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Steeple Views

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WAGNER

Dear church,

Have you ever been there? I bet you have - a moment when you thought: this is beyond my strength, I can't handle it anymore! I frequently speak to people who are operating in that tight space of anxiety and self-doubt (or anger) that feels claustrophobic and suffocating. It may have to do with family troubles, injustices, long illness, or even, increasingly, the general state of the world. That's what spoke to me most when I pondered this Scripture verse on a nice morning that offered some much-welcomed cool air. I was thinking that news of natural disasters reaches us not just weekly, but pretty much daily. At the time when I wrote this, it was the hurricane that came down on the Pacific

“God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.”

1 Corinthians 10: 13

Coast in California, a location where such storms aren't common. That followed a horrific wildfire season. That followed... When you look at all those troubles, it gets harder to say this tiny little creed, which is more important than any of the historical creeds that we recite at church. The creed I mean consists of just three words: GOD IS FAITHFUL.

I invite you not to think about this statement, not to argue with it in your head, but to use it as a gift, a mantra, the rock on which your faith – variable as it may be – rests. GOD is faithful. This is a far cry from believing that some magic force from heaven will bail you out like a superhero. No, sometimes life is such that it really is overwhelming. Many people I know have been in such situations when it's just bad and you can't sugarcoat it. Still, try to treat this passage as the spiritual rock that gives your life a solid foundation: God is faithful.

Even Paul, a man of great faith, who endured many trials, acknowledges in this verse that sometimes life can get so tough that we may have to re-orient ourselves. In his words: “he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.” I wonder how that speaks to you as you read this. Our faith is not

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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with Livestreaming
Family Programs

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As members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church we value and embrace service driven ministry and being “other-oriented” serving God by serving people both locally and globally.

As members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church we value and strive for meaningful vibrant worship, enhanced with purposeful liturgy, powerful relevant messages, devout prayer, glorious music and participation by both clergy and lay “ministers”.

As members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church we value spiritual growth for all generations defined by well thought out programs available for all ages and strong support for families of all types.

As members of St. Peter's we value and commit to being an inclusive community promoting authentic caring relationships with each other and our partners in ministry, always treating each other with respect.

As members of St. Peter's we value and commit to community hospitality, placing importance on being an integral part of our community by using both our building facility and our actions.

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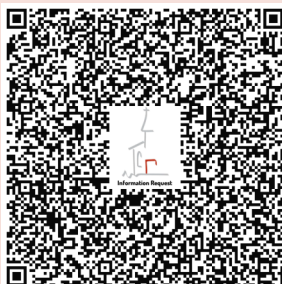
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

a rigid construct that keeps us "in line." Faith, as I understand it, makes us more resilient to the challenges of our life and our time. It helps us to change when we need to. Mother Earth is protesting every week. Some of that is a call to change that the leaders and the people of our time (all 8 billion) should heed. Humans are putting too much stress on our planet. But some of it is as normal as the climate changes of millions of years ago... No matter how we frame it, the times are concerning.

Please accept this as your mantra and carry it into the tightest, most anxious spaces of your life right now: God is faithful. And will give you the strength you need – when you need it.

Pastor Andreas Wagner

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Dear St. Peter's Family,



It is with great sadness that I write this Steeple Views edition, as it will be my last, here at St. Peter's. I have resigned from St. Peter's as your Director of Family Faith Ministries and will be leaving at the end of September. The past ten years in which I have served the children, teens and families of the church have been an experience filled with growth and love, one which I will always cherish.

Thank you so much to the families who have allowed me to be a part of their children's lives. It has truly been my pleasure, and I feel I have learned as much or more from them than they have from me. You all have become a tremendously important part of my life, and I do not take this decision lightly.

The people of this church have become family to me. worship and sharing our lives together. I am continuously impressed with the level of dedication to God and each other, you all demonstrate. Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of your lives and for your support. I wish all of you grace and love.

I have so many fond memories of Spark, Youth, Holy Communion, Mission Trips. Events, Gatherings, VBS, Oktoberfest and so many more that we have all shared together. I will treasure them always.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve St. Peters, the congregation and the North Wales community for so many years.

