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# Steeple Views

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WAGNER

Dear church,

This is from one of the best-known parables of the New Testament. It's a story that exemplifies the core of our Lutheran theology, the way we think about God. The son in this story totally messes up, ruins his life, squanders the blessings he had grown up with and comes home broke, - his ego shattered, his clothing in tatters, his future bleak. Even those of us who may be tempted to judge and feel that this young man, who led a "dissolute life," deserves all the disgrace, will be pulled into the gravity field of the father's love. It's that strong. Part of the power of this story is the fact that this father shows no hesitation at all, he has no second thoughts. As soon he sees his son return and hears his broken voice, he initiates an act of healing and grace. Because for-

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**“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him.’”**

Luke 15: 21-22

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giving someone is an act of healing, often for both sides. Annie Robinett, who was baptized as an adult on Reformation Sunday, spoke about that. She selected a Baptism verse from another forgiveness narrative in the Bible, the story of Joseph (Genesis).

For our spiritual father Martin Luther, recognizing the radical nature of God's love and forgiveness, was a life-changing insight. He was a young man who had been traumatized. I think that's the word we would use today, overused as it may be sometimes. Part of the trauma came from his own troubled relationship with a demanding and sometimes violent father. Part of it may have come from his own sensitivity. Part of it came from the church of his upbringing with its emphasis on human perfection. Luther simply never felt good enough and, as a medieval man, he was afraid of hell. But this is not a story that modern people, with tons of psychology at their disposal, can easily dismiss as a tale from the dark times, back then when people didn't know any better... I know too many people in our world today who don't feel good enough, who can't accept themselves, who feel judged, often by those wicked inner critics, etc. I know one person who has chosen to wear an amulet that says, "I am good

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 am & 10:30 am  
with Livestreaming  
Family Programs

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### CORE VALUES

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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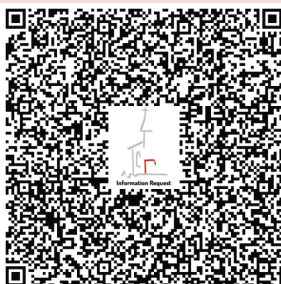
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St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
to invite all people to  
know, live, and share  
Jesus Christ*



Information Request



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

enough." Just as a reminder, you know. Because the soul may forget. The soul may need that reminder: "I am good enough." Sometimes those mantras and messages that we carry with ourselves can be powerful.

Luther was traumatized and did not feel good about himself. It took patience, years of search for an answer and a better understanding of the nature of the gospel until he was able to forgive himself. He carried his own mantra around. Today it sounds a little bit complicated, "We are justified by faith through God's grace." In other words: we are accepted.

Going back to the parable... The moment when the father orders his staff to clothe his son with the best robe is pivotal. It's an order to cover his shame. It's also an expression of the father's unconditional love. And that's exactly how Jesus wanted us to think about God, as a loving father. Ultimately, the Christian gospel is very simple and non-judgmental. What's difficult about it is all about us and our inability to accept it or to forgive ourselves. That part is what took Luther so long. It's what still takes many people years and sometimes decades. You are really forgiven and loved. This is most certainly true.

*Pastor Andreas Wagner*

[first shared on October 31]

## PARISH UPDATES

**BAPTISMS** Annie Robinett - October 29. Juliette Kalb - November 12.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Five children received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

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|-------------------|-------------|
| Gavin Alunni      | Ellie Baker |
| Ryder Charles     | Avery Hain  |
| Gabriel Henderson |             |

**NEW MEMBERS** We welcomed six new families on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Joan Anton  
Stephanie Freidly with her children Natalie & Luke  
Michelle Hill  
William Kintigh  
Janine Martin with her children Molly, Maggie, & Sam  
Annie Robinett

**FUNERAL:** William Clark, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bill was a dear friend the Neiderhiser's and fellow musician alongside Pastor Ed. He was the leader and drummer of the Shawney Boy 72 Jazz Band and an honorary member of the Diversified Ryders Motorcycle Group. He enjoyed cooking, fishing, golfing, spending time with his family and attending the "Liar's Club" meetings at McDonald's.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON at St. Peter's

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. We will offer one morning service at 10:00 am and two evening services, at 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm. The advent season will be enhanced by our annual bell music worship service at the Lutheran Home at Telford (December 10) and a Christmas Jazz concert and piano fundraiser. The date of that event is yet to be determined, but it will likely take place in mid-December. Stay tuned.



