

# 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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### April 2009

#### FROM THE VICAR...

He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!!! Alleluia! This is the cry on Easter morning. As the women went to the tomb, they discover Jesus' body is missing. He is resurrected as he said he would. Easter is the high festival of Christianity. Our Lord and Savior overcame death to redeem our sinful lives that we will have an eternal life with God.

When the world around seems to fall, God's love for us is there to embrace us. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's promise is fulfilled. God continues to be in our hearts, to love and care for us. The tomb may be empty, but the power of God's redeeming love overflows in our hearts. If seeing is believing, we are believers in the resurrection of Jesus for all of us. Our faith lies in knowing that all Jesus did is now fulfilled in His death and resurrection.

As you and your family celebrate Easter, remember to give thanks for all you have. Even when you feel down and without something to give you comfort, know that God surrounds you by his love and will care for you all the time. Easter is more than eggs, chocolate and bunnies. It IS the feast of the high priest who comes to reign in us now and forever. Blessed Easter to You!!! He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!



## YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Remember the visioning process we did in January. We have received a summary report with recommendations from Molly Beck-Dean. We will be working over the next weeks to form a Youth Ministry Team comprised of adults and youth. These dedicated persons of Christ will help to further develop, support, and pray for our Youth Ministry at St. Peters. They will provide leadership support to Danielle as this ministry grows. Thanks be to God for giving us the opportunity to join in conversations about youth. Please keep this developing ministry in prayer

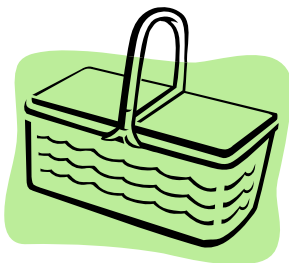


### Spring Study Group -- An Overview of the Bible

Who contributed to the writings? How do you/we interpret the Bible? What criterion was used to determine which books were included? What about the gospels not included? Bring your questions and explore with others how this Holy Book shapes our faith tradition. We may look at the NEW Lutheran Study Bible. Come prepared to engage in conversations using your own Bible. How many translations of the Holy Bible, the most sold book in the United States, will be present at our gatherings???? Join us on

Wednesdays beginning April 15 (promise not to talk about taxes!) and continuing through May 20 at 12 noon bring your lunch or at 7:30 pm bring a snack to share. Presented by Vicar Jim.

Wednesday April 15 – Old Testament Overview  
Wednesday April 22 – Historical Context, the Writings  
Wednesday April 29 - Prophets  
Wednesday May 6 – New Testament Overview  
Wednesday May 13 – The Gospels  
Wednesday May 20 – Paul's Letters



### A Summer Get-together for All Boar's Head Participants....

Looking for Planners -Helpers for a Summer Boar's Head Picnic  
Volunteers need to help plan a Summer Festival ... We're inviting  
Cast, crew, orchestra, pipers, choir , ... You participate - You're  
invited!

If you're interesting in helping plan - contact Jan Gera at  
[jgera92839@aol.co](mailto:jgera92839@aol.co)

We have received a check for \$1,250.00 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to be placed in our building fund. We wish to thank Thrivent for this most generous gift.





## Preschool Pages

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! We are registering for the fall 2009 semester. We offer 2,3 &5 day classes for 2,3,4 & 5 years olds. The toddler & 3 year olds attend for 2 or 3 days while 3 & 5 day classes are offered for 4 & 5 year olds.

Spring break is the second week of April and the Easter Bunny will be visiting before the break. Nursery School Sunday has been changed to accommodate Member Appreciation Sunday. Mark your calendars for April 19th for a special program. The children are currently working hard preparing for the art show and this year there will be a special room dedicated to the children from Silver Springs School and their self portraits and art creations. The art show this year is a Secret Garden and will be held on Tuesday evening April 28th.

March is busy with St. Patrick's Day parades, parties and fun. Papa Joe got a private performance of "I'm Looking over a Four Leaf Clover" complete with Irish dancing from Caroline Melillo! The children continue to send out monthly home-made greeting cards to the sick and shut in. We even made ribbon bookmarks and love hearing back from our new "pen-pals".

The Nursery Schools plans to hold a carnival during school hours on March 25th and a church family indoor picnic on Sunday March 29th to raise money to re-build our playground. Thank you to the Young Family Group for supporting our efforts and donating the meal. We really need a playground for the children and hope to begin building soon. If you would like to offer your help in any way you can contact church members, Joanne McManus and/or Lisa Dunleavy who are leading our efforts on behalf of the nursery school and all of the children of St. Peter's. We are grateful for their dedication and hard work.

Happy Easter and Happy Spring from all of us!  
Deb Graham/Director



# ST. PETER'S YOUTH PROGRAM FOR GRADES 6-12



## Dates to remember for April...

### **Good Friday Drama**

We will rehearse & have dinner before the service begins. Please wear all black.

### **Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm**

With Pastor Todd & Mrs. O'Brien

### **Kid-Sitting Fundraiser**

This is a fun night out for parents as the youth entertain the little ones with crafts, games, snacks & a movie.

### **Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 5-9 pm**

With Mrs. Graham & Mrs. O'Brien

### **Helping Hands Day**

We will travel to other churches & meet other youth groups while we engage in service projects through out Montgomery County. Drivers needed.

Deadline to register is March 23<sup>rd</sup>!!!!

