

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Our mission is to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others.

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PASTOR'S CORNER



By now you should be able to recite our Mission Statement by heart. Our mission is ***"To share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others."***

We have been doing this in so many ways that you probably don't realize how much you really do to fulfill our mission. Some of the more obvious ways is in the very public drives we have such as collecting coats for those who cannot afford to buy them as the winter months approached. The food items you place in our barrels go to help families who have money to either buy food or pay the rent. Your donations make it possible for them to remain in their homes. I get requests from people to help with a utility bill that was higher than expected, or to give some assistance in covering expenses for some medications that are needed.

Many of the requests that come are from people who are at the point of hopelessness. Through your generosity and your offerings, you make it possible for them to feel the love of Christ in a more tangible way. Much of this funding comes through donations made to the "St. Peter's Charity Fund". If you would like to make an additional donation to this fund, simply make a pew envelope with this designation. There are many other ministries we help through your regular weekly contributions to the church which are then designated to various agencies. Below is a list of some of last year's ministries which we helped to fund. Without your generosity this would not have been possible. In the words of our Lord, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

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| Madagascar Missionary | 1,400.00 |
| Mission Partnership | 35,000.00 |
| SE PA New Missions | 2,500.00 |
| Artman Home Benevolent Care | 1,000.00 |
| Martin Luther/Silver Springs | 2,429.84 |
| World Hunger/Lutheran World Relief | 135.00 |
| Bryson Camp | 500.00 |
| Lutheran Seminary Scholarship Fund | 2,500.00 |
| Servant Year Program | 1,500.00 |
| Soldier's Angels | 516.25 |
| Conshohocken Fire Relief | 2,554.54 |
| Colonial Neighborhood Council | 25.00 |
| Homeless Shelter | <u>1,000.00</u> |
| Total | 51,060.63 |

Gratefully Yours,

The Rev. R. Bruce Todd

YOUNG FAMILY GROUP NEWS

The Director of the Silver Springs-Martin Luther School sincerely thanks everyone who donated stuffed animals to the school. Between the church and the Nursery School, dozens of new “friends” were given to the children.



Did you know that Silver Springs needs donations throughout the year? Their Children’s Store “stocks” items large and small for the children to “purchase” with points earned for good behavior. They have need for all sorts of items including individually packaged bar soaps, kid-friendly shampoos and conditioners, goggles for swimming, novelty socks for girls and sport socks for boys, board games, art sets, playing cards, sports balls and more. They are unable to accept toys with rope/string (such as yo-yos or jump ropes), wire, beads, glass or sand, or anything that depicts violence (guns, swords, etc.).

There will be a box in the Narthex to place any new toys and/or new or gently used books which we will deliver to Silver Springs on a monthly basis.

Mark Your Calendar: February 10th after 10AM Worship—Valentine’s Day cards and treat bags making for Laurel House. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall to help! Please bring a bag or two of candy. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Michael Massa on his graduation from West Chester University.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT...

Thank you to all of our Sunday School students for the glorious Christmas Pageant. You all worked very hard learning the songs, memorizing your lines and helping to create Bethlehem and you should be very proud of yourselves.

Big hugs to all of the teachers, parents and SPY members who donated their time and energy--from rehearsals to creating the scenery to the production and the party. You are all real angels! Extra hugs to Linda Wargo for all of the wonderful crafts which, each week, taught the children a different section of the Christmas Story.

Rounds and rounds of applause to Kelly Graham for creating all of the beautiful scenery which we will be able to enjoy year after year. Kelly started in October and worked just about every day re-creating our own little town of Bethlehem. Thank you so much, Kelly, and we will keep you in our hearts and prayers as you start your first semester at University of the Arts! Good luck!

Here are a few pictures for your enjoyment!





Thank You -

On behalf of my mother, Jane, and our family, Karen, Millie and Bryan, I take this opportunity to say thank you to this caring congregation of St Peter's Church. Thank you for reaching out to mother and to me. You helped us. Mother loved worship here. (We remember our days in the choir during the 1950's)

On Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 11 AM we will celebrate mother's life with a memorial service at St Peter's. If you can come, we would love to see you.