**December 3:** First Sunday of Advent - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**December 10:** Second Sunday of Advent - 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
*Bell Service at The Lutheran Home, Telford, 2:30 pm*

**December 17:** Third Sunday of Advent - 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Christmas Caroling



**December 24: Christmas Eve** Fourth Sunday of Advent

**10:00 am** Morning Service with Holy Communion

**8:00 pm** Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service

**10:00 pm** Holy Night Service with Communion

**December 25: Christmas Day** NO services

**December 31: New Year's Eve** Service with Holy Communion, **10:00 am ONLY**

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

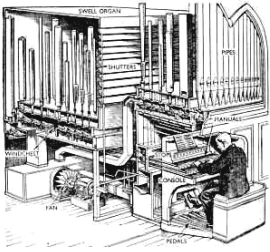
### *With Focus on Community Outreach*

WE ARE THE LITTLE CHURCH THAT DOES BIG THINGS.

But we live in difficult times when it's not as easy as in the past to invite and include people in church, and reach families, youth, and children. Sunday mornings are often filled with sports events and tournaments, and yet, we have been charged with the Great Commission to share the gospel of Christ with everyone. So, we have formed a Strategic Team to tackle these difficult challenges. Members of the Team are Doug Longwill, Maureen Tang, Bernie Heinze, Julia Wagner, Lisa Miller, and Pastor Wagner. We have met twice so far and plan to hold stakeholder interviews with people in the community and to produce videos and other content that help people get a better image of the church and what we're about, to be shared on various Social Media platforms. It's a difficult world out there. But...

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Your Strategic Planning Team  
**The Stewardship Team**



**A MESSAGE  
FROM  
SAM TARASENKO  
MUSIC  
MINISTER**

Dear Friends,

Did you hear the Festival Choir on Reformation Sunday? If not, you missed an extraordinary feast day celebration. The music ministry has been working hard to bring exciting, diverse, and spirit filled music into our worship services. This diversity continues as we enter November and December. You will hear A Common Thread lead services on November 12th and December 3rd. On Christmas, you will hear the Festival Choir again lead the choral Christmas Eve service at 8:30 pm. Between all these events, you'll hear guest musicians make appearances. Be sure to stay tuned for all the exciting things that are happening these next few weeks.

**Musical Meanderings**

In this installation of **Musical Meanderings**, I ask: what is the role of "reverent" music in worship? Over my time in working at mainstream Protestant churches, I noticed an obvious decline in membership and simultaneous simplification of music. Along with that, words like "king" or "bow" are either deleted or replaced with more accessible language. The sense of awe and grandeur of the traditional liturgy is steadily being replaced with a more inclusive spirit of folk and contemporary sounds in the hopes of making church palatable to newcomers, ex-Catholics, and others.

My original question leads to two others. What is the purpose of worship itself? Is the experience of "reverence" with its monarchical connotations now obsolete? In the spirit of debate, I offer my opinions while suggesting valid contradictions to them. And so, let's explore those questions in reverse.

Reverence: the Catholic church has fundamentally been extremely hierarchical. It carried with it a ponderous sense of authority and mystery. With it came many beautiful works of art and architecture, and brutal executions of mystics and manipulation of the masses through illiteracy and fear. With the printing press came the Reformation and, eventually, a questioning of the church itself. Art declined. So did the number of stake burnings.

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**FROM  
THE BELL TOWER**



Dear St. Peter's Congregation,

Most people in the Western world are familiar with Beethoven's melody, "Ode to Joy," and church-goers often sing the tuneful hymn based on it, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." We at St. Peter's sang this beloved hymn on Reformation Sunday. What people might not realize is that this melody is taken from the fourth and last movement of Beethoven's Symphony #9. While not overtly Christian, the movement is one of Beethoven's crowning achievements; it summons humanity to the highest spiritual calling of reverence to and union with the Creator God.

