

**St. Peter's Church, West Penn**  
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**Rev. Virginia M. Heimer, Pastor**

**For Pastoral Care or Emergency:**

**Pastor Heimer's Cell: 610-762-3840**

**Pastor Heimer will be in her office on:**

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM;**

**Thursdays from 9:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM**

**Friday ~ OFF; Saturday ~ SABBATH DAY**

**(Contact for emergencies only, please. If you have a prayer request, please email)**

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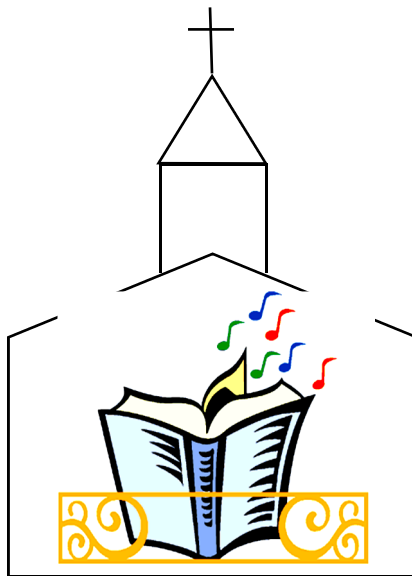
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# St. Peter's Church West Penn



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."*



*“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross, so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.”*

~1 Peter 2:24 New Living Translation

### **Lent: The Fast before the Feast**

The church year from November to April certainly keeps us on our toes. The Christmas decorations are barely put away and here we are on our way to the next great event in the life of the church: the season of Lent that prepares us for Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord.

Did you ever go on a diet before a vacation so that you could really live it up and eat anything you wanted to eat? Lent is not only a time to fast from food so that we can enjoy our feast on Easter Sunday. It is a time to pull back into a kind of spiritual desert so that we can truly rejoice in the Resurrection and embrace the power and the meaning of it in our lives. When I was in seminary, I noticed a copy of “The Passion of Christ” in the library during Lent in my second year. Although the movie had already been out for almost 7 years, I had never watched it. I didn’t want to see it because I had heard how horrific it was. But that year, something told me to watch it. It was shocking and terrifying and I wept for the pain that Jesus endured for me, for all of us and for the world. I can still see those awful images of the crucifixion in my mind, and I purposefully try to think about them during the season of Lent because that is part of my fast before the feast.

I picture what Jesus suffered so that I can genuinely and wholeheartedly rejoice on Easter Sunday as his disciples, friends and family did when they finally realized that he had been raised from the dead. We cannot truly appreciate victory until we have tasted defeat, we don’t know true freedom unless we have once been in bondage, and how would we know what light was if we never knew darkness?

It is a somber time of year for a reason, it is a time for darkness that prepares us for the greatest light we will ever know. Jesus suffered and died, he took the sin of the world upon himself and defeated sin and death so that we do not need to fear anything. My prayer for all of us is that we take this time of year seriously. Make it a fast, however you choose to do that, so that you can rejoice in the feast of Easter Sunday and take part in the Resurrection as you see it happening in your own life and in your own heart.

*Many Blessings,  
Pastor Ginny*



Lenten Series  
*of*  
Shared Worship

*The Lenten Season Services for this year will be shared with our sister churches as the pastors will be collaborating in the leadership of the worship services. The schedule is as follows:*

**Ash Wednesday**

February 22, 2023

7:00 PM at St. Peter's

**Midweek Lenten Worship** at 7:00 PM on the following dates:

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

at Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighton

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

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

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

at Zion Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

at Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, 1825 Dinkey Road, Lehighton

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

at St. Peter's

**Maundy Thursday, Model Seder Meal**

April 6, 2023

7:00 PM at Ben Salem UCC, Lehighton

**Good Friday**

April 7, 2023

7:00 PM at St. John's LC, Mahoning

*Refreshments and fellowship to follow at each church after the mid-week Lenten services*



**Lenten Offering Envelopes**

The season of Lent, a time to walk with Jesus, seeing him as he uses his healing power on the suffering and helping the less fortunate. Your Lenten offerings helps us to support our ELCA and UCC missions.

Lenten envelopes can be found at each entrance to the sanctuary or you can mail your special Lenten offerings to the church office or place the envelopes in the offering plate on a Sunday morning.

## ST. PETER'S | FUNDRAISING FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

*The current account balance is \$5,100.00*

- The Building Fund transferred 5% of the 2022 fund raising profits to the St. Peter's Discretionary Fund. The amount was \$1,203.95.
- A check in the amount of \$8,000 was issued for the roof project.
- We appreciate the generosity of the members who direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars throughout the year to the Building Fund account. The 2022 monies received was \$3,534.



*January's Joyous Noise Offering for the month of January totaled \$458.37 and was designated for The Community Fire Company of New Tripoli. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 many fire companies from around our area responded to a fire in West Penn Township. Ultimately, two firefighters, Zachary Paris and Marvin Gruber, both from New Tripoli lost their lives in the line of duty.*

Thank You to everyone for your continued efforts of fundraising and your support of the church. The 2nd phase of the roof project was completed in December. Included in this newsletter is a Capital Campaign envelope to help with the cost of this project. Thank You in advance for your monetary support of this project.

