,292.00	$2,892.00	$4,150.00	$997.00	$2,520.00	$16,851.00
Vanco / E Giving	$441.94	$754.42	$456.94	$1,721.35	$386.35	$3,761.00
Total General / Vanco	$6,733.94	$3,646.42	$4,606.94	$2,718.35	$2,906.35	$20,612.00
Initial Offering	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Loose Offering	$45.00	$20.00	$13.00	$47.00	$70.00	$195.00
Seasonal Offering	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Sunday School	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Other	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	$6,778.94	$3,666.42	$4,619.94	$2,765.35	$2,976.35	$20,807.00
SPECIAL FUNDS						
Adult Sunday School	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Alive Fest	$66.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$66.00
Bible Study	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Christian Ed	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Christmas Tree Trim	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Coffee	$0.00	$162.50	$24.25	$0.00	$0.00	$186.75
Community Aid	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$363.28	$363.28
Confirmation Camp	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Easter Flowers	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Fellowship Hall	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Flowers	$50.00	$0.00	$25.00	$0.00	$50.00	$125.00
Haiti Scholarship	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Haiti Scholarship Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Haiti Sunday School Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Helmet Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Inspirational Class	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Lutheran World Relief	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Memorial	$100.00	$50.00	$346.66	$0.00	$0.00	$496.66
Misc. 1	$0.00	$52.00	$25.00	$270.00	$60.00	$407.00
Misc. 2	$0.00	$120.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$120.00
Misc. 3	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Misc. 4	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
N. A. Room Use	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Narthex Project Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Nat'l Geographic Library	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
New Hope	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Pointsettia	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$10.00	$0.00	$10.00
Project Fund (Debt Reduction)	$30.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$30.00
Seminary	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Sign	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Staff Gifts	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Thanksgiving Feathers	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Tree Trim	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Tree4Life	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Use of Fellowship Hall	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
World Hunger	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Yarn Fund	$10.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$10.00
Youth Gathering (winter fest)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
TOTAL SPECIAL	$256.00	$384.50	$420.91	$280.00	$473.28	$1,814.69
TOTAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL	$7,034.94	$4,050.92	$5,040.85	$3,045.35	$3,449.63	$22,621.69
BUILDING FUND						
Envelopes	$685.00	$758.00	$455.00	$408.00	$452.00	$2,758.00
Vanco / E Giving	$33.86	$182.50	$33.86	$83.86	$33.86	$367.94
Other Building Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
TOTAL BUIDING FUND	$718.86	$940.50	$488.86	$491.86	$485.86	$3,125.94
GRAND TOTAL	$7,753.80	$4,991.42	$5,529.71	$3,537.21	$3,935.49	$25,747.63

Happy First Day of Winter

DECEMBER 2022

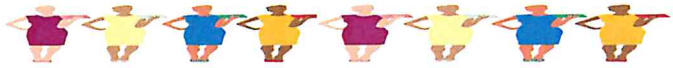
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Some events are being scheduled in the building. Others will be via Zoom, Lived Stream. Please check your weekly Scoop, emails, website, messages for further updates. (You can also contact Pastor Martini, NOTE: If you would like to use a room in the church building, or event held outside, please call Shirley (717-766-2701) to schedule & be placed on the church calendar.			January S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE 8:45 am-2:15 pm 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym; Chimes 7 pm Chancel Choir	2 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM Pastor's Day Off GLEE 8:45-11 am 10:15 am Zumba-Gym 1 pm Quilters	3 *4-7:30 PM Youth Fundraiser Event* (Drive up Italian Night)
4 *2nd Sunday of Advent* 8 am Worship Service 9 am WEE Worship 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship Service In person & lived-streamed 6 pm Fellowship Hall in Use	5 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE 8:45 am-2:15 pm 1:30 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Knit Wits	6 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE CLOSED 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym 6 pm Ladies' Ensemble	7 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM - GLEE 8:45 am-2:15 pm 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym *Pearl Harbor*	8 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE 8:45 am-2:15 pm 1:30 pm Egg Makers Luncheon @ Hoss' 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym; Chimes 6:30 pm Flex Youth Mtg 7 pm Chancel Choir	9 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM Pastor's Day Off GLEE 8:45-11 am 10:15 am Zumba-Gym 1 pm Quilters *8 pm Youth–Joint lock-in*	10 @ St. Mark's, 9 am
11 *3rd Sunday of Advent* *Fair Trade Sunday* 8 am Worship Service; 9 am WEE Worship; 9:15 am Adult Sunday School; 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship Service In person & lived-streamed; 12:00-4:00 pm Family Gingerbread Day -Youth Event; 6 pm Fellowship Hall in use	12 OFFICE CLOSED GLEE 8:45 am-2:15 pm 1:30 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Knit Wits	13 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE 8:45 am-2:15 pm 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym 6 pm Ladies' Ensemble 7 pm Worship & Music Meeting	14 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE 8:45 am-2:15 pm 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym	15 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE 8:45 am-2:15 pm 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym 6 pm Chimes 7 pm Chancel Choir	16 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM Pastor's Day Off GLEE 8:45-11 am 10:15 am Zumba-Gym 1 pm Quilters	17 *1-3 pm Private Event In Gym* *Christmas Eve Brass Rehearsal in Sanctuary*
18 *4th Sunday of Advent* 8 am Worship Service 9 am WEE Worship 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday School; 10:45 am Worship Service In person & lived-streamed; Brass Band Rehearsal in Sanctuary; 5:30 pm Joint Christmas Party w/LYF @ St. Pete's; 6 pm Council Meeting; 6 pm Fellowship Hall in use	19 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE CLOSED 1:30 pm Bible Study 6 pm Christmas Caroling	20 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE CLOSED 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym 6 pm Ladies' Ensemble 7 pm Fellowship Mtg	21 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE CLOSED 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym *First Day of Winter*	22 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE CLOSED	23 Pastor's Day Off GLEE CLOSED *OFFICE CLOSED*	24 4:00 PM Worship Service 9:30 PM Worship Service *Christmas Eve*
25 *Christmas Day* 9:30 am Worship Service In person & lived-streamed 6 pm Fellowship Hall in use	26 OFFICE CLOSED GLEE CLOSED	27 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE CLOSED 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym 6 pm Ladies' Ensemble	28 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE CLOSED 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym	29 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE CLOSED 6 pm Cheerleaders, Gym 6 pm Chimes 7 pm Chancel Choir	30 OFFICE 8 AM- 1 PM GLEE 8:45 am-2:15 pm 10:15 am Zumba-Gym 1 pm Quilters	31 *New Year Eve*