Beethoven was a master of passion and drama; he was both mystic and musical jokester, yet the person behind the musical façade often lived a tragic existence, one punctuated by an abusive father, unknown disease and, finally, total deafness. He was rude, egotistical and (by many accounts) slovenly. He was frequently ridiculed for both his personality and his appearance by a society whose acceptance he craved. How could such a wretched being become a messenger for the love of the Almighty God?

The Ninth Symphony was one of Beethoven's final works, written after he descended into total deafness. The fourth/last movement was the first symphonic movement to ever incorporate a chorus. The singers are charged with delivering the message of the "Ode to Joy" poem written by the German poet, Friedrich Schiller. While the first few stanzas of the poem are set to the cheerful, uplifting "Ode to Joy" melody, Beethoven then makes an abrupt pivot for the last stanza of the poem. The music suddenly becomes ethereal; it then draws the listener to one of the most sublime moments in Western music:

*Be embraced, all you millions,  
Share this kiss with all the world!  
Way above the stars, brothers,  
There must live a loving Father.  
Do you kneel down low, you millions?  
Do you see your maker, world?  
Search for him above the stars,  
Above the stars he must be living.*

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*Continued: Meanderings*

And so, when we sing the hymn "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven," we marvel at the majestic beauty of the words in the same way we watched King Charles' coronation: a relic of the past. Do we declutter in favor of simplicity and inclusivity or do we preserve the past in distant admiration?

Worship: "To honor or show reverence for as a divine being or superpower," according to Webster's Dictionary. And here again, we see the word "reverence." It has a sense of submission and bowing down, which is not necessarily pleasurable in a society where we are taught to bow to no one. For whom is our worship designed? Is it for a God whom we've been taught is omnipotent and sits on a heavenly throne? Or has worship evolved into something new with a more nebulous endpoint?

As an organist, I naturally strive to evoke the majesty in music for which that instrument has been designed. But opinions differ. What is your perspective?

Warmly,

Sam

## **CEMETERY CELEBRATION October 15**

We were looking toward the sky all weekend long. The weather almost cancelled our long-planned celebration of the cemetery upgrades that were accomplished in 2023. Thanks be to God, it cleared up on Sunday morning, and we were able to flock to the hill where St. Peter's was called into being almost 250 years ago. A group of about 50 people gathered there around noon time for a blessing and acknowledgment of those who contributed to the effort through leadership, financial support, and expert labor to give our cemetery a new look and some important additions.

It was the irony of God that the person who was most involved in the negotiations for the walking path happened to need it on that day due to a recent knee replacement surgery. The beautiful paver walking path was constructed by T.J.'s Outdoor Maintenance in Skippack. Five memorial benches were donated and placed around the columbarium, providing seats for visitors and for attendees of interment services. Four tree memorials were added, and eight new historical markers tell the story of some of the cemetery "residents." It was especially moving to see Lee Heist stand in front of the old gravestone of his ancestor Philipp Heist who donated that plot of land in the 18th century.

If you are interested in a Columbarium niche for a future interment, please contact the church office. We are also open to non-members who live in the North Wales area. And we hope to see you next spring for our big clean-up.

*Continued: Bell Tower*

Although a link to a recording isn't available here, the YouTube recording of Beethoven Symphony #9, 4th movement by the Philharmonia Baroque is recommended for its English translation near the top of the video, with the original German poem near the bottom. To hear the most ethereal part of the movement, scroll to 13:49 and listen to the next 3-1/2 minutes to 17:18.

A caveat: this is not casual listening. Please listen with an attitude of reverence and awe.

Mickie Hastings



**Philipp Heist standing next to the historical marker pointing to his ancestor. Amazingly, Lee Heist calls St. Peter's his church home two and a half centuries later.**

## 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.

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](http://www.redcross.org)

Enter sponsor code:  
**St. Peters North Wales**



## ST. PETER'S SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATES



Our Undy Sunday drive for Gemma - Silver Springs Martin Luther School - was successful. A total of 162 socks and undergarments were delivered to the campus -107 pairs of underwear and 55 pairs of socks. Thank you for your continued support of children in need and this program.

**ELCA GOOD GIFTS COIN DRIVE...**

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
thru  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Donate 3 Ways:**

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

## GOOD GIFTS

Many piggy banks were distributed last week, and already we have collected over \$500. Last year we were able to buy several "farms-worth" of animals (over \$2,100 worth).

