

# ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

### November, 2008

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

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#### PASTOR'S CORNER



*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* This verse from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Philemon is good advice. Most of us have become so accustomed to our basic needs of food, clothing and shelter, that we do not even think about giving thanks for them. We have come to take them for granted, even to the point that we think we *deserve* these things. So I have a question - If we do not say "Thanks" to God, does God remove these blessings from us? Of course not.

Here at St. Peter's we are blessed by many people who share their talent to do things for the church for which we would otherwise have to pay someone. There are office workers, technicians, Altar Guild people, Ushers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Choir Members, Children's Choir, Handbell Ringers, Bakers, Hosts, Door Repairs, cleaners, gardeners, visitors, prayer circle members, Youth Workers, Teachers, Eucharistic Ministers and worshipers. We try to remember to show our appreciation to all these people, but sometimes a few slip through the cracks. So should these people stop serving if they do not receive thanks? Do we share our skills in order to receive thanks? Or - do we share our skills as a way of *giving* thanks to God for these very skills we share?

On Wednesday evening, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., members of all the houses of worship in the Plymouth-Whitemarsh Ministerium will gather together - to give thanks! We have a National Holiday set aside to remind us to give thanks to God. We will be doing this at the Friends Meeting House at Butler & Germantown Pikes. We will have the opportunity to experience worship in the Quaker style. Come join us in this historical building to share worship, fellowship and refreshments.

Yes, there may be a time or two when we forget to say thank you when you do something for your Church. But if that is the only reason you do it, then perhaps you should reflect on why you do it. God does not do things for us simply to give us an opportunity to give thanks. God provides for us because he loves us. If we love God's Church, we do things for the church - not expecting to *receive* thanks - but as a way to say Thanks! Come, ye thankful people, come.

Gratefully Yours,

The Rev. R. Bruce Todd



### From the Vicar...

Our nation has set aside a National Day of thanks in November. Thanksgiving Day is a joyous family festival celebrated with enthusiasm in the US, Canada and several other countries. Thanksgiving Day in the United States commemorates the feast held by the Pilgrim colonists and members of the Wampanoag people at Plymouth in 1621. On this day people express gratitude to God for his blessings and give thanks to dear ones for their love & support. Feasting with family is an integral and most delightful part of Thanksgiving Day celebrations. After the feasting, there is time to watch your favorite college football team or plan for Christmas shopping the next day.

For Christians, giving thanks is not just for the fourth Thursday in November. Giving thanks is a daily ritual acknowledging God's blessings to us. God gives to us in abundant ways that we often pass over. We remember to say thanks for things that come our way, sometimes. Other times we may give thanks in subtle ways; the smile to someone across the room, an unexpected telephone call we make, the touch of someone in pain, the quiet presence ...are all opportunities that offer thanks to others.

Giving thanks is a way of life. Giving of yourself is a gift for others. Jesus gave his life for us that we might have an eternal life with God. To live in thanksgiving every day is to realize the graciousness of God's love for each of us extends through us to others. During this time of thanksgiving remember to share God's love in all you do.

**No Experience  
Necessary** BIBLE STUDY



**Everybody is Welcome!**  
God's on a mission!

Wednesday's at noon (bring your lunch if you want) and at 7:30 for a time of study and reflection. Now through November 19, we will discover that living in mission is "More than Just a Job"; the purpose of our life together is to participate in God's mission in the world. This purpose shapes the way we do everything we do as the church. Selections from the Book of Acts will focus our conversations. Join Vicar Jim.

### TRAINING EVENT - Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m. - Noon



**EUCCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS**

Eucharistic Ministers are trained lay persons who deliver the sacrament of Holy Communion to our homebound members. Just as the pastor take communion to people in the pews who are unable to come to the altar, Personal Communion Kits are filled so Eucharistic Ministers can take the sacrament from the worship service to those outside of our doors. We have had this program in place and several of our members have benefited from this ministry. However, our homebound list is growing and we can use additional Eucharistic Ministers.

If you would like to join this group of faithful servants, simply call the church office and let us know you would like to attend the training event. You will be blessed as much as you will be a blessing.