St. Peter's Church Board

### BELLS! BELLS! BELLS!



Hopefully you enjoyed hearing our Bell Choir ~ BUT, we could sure use some more ringers! We have lots of extra bells that, if played, would make the sound even better. If you'd like to come to a practice and see if you might enjoy playing, please contact Carol Steigerwalt at 570-768-5165, or just come to a practice ~ **Thursdays at 6:30 PM beginning February 2nd** ~~~ and, we have lots of fun!

### ST. PETER'S DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS

"Cricket County Academy" Dinner Theater

Save the dates!

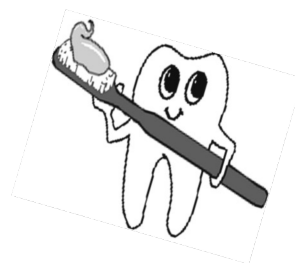
Friday, May 5th, Saturday, May 6th, & Sunday, May 7th.

More information to follow.



## **Love Bugs!**

By: Barbara Nametko



***February will bring lots of fun and crafts for Preschool! We will start our month off with talking about that silly Groundhog. Each Preschooler will get to pick if they want an early spring or six more weeks of winter! I am routing for an early spring!***

***We will also be making a fun groundhog craft and having a special Groundhogs day snack! After Groundhog's Day, preschool will be getting ready for Valentine's Day! We will be making some cute name love bugs, along with lots of heart crafts. Our Valentine's Day parties will include some delicious snacks along with our Valentine card exchange.***

***February is also Community Helper month for preschool. We are very excited to have some of our parents come to our classroom and tell us how their jobs help in our community.***

***We will be focusing on the letters, P, Q, R and S. The number 7, heart shape and the colors, gray and pink.***

***February will be filled with lots of hearts, groundhogs, and love! One of our favorite thing to do during this exciting month will be to bring lots of hearts and love to Ms. Elaine and Pastor Ginny! We are very grateful for all the love they give to preschool!***



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***The February Cornerstone Newsletter is sponsored in honor of the birthday of Dave Hontz on February 22nd, and in loving memory of his wife, Minna.***

***Happy Birthday Dave!***



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
March Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, February 14th.**

***Say a Prayer for:***

*Loved Ones of  
Rev. David Knoebel  
Loved Ones of  
Gladys Krell  
Dan Myers  
Bob Goerner  
Gladys Balliet  
Robert Coombe  
Althea Zehner  
Ralph Fisher  
Caleb Nelson  
Loretta Beers  
Teena Miller  
David Schoch  
Erin Coombe  
Dorothy Miller  
Sharon Tanczos  
Karen Lenhart  
Wesley Whiting  
Billy James  
Charlotte Solt  
Wyatt Davis  
Rita Yarnell  
Laurie Black  
Eric Breiner  
Melanie Santee  
Matt Brickler  
Darryl Moyer  
Betty Breiner  
Betty Clark  
Debbie Peipher  
Rose Bear  
Sherry Seip  
Maggie Wehr  
Nancy Domanski  
Melinda Frey*

*Linda Agosti  
Walter Szymanski  
Logan Pribila  
Bruce Wolf  
Lori Fairchild  
Franklin Mackes  
Thomas Miller  
Mark Abrachinsky  
Greg Blackall  
Lana Kuehner  
Lucas Milot  
Travis Flannigan  
Paul David  
Zayden Mabey  
Gary Zehner  
John Kowlewski  
Jessica Nehm  
Aiden Kreimendahl  
Mike & Bernice Delp  
Ben Fink  
Diane Middlecamp  
Gino Lorady  
Kim & Dave Carson  
Marion Kupres  
Louise Billman  
Tony Masor  
Sherry Walz  
Shari Yediny  
Richard Kistler  
Darlene Kunkel  
Erla Biasi  
Carolyn Kunkle  
Aspen Murphy  
Jillian Datchko  
Pastor Nathan Kennedy  
Russel Stull, Jr.  
Veronica Steigerwalt  
Donna Roderick*

*Jaden Leiby  
Justin Klotz  
Gene McCormik  
Mike Rascho  
William Shirar  
Amy Meixsall  
Jackson Delebar  
Austin Klein  
Melissa Drake  
Lorna Hart  
Carson Barron  
Caroline Lantz  
Nancy Barkus*

***Those on  
Our Visitation List:***

*Buddy Arner, Jr.  
Arlene Breiner  
Robert Coombe  
Ola Faust  
Lynn Gerber  
Rev. David Knoebel  
Larry Miller  
Velma Schaeffer  
Warren Steigerwalt  
June Williams  
Doris Wolfe*

