



**The Fishnet – March 2019**

**Sunday Worship Services**

**8:00 am and 10:00 am**

**BFF (Building Faith & Friendships) – during the 10 am Service**



**Celebration of Norm Geist's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as organist at St. Peter's  
(photos courtesy of Lori Lombardo)**

Contents of this newsletter are the sole property of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Contact the church office with concerns or permission to reprint.



This year we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Those who wish to receive ashes only may come to the church that day at 12:00 noon. Join us at 7:00 that evening for the Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes. Invite family members, friends, and neighbors!

Here are a few simple facts about Lent:

- Lent consists of 40 days, not counting Sundays. Presumably, in medieval times, church people needed a break from the austerity of Lent – and that break came on Sundays.
- The ancient Israelites wore sackcloth and ashes as a sign of repentance. The Book of Jonah (Chapter 3) reports that, in response to Jonah's admonition, "the people of Nineveh believed in God," proclaimed a fast, and "everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth." The king, in fact, "rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes." Even the animals were covered in sackcloth.
- The concept of repentance is rooted in the Greek word *metanoia*, which literally means "turning oneself around and going in a different direction."
- In the medieval church, Lent took on a severely penitential tone. This is when the idea of "giving up something for Lent" developed. However, in the early church, Lent was a time in which converts to the Christian faith, often adults, were instructed and prepared for baptism and confirmation at Easter.
- The beginning of Lent is based on the date of Easter. There was no uniform date for Easter in the early church. In the year 325, the Council of Nicaea, from which we get the Nicene Creed, decided that the date for Easter would be "the Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox." As such, the date of Easter may be no sooner than March 22 and no later than April 25.
- At the time of the Reformation, the reformers de-emphasized the rigorous disciplines of Lent, trying to get people to focus on the grace and forgiveness of God in Jesus Christ rather than on the obtaining of merits before God by the accumulation of Lenten "good works." In fact, as a protest against medieval Catholic practice, one of Luther's colleagues, Andreas von Karlstadt, publicly ate a sausage in the town square on a Friday.

We invite you to join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. during the season of Lent for the Service of Evening Prayer. We also invite you to attend the Soup Suppers that will precede each of these services at 6:00 p.m. During the sermon at these services, we will explore God's creativity as it finds expression in human creativity. Here is our tentative schedule:

- March 13 – Ed Brown shares with us his love for the art of wood carving.
- March 20 – Pastor Miller tells the story behind the hymn "Jesus, Still Lead On," the text of which was written by the early Moravian bishop and pastor Count Nikolai Ludwig von Zinzendorf, who established the Moravian community in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
- March 27 – Pastor Miller talks about the spirituality of Vincent Van Gogh, using reproductions of some of his paintings. Did not know that Van Gogh was the son of a Dutch Reformed pastor and aspired to be a pastor too?
- April 3 – Pastor Miller reads and comments on "The Creation," a poem written by the African American writer and activist James Weldon Johnson in 1927.
- April 10 – Pastor Miller tells the story of the hymn "Rise, O Children of Salvation," the text of which was written by Justus Falckner, the first Lutheran pastor ordained in North America and active in Pennsylvania and New York.

See you in Lent!

Pastor Ray Miller

---

## Council President's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have many things to be thankful for with hope for a bright future in 2019. Last year, each one of you showcased unique gifts and talents that were used to make our community a better place. Even though we were in a transition year, everyone stepped up to do their part to ensure all events at St. Peter's ran as smoothly as possible.

As we move into 2019, I'd like us to focus on continuing to foster the unique gifts and talents to help each other and our community. We all do so much giving throughout the year. This is what makes our community great. I love the quote from Picasso that says "the meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." In 2019, I'd like each of us to think about the things we are passionate about and ask ourselves "how can I leverage my time and talents to help my community?"

Whatever your passions are in 2019, St. Peter's is here to help. Throughout the year, please share your passions with me and others. I am happy to help you in any way I can. I would love to grow our missions by investing time and resources in the things you care about. I believe if we each strive to be the best we can be, St. Peter's will be the best it can be to each other and to the community.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pam Abaza

Congregational Council President

---

## Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, March 26 at 12:00 noon at a location yet to be determined. Check the weekly bulletin announcements for an update. All are welcome to join us and enjoy this Dutch treat fellowship for the holiday.

---

## Temple Talk by Lutheran Community at Telford Chaplain

The Chaplain of the Lutheran Community at Telford will be at St. Peter's on Sunday, March 10. He'll provide a Temple Talk and be available during coffee hour for conversation.

