



St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



CONNECTING WITH GOD, SHARING OUR FAITH, UNITED IN SERVICE!

The *Fishnet* – September 2020

**Sunday Worship Service
9:00am in the church and
livestream on Facebook**



**In-building Services continue.
Sunday Services may be viewed via Facebook livestream**

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From the Pastor



Welcome to September! It's time for Rally Day but, since this is 2020, I don't anticipate that much will be the same as other years. Children will be returning to school and young adults to college but, most likely, in vastly different ways – some, virtual; some, hybrid; maybe even some, in person. The year 2020 is not like any other in recent years. We have had to adapt, adjust, and accommodate ourselves in order to protect ourselves in this pandemic. Wear your face mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands! You have heard the same admonition before. The goal is to stay safe and healthy – and, in so doing, show care for others.

For us, Rally Day would normally be September 13, but these are not normal times. In observance of Rally Day, I would invite each of us to rally in our hearts. What I mean by that is, even though we may be apart, what binds us together is still very much present. "Blest be the tie that binds in Christian love," an old hymn exhorts us, "the unity of heart and mind is like to that above" (ELW 656). Despite the challenges and changes of this world, the love of God for us in Jesus is the one constant in our lives. This is the tie that binds! And that is something around which all of us may rally – on any day, in church or at home, wherever we may be.

We long for a return to normalcy. This "coronavirus business" is beginning to wear thin for many of us. Yet, for our safety and for the safety of others, we must remain vigilant and do the right things. Hang in there, church! One day we will have a better idea of how Covid-19 operates and how to fight it more effectively. Remember in your prayers those facing medical and financial crises and especially those who have died from complications of the virus. Reach out to each other in love and do it safely. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus! Do I hear an Amen?

Looking Ahead!

Usually in the September newsletter, I try to get an indication of who may be joining the confirmation class this fall. I do so again, realizing that this year is different. I do not know when we are going to meet (if we do) or how; in person, virtual, or some combination of these two are possibilities. At this time, I am simply trying to ascertain if there is any interest for the coming program year. The confirmation program is open to those starting seventh grade and above. If you are interested, please call the church office.



Passing

In the sure knowledge of the Resurrection to eternal life, we announce the death of Bob Bair on Tuesday evening, August 18. Bob died at home, in the presence of his wife and family.

Due to COVID19 restrictions, the funeral Service was held at the convenience of the family and was limited to family members.

A Celebration of Life will be held in May 2020, on or about Bob's birthday. More information about the day and time will follow in spring 2020.

Please keep Bob's family and friends in your prayers.

Readers for Sunday Services

The following individuals will lead the prayers and read the Scriptures during the Service for their respective week. Thank you, Phil Tackett, for arranging the schedule.

Please call one of the other readers and arrange a change if a date doesn't suit.

Thank you readers!

August 23	Maryann Zepp
August 30	Phil Tackett
September 6	Ken Shanks
September 13	Pam Abaza
September 20	Judy Smith
September 27	Maryann Zepp

Day of Service – September 13

Sunday, September 13th is the annual ELCA Day of Service. Our “God’s Work, Our Hands” acts of service will be done differently this year due to the pandemic.

At St. Peter’s we will have two opportunities for service.

(1) The FISH food pantry is in need of food donations. **Non-perishable food items may be dropped off at the front door of our church from Sunday, September 13th to Tuesday, September 15th any time between 8 am and 6 pm**, to allow for social distancing. It’s not necessary to alert the Church Office when you drop off your food. The Parish Administrator will check throughout the day and bring in anything left outside.

(2) The congregation is invited to **send cards to our homebound members during September**. A list of our homebound members and addresses can be obtained by emailing or calling the church office.

Please consider contributing food to the local food pantry or brightening someone’s day by sending a card to our homebound as an act of service. No sign ups needed!

CROP Walk - October 2020

The CROP Walk will be virtual this year!

In normal times, the Pennridge CROP Hunger Walk would be Sunday, October 11th. The CROP Walk will not be in-person this year, though. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Treasurer’s Report

The July and year-to-date financial results are shown below.

Thank you for your continued support of St Peter’s.