ELCW News

NO ELCW Meeting or Program in December. Next scheduled meeting is: January 24th, 2023.

THE **ELCW** is collecting eye glasses and sunglasses. Please place your donations in the Church Office. Thank you.

Egg Maker's luncheon on the second Thursday of each month, at 1:30 pm at Hoss'.
December 8th is the next scheduled luncheon.



EVANGELISM

Evangelism is all about sharing the "good news" with others! Do you share the good news? That is, the best news of all forgiveness and eternal life in Christ. Do you ever share your testimony of God's grace in your life with others? I know it's not something Lutheran's easily do.

As Paul expressed how we should treat others in Ephesians 4:32: *"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you"* through the grace of Christ, we should become more kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving. We should focus on living faithfully and share how God has worked in our hearts and lives; share how our life reflects the grace we've received from God in Christ. As Charles Sturgeon once quoted: *"Make your life a clean testimony, so that your heart's love to God and men be visible to all."* Hopefully we can show compassion and kindness towards others which makes it easier to feel the needs of others. And when we do, we can share our faith and life experiences with another person in need. We should be grateful for Jesus' healing and for the gift of salvation.

As we abide in Christ, the Holy Spirit flows through us. Let's keep the cross in front of us and the world behind us.

In the love of Christ,
The Evangelism Committee

FELLOWSHIP NEWS...

Fellowship Events – Fall/ Winter 2022

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting/sponsoring the following event. Please watch the Scoop for additional details. This is our final event for 2022.

Christmas Caroling – Monday December 19th at 6pm

Craig & Tammy Nelson,
Fellowship Committee Co-Chairs

ELCW will be making Easter eggs next year and we need voluntaries. Anyone who would like to help

contact Carolyn King or Joyce Bowers. We make eggs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

COME, JOIN THE FUN! No experience required!

Watch the weekly Scoops for Actual dates, details.

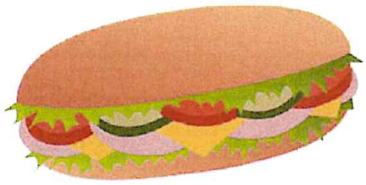
SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Guatemala Trip—Another trip to Guatemala is being planned for January 10-18, 2023 and there is room for a few more people. Contact Carol with questions you may have about the trip.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS CONTINUED...

Fair Trade Sundays are on the second Sunday of each month. When weather permits the Fair Trade table will be outside the main entrance following the indoor services. On Sundays when the weather is inclement Fair Trade sales will be done in the board room. So now is the time to get your coffee, tea, chocolate bars and olive oil! Because we are purchasing fair trade food and beverages, workers are paid fairly in the country that produces these items. It is the right way to buy!

Beer 4 Hope Round 2! Join Tree 4 Hope on December 2nd at Historic Acres of Hershey from 6:30-9:30pm for another round of Beer 4 Hope! A free will donation gets you in, with all proceeds supporting the construction of Hope Academy's 2nd floor! RSVP online here: Beer 4 Hope Round 2! ***(See enclosed flyer)***



If you are frazzled by the hectic schedule between now and Christmas, how about making your meals a little easier? We are having an R&K Sub/Sandwich Sale. You can order between now and December 9th. Pickup is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th. Profits from this sale will be added to our Mission Trip Fund to increase the amount available for those who would like to do mission work but may need a boost of extra money to make the trip happen. Here is the link to order: https://forms.gle/1Q4UL6kq2Tedsvww7 There is also a printed order sheet on the Anahi's Scholarship board in the hallway! Please make checks out to "St. Peter Lutheran Church". If you have any questions, please reach out to Stacey Niedzwiecki, Katie Leonard or Carol Forbes.

