



**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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## Our Mission:

Learn God's Truth



Share Spirit's Healing



Follow Jesus' Way



### *St. Peter's WELCA News*

**Quilting Group** - No experience is necessary to help with quilt making—if you can use scissors, we can use you! Contact Janice Frederick for more information (410-665-1868).

### *St. Peter's Family Goods Center*

Because of water damage caused by a broken pipe in the “brick house,” we have had to delay our opening. In the meantime, we are still collecting donations (see attached list). Donations can be placed in the shopping cart in the church Narthex.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Family Goods Center, please contact Bill Lauer. This is a great opportunity for service hours for your middle or high school student, and volunteer hours for SPES families.

### *Baltimore Cancer Support Group*

**Weekly Meetings:** We meet at St. Peter's on Thursday evenings beginning at 7 pm. All who are/have been touched by cancer are welcome to join us for conversation and support. For more information, contact us at 410-668-1762.

### *Clothing Shed*

St. John's, Parkville (8808 Harford Rd., 21234) has a clothing shed. Please consider donating gently used clothes, linens, shoes, belts, blankets, purses, and stuffed toys (no housewares).

### *Hymn Sing Sunday*

On Sunday, July 5th, we will join together with one service at 9 am. To make this an extra special worship, we'd like to incorporate some of your favorite hymns! Please submit your top three selections by Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> either by email to the church office or written on the back of your “Welcome & Prayer Sheet.”

### *Altar Flower & Bulletin Sponsorships*

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins for an upcoming special event (birthday, anniversary, etc.), contact the church office. Pricing is as follows: **Altar flowers** (2 bouquets) - \$30, **Small round centerpiece** - \$45, **Bulletin sponsorship** - \$10, **Rose Vase** - \$10

### *Like Father, Like Child*

As we celebrate Father's Day (6/21), we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song “Father's Eyes” tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father—and her heavenly Father—in her. “When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, ‘She's got her father's eyes.’”

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart, and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!

June 2011 issue of *The Newsletter* Newsletter

## The WORLD in JOHN'S GOSPEL

When I'm preaching there's a term I use as a shortcut that we find in John's gospel that does nearly the same thing – **the world**. The most prominent place it appears is in John 3:16-17, "God so loved *the world* that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send his Son into *the world* to judge *the world*, but that *the world* might be saved through him." [*Common English Bible*] Now the world is a large body of rock, dirt, water, and air that supports all manner of life. And certainly God can love all the living things he created; when God saw all that he made (Genesis 1), God said, it was very good. But in this passage from John, if it were written, *God loved the people of the world*, that would be more to the point. **We** need to be saved, and God doesn't want to condemn the people he created for himself, who were made in God's image. Yet Paul teaches in Romans chapter 8 that **all** creation is waiting for its redemption, to return to God's intention for Paradise. I believe that when God's chosen are raised from death on the last day, we shall be changed, and the heavens and the earth will be changed as well.

But in John, 'the world' is also a problem, a source of contention for Jesus and his followers. Now many times it can just mean 'the people of the world'. But in John 7:7, Jesus states that something is wrong, "The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify against it that its works are evil." The world, its people, can oppose Jesus, as it said in ch 1, "He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him." A simple computer search shows us other times Jesus uses the term negatively. Jesus told the leaders in the temple, "You are from below, I am from above; you are from this world, I am not from this world." Here Jesus is more specific about the Judeans who oppose him, and if they oppose him, they will also regard his followers as their enemies. For Jesus had

told his followers when he shared his Last Supper, "If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." Here's where things become more spiritual and mystical. There's something wrong with the spirit of the world. Its people, and specifically some members of his own nation, oppose Jesus. That this enmity includes us as people of faith, who don't belong to this world, is made clear in the rite of baptism when we answer this question: "Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of **this world** that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?" Did we understand, as children or parents, what we were getting into when we promised to stand against the evil of this world? Jesus means for believers not to be 'of this world'. Jesus, more so in John's gospel, is concerned with God's people Israel, whom he hopes to bring into his following – 'when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.'

That final confrontation with the world comes when Pilate has Jesus on trial. 'Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Judeans. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." But as we've witnessed at Eastertime, Jesus' death did not stop him from saving 'the world'. And he showed his confidence in that mission when Jesus concluded his message to his disciples, "I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!"

I have a resource that has helped me to understand why I used this same shortcut. From the "Social-Science Commentary on the Gospel of John" (*phew!*), the authors need to define the term 'the world' as John uses it. As I said above, Jesus is sent by God to love the

world, but for John's purpose, the people God loves are the nation God chose for his own, Israel. But 'the world' also refers to the people who oppose Jesus at that time, the Judeans, including some but not all the Sadducees, the priests and scribes, the Pharisees, and the Sanhedrin, the council in Jerusalem. While some lined up against him, being part of 'the powers of this world', many Jews believed in Jesus as the Messiah. Then Philip, Peter, and Paul began preaching to outsiders, Samaritans and gentiles. In Matthew, Jesus told his followers to make disciples of 'all nations'. In the book of Acts, he told his apostles that they would witness "to the ends of the earth." So while John wrote to his audience who were struggling because a divide had happened between Jews

and gentiles, today we are speaking to the whole world, including those who differ or oppose God's mission to love the world. My experience of this conflict is that, regarding *church*, people don't want to know, or just don't care. And that's as hard to speak to as anyone who actively resists religion. No doubt that's why Jesus taught that we should love our enemies. God does, even when God is rejected. It's good that this is how God acts, because we'd be likely to fail to obey that command. And God still loves us!