With love and gratitude,

Mrs.B



STEWARDSHIP 2023/2024: *Fight the Good Fight of Faith*

We traditionally run our Stewardship Campaign in October and November to remind people that our church depends on your support, which is always appreciated. We decided to go with a more combative theme this year. This Scripture verse is taken from 1. Timothy 6:12, and it relates to the changing climate of our time (no pun intended). We live in times when church communities are an afterthought to most people and are increasingly becoming an endangered species. We believe however, that we have important things to offer to the community, including the invitation to a richer and deeper spiritual life, a moral compass especially for young people, work for justice and peace, community service, connection, encouragement for charity and inspiring worship and music that feeds the soul. The entire month of October will be dedicated to this overall theme: Fight the good fight of faith. We might even play the Rocky Balboa theme music to get you ready. Let's fight the good fight of faith! And let's see whether we can get Sylvester Stallone to North Wales...

The Stewardship Team

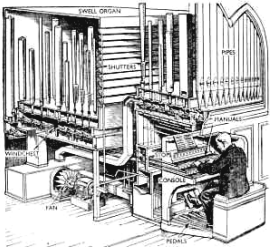
**The Stewardship Campaign kicks off in early October
and ends with Stewardship Sunday on November 12.**

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Hebrews Tuesdays at noon via zoom

You can easily find the Bible Study zoom link in our daily messages. There are usually 8-10 participants. It's an easy time for retirees and it is a time and setting that makes it possible for some others to join us even on a workday. The study material is shared via the Daily Email.





A MESSAGE FROM SAM TARASENKO MUSIC MINISTER

Dear Friends,

The new season is upon us! In the next few weeks, activity will pick up at St. Peter's and the chaotic life of the church will return in full force. Among the chaos is the music ministry. We have a trifecta of three groups who carry our worship in their unique styles: the choir, the bells (Belles and Misfits), and the band (A common Thread). Additionally, we have many singers, instrumentalists, and guest musicians who will guide worship services when the aforementioned three groups aren't leading. Here's what you need to know about each of our groups as we start the new season.

THE CHOIR: We will now differentiate between the St. Peter's Choir and the St. Peter's Festival Choir. Why? Many of you expressed interest in singing occasionally but not every Sunday. The Festival Choir will be your opportunity to dip in a few times a year during a Feast day (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, etc.) when our choir will sing a larger choral work. If you are interested in the Festival Choir dates, please contact me directly for a packet of all the music and rehearsal schedule. Otherwise, the regular St. Peter's Choir will meet every Wednesday at 7:15pm and sing on Sundays (alternating service times) except for when the bells or the band is leading.

THE BELLS: Our new hand bell maestro Mickie Hastings will say more on this topic. The two bell groups, Belles and Misfits, will continue this season. If you have no experience in bells but would like to try, consider joining the Misfits. If you read music but have never played bells or if you want to get back into the swing of things after a long hiatus (pun intended), consider joining the Belles. (Yes, you can be a man, and yes you'll feel empowered and fierce).

THE BAND: Our resident band is A Common Thread led by Pastor Mike Carlson. Though he would say it's democratically run, he is the lead guitarist and we look up to him for his guiding strum. ACT provides a unique worship style that blends the liturgical architecture of the Lutheran mass with a contemporary sound and free worship spirit. Currently the band is full so unfortunately we aren't recruiting. However, please consider offering

your talents in the choir, the bells, or as special music.

With all that said, I eagerly anticipate an exciting new season. We will grow. We will thrive. We will joyfully make music. Oh, and I almost forgot, we will also raise money for a new piano!

Warmly, *Sam*

FROM THE BELL TOWER



Dear St. Peter's Congregation,

I'm happy--- actually thrilled--- to be named your new handbell director at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

When there is a "changing of the guard," groups often go through personnel changes, so we will need to fill different positions in our handbell choirs.

In case you're wondering what makes an ideal candidate to ring handbells, here are a few qualities that might be important:

- ◇ You have previously played an instrument or have sung in a choir.
- ◇ You have some latent ability to read at least two notes of music.
- ◇ You can hear the difference between those two notes.
- ◇ You can tell your left hand from your right hand.
- ◇ You are coordinated enough to not repeatedly step on your partner's toes while dancing.
- ◇ You enjoy team activities.

If you think you might possess some of the above qualities, I would love to hear from you! Please don't be shy about coming forward.

I'm looking forward to serving you in God's love this year.

Mickie Hastings

CEMETERY UPDATE

Mark your calendar for
October 14 & 15

Our celebration of the improvements and additions to our cemetery are scheduled for Sunday, October 15, 2023 after church (around noon) with the **Fall Clean Up Day** scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 9 am to noon.