The 2022 Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk Set New Records

This year's fifty-first annual CROP Walk set new records for number of participants as well as donations for global and local hunger relief. At last count a record 211 people participated in the CROP Walk which for the first time took place in Mechanicsburg Memorial Park on Sunday, October 23.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS CONTINUED...

On that beautiful day, after all the counting was done, over $24,000 was raised of which 25% will go to local hunger relief including New Hope Ministries and Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels for our area seniors many of whom cannot afford to pay for their weekly meal deliveries.

Our St. Peter Lutheran Team showed up with 14 participants, including several helping with registrations, runners, and walkers. St. Peter's team also raised $1,645.00 thanks to the generosity of our donors and walkers' donations. Great job St. Peter's Team!

In addition to our own team, over 24 other area churches of various denominations including Church of the Brethren, Mennonite Churches, Harrisburg Korean Presbyterian church, and others participated along side groups from PA Department of Corrections, Meals on Wheels volunteers, and various local families, Mechanicsburg VFW, and other groups including a refugee family who fled from Afghanistan sponsored by area churches.

Many thanks to all of St. Pete's Team who donated, walked, ran, or otherwise helped to make this event the best ever, had some fun, and helped people in the process.

Attendance & Offering for month of November, 2022:

*(Required Weekly – General $4,407.98; Building $961.54). *Does not include VANCO*
***Not available at time of printing*

Date	Attendance	General Fund	Building Fund	Specials	*Total
6th =	28/14/55= **97**	$4,768.00	$844.00	$303.00	***$5,915.00**
13th =	68= **68**	$1,531.00	$361.00	$9,476.00	***$11,368.00**
20th =	*14/19/4/53*=**90**	$3,196.001	$417.00	$1,075.00	**$4,688.00**
27th=	40= **77**	$1,669.00	$373.00	$3,928.50	***5,970.50**
TOTALS	**= 332**	**=11,164.00**	**= $1,995.00**	**= $11,782.50**	**= *$24,941.50**

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS – MONTH OF: December 2022:

	December 4th	December 11th	December 18th	December 25th
Acolytes	*TBD*	*TBD*	*TBD*	*TBD*
Altar Care	Mary Ann Charles	Susan Hensel	Kathy Zagoric	Joyce Bowers
Counters	Team 5: Shirley Buckbee, Bob Buckbee, Dave Wenthe	Team 6: Joyce Bowers, Mary Jane Steinhart	Team 7: Bob Eichinger, Steve & Dory Kessler	Team 1: Tom Draude., Clyde Forbes
Lector	Faith Klemick	Craig Nelson	Stacey Niedzwiecki	Clay Peffer
Liturgist	Joy Gross	Susan Hensel	Carol Forbes	Stacey Niedzwiecki
Sound	Chris Nelson	Craig Nelson	Craig Nelson	Craig Nelson
Camera	Kathy Zagoric	Pam Ringhoffer	Stacey Niedzwiecki	Stacey Niedzwiecki
Ushers	Dory Kessler & Kathy Zagoric	Peffer Family	Ed Strevig & Bill Laubenheimer	Joyce Bowes

***There are now sign up sheets on the bulletin board. There are plenty of areas where YOU are needed and your help is greatly appreciated. Not sure what you can or want to do? Please see Joy Gross, Pastor Martini or check with the church office for volunteer opportunities available each Sunday. See where you can help and share your many talents.**

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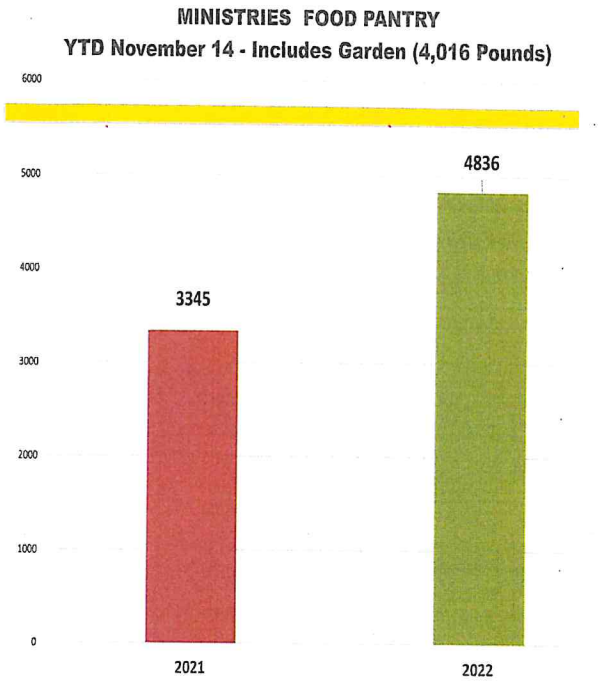

Garden picture

Final Harvest, 88 lbs (Of: Broccoli, Green Beans, Parsley, & Celery), making the seasonal total of

4,016 pounds

delivered to New Hope Ministry, Mechanicsburg!

Yea Team!