[Thanks for letting me write something longer and deeper. I don't know how well I can teach this stuff, but I love thinking about it.]

Pax, *Pastor Lans*

## **A NOTE from YOUR CHOIR DIRECTOR**

Reading through Pastor's exhortation about the **world** in John's gospel made me go to my hymnal to find a response to the dualistic portrayal of the world, the beauty and glory of God's creation on one side, and the crept in evil which corrupts this beautiful world.

The first song that immediately appeared was a joyful favorite:

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought. (ELW 824)

Another hymn expresses the dark side that wants to threaten us:

When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair, when searching just confounds us with false hopes everywhere, when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare, we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us. (ELW 704)

And we do get comfort by singing:

God loved the world so that he gave his only son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive. (ELW 323)

In Advent we look forward and sing:

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last, furrows lie open for God's creative task: this, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set everybody free. (ELW 266)

And at Christmas we rejoice:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing! ELW 267)

And today on Pentecost Monday, trusting in God's promise of the Holy Spirit we pray:

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, with all your graces now outpoured on each believer's mind and heart; your fervent love to them impart. Lord, by the

brightness of your light in holy faith your church unite; from every land and every tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! (ELW 395)

Bärbel Otto

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### ***June Happy Birthday!***

2 Clara Bayne	23 Kristen Neat
4 Brian Lynch	25 Bud Gahs
6 Derek Lynch	26 Carol Beecher
12 Joshua Sacker	26 Karen McCormick
17 Vivian Fargus	26 Melody Lynch
21 Jennifer Smith	30 Madison Buttion

### ***June Happy Re-birthday!***

4 Peter Fargus	16 Bruce Bayne
7 Clara Bayne	24 Kevin Gladstone
8 Monte Duru	



### ***July Happy Birthday!***

2 Eileen Miller	18 Tom Knoerlein
3 Tabitha Baron	19 Jacob Frederick
4 Joan Metzbower	22 Carole Grimm
8 Lauren Zimmerman	23 Leroy Frado
10 Cecilia Plantholt	27 Eleni Arena
15 Emily Zimmerman	28 Matthew Gahs
17 Kaleb Chmielewski	

### ***July Happy Re-birthday!***

11 Marlee Duru
15 Meah Duru
25 Brian Lynch

Happy Birthday and Happy RE-birthday to those of you who were born or "born into" God's family through baptism in June or July! If your Birthday or RE-birthday is not listed, contact the church office.

## ***June & July Worship Service Assistants Schedule (8:45 am.)***

### **June 7: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis

Usher: \*Rich Murphy

### **June 14: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt

Usher: Kathy Shull

### **June 21: 4th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Father's Day**

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

### **June 28: 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Ushers: \*Don Bayne

### **July 5: 6th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Rich Murphy

Ushers: Open

### **July 12: 7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis

Usher: Kathy Shull

### **July 19: 8th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Holly Vogt

Usher: \*Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

### **July 26: 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship Assistant: Don Bayne

Usher: Open

\*Opener

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### ***Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers***

*"Thinking of You" cards  
& notes are always welcome!*

**Mrs. Bea Walshinski**

**Ms. Ruth May**

## ***June Altar Flower Sponsors***

6/7 In Loving Memory of Dorothy Price's June 3rd birthday, and Cora Sawyer's birthday. Given by Rich, Terri, Richie, Casey, and John Patrick Murphy .

6/7 In Honor of Susanne's birthday, June 11th. Given by Siegfried and Bärbel Otto.

6/14 In Honor of Anthony Smith's June 17th birthday. Given by the Heinbaugh family.

6/21 In Loving Memory of my father, Ernest Grimm, for his June 27th birthday and Father's Day. Given by his daughter, Carole Grimm.

6/21 In Honor of our daughter, Jennifer's birthday. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

6/21 In Loving Memory of Francis Thrift's June birthday. Given by Nancy Barnes.

6/28 In Loving Memory of my sister, Phyllis, on her June 28th birthday. Given by your sister and best friend, Doris Jean Alkire.

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## ***June Bulletin Sponsors***

6/7 Sponsored by Janice Frederick.

6/14 In Loving Memory of Uncle John Bast for what would have been his 106th birthday, June 14th. Given by the Volz family.

6/14 In Loving Memory of Uncle John Bast for his June 14th birthday. Given by the Mills family.

6/21 In Honor and Memory of our special fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers, and uncles on Father's Day. Given with love by the Mills family.

6/28 In Memory of the June 30th wedding anniversary of Henry and Catherine Milke. Given by their daughter, Arlene Roth.

## ***July Altar Flower Sponsors***

7/5 In Loving Memory of my mother, Vi Grimm, for her July 5th birthday. Given by her daughter, Carole Grimm.