---

## Congratulations to Norm Geist

St. Peter's talented and incredibly knowledgeable organist, Norm Geist, celebrated ten years at St. Peter's this year. Cake and coffee were shared between Services on February 10 to celebrate his decade at St. Peter's. Thanks, Norm, for all you do to create a peaceful and meaningful Service.

---

## Call Committee Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Peter's,

The Ministry Site Profile for St. Peter's was uploaded on December 19<sup>th</sup> and it has now been approved by Bishop Davenport. We are now entering our next phase of the Call process and are ready to receive eligible applicants for our position of Pastor. Once we receive these candidates, we will evaluate their professional and clerical information and interview any applicants who could be a good candidate and would fit our church well.

Once we find someone who the Call Committee feels would be a good choice, the Committee will go to a neutral site and watch them preach a Worship Service. The next step would be for the candidate to preach a service at St. Peter's. We will let the congregation know how the process is proceeding as we move forward and appreciate everyone's support.

As always, please approach any of us if you have any questions regarding the Call process.

Your Servant in Christ,

Lou Bell

---

## Food and Beverage in Dorcas Hall

In order to prevent further stains in the sanctuary, we ask that everyone please limit your food and beverages to the fellowship hall. Your kind cooperation to this matter is greatly appreciated.

---

## Save the Dates

March 3	6:00 pm – Confirmation Class
March 5	9:00 am to 1pm - Quilters
March 6	Ash Wednesday – 12:00 noon Imposition of Ashes
March 6	Ash Wednesday – 7:00 pm Service
March 10	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME change
March 10	Temple Talk by the Lutheran Community at Telford chaplain
March 13	6:00 pm Soup/7:00 pm - Lent Evening Prayer Service
March 17	6:00 pm – Confirmation Class

March 18	7:00 pm – Council meeting
March 19	9:00 am to 1pm – Quilters
March 20	6:00 pm Soup/7:00 pm - Lent Evening Prayer Service
March 25	7:00 pm- Bishop Davenport at Christ, Trumbauersville – all welcome to attend
March 26	12:00 noon – Lunch Bunch (location to be announced)
March 27	6:00 pm Soup/7:00 pm - Lent Evening Prayer Service
March 30	1:00 pm - WELCA Upper Bucks Meeting
April 3	6:00 pm Soup/7:00 pm - Lent Evening Prayer Service
April 10	6:00 pm Soup/7:00 pm - Lent Evening Prayer Service
April 11	1:00 pm – Red Cross Blood Mobile
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 18	7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service
April 19	7:00 pm – Good Friday Service
April 21	6:30 am & 10:00 am – Easter Sunday Services

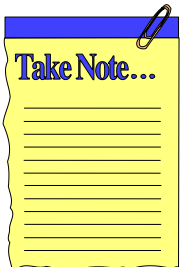
## Lent

1. For the five (5) Wednesdays during Lent, there will be a soup supper at 6:00 pm, followed by a Service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm. Attend one or all of these peaceful, serene Services.
2. Please bring in last year's palms by February 24 for the Confirmation Class to create Ash Wednesday's ashes.
3. On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Miller will provide imposition of ashes at 12 noon. The evening Service will be at 7:00 pm with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes.
4. Holy Week Services include Maundy Thursday (April 18) and Good Friday (April 19).
5. Easter Sunrise Service, on Sunday, April 21, will be held in St. Peter's "old" cemetery at 6:30 am. The 10:00 am Easter morning Service will be held in the sanctuary.

## Notice for Service Cancellations

In the event worship Services or other church activities are canceled due to bad weather, the cancellation will be posted on St. Peter's web page ([www.splchurch.net](http://www.splchurch.net)), the church Facebook page, and by a PhoneTree message.

## Church Chat



- **Input for the April newsletter is due by Thursday, March 21.**
- The Upper Bucks Conference Annual Assembly is Sunday afternoon, March 3, from 2pm to 4pm at St. Paul's Lutheran, Telford (107 W. Lincoln Avenue, Telford 18969). Please contact Pastor Miller if you are interested in attending.
- Bishop Patricia Davenport, recently elected as the Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA) Bishop, will be at Christ Lutheran in Trumbauersville (1 Luther Lane, Trumbauersville, 18970) on Monday evening, March 25 from 7pm to 8:30pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know our new Bishop. There will be time for questions and answers.
- The spring gathering of the Upper Bucks Women of the ELCA will be held Saturday, March 30 beginning at 1:00 pm. Trinity Lutheran in Pleasant Valley (2170 Rte. 212, Coopersburg 18036 610-346-7282) is this year's host. The theme is "Created in God's Image." This year celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women in the Lutheran Church. The speaker is the Rev. Suzanne Spaulding and she will discuss the talents women (clergy and lay) have brought to the ministry of the church and what their challenges are. This will be a wonderful program!!