Thank you for helping,
Faithfully, Bill Kelley

Dear St. Peter's,

Thank you so much for your prayers and kind words at the time of my mother's death. In prayer, and with family and friends, I will find strength and love to go forward each day little by little.

With love and thanks,
Ingrid Gould

Pastor Todd & St. Peter's Congregation,

The gifts were incredible!! Many thanks to you, Sarah Cohen, Deb & Kelley Graham and to all of our friends at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lafayette Hill for your generous contribution of gifts to Silver Springs-Martin Luther School this Christmas season. The HUGE stuffed animals (the dragon, gorilla and moose were particular favorites), hand held electronic games, remote control cars, board games and so much more helped to make Christmas and every day merrier for children in care.

The St. Peter community has been very generous to Silver Springs, and for your collective and individual involvement, we thank one and all.

Best wishes - Sincerely,
Olga Briker, Ph.D. Development Director

Dear Pastor Todd and Friends,

On behalf of our President, Dr. Phillip Krey, our faculty, the students, and all of us here at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, please accept my gratitude for your kind and generous gift of \$2,500.00, designated for the Student Aid & Awards Fund.

It is almost impossible to overstate how important your support of seminary education is today. Well-trained, theologically educated, spiritually grounded leaders have always been central to the life of the church, but never more so than right now. Churches throughout the ELCA and other denominations are experiencing a serious shortage of first call parishes, and even in answer to this problem is for the leaders - leaders that will be Philadelphia Seminary. said to me "if you've ever been pastor in your life, you have a seminaries, whether you know it insight. Your generous gift to the the core mission of this school - to Gospel ministry that will touch the lives of countless men and women, in congregations and communities across the world.

One of our donors once touched by the ministry of a connection to the Church's or not". It was a wonderful Brossman Center supports prepare men and women for lives of countless men and women, in congregations and communities across the world.



So again, on behalf of all of us here at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, thank you for this gift, and for all you do as partners with us in theological education. May God richly bless you, as you have

been a blessing to us.

In Our Lord,

The Rev Glenn D Miller, Vice President for Development

SOCIAL MINISTRY

January 22, 2008 Meeting

The Social Ministry Committee met on January 22, and discussed their projects and initiatives for the upcoming year.

January: Souper Bowl Sunday

February: Blood Drive

March: Change for Change – Silver Spring Camp fundraiser

April – May: Rummage Sale; Used Shoe Collection

June – July: Script – phone cards for soldiers;

Food Drive for Colonial Neighborhood Council

August : Back Pack – back to school program

NEXT MEETING: 2ND Tuesday of March....March 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

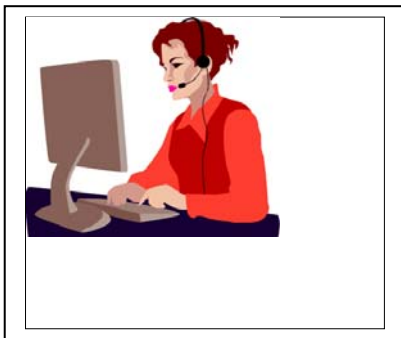
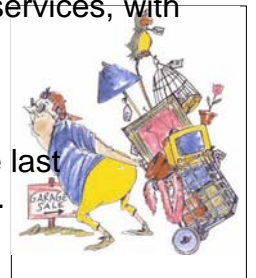
St. Peter's SCRIPT PROGRAM UPDATE:



Thank you,,each and everyone of you, who have participated in the St. Peter's SCRIPT PROGRAM so far. We have had a great beginning! The sales volume has generated enough revenue that has enabled repaying the \$500 seed money given to start up the program and to make a \$500 contribution to St. Peter's Building Fund. The Script Program is an ONGOING Program. Remember the Script Cards are more than "gift" cards. They are your funds for everyday purchases of goods and/or services, with St. Peter's receiving a percentage

RUMMAGE SALE RETURNS on MAY 9th & 10th !!!

Due to the Building Program we were unable to hold our Annual Rummage Sale last year. So you should have *twice* as much saved up for THIS year's Rummage Sale. Save the items you would like to donate AT YOUR HOUSE until Sunday, April 13th. From April 13th - May 4th you can bring your treasures to the church. Watch future mailings for specific times and where to drop off your items at the church. Keep us in mind when you do that Spring Cleaning!



