

St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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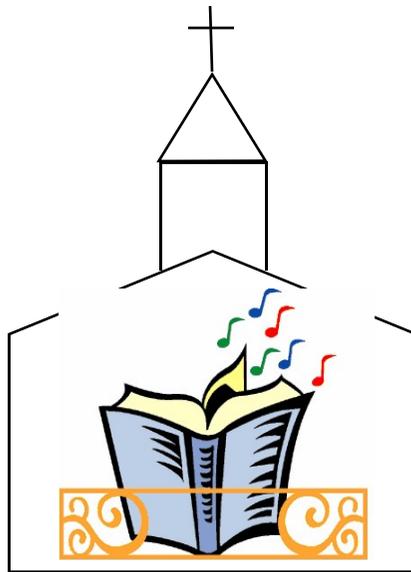
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St. Peter's Church West Penn



where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn.

St. Peter's Church Mission Statement

"St. Peter's Church is committed to providing a family atmosphere for people of all ages. We are a people who sincerely care about each other and the community. We strive to be one people, bonded by Christ's love.

We look to the future for the continued vitality that we share today. Through worship, preaching, fellowship, and servanthood, may we reach out to all people as a witness to the living God."



March Winds and Steady Anchors

As we are in the month of March, there is an old proverb tells us March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. It seems in so many ways that this third month of the year is often a turning point in our year. This truly is a month of wild, unpredictable turns. One moment we are greeted by the golden warmth of what seems to be spring finally breaking through the cold, and the next moment, 6-8 inches of snow is being forecasted with a wind chill of -10 degrees. We never know what to expect in this month, it may be a bit rocky, but no matter what we see our way through to brighter and warmer days to come.

In so many ways, March can be a bit of a mirror of our spiritual lives. We all have "lion" seasons, those moments when the winds of circumstance howl around us, threatening to upend our peace, our finances, or our families. We do not know which way to turn, what to expect, or sometimes how we will see our way through it. Perhaps you are in the middle of a "lion" season right now. You might feel stretched thin, under pressure, like it is difficult to hold on as you are buffeted by pressures that seem to come from every direction at once. Let me tell you this: You are not alone! The God we know, as the Lion of Judah, roars louder than what we are going through. He is the one that carries us, sustains us, and will bring us through.

When the weather is this volatile, the most important thing isn't the strength of the wind; it's the depth of the anchor. In Hebrews 6:19, we are reminded that we have a hope that serves as an "anchor for the soul, firm and secure." An anchor's job isn't to stop the storm from happening. Anchors do not have magical powers to make the storm disappear from the boat and make the seas become calm. The job of the anchor is to keep the ship from drifting into rocks while the storm rages. When life feels chaotic, our anchor isn't found in a change of circumstances, but in the person of Jesus Christ.

As we journey through this month, I encourage you to look past the "lions" circling your door. Whether you feel behind, tired, or under pressure, remember that the wind eventually dies down and that the Anchor continues to hold. Let's use this month to seat our hope more deeply in Him, knowing that after every lion-like trial, the peace of the Lamb is waiting to lead us home.

Stay steady, and hold on!

- *Pastor Josh*



Lenten Series
of
Shared Worship

The Lenten Season Services for this year will again continue to be shared with our sister churches as the pastors will be collaborating in the leadership of the worship services. Preaching Themes will be "From Dust To Life." The remaining schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 4th

Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighton, PA 18235
Pastor Tony Pagotto, Preaching

Wednesday, March 11th

Zion Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold, PA 17960
Pastor Josh Nemeth, Preaching

Wednesday, March 18th

St. Peter's Church, West Penn 184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua PA 18252
Mrs. Linnea Meiser, Preaching

Wednesday, March 25th

Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, 1825 Dinkey Road, Lehighton
Pastor Randy Lentz, Preaching

*Refreshments and fellowship to follow at each church after the mid-week Lenten services.
All offerings will be given to the Cold Weather Warming Station Ministry.*

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd ~ Sacrament of Holy Communion

Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighton, PA 18235
Sater Meal

Good Friday, April 3rd

St. John's Lutheran Church, 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighton
All Preaching



Giving is one way we worship together. Scan the QR code to give quickly and securely, helping us continue the work God is doing here. Thank you for supporting the ministry and mission of our church.

