

# ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

### May, 2008

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

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### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

In the Book of Exodus you will read the following: *"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. You shall observe this rite as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children."* These words were being addressed to the Hebrew people as instructions as to how to observe the Passover. They are to repeat this Passover meal annually so they and their children will remember it.

We have recently celebrated our Building Dedication. Although it is not something we plan to repeat annually (for which I give thanks to God), it *is* something that will be remembered for years to come. But there is something specific which I observed during the service that warmed my heart. While Bishop Burkat was preaching, she quoted our Mission Statement in her sermon. While she was saying the words, *"to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others"* I noticed one of our youth mouthing the words along with her - albeit while rolling her eyes as to say, "We KNOW this already."

Our Mission Statement is on the cover of this newsletter, on our Sunday Bulletin Cover, at the bottom of our letterhead. And as I witnessed from this youth, it is written in our hearts. HOW did this happen? By repeating it, reading it, reading it again and hearing it again. This is how we learn how to live the life God wants us to live. We do what God asks of us to the point that it is now done without even thinking about it - because it is a part of who we are and we have done it so much.

Perhaps you wonder why we say the Confession every week, sing the Hymn of Praise each worship Service, and have Holy Communion so often? It is because we always need to receive forgiveness, always need to praise God, and can never share his body and blood enough to remember him in the way he deserves to be remembered. So we do it repeatedly until it becomes a part of us. That is why we need to worship - weekly - every week. I'll be looking for you at worship.

In Peace –

The Rev. R. Bruce Todd

## YOUNG FAMILY GROUP NEWS



Thank you to everyone who made our Alex's Lemonade Stand such a success. Due to your big hearts and generosity, we raised over \$500! All of the money goes directly towards childhood cancer research.

Special thanks to Totaro's Restaurant for donating the \$50.00 gift certificate. It is great to have local support within our community.

Also, big thanks to Andrew Cohen for building the lemonade stand and to the McNew family, Kelly Graham and Gemma Cohen for painting it. Hugs to everyone who donated their time at the lemonade stand and for all of the yummy baked goods and bottles of lemonade.

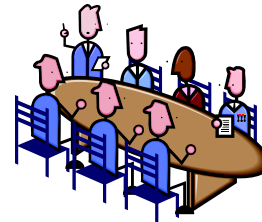
### COMING UP...



- Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> Muffins for Moms bake sale to benefit Laurel House.
- Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Donuts for Dads

### **Boar's Head 2008 Committee Meeting**

There will be a brief Boar's Head follow-up/planning meeting May 4<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 Service. All Committee members are invited to attend. We will meet in the new conference room.



### **Thank You**

Thank you everyone for all your kindness, flowers, cards, & calls. I especially want to thank Joyce Dutill, Sue Speers, Iris Hernandez, Ellen Daneke and Kay Tinneny for their special treats at Christmas and Easter. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Claire Thielemann

Where do I begin to thank everyone for 15 special years. Thanks to all for the beautiful vase, flowers, gift certificates, cards, calls and well wishes. A special thanks to all who volunteered to help whenever I asked. You made my job easier. I will especially miss the phone calls and contact with everyone. BUT, don't worry -

I will still be around "Volunteering".

Thanks for everything,  
Jean Matthews

Many heartfelt thanks to members of St. Peter's. Every card, every hug, every kind expression of sympathy has helped to ease the pain of our sorrow at the death of our son and brother Neal Kortrey. Elsie and Faith Kortrey

## SCRIP NEWS: Hear ye! Hear ye!

Thank you, Thank you, to all who have been participating in the St. Peter's SCRIP Program. At the April Council Meeting, the SCRIP Program presented a second \$500 check to be placed in the St. Peter's Building Fund. The percentages earned from your SCRIP Card purchases generated enough revenue to make this possible.



Congregation Members, Have you purchased a SCRIP Card?! SCRIP cards are your funds for everyday purchases of goods and/or services, with St. Peter's receiving a percentage. Meg and Karen will be glad to acquaint you with the procedure to secure your own SCRIP cards. See them between services or after the late service in the vestibule.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

TIME AND TALENT: The social ministry committee has been in contact with Face To Face, Germantown, an organization dedicated to meeting basic human needs and reducing suffering in the local community. Face to Face provides a hot meal each Friday (5:00 PM-6:00 PM), and on Saturdays and Sundays (12:30 PM-1:45 PM). They are in need of volunteers to either help make brown bag dinners on Fridays, or to help with casseroles on Saturday or Sunday. Social Ministry would like to organize a group to explore how we can help. **If you can help us, please call John Gordon:** 610-941-4911, or email him at: [john@johnngordonlaw.com](mailto:john@johnngordonlaw.com)

HELP OUR MILITARY: In May, Social Ministry will undertake a campaign to collect telephone calling cards to be distributed to the members of our armed services. In some foreign countries, it is very expensive for our soldiers to call home, but they get reduced rates by using AT&T cards....which our Script program sells. Please order several ATT&T cards from Karen or Meg and let our servicemen celebrate Mother's Day with a call home. This program will run, fittingly, through Memorial Day.