## July 22-26, 2009 – New Orleans, Louisiana

**Jesus Justice Jazz**, the theme for the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering, draws from the rich faith history, diverse cultures, and arts of New Orleans. It will stretch our understanding of what it means to [live in relationship and service with each other in the manner of Christ...](#) for life... wherever we are! The Gathering program will be different than Gatherings before. Planning teams are working with local congregations and organizations, young people, and the city to pay attention to what makes the city of New Orleans unique, as well as better understanding the changes it is going through as the entire Gulf Coast region continues to recover after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The focus will be on service and justice as we live our shared reality as Christians: *Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*

What remains the same about the Gathering is that youth and adults are immersed in worship, music, Bible study, service, learning, play, prayer, the witness of faithful leaders from around the world, reflection, caring for others, and new friendships. The Gathering is a time of change and growth because we gather in the presence of God's Spirit with others who journey with Jesus.

There are currently four youth (Lauren Daneke, Kyle McGarry, Corey O'Brien, Samantha Terry) and two adult leaders (Ellen Daneke, John O'Brien) registered to attend this life changing experience. Your prayers and financial support is appreciated. The cost to send each of these persons is \$1500. The youth are grateful for whatever support you can give.

St. Peter's is blessed to have Ellen Daneke as the leader for this experience. She has graciously volunteered to manage all aspects of the experience including fundraising to securing the proper paper work. Ellen was instrumental in the planning of the 2006 San Antonio Youth Gathering. Keep here and all involved in prayer as together we discover God in and around us.

### **FUNDRAISER #1 - Cookie Dough Sale**

St Peter's youth will be taking orders for cookie dough from October 23<sup>rd</sup> until November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Order's can be picked up on Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> in Fellowship Hall following 10 o'clock worship. If you would like to help the youth sell cookie dough by calling your friends and family or take it into your office, please see Vicar Jim or Ellen Daneke for extra forms.

### **FUNDRAISER #2 - Breakfast - Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Also, on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the youth will be having a "free will offering" breakfast following the 10 o'clock service. So come, enjoy the fellowship and help support our youth.



What is SPY? SPY is the Youth Ministry Program of St. Peter's church. Any youth in grades 6-12 is invited to participate in any of the planned activities. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm in the SPY Hangout located in the Martin Luther Room on the Lower Level. Together we explore God within our lives through fellowship and service projects with one another. Plan to become involved, bring a friend.

If you would like to receive regular emails about what is happening with SPY activities email Vicar Jim at [Jgoodyear@stpeterslh.org](mailto:Jgoodyear@stpeterslh.org).

## SPY ACTIVITIES

**Sunday November 2**, 2-4 pm – SPY at Silver Spring School. See Mrs. Cohen for details.

**Sunday November 9**, 6-8 pm – Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt/Pizza Party

\*we need adults to drive a small group of youth as they 'scavenge' the neighborhood. See Vicar Jim if you are able to help.

**Friday, November 21**, 5-10pm – Kid-sitting. The Hangout will be open for all youth to play games and help with kid-sitting responsibilities

**Sunday November 23**, 6-8 pm – Discussion Topic - What are we thankful for?

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who participated with the October Halloween event at Silver Spring School. Our youth and adults, had fun spending time with other youth who live on the campus. A special thanks to Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Cohen for their time and efforts with this event.

**KID SITTING** – is scheduled for Friday November 21, 5pm-10pm. Contact Mrs. Graham if you would like to bring your children to an evening of fun activities. Pre-registration is encouraged. The cost is \$5/hour/child. All proceeds benefit SPY activities including the National Youth Gathering. Youth available to help with childcare are to contact Mrs. Graham.

# Thank you,

Dear Members of the Prayer Circle,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for our Mom,  
Joan, Dave, Pam, Rebecca, Bob, Gale, Liz and Robyn Homer

Dear St. Peter's Church,

Thank you for your kindness and generosity by sending a donation to the Conshohocken Millenniu, Fire Relief Fund. We will see that the donations are forwarded to the people whose homes were destroyed in the recent fire in Conshohocken.

Warm regards, John Miles - President  
Joe Pillicki - Secretary  
Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2

# ***Boar's Head Festival 2009***

## **Boar's Head Important Dates:**

Cast Walk through January 4<sup>th</sup> immediately following 10:00 Service –  
All cast members are encouraged to attend

**Dress Rehearsal – January 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30**  
**Performances January 10 – 1:00 4:00 7:00**  
**January 11 – 1:00 4:00 7:00**

Tickets available now – Contact the Church office for more information.