Ken Shanks, Church Treasurer

Monthly results 7/1/2020 to 7/31/2020:

Actual Weekly Offering Income	\$12,800	Budget Weekly Offering Income	\$13,125
Actual Total Income	\$12,814	Budget Total Income	\$16,600
Actual Expense	\$10,398	Budget Expense	\$15,741
Actual Net Income	\$ 2,416	Budget Net Income	\$ 858

Year-to-date results 1/1/2020 to 7/31/2020:

Actual Weekly Offering Income	\$76,968	Budget Weekly Offering Income	\$ 84,605
Actual Total Income	\$96,512	Budget Total Income	\$109,640
Actual Expense	\$70,651	Budget Expense	\$102,331
Actual Net Income	\$25,861	Budget Net Income	\$ 7,309

Church Chat

- **Input for the October newsletter** is due by Sunday, September 20, please.
- In the department of The Parish Administrator’s Job Isn’t Boring: On Wednesday morning, August 19, a garbage truck caught fire in the church parking lot as it was preparing to empty the church dumpster. Though the truck was totaled, the driver got out safely and no damage was done to the church because the driver moved the truck away from the building before leaving the burning cab. The local fire department was on scene and efficiently contained the fire. Hilltown Township Police also maintained a presence on site during the incident. The church is intact and the Parish Administrator was safe throughout. Never a dull day!!
- If you haven’t viewed it yet, check out YouTube’s “Dancing Priest does Hamilton.” An Episcopal priest created a take-off of the (Broadway show) “Hamilton” piece in which King George sings “You’ll Be Back.” The YouTube version is a delightful acknowledgement that all will return to in-building Services, but until then...
- Relief Supplies Destroyed in Beirut Explosion: Lutheran World Relief recently learned that three 40-foot shipping containers filled with thousands of handmade mission quilts and school, personal and baby care kits were destroyed in the devastating August 4 explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon. The shipment was destined for refugees living in Lebanon, principally from Syria and the Palestinian territories. The containers were part of a shipment to be distributed by Anera, an NGO and longtime Lutheran World Relief partner that serves refugees and other vulnerable communities in the Middle East. The total value of the lost shipments was approximately \$624,000. The loss of more than 22,000 quilts, sewn by individuals and members of Lutheran congregations across the U.S., could mean a more bitter winter for thousands of refugees. Donations may be mailed to Lutheran World Relief PO Box 17061 Baltimore, MD 21297-1061 or call +1 (800) 597.5972 to make your secure credit card donation.

Church Chat (cont'd)

- “**Worship in the Home**” continues to be available each week on the ELCA Worship blog. You are encouraged to worship as you are able in homes on Sunday and throughout the week. In addition to Sunday worship resources, **resources for Daily Prayer** are available, including simplified forms of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, as well as table prayers. If interested, go to the www.elca.org home page. About halfway down the page is a block marked “ELCA Blogs.” Select the “Worship” blog and download what you wish to use.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Diane & Chris Gall and Joan & Bob Snider on the arrival of a new grand/great granddaughter (respectively). Mom and daughter are well and Dad is excited about the addition to the family. Such good news and joy in these times!

Congratulations to Matt and Natalie Wendig, who welcomed a baby boy, Benjamin Lee, into their family Saturday, August 8. Mom, Dad and baby doing fine. Benjamin joins big brother, Will, and big sister, Beth, at home. Grandmother Nancy Wendig is over the moon!

Natalie's Baptism

We rejoice with Kristi and Tim Ballard on the baptism of their daughter, Natalie Quinn Ballard, on August 8, 2020, in Wynantskill, NY! Natalie's baptism had been scheduled for April at St. Peter's, but the pandemic and the subsequent shutdown forced postponement. After consulting with Pastor Miller and meeting with the Ballard Family, ELCA Pastor Rahel Hahn performed the baptism at a family gathering in upstate New York. God's blessings to Natalie, Kristi, Tim, Samantha, and Carolyn! A public recognition of Natalie's baptism will follow in a worship service at St. Peter's on a future date.

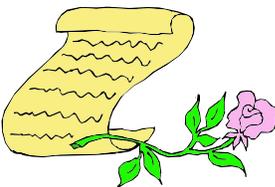
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- **Bill Gottshall, Worship Ensemble Leader**
Susan Scherffel, Worship Ensemble Leader
- **Jeff Thompson, Sexton**

St. Peter's Congregational Council

Pam Abaza, President (term ends: December 2021) 2nd Term
Diane Gall, Vice-President (term ends: December 2020) 1st Term
Linda Ertel, Secretary (term ends: December 2021) 2nd Term
Ken Shanks, Treasurer (completed two terms on council as of December 2015)
Spencer Butterwick (term ends: December 2021) 1st Term
Rick Daubert (term ends: December 2020) 1st Term
Debra Detweiler (term ends: December 2020) 1st Term
Patti Dowse (term ends: December 2022) 2nd Term
Scott Fischer (term ends: December 2022) 1st Term
Joan Gerhart (term ends: December 2022) 2nd Term