Steve Moyer and Pastor Wagner mixed and poured 700 pounds of concrete over two Saturdays to secure our new historical markers at the cemetery. This picture shows the men standing in front of the Thomas Durrin gravesite. Also, John Ledder has quietly done work up in the cemetery to gently secure falling gravestones. Thank you, John! It's a quite nice looking cemetery now!

The Cemetery Committee



INTERFAITH HOUSING — Thank You

Dear Pastor Wagner, Robin, & Volunteers,

We are so eager to thank you for your amazing support to our IHN program, 1st as hosts for June and then as buddies to Gwynedd Friends in July. We recognize the strength of your commitment and realize that you are spirit led. The sacrifice of your time, and the generosity of the sharing of your talents, is truly remarkable. You arranged carefully & planned beautifully and then you adapted and adjusted as our program changes occurred. Each of you are true blessings to your community and make a world of difference to our families. We hope that you feel the joy of our gratitude in every connection that we share.

All of us at Family Promise!

July 2023

Pastor Wagner,
Dear Brian, Robin and Volunteers @ St Peter's,
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Truly,

Your kindness means
the world to me. All of us @ Family Promise!

Marilyn
Frazee

Maria

Rick Cude

Arc Whitey

Kyla Torbett

Meaghan McBride

Debbie Badger

ST. PETER'S READERS

This group of women meet every 6 weeks - Tuesdays at 11:30 am in the church parlor. Contact Charlene Bance with any questions.

We will then begin our 16th year reading our 99th book!!

October 24:

Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus

December 12:

Eternal
by Lisa Scottaline

January 30

Demon Copperfield
by Barbara Kingsolver

March 5

Rebecca
by daphne du Maurier

April 23

The Heaven the Earth and the Grocery Store
by James McBride

June 4

West with Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday
November 27
2 pm - 7pm

For appointments
www.redcross.org
Enter sponsor code:
St. Peters North Wales



ST. PETER'S SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATES

BUILD-A-BAG

Thank you so much for your generosity in the Build-A-Bag program to help supply families living in the North Penn School District with needed school supplies. St. Peter's,

along with the Art Camp and AA groups, collected 14 bags and boxes of school supplies. Joy Jacobson, pictured, took all the supplies to the drop-off location where it took just over an hour for the many volunteers to fill backpacks and supply bags with items for 18 schools in the district. Thank you again for your support of this wonderful North Penn Education Foundation initiative.



ST. PETER'S GREEN TEAM

- ⇒ Montgomery County PA has a great A-Z Recycling guide. Find it at www.montgomerycountypa.gov/1923/A-Z-RECYCLING
- ⇒ Please use the various recycle cans placed around the church facility for paper disposal.
- ⇒ Keith Bance with a small committee is looking into the possibility of solar for our church building.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Postponed! The October 28th Women's Retreat has to be postponed. Anticipated rescheduling is for early spring 2024... Date TBD

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The new 2023-24 Thrift Shop selling season begins on September 9, 2023 at 9:00am. Volunteers have been busy working over the past three weeks to get our amazing shop ready for our customers. Given the fact that the Shop generated \$24,008 in sales last year which was donated to our charities, we have set the bar very high for this year!

The Shop will continue regular Wednesday and Saturday hours. The Shop is decorated for fall and our racks and shelves are pretty well stocked, but we could definitely use some more donations...especially housewares. We will also continue to have a small men's section of clothing and shoes which has a good selection right now. The more you donate, the more we can practice St. Peter's "green" philosophy of recycle and reuse! Clean clothes and linens that are folded in the bags/boxes are greatly appreciated. You can drop off your donations on Tuesdays (which is our prep day) between 9:30 and 12:00 or Wednesdays and Saturdays when we are open. You can leave smaller bags and boxes at the top of the Shop steps in the Chris Ed building. Please do not block the door.

We currently have about 25 volunteers who take care of unpacking and pricing the donations, prepping the shop on Tuesdays, and working

during the hours the shop is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We could REALLY

use your help if you have any time at all to help with this ministry. The work shifts on Wednesday are 9:15 to 1:00 or 12:45 to 4:30. The Saturday shift is from 8:45 to 1:00. On Tuesday, whatever time you can spend between 9:00 and 1:00 would be greatly appreciated. Leave your name and number in the church office and we will gladly contact you!

St. Peter's Thrift Shop is an amazing ministry that has been in existence for more than 30 years and continues to be an important part of our church and the North Wales community.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support!