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

It's never too late to submit your **Estimate of Giving** Form for the coming 2023 year. Please consider, (if you haven't already) filling out a form and helping us plan for 2023 at St. Peter. (Need a form? You can find them in the office). Thank you.

QUILT SEWING CIRCLE.

This St. Peter Group meets September through June (***no meetings in July & August***) on Fridays at 1 pm in the Adult Sunday School Room (across from the kitchen). **ALL** are invited & welcome to come and join this group! Contact Joyce Bowers or Mary Jane Steinhart for more information.

FOR The most CURREN & UP TO DATE

EVENTS — BE SURE TO CHECK "The SCOOP", A WEEKLY E-BLAST FULL OF UP TO DATE EVENTS & OTHER CHURCH NEWS. (Don't have an email account or internet, contact the Church Office to receive a copy of the SCOOP in the mail.)

WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS…

"Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality," Washington Irving

It hardly seems possible that we are entering the Christmas Season. A time of greeting friends and neighbors, singing beloved carols, trimming the tree, and exchanging Christmas gifts with family and friends.

But here we are – we trimmed the tree and had our traditional ham dinner. What an exciting time at St. Peter. The children can hardly contain their excitement. What about you? Are you excited? Do the twinkling lights on the tree bring a smile to your face or do you look at the tree and think about all the work that it took to put it in place and decorate it?

Perhaps, like so many of our traditions, we've grown tired of the same old thing. Well, I challenge you to start a new tradition this year. Step out of your comfort zone and invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you this year. Bring them to one of the Christmas eve services or the Christmas Day service. Let them experience the warmth of the love given by your brothers and sisters in Christ. It might be just the thing they need this Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Joy Gross
Worship and Music Chair

YOUTH NEWS…St. Pete's Youth Groups:

Groups:

SPYG Jr. is open for K-5th Graders!

SPYG is open to current 6th Graders through 12th Graders, & Beyond

DECEMBER

3rd—Italian Night Take-Out Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 4 pm—7:30 pm.

9th—10th—SPYG Lock-In Overnight Event @ St. Mark's Harrisburg (6th-12th Grade), 8 pm—9 am.

11th– Family Gingerbread Decorating & Christmas Movie Day! K-12th Grade plus any & all families & friends! 12 pm—4 pm, Lunch provided.

18th– SPYG Christmas Party, 5-9 pm, 6th-12th Grade.

Kellen Michalowski
Director of Youth Ministry
Email: stpeterlcyouth@gmail.com

Follow the youth group on Instagram @st.peteryg to stay up to date on our events! Or email us at stpeterlcyouth@gmail.com to get added to the email list!

SPYG On Social Media
Instagram: st.peteryg
Facebook: St Pete's Mechanicsburg Youth (@st.peterlcyg) *(for more pictures!)*

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Saint Peter's Youth Group

"Egg Makers" Lunch

The next Egg Makers Lunch will be on Thursday, December 8th at 1:30 pm at Hoss'. Please join us.
All are welcome!

Make the Goal Campaign

Exciting news!

The Make the Goal Campaign has made and exceeded the goal!

Because of the outstanding response of the congregation

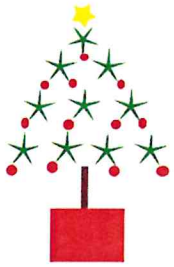
the donor has expanded the matching funds to $15,000.

You still have until the end of the year to contribute.

Thank you to all who are making this campaign such a success.

GIVING TREE NEWS...

GIVING TREE INSTRUCTIONS:



1. Take an ornament.
2. Buy the item (new items only please).
3. Return the item to church ***un wrapped,*** and place it in the designated bag or bin under the Giving Tree.
4. Deposit the ornament in the des ignated bag to be used again next year.

Items donated for this event should be brought to church by **12/11. This year's donations will benefit those at the** Bethesda Mission. These ornaments will be on the tree beginning at the ham dinner.

NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE:

Mobile Mission:
Sweatshirts & pants (M, L, XL)
Jeans (Waist Size: 32, 34, 36, 38, 40)
Underwear (S, M, L, XL)
T-Shirts
Candles
Sterno
Deodorant (men & women)
Flashlights

Women's Mission:
Stamps
Paper products
Headphones/or ear buds
Nylon knee stockings
Phone chargers
Bus passes
Fresh fruit
Gallon size baggies

Men's Mission:
Trash Bags 13 & 60 gallons
Winter clothing: Thermal underwear, sweatshirts, long sleeved shirts, (under Armor, etc.) plus-sized LG-XXXL, needed most.
Large print bibles NIV or NASB or ESV
Shower Shoes (flip flops)
Wash cloths & towels
Underwear, large sizes
AA, AAA, 9 volt batteries
Umbrellas
Winter Boots, size 10-13
Pillows

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

PRAYER VENTURES
DECEMBER 2022

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 *World AIDS Day* Today we join our neighbors, siblings in Christ and companion churches around the world in remembering all who have been and continue to be affected by HIV and AIDS. Give thanks for the progress we have made in effective prevention, treatment and care and in discouraging discrimination against those who are HIV-positive; pray that we will not grow complacent but continue to make progress; and give thanks for the ongoing work of the ELCA's HIV and AIDS ministry.