## ***Boar's Head Casting***

Come join us and celebrate the joy of the Boar's Head Festival

Sign up in the Muhlenberg Chapel

Pages – Beefeaters – King's Pages – Banner Bearers – Wood Sprites

There's a part for everyone!

Call Jan Gera at 610-941-6636 with any question.

Costume fittings will begin early December – Sign up now to get the cool costumes \_

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 23RD**

Do you ever have trouble putting a name to a face at St. Peter's—even for those members that you see often? It happens to all of us! So, the Stewardship Committee would like to help you make (or remake) the connection! On Sunday, November 23, you will find name badges and sharpies in all the pews to use in helping everyone know who you are as we gather together for coffee and snacks in the Muhlenberg Chapel right after the 8:30 and 10:00 services. We hope that you will take a few moments of time after worship to get to acquaint (or reacquaint) yourself with someone from our congregation. You may even discover someone who is new, and you may even find someone who you really *do* know, but cannot connect with their name. In any case, there will be free coffee, munchies and great folks. Get to connect on Friendship Sunday!

### **WHAT'S ON THE TV?**

You may have noticed that there are two new large-screen monitors tuned in to SPTV! (That is, St. Peter's Television.) Thanks to the physical efforts of Sarah and Andrew Cohen and Larry Wargo, we have the TV station up and running on both walls. Each week, events at St. Peter's will be featured on the monitors in the narthex and on the downstairs wall outside the Pastor's office. The Stewardship Committee hopes that this method of communication will help everyone to know more about our many activities. Plan to check SPTV whenever you are at the church; there is sure to be something that you will want to either attend or support!



## **November 2008 Schedule:**

### Altar Guild for November

Sue Speers, Peg Wendler, Joan Matis, Marian Gallagher

### **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Greeters: Jim & Kay Sandercock

Reader: Rob Johnson

Acolyte: Kelly Owens

Crucifer: Brennan Mellor

Communion Assistants: Lois Trautman, Betty Roterbury

Ushers: Mike Johnson, Darlene Ohntrup, Paul Ohntrup, Jeanette Skutches

Counting Team: Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Peg Wendler, Erna McKeivitt, Ruth Mucha

### **November 9<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters: Erna McKeivitt & Ruth Mucha

Reader: Tom Friend

Acolyte: Samantha Terry

Crucifer: Shelby Wildgust

Ushers: Tom Peuser, Joseph Barr, Nancy Barr, Marilyn Read

Counting Team: November 10<sup>th</sup>, Claire Riggs, Hildegard Bashey, Betty Komp

### **November 16<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters: Jim & Ashley Rossi

Reader: Meg Huber

Acolyte: Laura Culp

Crucifer: Scott Culp

Ushers: Stacey Levins, Rob Levins, Bryan MacDonald, Joe Rauscher, Karen Rauscher

Counting Team: November 17<sup>th</sup>, George Neborak, Ursula Schwartz, Charlotte Thompson

### **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Greeters: Ron & Mary Wood

Reader: Dr. John Lewis

Acolyte: Alex Gera

Crucifer: Jay Goldblum

Ushers: Herb Reynolds, Darlene Thomas, Steve Thomas

Counting Team: November 24<sup>th</sup>, Mike Matthews, Joan Howie, Bill Raupp

### **November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters: Jim & Barbara Vaughn

Reader: Mary & Nathaniel Reichley

Acolyte: Jamie Griffin

Crucifer: Maddy Griffin

Ushers: Gordon Gera, Allen Mowery, Althea Zanecosky

Counting Team: December 1<sup>st</sup>, George Neborak, Peg Wendler

## NOVEMBER SOCIAL MINISTRY PROJECT



In November, through the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Social Ministry will be collecting food for the "Harvest Giving" campaign. We ask that members bring in non-perishable foods to enable us to put together Thanksgiving baskets to be given to Colonial Neighborhood Council. When you're out shopping, please pick up an extra can of cranberry sauce, gravy, boxed potatoes, sweet potatoes, etc., and drop them off at the church. You'll see our collection bins! And if you have one of the many "FREE TURKEY" coupons that stores are giving away, and you won't be using it, please consider donating it so that we can distribute them to those who would really appreciate it. All our thanks...from St. Peter's Social Ministry Committee.