Prayer List



As of August, 2020

God's Protection and Safety:

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

Petty Officer Second Class Abigail Gall, US Coast Guard, daughter of Diane & Chris Gall

2nd LT. Walker Gall, US Air Force, son of Diane & Chris Gall

God's Healing:

Parishioners: *June Bair, Reed Jerasa, Don Jerasa, Barbara Brown, Jean Gugger, Bill Detweiler, Jim Ertel, Kim Jerasa, Eleanor Peitzman, Trudy Ramsey, Bob Snider, Jim Lynch, Sharon Senigo, Mary Ettore, Jeff Flagler, Sandie Driscoll.

* - *new addition*

God's Healing:

Friends and family:

Paul Hershey (Chris Fellman's father), Ed McCormick (Pastor Miller's cousin), Aidan Drakeley (Carol Barringer's grandson), Dorothy Slack (daughter-in-law of Marie Slack), Derek (grandson of Joan Johnson), Beverly Goheen (sister of Maureen Simpkins), Jack Palko (John Snyder's brother-in-law), Pat Daubert (sister of Rick Daubert), Mason Long (grandson of Peg & Ed Hardy), Mary Clarke (friend of John Snyder), George Yarns (father of Tammy Daubert), Jackie Korbass (Jerry Gerhart's sister), York Cassel (husband of quilter, Sue Cassel), Gene Gugger (son of Jean & Gene Gugger), Brooke Smith (friend of Donna Blackburn), Lauren Gugger (granddaughter of Gene & Jean Gugger), Holly Olsen (friend of Charles Rizzo), Faye Slack (daughter of Blanche Wimmer), Betty Zepp (relation to Maryann Zepp), Donna Kuehlewind (friend of Deb Detweiler), Kay Moyer (friend of Hope Garrett), 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), Donna Cross (friend of Jim & Linda Ertel), Debbie Breithaupt (sister-in-law of June Bair), Brandon Latham (friend of Scherffel family), Patricia Deitz (sister of Bob Bair), Debra Scott (Sue Scherffel's cousin), Butch Trucksess (brother-in-law of Donna and Brian Blackburn), 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: **Ted Fickert** (Dock Woods), **Joe Haenn and Bob Bergey** (Lutheran Community at Telford), **Esther Saylor and Tillie Murray** (Hidden Meadows on the Ridge), **Betty Nash** (Springhouse Estates), **Charlie Gehman** (Home).

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

*+Bob Bair, +Helen Kendra, Michael Burgess (brother of Kim Jerasa), +Ray Johnson, +Sharon Snider (daughter-in-law of Joan & Bob Snider), +Ted Hilmer, Sr., Marie Russell (Tammy Daubert's mother), Raymond Michael Mayerzak (son of Marilou Mayerzak), Francine Moyer (aunt of John Snyder), Florence White (Pastor Miller's aunt), James Payne (brother of Laurel Tackett), Ann Weikel (sister-in-law of Sue Jacob), +Mary Van Thuyne, Jeanette Kraus (mother of Rebecca Jerasa), June Breithaupt (mother of June Bair), Pat Lewis (aunt of Lori Lombardo), Charles Jacob (brother-in-law of Sue Jacob), A. Floyd Hacker (father of Gerry Gerhart), Josephine Patton (mother of Nancy Wendig), John Jerasa (brother-in-law of Kim Jerasa), Marie Davies (cousin of Chris Fellman).

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



The Ballard family with the Rev. Dr. Rahel Hahn at their daughter's baptism



September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 am – Quilters 12n-Ch Secy Lunch mtg (via Zoom)	2	3	4	5
6 9 am – Service: In- person and live stream	7 Labor Day Church office closed	8 7pm – Worship & Music mtg	9	10	11	12
13 9 am – Service: In- person and live stream God's Work Our Hands Sunday	14 Non-perishable food delivery accepted	15 9 am – Quilters Non-perishable food delivery accepted	16	17	18	19
20 9 am – Service: In- person and live stream	21 7pm – Council mtg	22 Newsletter input due	23	24 Newsletter will be emailed	25	26
27 9 am – Service: In- person and live stream	28	29	30			