2 Give thanks for our faith, which embodies hope and anticipation as well as confidence and joy in God's promises and grace, which were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

3 *International Day of Persons with Disabilities* Pray for our neighbors here and around the world who live with disabilities, that they might be welcomed, respected, valued and fully included in every aspect of the church and society. Give thanks for the wide-ranging work of ELCA Disability Ministry, Lutheran Services in America–Disability Network and other ministry partners.

4 Pray that, like John the Baptist, we will share the good news of Jesus and the love of God with boldness and humility and will invite all people to believe and be baptized into a new life in Christ, free from the confines of sin, despair and death.

5 Give thanks for the ELCA's Good Gifts catalog, which lifts up the diverse needs of our neighbors and offers opportunities to respond with gifts that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives around the world – from honeybees and irrigation systems to trauma counseling and vocational training for entrepreneurs.

6 "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7). Pray that the Spirit will help us live in unity and celebrate the faith that binds us together as siblings in God's family; pray that we will invite and welcome people into our communities of faith so that they too might experience the gifts of joy, grace and mutual care as siblings in Christ.

27 *John, apostle and evangelist* Give thanks for John and the other disciples, who trusted in and responded to Jesus' call, leaving behind their previous lives to experience God's presence and love through Jesus Christ and to do God's work in the world. Ask the Spirit to guide, inspire and equip us for sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor in a world of constant change and new challenges.

28 Hope, joy, love and faith are infectious. Pray that the hope and joy stirred by our faith in God's love and presence in the world will spill over into our personal and professional relationships and our interaction with strangers.

29 Pray that we will be ever mindful of our baptism, which brings us identity and purpose "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5). Give thanks that we are equipped, encouraged and sustained by our siblings in Christ throughout our lifelong journey of faith.

30 The birth of Christ, manifesting God's love for humanity, changed everything, forever. We celebrate the joy and significance of Christmas and pledge our lives in constant witness to God, who embraces and loves us with all our flaws, complexities and questions.

31 *New Year's Eve* What do you hope for in the coming year? What are your aspirations? Give thanks for the assurance we receive through our baptism, that we might live in God's mercy and grace through the ups and downs of life, and pray that we will be supported during our journey by a vast and caring community of siblings in Christ.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org *for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4101. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.*

7 Give thanks and pray for the work and enthusiasm of those applying for ELCA World Hunger Education and Networking Grants, which help congregations and synods build partnerships, provide training and education, plan service learning and host events with people passionate about ending hunger.

8 Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Africa: the Rev. Elisabeth Johnson and Anne and Willie Langdji (Cameroon); the Rev. Alex LaChapelle (Kenya); the Rev. Janelle Neubauer (Rwanda); and the Rev. Brian Palmer and Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo (Liberia).

9 Pray that God will work through us to help goodness, honesty, justice, peace, generosity and compassion flourish in the world.

10 Give thanks for scientists, researchers and teachers of science and math; they help us acquire skills for daily life, explore and better understand creation, expand our appreciation of God's handiwork, and develop new technologies for the health and well-being of humanity and our environment.

11 People of faith are not immune to questions or doubts. Give thanks for God's patience with us and for the Spirit's work of strengthening our faith, revealing the mysteries and wonder of God's boundless love for humanity, and helping us understand Scripture and faith in the context of life today.

12 Pray for farmers and ranchers as they prepare their fields, animals and equipment for winter, and for those planting and harvesting during winter. Give thanks for their vocation of feeding the world, their care for the environment and their wisdom about seasons and cycles of life.

13 Pray that, with the use of Advent candles and wreaths, we will embrace faith traditions and practices that center us on God's grace and forgiveness, received through the gift of Jesus Christ.

14 "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant" (Luke 1:46-48). Join in the song of Mary and give praise and thanksgiving for God's love, mercy and attentiveness – blessings experienced from generation to generation.

15 Ask the Spirit to help us invite and welcome with enthusiasm our neighbors and surrounding community to join in our congregational activities, celebrations and worship during Advent and Christmas, and throughout the year.

16 *Las Posadas* This tradition, popular in Mexico and observed by some ELCA congregations, uses lighted paths and processions from house to house to follow Mary and Joseph's journey through Bethlehem in search of lodging. Pray that our recollection of Mary and Joseph's experience will prompt us to welcome strangers, immigrants, refugees and neighbors in need.

17 Pray for those who suffer depression, loneliness and anxiety, especially during the holidays. Ask God to help us be attentive to people around us who are struggling, that they might find understanding, hope, support, inclusion and caring companions in our communities of faith.

18 *International Migrants Day* Pray that we will support and accompany migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers in their difficult pursuit of safety, justice, self-sufficiency and family stability.

19 Remember in prayer ELCA Global Mission personnel and missionaries who are celebrating Advent and the birth of Christ in the communities and congregations of our global companions around the world.

20 Remember those who are alone during this time of community celebrations, meals and worship, including refugees, immigrants, and those who are imprisoned, confined to home or an institution, without family, or separated from family and community by work or deployment.