## SHOE DRIVE

### Benefiting Sanctuary Village tiny Home Community

Our shoe drive is going well. Over 40 pairs of shoes have already been delivered. If you haven't heard we are collecting shoes as a fund raiser for Sanctuary Village. ( A tiny house community being built for women over 55 in Philadelphia) Our shoes will go to Soles4Souls which will pay Sanctuary Village by the pound for them. Soles4Souls turn unwanted shoes into opportunity, by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to good use—providing relief, creating sustainable jobs, and empowering people to disrupt the cycle of poverty. So this is a win win situation. Any questions ask Robin Alderfer



## ST. PETER'S GREEN TEAM

- ⇒ Recycle bins are in the entrance next to the bathrooms for cell phones/tablets, glasses, and can tabs.
- ⇒ Remember to check out the Green Tip each week in the announcement section of Pastor's email. A new one appears each Sunday and lasts for the week. If you have a tip to contribute, contact Charlene Bance.
- ⇒ Think Recycle! Reuse! Repurpose! Get your kids/grandkids involved in making caring for creation a family project.
- ⇒ Members of the Green Team will meet with SPARK kids on December 3 for a lesson and activity.

### Here are some Holiday tips with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up Keep the planet in mind while wrapping your gifts.

- ⇒ Put out the recycling bin during parties.
- ⇒ Recycle your cardboard.
- ⇒ Choose the gift of experiences over products.
- ⇒ Shop sustainably.
- ⇒ Bring your own shopping bag.
- ⇒ Upcycle something to make a new gift for someone.
- ⇒ Recycle old gadgets.

## THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The first few months of the 2023-24 Thrift Shop selling season have gone very well thanks to lots of customers buying lots of merchandise. Our Day One sales totaled \$829! We asked for donations and people responded... we got some beautiful, hammered aluminum pieces, several boxes of great jewelry, bags and bags of clothing including a collection of authentic German Oktoberfest outfits, and plenty of housewares. You really should visit the Thrift Shop on a regular basis because you never know what treasures have been donated.

By the time you read this, the Shop will be decorated for the holidays, and we have plenty of brand new/never used items that would make perfect Christmas presents for family and friends. We have already gotten holiday décor donations which would look great in your home.

The Thrift Shop will be open regular hours on Wednesday 11/22, Saturday 11/25, and Saturday 12/23. The Shop will be closed on 12/27 and 12/30 and will reopen on Wednesday 1/3/24. We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help out on sale days and we are still accepting donations so please keep us in mind as you downsize/declutter. Check us out on Facebook and get on our email list to keep up with our sales and announcements.

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!



# Hospitality Corner

**The Hospitality Committee is looking for help on Sunday mornings making coffee and putting out the treats between services.**

**If you can help, please contact:**

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|--------------|--|
| Diana Blum   | <a href="mailto:blumd@npenn.org">blumd@npenn.org</a>         |
| Diana Sundar | <a href="mailto:sundard@Comcast.net">sundard@Comcast.net</a> |
| Daren Gross  | <a href="mailto:dareng246@gmail.com">dareng246@gmail.com</a> |

## LAUREL HOUSE 5K

St Peter's was well represented at the Laurel House 5k. The 5k is a fundraiser for Laurel House an organization for people who suffer abuse. Eight member of St. Peter's took part in the event Brian, Mia, Crystal, and Karen ran and raised over \$800. Ananda and Robin volunteer also. The total for the event is not available yet but it looks as though over \$28,000 has been raised. If you would like more information on the organization there is information on the table by the bulletin boards in the narthex.



## CHRISTMAS TREE GIFTS FOR GEMMA

Look for the Christmas tree to return to the parlor soon. More information will be posted soon.

Common Wish List Items:

- Squishmellow stuffed animals
- Lego sets
- Pokemon cards & toys
- Minecraft toys
- Superhero action figures
- Barbie dolls
- Wireless headphones/earbuds
- Small Bluetooth speakers
- Craft kits & origami
- Footballs & basketballs
- Plastic water bottles
- Crocs & slide sandals
- Sports jerseys & hats
- Gift cards to Target & Walmart

All gifts should be new & unwrapped.