### **Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9-3 pm**

With Mrs. O'Brien

## Dates to remember for May...

### **SPY TIME**

We will meet in the SPY room for fun, food & fellowship.

### **Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 11 am**

Mrs. O'Brien

### **Kid-Sitting Fundraiser & Pizza Party**

This is a fun night for parents to go out without the kiddies. They'll enjoy games, crafts, snacks & a movie.

### **Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5-9 pm**

With Mrs. Graham & Mrs. O'Brien

### **SPY Time & Silver Springs Party for the Children**

We'll meet in the SPY room, have lunch and prepare to leave for the party.

### **Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 11-4 pm**

With Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Graham & Mrs. O'Brien



Danielle O'Brien, Youth Director

Questions, comments & ideas welcomed. [DanielleOrganizes@msn.com](mailto:DanielleOrganizes@msn.com)



## YOUNG FAMILY GROUP NEWS

We are once again happy to host the hippity-hoppity fun of  
St. Peters' Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Bring your Easter baskets on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Stay for the hunt after the 10:00AM service.  
Weather permitting, the hunt will be OUTSIDE this year.  
Prizes, treats, baked goods and a surprise visit from a special guest!

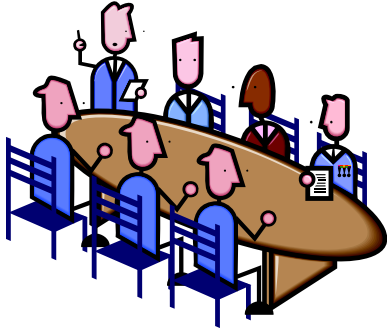


If you would like to donate candy, small trinkets or prizes,  
please leave them in the basket in the Narthex.  
Thank You.



### **Candy Making:**

Just in time for Easter. Come have a night of fun. Learn to make delicious chocolates. Everyone welcome teens and above. Friday, April 3rd @ 7PM. Cost is \$15.00. If interested call Jeans Matthews 610-825-0370 .( Deadline March 31st.)



## Stewardship Notes

The Stewardship Committee is hard at work developing the format for the upcoming Member Appreciation Luncheon on April 26; the Committee Chairs will each be reaching out and thanking everyone who works together to make St. Peter's the strong and active congregation of service that it is. Be sure to mark your calendar to come to the luncheon after the 10 a.m. service.

By now, the Dollar a Day campaign is well under way. Be sure to use whatever format you choose to as you participate in this important effort. Special envelopes are in the pews, regular envelopes may be used—just write the extra amount on the outside of the envelope. Simply Giving participants should call the Church office.



AND, the Stewardship Committee welcomes Charles Skutches to its membership and says a fond "thank you" to Sarah Cohen for her hard work as she steps down (for now, Sarah) in order to focus on her many other St. Peter's jobs. The Stewardship Committee wishes to post a job opening for members of the Committee; while the wages are somewhat deferred, the company is a great one to be with. Talk to any member if you would like to help!

## Council Corner

St. Peter's Congregation Council meets the second Tuesday of each month. This feature in our newsletter will be devoted to highlights from those meetings. At the most recent meeting, the Council heard a report from Cate Lownes regarding plans that her Interior Decorating committee has developed. Sample conference room furniture, some modifications to the Narthex and some other exciting suggestions were part of Cate's report.

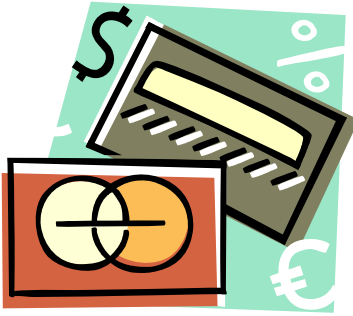


A sub-committee has been working on the development of the best and most informative way to present information on a regular basis regarding where we stand in meeting our mortgage and operating expenses. You will soon see a graphic format in both the Newsletter and in periodic weekly bulletins. It is hoped that by using this format, our fiscal position may be effectively communicated to everyone. In a related matter, final plans for the "rollout" of the Dollar a Day Campaign were discussed.

Council also directed its attention to an expanded mission for the Mutual Ministry Committee, to the efforts planned for the second **St. Peter's Service Day** (April 25) and for the exciting **Member Appreciation Luncheon** (April 26). We certainly hope for strong support from everyone for both of these important events. More information will be forthcoming as the days draw near.

Council has also welcomed its two new members, Ellen Daneke and Gary Rotenbury and it has elected officers for 2009. John Lewis is President, Charles Skutches is Vice-President, Claire Riggs is Secretary, and Vicky Hyczko is Treasurer. While challenging, everyone looks forward to an exciting and productive year!

## THANK YOU FROM THE SCRIP PROGRAM



Thank You --- to All of you Participating in the SCRIP Program! Your continued participation made it possible for St. Peter's SCRIP Program to make its first 2009, \$500 donation to the Building Fund during March's Church Council meeting. Dollars earned on your purchases of SCRIP cards added up. Thank you!!

New participants can help us to raise funds more quickly for the Building Fund. Won't you stop by to visit with Karen or Meg in the Narthex on Sunday? They can show you how very easy it is to join your fellow congregation members.



Deaths:Helen Mikelsons (Sylvia Rotenbury's mother,3/3/2009)

Patricia Lavanchy (Chris Lavanchy's mother,3/2/2009)

Doris Foster (Mirian Bolger's mother, (3-6-2009)

Ada L. Wentz (Bob Wentz's mother (3-2-2009)

Irene Degutis (2-23-2009)