21 *Winter solstice* Reflect on the intricacies of the universe that govern the movement of our solar system, the changing seasons and how people experience seasons in different hemispheres of the world. Praise God for a life-sustaining creation that inspires awe, curiosity and humility!

22 "Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:3). Give thanks for God's mercy and favor, which grant us new life and hope – not because we deserve it or have lived good lives but because God is gracious and generous beyond human comprehension.

23 Remember those who serve and work in our communities during the holidays. May we assure them of our love, concern and gratitude, and create opportunities to include them in our celebrations and worship, especially when they are unable to be physically present.

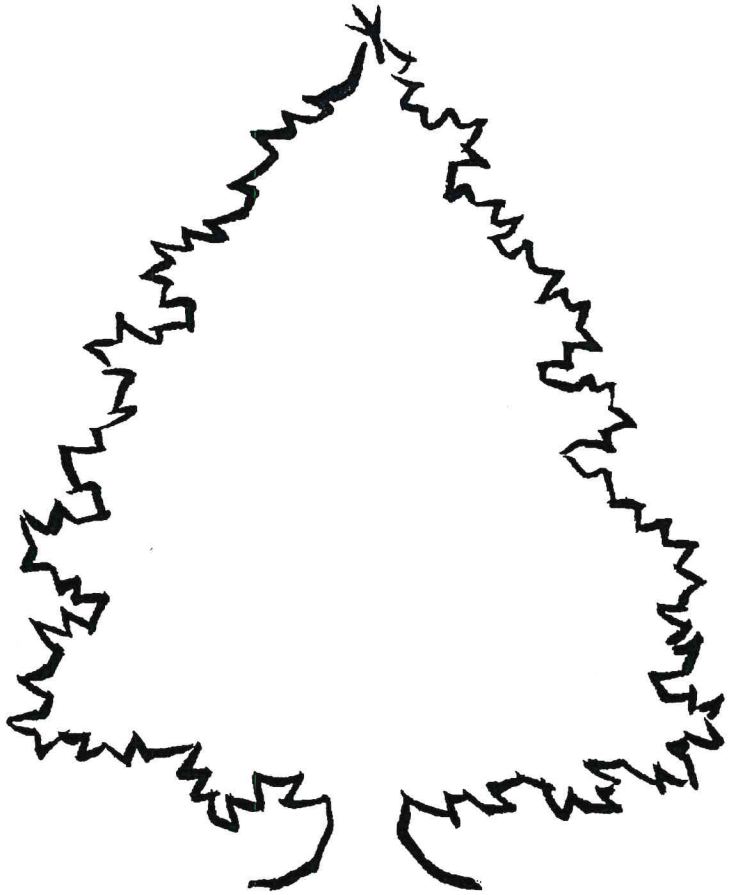
24 *Christmas Eve* Offer prayers of thanksgiving and joy for the gift of Jesus, our Savior, life and hope, who brings light to the darkness, "for he came down from heaven above to help a world in need" (*ELW* 271).

25 *Christmas Day* All glory and praise to God – everything we have seen, heard and been taught about Jesus Christ, our hope and salvation, is true. Give thanks that God's love and mercy, present in the birth of Christ, have shaken the world and awakened our hope.

26 *Kwanzaa* Today begins Kwanzaa, a weeklong celebration of African culture and traditions that emphasizes family, community and shared principles. Give thanks for the rich and enduring traditions, celebrations and practices of our African American siblings and the global African community.

Is there a Christmas tree in your worship space?

If so, look at the kinds of ornaments and draw them on this tree below. If not, decorate this church Christmas tree with other Christmas symbols like angels, candles, and stars.

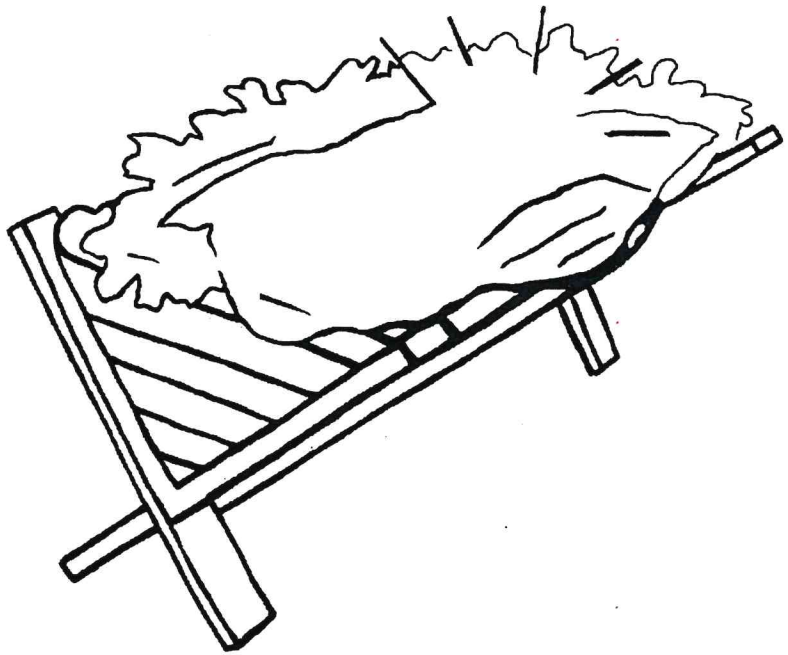


PRE-READER

Christmas 1

- Today is the **first** Sunday after **Christmas**.
- The color of the Christmas season is **white**.
- We **celebrate baby Jesus** during the Christmas season.