*Wow! It looks like a fairy tale!" exclaimed a child in residence as they entered the gym last year, which had been transformed into a winter wonderland for the annual holiday arty. "This is the best night of my life!" shared another child as they received their gifts.*





*Mindfulness Meditation*  
WITH JEFF FAZIO

1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
of the month thru December  
7:30 pm

ST. PETER'S  
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**Men's Group  
Breakfast**

November 18 | 8:00 AM | Fellowship Hall

- Please feel free to bring along a friend or family member. It's always good to see you and chat. We will have the traditional eggs, hashbrowns, bagels and donuts, coffee, tea, juice and, of course, Diet Pepsi.
- How are you at cooking? If you'd like to join Bernie in the kitchen to make the eggs and hashbrowns, he'd be delighted to share the stove!
- See the Sign-Up Sheet or Contact Bernie Heinze - [bernie@theheinzgroup.com](mailto:bernie@theheinzgroup.com)

**The Thrift Shop**

Wednesdays  
9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Saturdays  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm




# Happenings

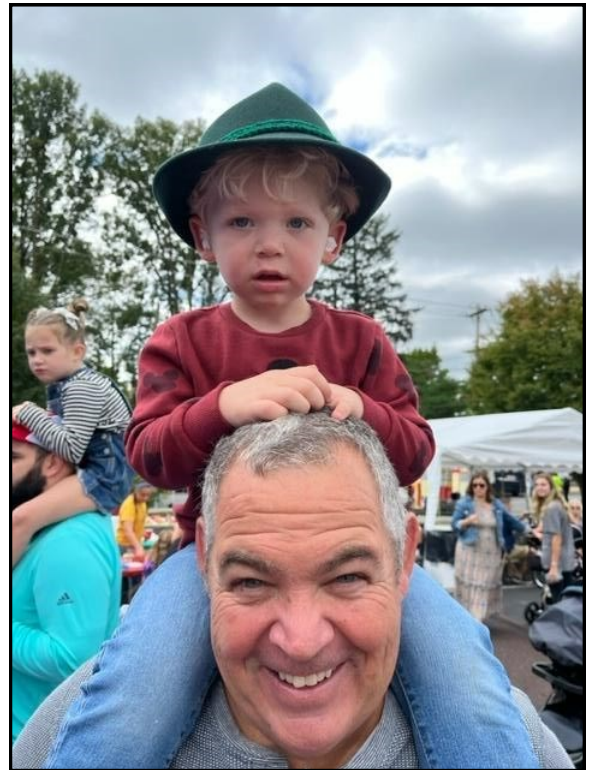
## Oktoberfest 2023

A great time was had at Oktoberfest. The North Wales community enjoyed great food & drinks, games & a bounce house, and of course jammed to our amazing band, A Common Thread.

We raised approximately \$12,000 this year.

Thank You to all the Oktoberfest Committee Members and over 50 volunteers that make this event happen!!

Committee Members: Doug & Jenn Mahan, Pam & Bill Paraskewik, Lee & Cindy Heist, Steve & Eileen Wright, Dottie deStefano, and Suzanne Shaffer.





The young and the young at heart bid farewell to Christian Ed. leader Jenn Bodolus at her celebration luncheon.



St. Peter's Festival Choir under the direction of Sam Tarasenko. Over 20 choir members joined together on Reformation Sunday.



St. Peter's members enjoy dinner at the Iron Hill Fundraiser for Sanctuary Village Tiny Home Community in Philadelphia.

## UPDATE FROM UKRAINE

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

Dear Bernie! Warm greetings from Kyiv. Yes, I read your letter. Thanks for it, there were a lot of interesting details. I am very glad that you have such wonderful events in the fall. This is a good German tradition. We also celebrate; we had the opportunity to have picnics on our site. First for the wards of the House of Mercy, then separately for the church community. We cannot allow the consumption of alcohol for the residents of the House of Mercy, since many of them are alcohol addicts. But for the church there is no problem with this. Today is Reformation Day, so after church we are planning to go to the pub with friends. I heartily congratulate you and the Church of St. Peter on this wonderful holiday!

Now some news.