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St. Peter's Union Church
Easter Flower Orders
Sponsored by
WASP
Women's Association of St. Peter's

IN HONOR OF _____

BY _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

BY _____

_____ Lilies	\$ 10.00	_____
_____ Daffodils	\$ 8.00	_____
_____ Tulips	\$ 8.00	_____
_____ Hydrangeas	\$ 17.50	_____
_____ Mums	\$ 9.50	_____

Order Deadline - Sunday, March 8th

Money must accompany the order

(Make checks payable to: W.A.S.P.)

Give Orders to:

Lori Hoppes, home: 570-386-2440

Call or text to cell: 610-393-0901

or turn in or mail to the church office

ST. PETER'S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

- The *Kitchen Krew* will be making Filling. Orders are due March 22. Pick up will be Thursday April 2 at the South Entrance 11:00-1:00. \$8/quart. Anyone willing to help please leave Charlene Miller know. Charlene 570-386-4267. Orders are being taken by Karen Diehl 570-386-5472 or karend@ptd.net or cell 610-554-1296.



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

February's Joyous Noise collection totaled \$ 255.66 and will go to the family of Kalene Birdsall of Macungie. Kalene passed away at the age of 40 in November 2025 at St. Luke's Hospice House with her family by her side. Kalene is survived by her husband, Brian, and two children, Luke and Hazel. The Joyous Noise collection will go towards the benefit of the children.

March's Joyous Noise collection will go toward Austin Klein's education. Austin started attending St. Joseph's Center for Special Learning after attending public school for kindergarten. St. Joseph's Center provides a learning environment tailored to Austin's unique needs. This donation will go directly toward Austin's tuition.

Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Sunday School and may be mailed to the church office. If you know of an organization or individual that could benefit from St. Peter's Joyous Noise Offering, please contact Hannah Miller or Nicole Hunsicker. Thank you for your support!

In case of inclement weather, please listen to WMGH/WLSH Radio Station, watch TV Channel 13 or the Channel 69 website (www.wfmz.com) for any change in the time or cancellation of St. Peter's Church worship schedule.

LECTOR SIGN-UPS

We are in need of the congregation to sign up to be lectors each Sunday. We are asking that those willing to serve sign-up on the sheet provided on the table in the church parlor. The reading will be provided each week through email and/or in the bin on pastor's door. You may sign up for one Sunday, or multiple Sundays (which is encouraged). Thank you!



Retirees

Retirees will meet on *March 11th* in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. There will be food, fun, fellowship, and games. Please contact Sharon Herring if you are interested in participating so she can plan for the meals. If you would like to assist in any way, please let Sharon know. She can be reached at (570) 386-3202 The Retirees are open to anyone, age is not a factor.

They meet the second Wednesday of every month and always welcome new members.

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD!

Daylight Savings Time begins on *March 8th* at 2:00 AM.
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

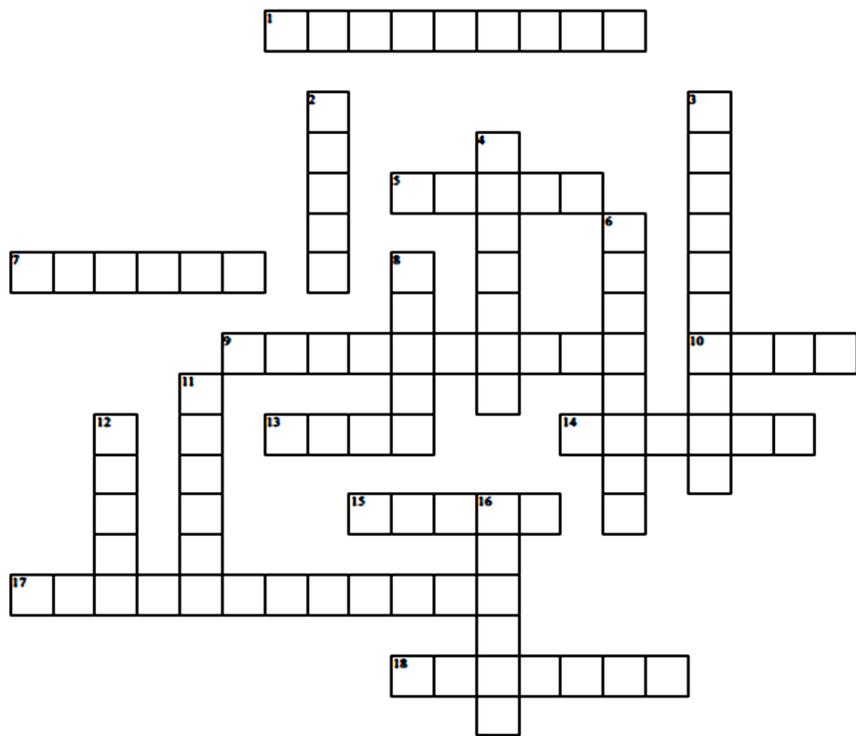


The first day of Spring is March 20th.