## Congregational Staff

To arrange a Pastoral visit, email or call the church office (see below).

- **Rev. Raymond Miller, Bridge Pastor** 215-822-9075 (Pastor's office)  
Pastoral emergency: 267-733-5243 stpeterslc@comcast.net  
**Office hours: Monday and Wednesday mornings, 10 am to 12 noon and by appointment**
- **Sue Fellman Jacob, Parish Administrator** 215-822-9108  
**Office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 2:00pm** stpeterslc@comcast.net
- **Norman Geist, Organist**
- **Bill Gottshall, Worship Ensemble Leader**  
**Susan Scherffel, Worship Ensemble Leader**
- **Jeff Thompson, Sexton**

---

## St. Peter's Congregational Council

**Pam Abaza**, President (term ends: December 2021) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term  
(215) 500-8458 [pamela\\_abaza@merck.com](mailto:pamela_abaza@merck.com)

**Diane Gall**, Vice-President (term ends: December 2020) 1<sup>st</sup> Term  
(215) 651-1112 [alottagall@verizon.net](mailto:alottagall@verizon.net)

**Linda Ertel**, Secretary (term ends: December 2021) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term  
(215) 712-9820 [lmertel@verizon.net](mailto:lmertel@verizon.net)

**Ken Shanks**, Treasurer (completed two terms on council as of December 2015)  
(267) 424-0202 [Kshanks6@gmail.com](mailto:Kshanks6@gmail.com)

**Spencer Butterwick** (term ends: December 2021) 1<sup>st</sup> Term  
(215) 881-7464 [ssb1@psu.edu](mailto:ssb1@psu.edu)

**Rick Daubert** (term ends: December 2020) 1<sup>st</sup> Term  
(215) 830-1270 [rdoubled1@verizon.net](mailto:rdoubled1@verizon.net)

**Debra Detweiler** (term ends: December 2020) 1<sup>st</sup> Term  
(267) 228-0530 [detweiler32658@gmail.com](mailto:detweiler32658@gmail.com)

**Patti Dowse** (term ends: December 2019) 1<sup>st</sup> Term  
(215) 738-2781 [privateagreement@gmail.com](mailto:privateagreement@gmail.com)

**Joan Gerhart** (term ends: December 2019) 1<sup>st</sup> Term  
(215) 822-9186 [jjcid@yahoo.com](mailto:jjcid@yahoo.com)

**Phil Tackett** (term ends: December 2019) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term  
(215) 896-1775 [Lpt2829@gmail.com](mailto:Lpt2829@gmail.com)



# Prayer List



As of February 24, 2018

## God's Protection and Safety:

On all who drive buses, trains & planes. For all the service men & women especially:

**Seaman Abigail Gall, US Coast Guard**, daughter of Diane & Chris Gall

## God's Healing:

**Parishioners:** Bill Detweiler, Owen Hilton, Jim Lynch, June Bair, Bob Bair, Jean Gugger, Charles Gehman, Joe Haenn, Bob Snider, Bob Bergey, Mary VanThyne, Jim Ertel, Sharon Senigo, Mary Ettore, Jeff Flagler, Sandie Driscoll.