Undies

Sundays

Collecting Undies & Socks
for the children at Gemma Services

August 13 to September 17

Boxer Briefs & Panties:
Child: L & XL and Adult Sizes

White Undershirts:
Child: L & XL and Adult S & M

Sports Bras: S, M, & L

Socks: Adult sizes

UNDIES SUNDAYS

Did you know when children are brought to Gemma (Silver Spring Martin Luther School) they sometimes come with just the clothes on their back? That is why we collect underwear on Undy Sundays. Next time you are online or in a store pick up a pair of socks, a sports bra or boxer briefs. What is most needed is underwear (children L or Adult S,M) Sports bras S,M,L or boxer briefs Boys L or Mens S M. If you have questions ask Robin . Thank you for your support.

GOOD GIFTS

October 15th -
November 19th

The collection is a coin drive to raise funds for the ELCA Good Gifts program. The funds collected will purchase livestock such as cows, chicks, and goats to help impoverished families start small, sustainable, businesses selling eggs, meat, and dairy products. Piggy Banks will be distributed in early October. Our small gifts make a BIG difference to families around the globe.



ELCA
GOOD
GIFTS

COIN DRIVE...

October 15th
thru
November 19th

Donate 3 Ways:

- Coins/Cash in piggy banks
- Checks: St. Peter's "Good Gifts"
- St. Peter's On-Line: "Good Gifts"

The poster features a blue background with images of a piggy bank, a pig, a goat, and chicks. A string of coins is shown falling into the piggy bank.

NEW CREATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

This Saturday a hardy group of five ventured to New Creation to work. They braved the heat to work on the apartment useable again. We spackled, painted and scrubbed away. One or two more trips and our work will be done. Thank you Sean, Diana, Shamala and Lynda. Pastor Rios sends greeting and thanks to St Peters.

Registration is Open!

Join us for our annual
5K run/walk



Scan me to register!



laurel-house.org/events

The graphic features a purple silhouette of two runners, a green arrow pointing to a QR code, and the Laurel House logo with a house icon.

Run begins at 8:30 AM
Sunday, October 22, 2023
Upper Gwynedd Township Bldg
North Wales, PA

Calling all runners!!

The Social Ministry team is seeking runners and donors to support the 2023 Laurel House 5K DASH Against Domestic Violence. Our team goal is to raise \$500. If you can run or donate, please join or support the "St Peters Runners" team. Here are a few useful links:

To register: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/5kdash2023/>

To donate: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/5kdash2023/team/936417/>

Questions? Or, do you want to donate, but not be bothered with all this online stuff? Please see Brian Brenfleck or Robin Alderfer!



A MESSAGE FROM ST. PETER'S STEPHEN MINISTRY

Dear Congregation,

As these long days of summer begin to wind down, let us continue to keep St. Peter's Stephen Ministry "blooming" in our collective hearts and minds. Since I am new to this ministry, I wanted to keep my first message focused on our high level journey to date.

Our Ministry started about 12 years ago when, called by God, Pastor Wagner, Laurie Kane, and Rebecca Ledder attended the Stephen Minister Leader training course. This tremendous trio then went on to establish the St. Peter's Stephen Ministry with a simple mission: **"To equip, send, and support lay people in carrying Christ's healing love to those who are experiencing life's challenges."** During those early years Laurie and Rebecca both attended Stephen Minister (caregiver) training, then embarked on recruiting, training and commissioning our first team of Stephen Ministers. Over the years, we've trained and commissioned upwards of 20 Stephen Ministers - even several during the pandemic!. Upholding the key cornerstone of confidentiality, our past and present Stephen Ministers have provided countless hours of spiritual support to those in need.

Today, God continues to lead our Ministry. Earlier this year, I attended the training and in June, Rebecca and Laurie passed on their well-established Stephen Leader roles at my commissioning. I am very blessed to have their loving support during this transition.

I am also very blessed to work along-side our current team of compassionate and dedicated Stephen Ministers. Robin Alderfer, Diana Blum, Meg Matlack, Steve Moyer, Nancy Simon, and Sharon Skrzat continue to keep the ministry's mission alive and well.

As we move into the next few months, our team will consider new ways to continue community outreach and other efforts. So stay tuned-in for hearing more from us!

In the meantime, if you or anyone you know would like to learn more about the Stephen Ministry, please reach out to me, Pastor Wagner, or any of our Stephen Ministers and we will be happy to chat with you.

God bless you all!