TIME TO REMOVE FLOWERS

THE CEMETERY BOARD REQUESTS THAT ALL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS (AND OLDER) BE REMOVED FROM THE CEMETERY BY *MARCH 31ST* TO GET READY FOR OUR SPRING CLEANUP.

LENTEN CROSSWORD



Across

1. ASH _____
 5. The Christian holy book
 7. Jesus entered Jerusalem on this animal
 9. Day in Lent recalling Jesus' death (2 words)
 10. Branches waved at Jesus upon his entry into Jerusalem
 13. Was with Jesus at the cross

14. Jesus prayed for 40 days here
 15. What Jesus died upon
 17. We spend Lent preparing for Jesus death and _____
 18. Giving to _____ is a good Lenten practice

Down

2. What Jesus shed for our sins

3. Holy Communion started after this
 4. To go without
 6. The final week of Lent (2 words)
 8. Number of days in LENT
 11. Season after Lent
 12. Disciple who betrayed Jesus
 16. PALM _____



St. Peter's Church would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Carol for sharing her many talents as Director of Music from October 20, 2020 to March 1, 2026. Beginning her journey during the challenges of COVID was no small task, yet Carol ensured that our services continued to be filled with beautiful music from the organ, piano, and choirs.

She played an instrumental role in completing the organ project and bringing our new Allen Organ to life. Her dedication, faithfulness, and love of music have enriched our worship in countless ways.

Carol will be dearly missed in her role as Director of Music, and we are deeply grateful for the time and talent she devoted to St. Peter's. We wish her much joy as she enjoys more time with those she loves, while still joining us in worship.

ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING

During the month of March, we will be receiving our offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing. These gifts help aid families and communities throughout the world. An informational sheet will be included in a future bulletin and envelopes have been placed on the table in the church parlor and at both entrances to the sanctuary. Or, you can mail your donation to the church or contribute through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) Found on our website.



W. A. S. P. News



The next meeting of the Women's Association of St. Peter's will be on **Tuesday, March 17th** (subject to change) at 7:00 PM. Cathy Wehr and Brittany Wehr will provide refreshments.

WASP usually meets in the fellowship hall the third Tuesday of every month, unless a special event is planned. All women are invited to join them.



Lucky March

by Barbara Nametko



T U V 8

March is sure to bring lots of excitement and good luck for preschool! We will continue with visits from community helpers at the beginning of the month. Then moving on to our favorite holiday, St Patrick's Day! At the end of March preschool will get ready for Easter with our annual Bunny Breakfasts and egg hunt.

Our focus letters this month will be the letters T, U and V. Our focus colors will be traffic light colors, with the number 8 and diamond shape. March is sure to bring mischief from that tricky leprechaun and lots of bunnies and chicks along with some Easter fun! Stop by our classroom and see if you can spy some Preschool leprechauns or bunnies!

This March, preschool will be fundraising with 3 Sweets in Mahanoy City through March 12th. Delivery will be on Monday, March 30th in time for Easter. If you would like to order some delicious chocolate, please see any of our preschool families or contact Mrs. Nametko or Mrs. Houser. Thank you for your continued support and keep your eye out for some preschool leprechauns! Happy St. Patrick's Day!



NEWSLETTER SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors are always welcome because it defrays our mailing costs. Our postage has increased due to the Post Office raising prices. You can be a sponsor for as little as \$75.00, or you can choose to sponsor the entire newsletter for \$150.00. Send your sponsorship or contact the office at 570-386-4388.