7/5 In Honor of our Goddaughter, Tabby's birthday. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

7/12 Altar flowers sponsored by Janice Frederick.

7/12 Rose Vase: In Honor of Jacob Frederick's 10th birthday. Given by his grandmother, Irma Stockdale.

7/19 In Loving Memory of Thurley Gahs for her July 22nd birthday. Given by Bud and family.

7/26 In Loving Memory of Audrey Robinson. Given with love by the Mills family.

7/26 In Loving Memory of my dad on his July 31st birthday. Given by Doris Alkire.

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## ***July Bulletin Sponsors***

7/5 In Loving Memory of Grace Dohmeier for her July 5th birthday. Given by her husband, Jerry Dohmeier.

7/12 In Honor of Jacob Frederick for his July birthday. Given by Mom-Mom, Janice Frederick.

7/19 In Honor of Carole Grimm's July 22nd birthday. Given with best wishes from her cousin, Ruth May.

7/19 In Loving Memory of my father, Bill May, for his July 22nd birthday. Given by his daughter, Ruth May.

7/26 In Loving Memory of my husband, Albert, for his birthday. Given by Linda Heinbaugh.

## ***Church & School Staff***

### **Church:**

**Pastor:** Lans Alexis 443-388-1828

### **Organist/Choir Director:**

Bärbel Otto 410-665-7300

### **Contemporary Music/Praise Team**

**Director:** Richard Stone

### **Administrative Assistant:**

Joy Mayne 410-665-7300  
splcoffice7910@gmail.com

### **Sunday Morning Schedule:**

8:45 & 10:15 am. Worship  
9:45 am. Coffee & Conversation  
10:00 am. Sunday school

### **School:**

**Principal:** April Blahut 410-665-4521  
ablahut@spesmd.org

### **Administrative Assistant:**

Karen Yelovich 410-665-4521  
kyelovich@spesmd.org

### **Parents Association for Christian Education (PACE):**

stpeterspace@gmail.com

### **Church Web Address:**

www.st-peterslutheran.com

### **School Web Address:**

www.spesmd.org

### **School Inquiries Email:**

info@spesmd.org

**Need a floral arrangement** for an upcoming holiday event or special celebration? Consider using our Sunday altar flower florist, The Flower Bucket (Drayer's Floris! Call them for pricing and design information at 410-335-6286.

## ***Church Council Officers***

**President:** Mark McQuade

**Vice President:** Karen Yelovich

**Recording Secretary:** Lena Frankenfeld

**Treasurer:** Kathy Sykes

**Financial Secretary:** William Lauer

## ***Church Mission & Planning Team Members***

**Faith Formation:** Karen Yelovich

**Family Goods Center:** Bill Lauer

**Fellowship:** Lena Frankenfeld

**Investment:** Rich Murphy

**Nominating:** Mark McQuade

**Property:** Don Bayne

**School Board:** Lena Frankenfeld

**WELCA:** Heather Frederick

## ***Annual Meetings***




**4th Sunday in February:** Missions and Life of the Church

**2nd Sunday in November:** Vote on budget and council and Investment Committee members

**You can make donations, submit offering, and make sponsorship payments on-line through PayPal! Login to your PayPal account and search for our tag: @Spl367 or St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Christian Day School.**



**Articles for *Networks* are due to the church office by the 15th of each month. For the June/July issue, they are due by May 15th.**

# June 2026

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b> SPES ½ day – last day	<b>2</b> 7p (GC) CR	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10a (H) EGWC	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7p (S) Council mtg.	<b>11</b> 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Flag Day</b> 10a (H) EGWC 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7p (V) School Board Mtg.	<b>18</b> 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>19</b> <b>Juneteenth</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 10a (H) EGWC 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7p (S/SL) BCSG	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10a (H) EGWC	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

Key:  
 (CH) Church; (GC) Grace Chapel; (H) Hall; (LL) Church Lower Level;  
 (S) South Conf. Room; (SL) School Library; (V) Virtual Meeting  
 BCSG=Baltimore Cancer Support Group; CR=Choir Rehearsal  
 EGWC=Ebenezer Grace Worship Center

# July, 2026

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1	2 7p (S/SL) BCSG	3 Church & SPES offices closed in observance of Independence Day holiday	4 American Independence Day 
5 9a Hymn Sing (one service) 10a (H) EGWC	6	7	8 7p (S) Council Mtg.	9 7p (S/SL) BCSG	10	11
12 10a (H) EGWC	13	14	15 7p (V) School Board Mtg.	16 7p (S/SL) BCSG	17	18
19 10a (H) EGWC	20	21	22	23 7p (S/SL) BCSG	24	25
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# St. Peter's Family Goods Center



Body wash & soap

Deodorant

Dish detergent

First aid items

Hair products & accessories

Hand towels

Lotions & lip balm

Shampoo & Conditioner

Tissues

Toothbrush

Washcloths & cleaning rags

Combs & brushes

Diapers (child & adult)

Feminine hygiene products

General cleaning products

Hand soap

Laundry products

Paper towels

Shaving products

Toilet paper

Toothpaste

Wipes