This manger is missing someone important! Draw baby Jesus in the manger. Then color the picture.



Look It Up!

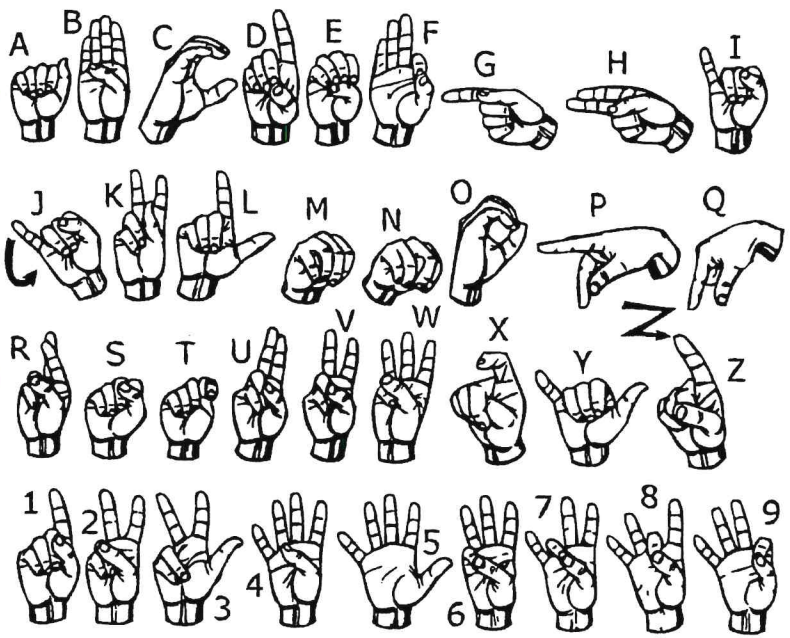
The memory verse is just a small piece of the Christmas story in Luke. Want a real challenge? Go to the second chapter of Luke and practice your sign language on the whole story from verses 1 through 20!

Use Your Hands

In order to learn today's memory verse, practice it on your hands! Below is the American Sign Language fingerspelling alphabet. Read the memory verse and then practice spelling each word using your hands.

"To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

–Luke 2:11



Your Own Census

Caesar Augustus ordered a census. During a census, the government counts all the people who live in a certain place. During Bible times, everyone had to travel back to their hometowns. Families were counted together. Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem, Joseph's hometown. Make your own census below.

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DATES AND TIMES TO REMEMBER IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER!

November 30:
6 pm Ham Dinner
7 pm Christmas Carols & Tree Trim

December 19:
6 pm Christmas Caroling

December 24:
*4 pm Hymns & Communion Worship Service
*9:30 pm Traditional Candlelight Worship Service

December 25:
*9:30 am Simple Communion Worship Service

January 1:
*9:30 am Worship Service

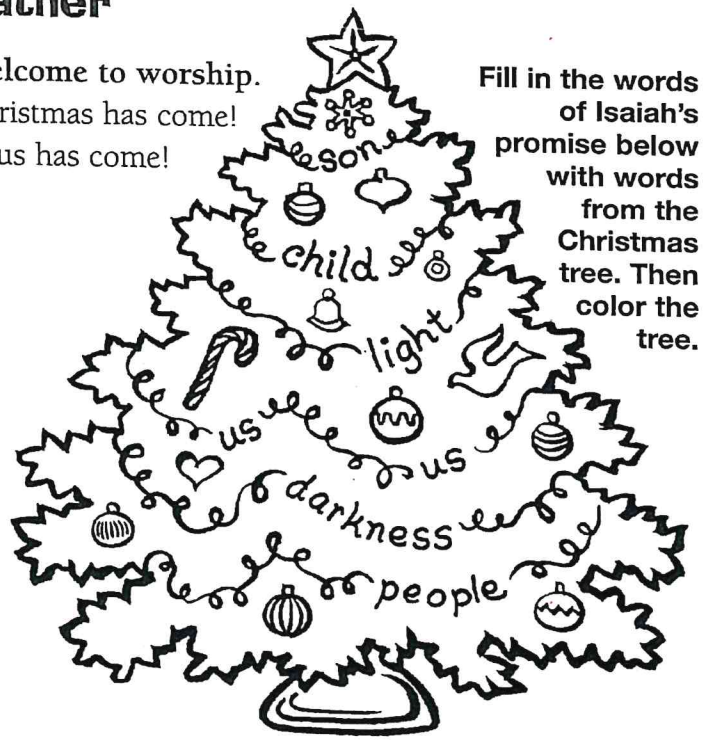
*in person & live streamed

Kids Celebrate

Nativity of Our Lord

Gather

Welcome to worship.
Christmas has come!
Jesus has come!



Fill in the words of Isaiah's promise below with words from the Christmas tree. Then color the tree.