***Our Missionaries:***

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



## Our Military Overseas:

*Deployed to Japan: John McGuire*

*Deployed to Africa: Jonathan & Michelle Liggitt*

## Our Military ~ Active Not Deployed:

*Patrick Donahue, II*

*Mark Habel*

*Dustin Hoppes*

*LeRoy E. Kromer II*

*Timothy Kromer*

*Ezekiel Kuneck*

*Sean Kurtz*

*Antonio Lorenzo*

*Dominic Lorenzo*

*Amanda Miller*

*Lisa Miller*

*Austin Resch*

*Tyler Resch*

*Trevor Schilling*

*Andy Snyder*

*Chad Wehr*

*Mark West*

*Scott West*

Our sympathies go to the family and friends of

**Gladys M. Krell**

who passed into eternal life on

**January 5, 2023**

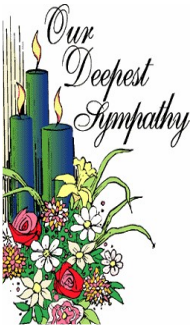
and

**Rev. David Knoebel**

who passed into eternal life on

**January 19, 2023**

Please remember these families in your prayers.



**St. Peters Church Family,**

***Thank you so much for the gift cards that were given to us at Thanksgiving. We all appreciate your thinking of us at this time.***

***Matt, Susie, & Abby***





### Daily Lectionary Readings for February 2023

Wednesday, February 1, 2023: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26  
Thursday, February 2, 2023: Psalm 24:7-10 ; Hebrews 2:14-18 ; Luke 2:22-40  
Thursday, February 2, 2023: Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5  
Friday, February 3, 2023: Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18  
Saturday, February 4, 2023: Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8  
Sunday, February 5, 2023: Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)Matthew 5:13-20  
Monday, February 6, 2023: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10  
Tuesday, February 7, 2023: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12  
Wednesday, February 8, 2023: Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30  
Thursday, February 9, 2023: Psalm 119:1-8; Genesis 26:1-5; James 1:12-16  
Friday, February 10, 2023: Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 26:34-46; 1 John 2:7-17  
Saturday, February 11, 2023: Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:1-9a; Matthew 15:1-9  
Sunday, February 12, 2023: Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37  
Monday, February 13, 2023: Psalm 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023: Psalm 119:9-16; Deuteronomy 23:21-24:4, 10-15; James 2:1-13  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023: Psalm 119:9-16; Proverbs 2:1-15; Matthew 19:1-12  
Thursday, February 16, 2023: Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7  
Friday, February 17, 2023: Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28  
Saturday, February 18, 2023: Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13  
Sunday, February 19, 2023: Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9  
Monday, February 20, 2023: Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34  
Tuesday, February 21, 2023: Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023: Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
Thursday, February 23, 2023: Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7  
Friday, February 24, 2023: Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17  
Saturday, February 25, 2023: Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7  
Sunday, February 26, 2023: Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11  
Monday, February 27, 2023: Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023: Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10



*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.*

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## **FUTURE BUS TRIPS**

### **MACKINAC ISLAND**

Including Frankenmuth & The Upper Peninsula

6 Days - 5 Nights

June 11 - 16, 2023

\$1,030.00 Per Person (Double Occupancy) \$1,360.00 (Single)

### **SAVANNAH-GOLDEN ISLES-BEAUFORT**

Three Belles of The South

7 Days - 6 Nights

September 10 - 16, 2023

\$910.00 Per Person ( Double Occupancy) \$1,220.00 ( Single)

### **SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE, LANCASTER, PA**

Miracle of Christmas

Friday, November 3, 2023

\$160 Per Person Adult \$110 (Child 3-12)

For information and reservations contact:

Sue Conner @ 570-778-5367

## **2023 ALTAR & BOWL FLOWER COST CHANGE**

Please note that the 2023 chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Make sure you have the Sundays you want by filling in the date (s) now. Altar flower Sponsors: \$30.00 per altar arrangement, Piano Bowl: \$30.00 and \$30.00 for an extra arrangement placed on the organ. Contact Susan Hunsicker or the Church Office to reserve your Sunday date. Bulletins can also be sponsored for \$15.00.

***Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil  
- it has no point.***

# ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash

Wednesday

Sacrifice

Almsgiving

Prayer

Fasting

Lent

Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Easter

Palm Sunday

Purple

Palm Branch

Forty Days

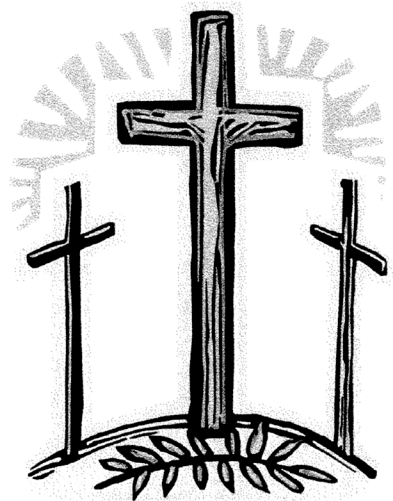
Jesus

Passover

Foot Washing

Resurrection

Love



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