We were able to move forward with construction a little more on our own. Namely: make a well on the site, now we have drinking water. We also ordered an electricity connection. We expect connection by the end of 2023. I had a meeting with the humanitarian department of the Lutheran World Federation. They are more interested in supporting our work with the homeless. The church, unfortunately, is not so interesting to them. As a result of the meeting, we came to the following agreements. The Federation supports our ministry during the cold season. They do this together with the German charity foundation "Bread for the World". For the House of Mercy, this is significant support that will ensure the stability of the organization until April 2024. Together with my wife, I made a grant application; the project includes renting premises, employee salaries, providing comprehensive assistance to 50 homeless people, as well as partial assistance to 1000 people. In total, we were supported for \$50,000.

We had an additional meeting with Mr. Mark Mullan (head of the VLF humanitarian office) and the bishop of our church. We asked about the possibility of church construction. Mark's answer was: we cannot directly support construction, since this is not within our competence. But there is, hypothetically, such an opportunity: you are reporting on the first joint project with us. If everything is fine, then we will expand our cooperation to construction in 2024. As I understand it, it will be possible to build a church building only in conjunction with the buildings of the House of Mercy. And this will come second. I reported this to the community. We are praying, and we are not yet sure that this is the only possible solution.

We continue to rent premises as a church. And it is already becoming cramped for us. On the one hand, this is a great joy, since God brings new people to the church. Donations have also increased. On the other hand, you already need to think about what to do next. Where to find funds to purchase or at least rent larger premises, as well as construct a building. Bishop Schwartz's opinion on this matter: in the post-Soviet space there are no Lutheran churches that were able to independently build a church building. This has always been done jointly with other churches and private sponsors. You are no exception. The fact that you have land is already very good. So we trust God and are slowly collecting funds for 2024.

A little about the war. It is a great shame for Ukraine that there are many corrupt officials in our government. In the international arena they are well aware of this. In this regard, assistance to Ukraine on the scale necessary for wartime was suspended. This is already affecting the situation at the front. The Ukrainian army attacks less and less often, and there is more and more talk that it would be good to switch to defense for the winter period. It's Complicated. But the Russians are not going anywhere. You described very well that they cannot be trusted. Negotiations with the Russians are the beginning of the end.

But we don't give up and do what we can. So, the community of St. Martin began making trench candles again. We want to produce 1000 pieces this year. Now we transfer them not only to our friends from special purposes, but also through the general channels of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine. Our bishop collects and buys bandages, tourniquets, and dressings. These bandages save lives because they quickly stop bleeding during injuries. We distribute manufactured candles along with bandages through military doctors.

Thank you for your letter, sincerely, *Pastor Igor Shemigon*



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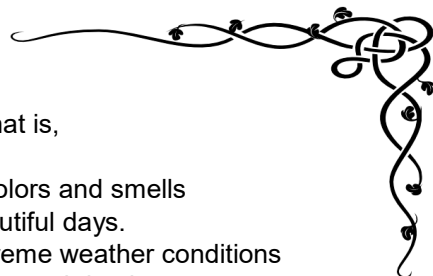
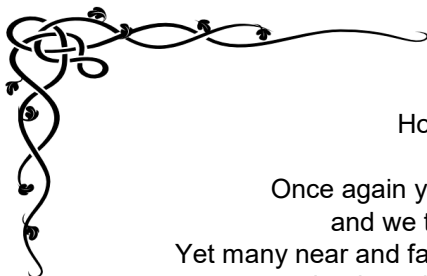
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 Renae Urban

Sam Wagner  
 Barbara Wiedman  
 Sheila Wilkins  
 Charles Zajatz  
 Joan Zeigler

AA members

People suffering from illness, depression, anxiety, natural disaster, violence, or uncertainty in their lives. Especially the people suffering in the Israel-Hamas War.