Yvonne Garrity

Mindfulness Meditation
WITH JEFF FAZIO
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
of the month thru December
7:30 pm

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CONFIRMATION SPEECHES

Last issue we highlighted Confirmation speeches Mason Charles & Abby Clark. The students were asked to speak about songs that had meaning to them on their Confirmation journey. This issue we highlight speeches from Brody Inman, pictured left of Pastor, and Noah Shaffer, right of Pastor.



Confirmation Speech — Brody Inman

Good Morning, my name is Brody Inman. My confirmation project reflects on the popular song “With arms wide open” from the band Creed. It’s about faith.

The singer of the band wrote this song when he found out that he was going to become a father. Having children and being responsible for them can be a scary thought, very scary in fact. Just ask my parents!

Scott Stapp, who wrote the lyrics, had questioned his faith many times while growing up in a devout Christian family. The family experienced many problems. As a result, he often questioned his faith.

In this song he confronts his own fears about becoming a father. He wanted things to be better for his son, whom he named Jagger. He explained in an interview with the popular website Songfacts: “Don’t we always want our kids to be better than us? Don’t we always want them to have a better experience in this life and this journey than we did? ... I’m beginning to see why that song struck a chord with multiple generations: because it touches on a feeling and sentiments that are universal for fathers, and for parents in general.”

So, what is the message of this song: “With arms wide open?”

The song talks about “arms wide open” and to me it means that God has his arms wide open to all of us and accepts us for who we are and loves us no matter what. Some people hear it and think of them going to heaven and God welcoming them with his arms wide open. It’s a nice thought. But I also think it’s about this child being welcomed into a family with arms wide open. And it is about something else: this child welcoming the world with arms wide open. All of this is part of faith: knowing that God welcomes you with arms wide open, and welcoming others in the same way.

The singer and group Creed created a foundation with the money they received from this song which helps children and families. They are keeping their arms wide open, and their pockets, I guess.

In one of the passages in the song, Scott Stapp includes a prayer for his son:

*“If I had just one wish, only one demand
I hope he’s not like me, I hope he understands
That he can take this life and hold it by the hand
And he can greet the world with arms wide open
With arms wide open under the sunlight.”*

Thanks for listening! Brody

Confirmation Speech — Noah Shaffer

Good morning, I’m Noah Shaffer. Some of you might know me from the choir or the Tech Team, or some of the projects I’ve done with the church. This year I’m being confirmed. For my Confirmation Project I chose the song “This I believe (The Creed)” by Hillsong Worship. This song was created when a person asked Hillsong to write a song about the Apostles Creed. You may have been able to gather as much from the lyrics because they use a few lines straight from the Apostle’s Creed.

This song has a few meanings to me. Let me begin with the first line of the song, “Our father everlasting”. The meaning might be evident. God is father to all of us, not just Jesus, and God is always there, he is eternal. As simple as that

sounds to our ears, it is very special.

We can't talk about the whole song, or I would have to take much of your time, but the following two lines speak to me especially. "I believe in the redirection" and, "Descended into darkness You rose in glorious light".

What does that mean? God and Jesus have power over every dark force, including death. In Mark chapter 15 verse 33 it says "When it was noon. darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon."

We know that Jesus is the light of the world from John Chapter 8 verse 12 "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of the life." At night we turn the lights on. When we turn them off, the light disappears from the room. But when Jesus died the world gained brightness. Not just literally, but spiritually as well. He overcame the powers of darkness.

Many people are yearning for that. The people in Ukraine are facing a time of darkness, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, all fighting for their land. The families forced to flee, not sure what will remain of their town, their home, IF they'll be able to return. And maybe you can relate to other experiences of darkness. We probably all can.

In Mark Chapter 16 Verse 2, it says, "And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb." The day Jesus rose the sun lit up the sky in "glorious light". These two lines connect to the idea that Jesus is there for us at any time. Jesus died in darkness so we wouldn't have to. He died for our sins so we wouldn't have to. He conquered death and will be with us forever, here and there, on earth and in heaven. Powerful!

Next time to say the Apostles Creed, I wonder what line will resonate with you the most?

Thank you for listening to me. Noah.

UPDATE FROM UKRAINE

Updates from Pastor Ihor Shemihon and his Lutheran congregation in Ukraine: St. Martin's ELC, Kyiv.

*New acquaintances from **St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church - North Wales** support our ministry with the beginning of hostilities. Thanks to their donations, we managed to purchase a plot of land in the Kyiv region and partially support 2 social workers in 2023. Preparatory works have been completed on the plot of land. The start of construction of the Shelter for the elderly and disabled is planned for the end of 2024. We really hope that our American friends will have an opportunity to visit Ukraine.*



Land recently purchased in the Kyiv region to be used for shelter for the elderly and disabled. With help from St. Peter's.