\* - **new addition**

## God's Healing:

### Friends and family:

Gail Coltrain (friend of Bill Gottshall family), Katie Yerger (friend of Doris & Shirley Texter), Holly Olsen (friend of Charles Rizzo), Ann Weikel (sister-in-law of Sue Jacob), Faye Slack (daughter of Blanche Wimmer), Betty Zepp (relation to Maryann Zepp), Donna Kuehlewind & Kristy Simcox (friends of Deb Detweiler), Kay Moyer (friend of Hope Garrett), Phil Richard, June Breithaupt (mother of June Bair), Arlene Leonard (Gene Gugger's sister), Steve Traynor (friend of Sandie Driscoll), Jim Hardy (son of Peg & Ed Hardy), Barbara Jones (Danielle Simpkins' mother), Al Palmer (friend of Dean Jerasa), Mark Newbold (friend of Charles Rizzo), Rhelda Warriner (sister of Rita Bixler), Donna Cross (friend of Jim & Linda Ertel), Debbie Breithaupt (sister-in-law of June Bair), Mason Long and Randy (grandsons of Peg & Ed Hardy), Brandon Latham (friend of Scherffel family), Ted and Jackie Frey (friends of Eleanor Peitzman), Chase Yarns (nephew of Tammy Daubert), George Yarns (father of Tammy Daubert), Patricia Deitz (sister of Bob Bair), Harry Kieffer (Deb Detweiler's brother-in-law), Debra Scott (Sue Scherffel's cousin), Butch Trucksess (brother-in-law of Donna and Brian Blackburn), Michael Burgess (brother of Kim Jerasa), Joseph Hartner (brother-in-law of Michael Ettore, Sr.).

\* - **new addition [Names for healing will stay on the printed list for 1 month]**

## God's Comfort & Peace:

For our homebound members: **Elizabeth Witt** (Pine Run Community), **Ted Fickert** (Dock Woods), **Joe Haenn, Bob Bergey, Blanche Wimmer**, and **Betty Rohrs** (Lutheran Community at Telford), **Esther Saylor and Tillie Murray** (Hidden Meadows on the Ridge), **Betty Nash** (Springhouse Estates), **Edna Ney** (Phoebe Meadow Glen), **Julie Detweiler, Ted Hilmer, Mary VanThyne** (Home).

## God's Grace for the Family & Friends who mourn the death of:

John Rizzo (brother of Charles Rizzo), +Doris Hardy, +Bonnie Lesh, James Seward, Sr (father of Jim Seward), +Marge Moll, +Glen Kramer, Charles Zepp (Maryann Zepp relation), Doris C. Blackburn (mother of Brian Blackburn), +Ilse Mondry, Ira Kerns, Jr. (brother of Betty Jean Nemece), Clyde Bishop (brother of Peg Hardy).

**[ +indicates a member of St. Peter's. Names will stay on the printed list for 1 year]**

# KITCHEN SUPPLIES DRIVE



Our St. Peter's kitchen is a beloved area of our church. Next to the Sanctuary, it may be the most visited room in St Peter's. Wonderful things happen there. Good food is prepared, lots of laughs and good times are shared and most importantly, fellowship occurs there.

The Kitchen Group performs very important and valuable services by serving funeral luncheons, overseeing many of the meals and coffee hours at St. Peter's and keeping the pantry stocked with supplies as best as they can.

Here is your opportunity to help them keep up their good work. We are having a "Kitchen Supplies Drive" to help stock the pantry for our many meal centered events. Below is a list of items needed for the Kitchen Pantry. A donation box will be in the Narthex to collect items. A list will be posted by the box. Any questions, please see Joan Gerhart or Diane Gall.

## KITCHEN SUPPLIES DRIVE ITEMS

**Paper plates - any size**

**Paper cups**

**Napkins**

**Coffee - regular and decaf**

**Plastic flatware - clear**

**Lemonade - powder preferred**

**Ice Tea - powder preferred**

**Cascade - dishwasher detergent**

**Dawn - dish detergent**

**Sterno**

## FISH Lenten Food Drive 2019

The youth of St. Peter's are sponsoring collections for FISH throughout the Lenten Season. Last year St. Peter's donated 550 pounds of food during Lent!

Each week we'll be concentrating on certain types of items, though any and all food pantry donations are appreciated. Please bring your items to the collection box in the Narthex if you are able to help FISH. The Lenten food drive collection will wrap up on Sunday, April 28th, though food donations for FISH can be brought to St. Peter's all year. Thank you for your support!

### FISH Food Pantry Themes

Week #	Date	Theme	Items
1	3/10	Canned goods	Soups, fruits and vegetables, meats, beans, fish and tuna
2	3/17	Carbs	Spaghetti or other pasta, spaghetti sauce, pasta sides, rice and mixes, gluten free and diabetic foods
3	3/24	Basics	Flour, sugar, cooking oil, peanut butter, jelly, condiments
4	3/31	Beverages	Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, 100% fruit or vegetable juice
5	4/07	Paper products	Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers in size 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6
6	4/14	Personal Care	Shampoo, bath soap, laundry detergent, deodorant
7	4/21	Breakfast	Cold and hot cereals, pancake mix, pancake syrup