The _____ who walked in _____ have seen a great _____. For a _____ has been born for ____, a _____ given to ____ (Isaiah 9:2,6).

Send

Songs of joy

Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all! (from the hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly.")

Many Christmas carols you sing have rhyming words.

Find five sets of rhyming words in this picture and draw a line between each pair of words (hint: mat and hat).

My favorite Christmas song about Jesus is:

_____

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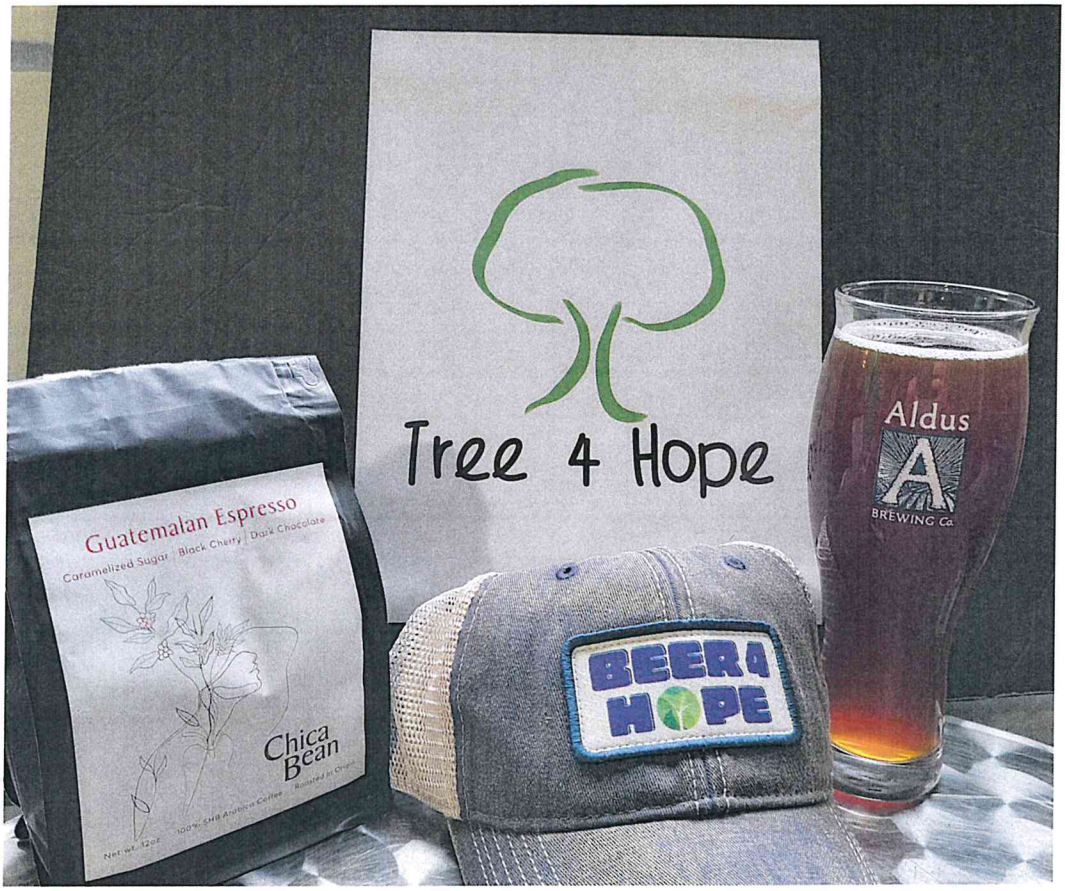
Tree 4 Hope

BEER 4 HOPE



Beer 4 Hope Round 2!
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What is Beer 4 Hope?
A perfectly crafted collaboration brew between Aldus Brewing Company in Hanover, PA, Chica Bean Coffee in Guatemala and Tree 4 Hope, a PA based non profit committed to providing a brighter future for children and their families throughout Guatemala!

SPYG ITALIAN NIGHT

Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 | 4pm-7:30pm

A Take-Out Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Benefitting Youth Ministry at St. Pete's Mechanicsburg

Ready Made Take-Out - $12 per meal

A hot, delicious, ready to eat spaghetti dinner with spaghetti, a side salad, bread, & dessert.

Meal Kits - $10 Each

A meal kit to make a spaghetti dinner later in the week. Perfect for a quick and delicious meal during the work week! Comes with dry pasta, sauce, and bread.

You will have the option between homemade marinara and meat sauce and choice of ranch or Italian dressing.
Gluten-Free options available as well.

You can pre-order meals by emailing your name, # of meals, and desired pick-up time to stpeterlcyouth@gmail.com
You can also just walk up and order on the 3rd!

The Scroll

St. Peter Lutheran Church
130 Nittany Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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Mission Statement

God's mission for St Peter Lutheran Church is **to grow in faith, live in hope and serve in love.**

Sunday Worship

Winter/Spring Schedule:

8 & 10:45 am with Communion
9-9:30 am WEE Worship
(Church for Families with Children ages 0-6)
9:15 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Sunday School

Unless otherwise noted. Check Calendar for change of time

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is Wednesday, November 23rd

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