Happenings



Summer Jam 2023

A great time was had at the summer food truck social. Families ate, enjoyed games & a bounce house, and of course jammed to our amazing band, A Common Thread. Thank you Jenn Bodolus for organizing this fun night!!



Historical markers were installed at the cemetery.





A recent Jazz Night, led by Jim Holton, featuring vocalist Warren Cooper and other local musicians from the Philly Jazz scene.



Congregants enjoy sampling eastern Mediterranean food on a Sunday morning. The service was dedicated to prayer for the people of Syria & Turkey hit hard by an earthquake earlier this year.



Sam Tarasenco & Cindy LeBlanc shared their considerable musical talents at an intimate recital held at the home of Linda & Bill Hubler. The recital raised \$1,500 for the music program at St. Peter's.

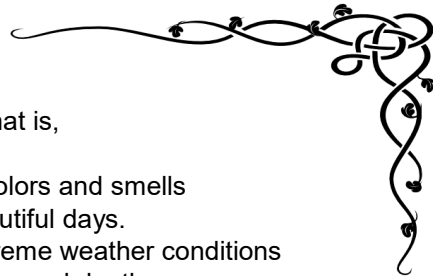
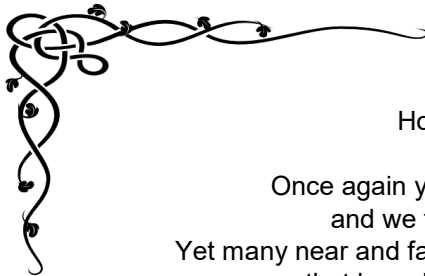


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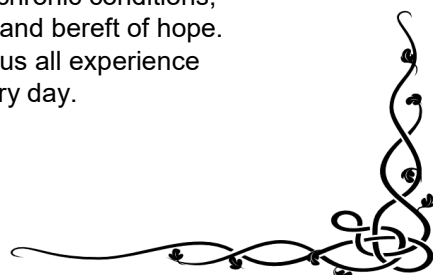
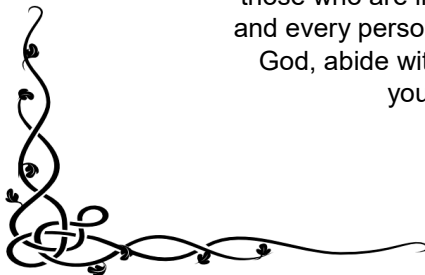
Holy God, Creator of all that is,

Once again you delight us with fall colors and smells
 and we thank you for crisp, beautiful days.
 Yet many near and far, are experiencing extreme weather conditions
 that have brought destruction, loss, and death.
 On perfect days it is easy to forget the suffering of others.
 Lord, help us to be present for them; to be a source
 of help and hope as they seek to rebuild their lives.

Lord, we continue to pray for peace in our country
 and our world and for wisdom among the world's leaders as they
 guide us through difficult times.

Hear our prayers also for all on our prayer lists
 and those who care for them;
 those who are ill, those struggling with chronic conditions,
 and every person who feels diminished and bereft of hope.
 God, abide with them and us, and let us all experience
 your healing presence every day.

Amen.



We invite you to join us in prayer St. Peter's Prayer Ministry each month.
 For information contact Anita Bailey at 610-836-2210

wishing you a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

John Rodowitz Sep 1
 Karin Clark Sep 2
 Patrick Dallas Sep 2
 Paul Staudt Sep 3
 Maggie Spletzer (Hayes) Sep 4
 Holden Browne Sep 4
 Sid Harris Sep 4
 Larry Clark Sep 5
 Rhonda Long Sep 5
 Ronnie Pardoski Sep 5
 Bill Adams Sep 7
 Matt McCarty Sep 9
 Lee Heist Sep 10
 Doug Longwill Sep 11
 Michael Carlson Sep 13
 Laurie Kane Sep 13
 Polly Beckham Sep 14
 Curtis Brobst Sep 14
 James Friling Sep 14
 Bill Johnson Sep 15
 Katie Staudt Sep 15
 Bob Hain Sep 16
 Kyra Lynn DesSefano Sep 17
 Deok Yang Sep 17
 Carol Seipp Sep 22
 Karla Honeywell Sep 23
 Gwen Smith Sep 23
 Danny McGlynn Sep 24
 Rebecca Ledder Sep 26
 William Hussey Sep 27
 Anthony Pavia Sep 27
 Lisa Albert Sep 28
 Barbara Heimerdinger Sep 28
 Bill O'Brien Sep 28
 Boris Borichevsky Sep 29
 Coleen Arena Sep 30
 Steve Fitzgerald Sep 30
 Elizabeth Griffin Sep 30
 Ingrid Olson Sep 30