Say a Prayer for:

Recent

Loved Ones of
 Connie Samler
Loved Ones of
 Loretta Beers
Loved Ones of
 Kay Faust
Daniel Smith
Jessica Hill
John Tracy
Judy Gerber
Kim Acierno
Karen Nelson
Larry Chesla
Liam Melicharek
Margaret Kern
Russel Miller
Scott Middlecamp
Tracie & Scott Clews

Ongoing

Austin Klein
Barry Reinert
Beth Pravozino
Betty Breiner
Bonnie Miller
Bruce Miller
Carolyn Lantz
Clyde
Cody Wolfgang
Dale Peterson
Darlene Kunkel
Darryl Moyer
Debbie Mooney
Dennis Oriel

DeRue Kistler
Donald Hank Williams
Edna Moyer
Erin Coombe
Erlin Moyer
Gregory Slivka
Harry & Janie Conner
Hope Gramlich
Kenneth Breiner
Leon Kunkel
Linda Garber
Lisa Moyer
Lynn Long
Maggie Wehr
Margarita Santnadelon
Mark Wolfe
Marsha Rodgers
Mary Lou McGowan
Nadine
Parker Brode
Paul David
Renee Troutman
Ricky Everett
Rita Yarmell
Ron Hinderliter
Russell Snyder
Sandy Clemson
Sharon Horning
Sherry Goerner
Sue Hower
Teresa Fowler
Wayne Lazarus

Those on Our Visitation List:

Buddy Arner, Jr.
Hazel Arner
Edith Coombe
Robert Coombe
Olga Faust
Barbara Kershner
Wendy Kunkel
Larry Miller
Gary Steigerwalt
Doris Wolfe



Our Missionaries:

Michael, Kay, Mikayla,
Leilani, & Michael
Killar
Maude, Valera, Zarina,
Alexander, & Nicolas
Motovilov

Our Military Overseas:

Deployed to USS Harry Truman: Austin Resch

Deployed to Japan: John McGuire

Deployed to Germany: Joyce Steigerwalt

Deployed to Saudi Arabia: Ryan Snyder

Our Military ~ Active Not Deployed:

Mark Habel

Dustin Hoppes

LeRoy E. Kromer II

Timothy Kromer

Ezekiel Kuneck

Sean Kurtz

Antonio Lorenzo

Dominic Lorenzo

Amanda Miller

Tyler Resch

Alexis Scott

Trevor Schilling

Andy Snyder

Ryan Snyder

Alexander Thomas

Chad Wehr

Mark West

Scott West

Michael Zeigenfuss

**If you know of someone to be added or removed from the Prayer List, please contact
Pastor Josh, Chris Miller or the church office.**

SUPPLY ORGANISTS NEEDED

We are in search of supply organists. If you are interested, or know of anyone that would be able to fill in, please reach out to info@stpwp.com.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,

No hands but yours,

No feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world.

Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good.

Yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now.

~Teresa of Avila

The deadline for the April issue of the "Cornerstone" is

Tuesday, March 10th

Deadline for articles/information is always the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Daily Lectionary Readings for March 2026

Sunday, March 01, 2026: *Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17*
Monday, March 02, 2026: *Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6;*
Tuesday, March 03, 2026: *Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13;*
Wednesday, March 04, 2026: *Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11;*
Thursday, March 05, 2026: *Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23;*
Friday, March 06, 2026: *Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22;*
Saturday, March 07, 2026: *Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6;*
Sunday, March 08, 2026: *Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42*
Monday, March 09, 2026: *Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13;*
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: *Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4;*
Wednesday, March 11, 2026: *Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39;*
Thursday, March 12, 2026: *Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32;*
Friday, March 13, 2026: *Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9;*
Saturday, March 14, 2026: *Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9;*
Sunday, March 15, 2026: *Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41*
Monday, March 16, 2026: *Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20;*
Tuesday, March 17, 2026: *Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14;*
Wednesday, March 18, 2026: *Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34;*
Thursday, March 19, 2026: *Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11;*
Friday, March 20, 2026: *Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19;*
Saturday, March 21, 2026: *Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53;*
Sunday, March 22, 2026: *Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45*
Monday, March 23, 2026: *Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12;*
Tuesday, March 24, 2026: *Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10;*
Wednesday, March 25, 2026: *Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33;*
Thursday, March 26, 2026: *Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11;*
Friday, March 27, 2026: *Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30;*
Saturday, March 28, 2026: *Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34;*
Sunday, March 29, 2026: *Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66*
Monday, March 30, 2026: *Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11*
Tuesday, March 31, 2026: *Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36*



Blessed are those who read and hear the Word of God and keep it.

Tomorrow is never promised. . . .

Today, love a little deeper, kiss a little longer, laugh a little louder and hold the ones you love a little tighter.

~unknown

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