### WANTED:

Do you have any gently used toys that may be used in a "Special Needs" classroom? If so, we are looking for wooden puzzles, blocks, stress balls or "squeezy" balls, cars and trucks. These items are for children ages 5-8. Your donations of these gently used items would be greatly appreciated. Please see either Jennifer, Nancy or Marty Bogdon at the 10 o'clock service or call at: 215-508-9096.

Thanks a bunch!

### SUPPORT THE BUILDING FUND

SCRIP is back! Our table has returned to the vestibule. SCRIP cards can be used for all your everyday and special purchases. A supply of Panera, Dunkin Donuts, Cracker Barrel and Starbucks cards are available for immediate purchase. The Holidays are upon us. Accomplish some of your holiday shopping at the SCRIP table --- See Karen Lorence or Meg Huber.



### UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PETER'S:

#### Wedding

October 25<sup>th</sup>

Jenna Marie Huber & Douglas Andrew Cowperthwaite

November 1<sup>st</sup>

Peter C. DeFilippi and Kimberly J. Zerpa

#### Baptisms:

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Jeremy Michael Hyde

Parents: Michael Paul Hyde & Kristen Marie (Kammerle)Hyde

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Kate Allison Dobrowolski & Emily Elizabeth Dobrowolski

Parents: Dennis Robert Dobrowolski, Jr. & Carrie Lee (Matthews) Dobrowolski

Olivia Hope Vetterlein

Parents: Steven Aleen Vetterlein & Olia (Grigoryevna) Vetterlen



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2008</h1> <p><i>Birthdays are in italics.</i></p>						1 <i>Gary Guldner</i> <i>Brey Rivera</i>  Daylight Savings Time Ends 6:00 PM Wedding-Zerpa
2 All Saint=s Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 Worship & Communion 10:00 Sunday School 11:30 Legacy Seminar 2 PM SPY at Silver Springs  <i>Andrew Trainor</i>	3 <i>Charles Skutches</i> <i>Karen Aloia</i>	4 <i>Monica Levins</i>  7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Bell Choir Reh	5 <i>Mary Reichley</i> <i>Nolan McMahon Jr.</i> <i>Jack McPeak</i>  12 Noon Bible Study 4:00 PM Children=s Choir 7:30 PM Cameron Pipers 7:30 PM Bible Study	6 <i>Florence Farmer</i> <i>Jeff Raupp</i>  7:00 PM Al. Anon 7:30 BH Choir Rehearsal 8:15 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	7 <i>Edna Armstrong</i> <i>Betty Komp</i> <i>Caroline Littlejohn</i>	8
9 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentacost 8:30 Communion 10:00 Worship Service / Baptisms 10:00 Sunday School  <i>Michele Stingle</i> <i>Marissa Knittel</i>	10 <i>Ian Blundin</i>	11 <i>Rob Ash</i> <i>Tara Gordon</i>  7:30 PM Church Coun Mtg 7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Bell Choir Reh	12 <i>Joe Balaicuis, Cheryl Kiefer</i> <i>Lois Trautman, Karen Zipfel</i> <i>Al Kammerle Jr.</i> <i>Debbie Graham</i>  12 Noon Bible Study 7:30 PM Cameron Pipers 7:30 PM Bible Study	13 <i>Fern Harper</i> <i>Colleen Huber</i> <i>Matthew Pownall</i>  7:00 PM Al. Anon 7:30 BH Choir Rehearsal 8:15 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	14	15
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23 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentacost 8:30 Communion 10:00 Worship Service 10:00 Sunday School 6:00 PM SPY Meeting  <i>Ron Pieringer</i> <i>Jen Bogdon</i>	24 <i>Jeanine Stever</i>	25 <i>Julia Roehm</i>  7:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Bell Choir Reh	26 <i>Betsy Massa</i> <i>Craig Reed</i>  7:30 PM Cameron Pipers 7:30 PM Plymouth-Friends Community Thanksgiving Service	27 Thanksgiving Day <i>Carl Ruh, Emma Raupp</i> <i>Rod Lockard Jr.</i> <i>Lois Terry, Brennan Mellor</i>  7:00 PM Al. Anon	28 <i>Will Heitz</i> <i>Dot Lineburger</i> <i>Rob Zaleski</i>  Office Closed	29 Jessica Buffa

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