October

Ben Graham Oct 1
 Carl Kolb Oct 1
 Jeong Yang Oct 1
 William Hubler Oct 2
 Joan Schiele Oct 2
 Brooke Alderfer Oct 3
 Tannis Gallagher Oct 4
 Kelly Lauro Oct 4
 Charles Destefano Oct 6
 Catherine Wunder Oct 6
 Megan Albert Oct 7
 Mackenzie Lauro Oct 7
 Shirley Whitner Oct 8
 Troy Bodolus Oct 9
 Emily Baker Oct 10
 Penny Destefano Oct 10
 Cindy MacInnes Oct 12
 Howard Edson Oct 13
 Andrew Seo Oct 13
 Wendy Skrzat Oct 13
 Nancy Zeigler Oct 13
 Helen Dallas Oct 14
 Joseph Duffy Oct 14
 Sarah Homan Oct 14
 Ananda Jones Oct 16
 George Detweiler Oct 17
 Jeremy Heilman Oct 17
 Helen Adams Oct 19
 Jim Kelch Oct 20
 Jessica Brenfleck Oct 21
 Elizabeth Murray Oct 22
 Gavin Alunni Oct 27
 Ray Whitner Oct 27
 Katie Baker Oct 28
 Steven Baker Oct 28
 Christine Hussey Oct 28
 Heather Alderfer Oct 29
 Scott Hoagey Oct 29
 Carol Lee O'Brien Oct 29
 Klean Duffy Oct 30
 Bill Kesack Oct 30
 Liz Allen Oct 31

November

Nathaniel Erwin Nov 3
 Ryan Walter Nov 4
 Debra Detweiler Nov 5
 Kathy Anglim Nov 6
 Tim Beckham Nov 7
 Colton Cooper Nov 8
 Gretchen Flanagan Nov 8
 Yvonne Garrity Nov 9
 Pam Paraskewik Nov 9
 Debbie Honeywell Nov 11
 Anna Urban Nov 11
 Stephen Staudt Nov 12
 Daniel Clark Nov 13
 David Seo Nov 14
 Scott Zenker Nov 14
 John Landmesser Nov 15
 George Uhl Nov 15
 Gwendalyn Mannon Nov 16
 Madalyn Mannon Nov 16
 Herbert Kavash Nov 17
 Janine Martin Nov 17
 Eun Yang Nov 17
 Liz Fitzgerald Nov 20
 John Ledder Nov 20
 Tom Anglim Nov 22
 Jane Doherty Nov 23
 Abigail Clark Nov 25
 Marie Conver Nov 25
 Daren Gross Nov 26
 Linda Hubler Nov 29
 Linda Sausser Nov 29
 David Rodgers Nov 30

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD
 make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the
 LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

- Numbers 6: 24-26



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 Online Giving**

Hold the Date:



September 30



Silent Auction Baskets Needed



Feel free to create your own unique basket!

Baskets can be any theme/idea, but if you need a little inspiration, dining baskets, family fun night items or wine baskets have done well in the past. Other experiences and items that would be appreciated are vacation home getaways, handcrafted items or gift cards to your favorite local businesses.

CLICK this AD for the [Basket Sign-Up Form](#)

Suzanne Shaffer: sshaffer120@gmail.com Donation Deadline: **Sunday Sept. 24**

*The Wissahickon Faith
Community Association*

Invites You to
Fellowship & Charity!



GIVE %20

Means dine with us on **September 24th** and we'll
donate 20% of your food bill* to:

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Show this digital flyer to your server or bartender to participate

*excluding alcoholic beverages, gratuity & taxes

Redeem only at Iron Hill Brewery in North Wales, PA,
1460 Bethlehem Pike, North Wales, PA 19454
Offer valid Sept. 24, 2023
www.ironhillbrewery.com

Reservations

Iron Hill Website

IRON HILL FUNDRAISER Sunday, September 24

North Wales location ONLY : 1460 Bethlehem Pike (267) 708-2000

On behalf of the WFCA, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, North Wales, will donate all money raised at this event to **Sanctuary Village** - the tiny-home women's shelter being built in Northeast Philadelphia.