JOB OPENING - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Our much loved Church Secretary, Jean Matthews, will be retiring on April 30th. Jean has worked Monday - Wednesday in the office here at St. Peter's for the past 15 years. She has literally touched every piece of mail, worship bulletin, Boar's Head program that you have received over the years. She organizes things and people, works with the pastor and staff, and orders altar flowers, candles and communion supplies. She has done duties way above and beyond the tasks of a Church Secretary. How *will* we survive?

We are now accepting applications for an expanded 5 day a week position which will include some expanded responsibilities. A Job Description is being developed. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a resume' and a request for a Job Description to the church's Business Manager Hal Schwartz. We are hoping to fill this position by March 21st so the new candidate may work part-time along with Jean during the month of April.

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| <h1>February 2008</h1> | | | | | | |
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| 3 Transfiguration of Our Lord Souper Bowl Sunday 8:30&10:00 Communion 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Fastnachts | 4 <i>Cate Lownes Emily Huber</i> | 5 7:30am Bldg. Comm. <i>Rich Lownes, Jr. Kayla Kirschenmann</i> 7:30 Handbell Choir 7:30pm Boy Scouts | 6 10:30 LIFE BibleStudy <i>Becky Molotsky Emily Gordon Tyler Polowczuk</i> 7:30pm Cameron Pipes 7:30pm Bible Study | 7 <i>Libby Griffin</i> 7:00pm Al Anon 7:30pm Adult Choir | 8 <i>Chris Lavanchy Bill Hansel III Kimberly Dutill Grant Guzik</i> | 9 |
| 10 1 st Sunday in Lent 8:30 Communion 10:00 Scout Sunday Evan Silver Baptism 10:00 Sunday School <i>Joyce Moser Yvonne McPeak</i> 6:00 Catechism | 11 <i>Winnie McMaster Greg Barr</i> | 12 <i>Ruth Newman</i> 7:30 Handbell Choir 7:30pm Boy Scouts | 13 10:30 LIFE Bible Study <i>Michelle Hinshaw</i> 7:30pm Cameron Pipes 7:30pm Bible Study | 14 <i>Marilynn Read Shirley Kiefer/ Marc Miller Teagan Bisbing Kate McMahon Travis Williams</i> 7:30pm Adult Choir | 15 <i>Carolyn Novak Michael Gould</i> | 16 <i>Joann Kirshenmann Andrew Kinka</i> |
| 17 2 nd Sunday in Lent 8:30 Communion 10:00 Worship Miles Frank Baptism 10:00 Sunday School <i>Harry Stringer Jackson Guzik</i> | 18 President's Day (Office Closed) Vera Wischhusen Jennifer McClarren | 19 7:30am Bldg Comm. <i>Nancy Bogdon Julie Ghourley Derry Soens</i> 7:30 Handbell Choir 7:30pm Boy Scouts | 20 10:30LIFEBibleStudy <i>Hank Guldner Kathie Reed Lee Brandt Bryn Frankhouser</i> 4:00 Children's Choir 7:30pm Cameron Pipes 7:30pm Bible Study | 21 <i>Joel Leonardo Daniel Long</i> 7:00pm Al Anon 7:30pm Adult Choir | 22 <i>Barbara Stringer Walt DeLaney Lynn McCarthy</i> | 23 11:00am Kelley Memorial <i>Put Nordblum Kristen Guzik Scott Sweeney</i> |
| 24 3 rd Sunday in Lent 8:30 Communion 10:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Intern Committee <i>Steve Brown John Roehm John Runyen</i> | 25 <i>Larry Byron Amy Pezzano</i> | 26 <i>Dave Kirschenmann Shelby Wildgust</i> 7:30 Handbell Choir 7:30pm Boy Scouts | 27 10:30LIFEBibleStudy <i>Carol Graney</i> 4:00 Children's Choir 7:30pm Cameron Pipes 7:30pm Bible Study | 28 7:00pm Al Anon 7:30pm Adult Choir | 29 | |