March 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March 31</b> 8am & 10:00am Worship Services  2:30 pm: St. Peter's leads Service at LCT					<b>1</b>  12n – AA	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8am & 10:00am Worship Services  6 pm: Confirmation class	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  9 am – Quilters	<b>6 Ash Wed</b> 12n – Imposition of ashes 12n – AA 7pm – Evening Prayer Service	<b>7</b>  7pm – Boy Scouts	<b>8</b>  12n – AA	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Daylight Svgs</b> 8 am & 10:00 am Worship Services Temple talk by LCT Chaplain  1-3: 4H meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  7 pm – BSA Committee mtg	<b>13</b>  12n – AA  7pm – Evening Prayer Service	<b>14</b>  7pm – Boy Scouts	<b>15</b>  12n – AA	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8 am & 10:00 am Worship Services 2-4: 4H meeting 6 pm: Confirmation class	<b>18</b> 6 pm – Bldg Blks Parent Night  7 pm – Council mtg	<b>19</b>  9 am – Quilters	<b>20</b>  12n – AA  7pm – Evening Prayer Service	<b>21</b> <b>Newsletter input            due</b>  7pm – Boy Scouts	<b>22</b>  12n – AA	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8 am & 10:00 am Worship Services	<b>25</b>  7pm-Bishop Davenport at Christ Lutheran	<b>26</b> <b>Newsletter            emailed</b> 12:00 noon – Lunch Bunch Location TBA	<b>27</b>  12n – AA  7pm – Evening Prayer Service	<b>28</b>  7pm – Boy Scouts	<b>29</b>  12n – AA	<b>30</b>

## Monthly Assisting Ministers Calendar – March 2019

Date	Time	Ushers	Greeters	Acolyte	Crucifer	Scripture	Prayer	Server	Altar Guild	Counters
3/3/19	8:00 am TEAM F	J & D Snyder	B & J Detweiler	E Rebnegger	K Shanks	J Snider	J Smith	**D Gall	D Detweiler & P Abaza	J Johnson & M Fickert
	10:00 am TEAM F	**D & S Texter	N & S Driscoll	C Rizzo	P Dowse	C Evans	S Driscoll	K Jerasa		
3/6/19										
Ash Wednesday	7:00 pm								E Rebnegger	
3/10/19	8:00 am TEAM A	D Detweiler & P Hardy	P Hardy & S Davenport	D Bell	P Tackett	H Lee	**H Lee	K Shanks	P Dowse & C Rizzo	D & S Texter
	10:00 am TEAM A	**S Texter & A Scherffel	R Johnson & L Lombardo	C Rizzo	A Reice	K Ballard	R Daubert	P Dowse		
3/17/19	8:00 am TEAM B	P Tackett & D Bell	B & J Detweiler	E Rebnegger	K Shanks	**L Bell	D Gall	L Bell	R Bixler & L Lombardo	K Jerasa & N Driscoll
	10:00 am TEAM B	R Johnson & G Gerhart	D & D Fell	B Flagler	K Flagler	T Daubert	**T Daubert	L Lombardo		
3/24/19	8:00 am TEAM C	W & C Fellman	P Hardy & S Davenport	K Shanks	J Snyder	**L Tackett	J Smith	P Tackett	D & S Texter	P Dowse & C Rizzo
	10:00 am TEAM C	C Simpkins & G Gugger	D & S Texter	P Dowse	**L Lombardo	K Jerasa	K Jerasa	S Driscoll		
3/31/19	8:00 am TEAM D	J & B Snider	J & D Snyder	H Lee	H Lee	H Garrett	**H Garrett	E Rebnegger	M Zepp & M Fickert	J Johnson & M Fickert
	10:00 am TEAM D	R Johnson & Gerhart	P Dowse & C Rizzo	**N Driscoll	S Butterwick	B Schwab	T Schwab	L Lombardo		
4/7/19	8:00 am TEAM E	S & E Rebnegger	W & C Fellman	D Bell	F Park	**P Tackett	D Gall	P Tackett		K Jerasa & N Driscoll
	10:00 am TEAM E	C Simpkins & A Scherffel	R Johnson	S Texter	D Texter	C Evans	**C Evans	S Driscoll		

**YOU STILL NEED TO CONTACT YOUR TEAM LEADER WITH CHANGES.**

**The yellow, highlighted names with double stars are team leaders.**

**Please arrive 10 minutes before the Service, so the Team Leader knows you are available.**