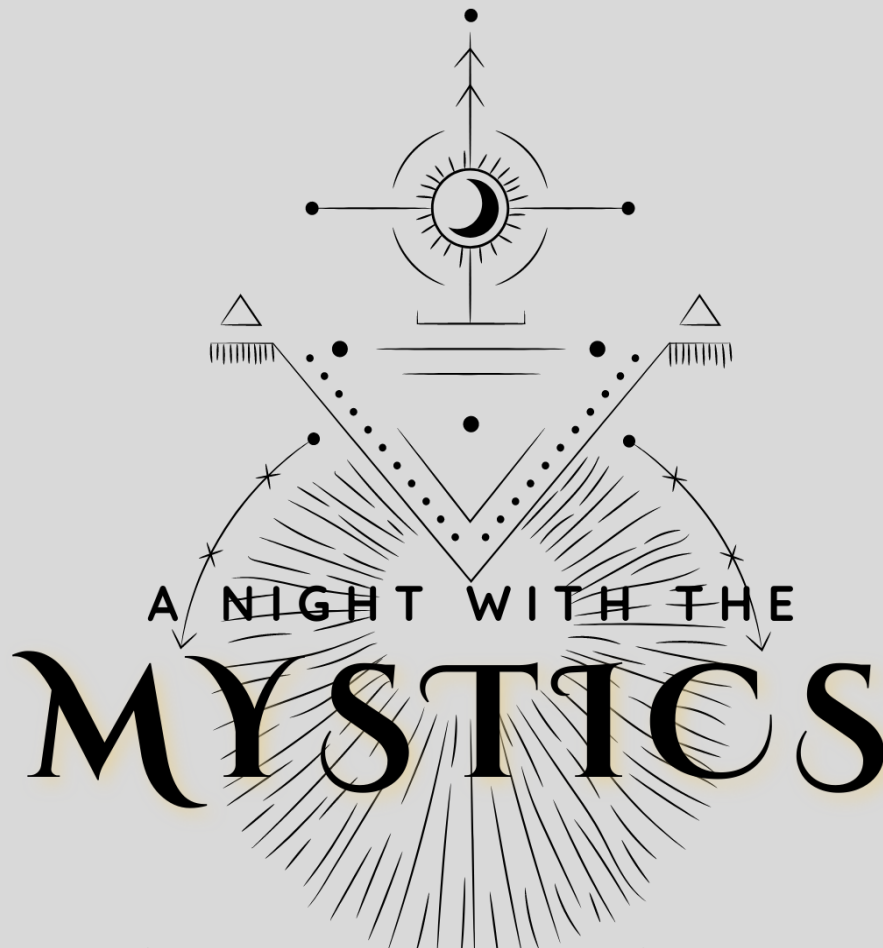
Information regarding Sanctuary Village:

<https://www.tinyhousecommunity.org/>

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Anyone attending the Give 20 for St Peter's Lutheran Church/WFCA (in-house dining or take-out) will have to show the voucher pictured on the left, or verbally state they are here for the St Peter's Lutheran Church Give 20/WFCA.
- Reservations can be made through Open Table or by calling the restaurant.
- Take-Out: it is easiest to call the restaurant directly to place the order, or make an UNPAID order through our website for PICKUP. This way the host who assists with checkout can mark the check as part of your Give 20 event. If a to-go order is paid online and scheduled for pick-up at the store- they will have to remember to ask for the check to be adjusted for the St Peter's Lutheran Church Give 20. Also, orders placed online for third-party delivery WILL NOT be able to be counted towards your Give 20 event.

OCTOBER 22 7:00 PM



AMBLER THEATER

108 E. Butler Ave.

ADMISSION: Free Will Offering

Poems from Meister Eckhart, Hafiz, Rumi, Jehudah Halevi, St. Hildegard von Bingen, and others paired with music from Holst, Taverner, and Arvo Part. Featuring Ambler-based flutist Cindy Le Blanc, harpist Jessie Appel, and guest vocalists.

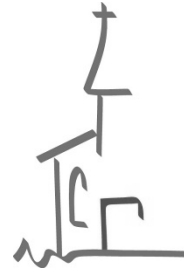
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OKTOBERFEST

September 30

11:00 am to 5 pm

German Food & Beer Tent

Music – featuring

A Common Thread

Children's Corner

games, bounce house
pumpkin painting

Silent Auction Items