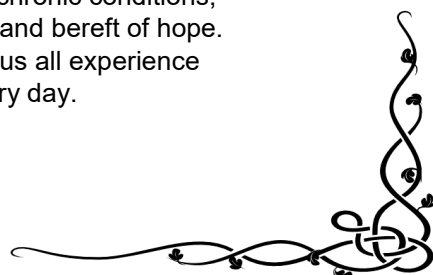
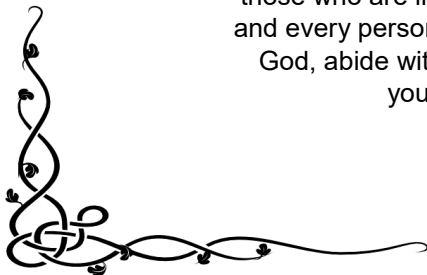
Holy God, Creator of all that is,

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**

**November**

Nathaniel Erwin.....Nov 3  
 Joanne Rittenhouse.....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  
 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

**December**

Lucas Morrow.....Dec 02  
 Melanie Lauro.....Dec 05  
 Christine Troxel.....Dec 05  
 Jean Prindle.....Dec 06  
 Joan Gauker.....Dec 08  
 George Gross.....Dec 09  
 Michelle Hill.....Dec 09  
 Lee Honeywell.....Dec 09  
 Bethany Coover.....Dec 10  
 Lauren Hain.....Dec 11  
 Allison Hannigan.....Dec 11  
 Steve McGlynn.....Dec 12  
 Leo Arena.....Dec 14  
 Dave Sausser.....Dec 15  
 Francisco Worman.....Dec 15  
 Catherine Kratz.....Dec 16  
 Meg Matlack.....Dec 16  
 Karen Shuster.....Dec 16  
 Joanie Anton.....Dec 17  
 Cindy LeBlanc.....Dec 17  
 Remington Charles.....Dec 19  
 Adam Meyer.....Dec 19  
 Tricia Riordan.....Dec 20  
 Isabelle Michaud.....Dec 22  
 Ellie Baker.....Dec 22  
 Sarah Wagner.....Dec 23  
 Susan Darrow.....Dec 25  
 Judy Jones.....Dec 25  
 Karl Walter.....Dec 25  
 Ryder Charles.....Dec 26  
 Mike O'Brien.....Dec 27  
 Doug Mahan.....Dec 29  
 Olivia Greco.....Dec 31

**January**

Karen Haber.....Jan 01  
 Justin Urban.....Jan 01  
 Jen Gutsche.....Jan 02  
 Michelle Browne.....Jan 03  
 Avery Hain.....Jan 06  
 Dottie DeStefano.....Jan 07  
 Mae Garrity.....Jan 10  
 James Miller.....Jan 12  
 Marjorie Blum.....Jan 14  
 Bill Kane.....Jan 14  
 Eileen Wright.....Jan 14  
 Renee Erwin.....Jan 16  
 Jenni MacInnes.....Jan 16  
 Sharon Brenfleck.....Jan 17  
 Martha Pope.....Jan 20  
 Suzanne Shaffer.....Jan 20  
 Jennifer Bodolus.....Jan 21  
 Tacey Cullen.....Jan 23  
 Carol McGilloway.....Jan 23  
 Sandy Schrader.....Jan 23  
 Hudson Charles.....Jan 25  
 Rich Schrader.....Jan 25  
 Florence Ulrich.....Jan 25  
 Vince Giangiacomo.....Jan 26  
 Barbara Rodgers.....Jan 26  
 Jeremy Heilman.....Jan 30



**THANKSGIVING EVE PARTY**

**A COMMON THREAD**

NORTH WALES FIREHOUSE  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
 7:30 PM - 10 PM

**\$5 COVER CHARGE BENEFITS**  
 DEVEREUX KIDS

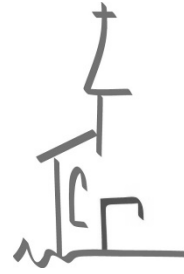


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Return Service Requested



**December 3:** First Sunday of Advent - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**December 10:** Second Sunday of Advent - 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
*Bell Service at The Lutheran Home, Telford, 2:30 pm*

**December 17:** Third Sunday of Advent - 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Christmas Caroling



**December 24: Christmas Eve** Fourth Sunday of Advent

**10:00 am** Morning Service with Holy Communion

**8:00 pm** Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service

**10:00 pm** Holy Night Service with Communion

**December 25: Christmas Day** NO services

**December 31: New Year's Eve** Service with Holy Communion, **10:00 am ONLY**