"CHANGE FOR CHANGE:" The 2008 "Change for Change" initiative raised \$ 1,080.46 for Silver Springs Camp program! Ellen Daneke thanks everyone who contributed.

FOOD DRIVE... The Colonial Neighborhood Council is in need of **boxed meals (Hamburger Helper type meals), peanut butter and jelly, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup,** Summer is a slow time for food donations and the pantry gets very low. THANKS FOR HELPING OUT! Any questions? Call Sandy Silbiger

## TOYS NEEDED

The new church nursery is looking for toys, either new or used, that are appropriate for children ages birth through three years old. We could still use some play food, play tools, blocks, cars/trucks, baby dolls, toy trains and track, and little tikes. We are also looking for low shelving or storage containers for the toys. If you have anything for the nursery, please call the church office or leave them in the new nursery on the second level.





## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

During its April meeting, the Congregational Council again devoted much time to Stewardship, with the goal on strengthening the commitment and foundation for the financial and spiritual support of St. Peter's. It has been noted that one of the most helpful ways of supporting the church financially is by signing up with the "simply Giving" program. Financial information will be given to the congregation quarterly instead of semi-annually. The newly formed interior design committee has met to help guide the design of the new spaces available in church, and design directional signs.

The Young Families recently made donations of toys and other needed items to Silver Springs. They also planned to participate in Alex's Lemonade Stand on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Script program, run by Karen Lorence and Meg Huber, donated another \$500.00 to St. Peter's. Thank you for supporting this program.

**HELP NEEDED!** We are looking for a **TIME & TALENT COORDINATOR**. We have a talented resource of congregational membership, many of whom have signed up to help St. Peter's with specific items. We need to lasso these resources so that our congregation members can contribute their time and talent, to save St. Peter's from the expenses of outsourcing certain tasks. The **TIME & TALENT COORDINATOR**, a volunteer position, will contact our members when the need arises, from list that we already have. Please contact the Pastor or John Gordon if you are interested.

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**Quarterly Report Goes Here!**

**A DIFFERENT TYPE OF STEWARDSHIP:  
St. Peter's Classic Car Show!**



In a new venture for St. Peter's, we will be hosting an antique and classic car show on **June 14<sup>th</sup>** this year—the day before Father's Day! The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the trophies being awarded at 3 p.m. to the top thirty entrants. Registrants will be advised to be in place no later than 9:30.

If you are interested in showing a car (or know someone who might have one to show), please call John Lewis at 215.482.4628 or e-mail [oshacom@att.net](mailto:oshacom@att.net) for a registration form. If you are interested in helping out on the 14<sup>th</sup>, call or e-mail at the same address, and we will have a job for you!



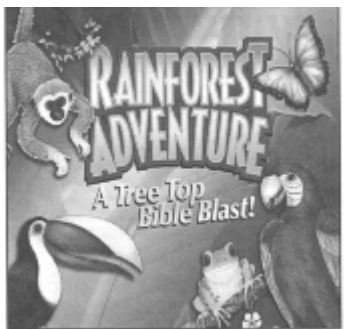
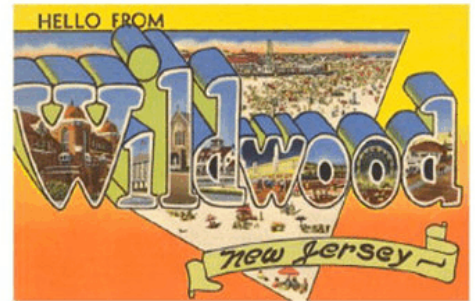
**Catechism & SPY Retreat**

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

at the Luther Inn

Wildwood, New Jersey

Mark Your Calendars!!!



**2008 Vacation Bible School program**

Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Ages 3 thru grade 4.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders sign-up as helpers

**Music, Crafts, Stories, Games, Snacks, Movies, Friends & Fun!!!  
Registration Fee – F R E E ! ! ! ! !**

**Fill out the Registration Form found in this Newsletter.  
Additional forms are available from the Church Office.**