



Networks

Our Mission:

Learning God's Truth



Sharing the Spirit's Healing



Following the Way of Jesus



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Elementary School
7910 Belair Road ~ Baltimore, MD 21236 ~ 410-665-7300 ~ st-peterslutheran.com

October Sundays at St. Peter's

Pet Blessing Sunday (10/4)

Bring your pet, or a picture of your pet, for a special blessing at 9:45 am. on the front lawn! If it's raining, we'll gather in the breezeway.

Commitment Sunday (10/11)

We will focus on being good stewards for God at St. Peter's. See Pastor Lans' article for more information.

Healing Sunday (10/18)

There will be a special time of prayer and anointing for healing during the services.

Reformation Sunday (10/25)

Be bold and wear **RED** as we celebrate our Lutheran birthday!

St. Peter's Elementary School News

Chapel services are celebrated Wednesday mornings at 9 am. All are welcome to attend. We have a "Personal Care Item" collection on the 1st chapel of each month.

Registration for the 2026-27 school year continues! We have openings in all grades (PK3-5th). Contact the school office (410-665-4521) to schedule a tour and for more information.

St. Peter's Family Goods Center

We are just about ready to restock the FGC! Repairs from the flood damage are almost complete. This is a great opportunity for service hours for your middle or high school student. If you are, or your child is, interested in volunteering in the FGC, contact Bill Lauer. Please place donations in the shopping cart in the Narthex.

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).

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.

NEW! BRCA/Previvors Group: Join other previvors and discuss navigating the ins and outs of receiving a cancer diagnosis. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7-8:30 pm. at St. Peter's. For more information, contact Geri (410-852-3688) or Molly (410-227-4692).

See the attached fliers for 2 upcoming fundraiser events: the 13th Annual Car Show and the 34th Annual Bull Roast.

GOOD STEWARDS

This is a joke.

"I take for my text on this Stewardship Sunday Acts chapter 5, verses 1 to 11. In Acts we're told that the believers shared their possessions, selling properties and supporting their group with the proceeds; Barnabas was one of them, but then we hear of another couple where things don't go well:

Ananias and his wife Sapphira also sold a piece of property. But they agreed to cheat and keep some of the money for themselves.

So when Ananias took the rest of the money to the apostles, Peter said, "Why has Satan made you keep back some of the money from the sale of the property? Why have you lied to the Holy Spirit? The property was yours before you sold it, and even after you sold it, the money was still yours. What made you do such a thing? You didn't lie to people. You lied to God!"

As soon as Ananias heard this, he dropped dead, and everyone who heard about it was frightened. Some young men came in and wrapped up his body. Then they took it out and buried it.

Three hours later Sapphira came in, but she did not know what had happened to her husband. Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you sell the property for this amount?"

"Yes," she answered, "that's the amount."

Then Peter said, "Why did the two of you agree to test the Lord's Spirit? The men who buried Ananias are by the door, and they will carry you out!" At once she fell at Peter's feet and died.

When the young men came back in, they found Sapphira lying there dead. So they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. The church members were afraid, and so was everyone else who heard what had happened.

"As Jesus might say, 'Go and do not do likewise!' Instead, be honest and be generous!"

Here endeth the joke.

Can you imagine hearing such a stewardship message? I know the church has been guilty of using fear as a tactic to convert souls back in the day, but dropping dead is not something I'd want for any ungenerous person. After all, God likes a cheerful giver!

Giving faithfully is the way we express our gratitude for all that God has done for us. We understand that church bills have to be paid, but we also will support our mission work with our talents and treasures and that precious commodity, our time. We'll be addressing some of this in the month of October, the typical time to think about our generosity to the church and to other organizations whose purpose we believe in.

This congregation's habit has been to avoid the 'big ask' that has been a practice for churches that do pledging in support of a budget. But on October 11, I'm going to encourage you to make your own commitment to giving in response to God's goodness to you. We will give you a slip of paper that we want you to take home to prayerfully consider an amount or a percentage of earnings that you can responsibly offer to God. THEN, put that slip where you can see it to remind you of your promise. Do not return it to church; but return the kindness that you have gotten from God. It's just one way we can thank God!

Pax, P-Lans





A Note from Your Organist

This week, during the last time of summer holidays, we are enjoying the visit of two of our grandchildren who live in Europe. It is a special treat since the geographical distance does not allow for frequent visits of this nature. They both study at different universities, one in Switzerland and one in Germany, so they don't see each other often either. Which gave them time together in which they are spending having fun together by lively discussions, helping us greatly in bringing food to the table and coming to church with us.

Last Saturday I had the special treat of Elliott coming to church with me to listen to my preparation for the service, but best of all, he grabbed our hymnal and sang along lustily all the hymns that I practiced for yesterday's service. "I love church music," he said, "especially the Kyrie," and he meant, of course, the version he was used to from his home church in Germany. Not only could I tell him that this version exists in our country, but he also could identify with the version we used yesterday. That told me that chanting the liturgy is meaningful to him, a young person, three or so generations removed from me: Gen X, Gen Z, etc. Meaningful in the sense that the atmosphere you feel by entering a sacred space – a

church, a cathedral – and participating in its music provides release from the hustle and bustle outside and maybe also the turmoil of the times we live in, giving even our young people reason to be worried about their future.

Reading in one of the newspapers today about people in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine gathering to make music in the middle of war worries brings them together to start and nourish the healing process we all so desperately hope for.

Making music to the Lord, with our voices, with our instruments, uniting in worship, and thus focusing our attention to Him who nourishes us with His Word, and his sacrament of bread and wine, can bring peace and give us the instruments of understanding and compassion when we turn to our daily work and the people we encounter.

So, our singing the Kyrie – "Lord have mercy" - will turn into the Gloria – "All glory be to God on high," in whatever setting we choose, will hopefully accompany us through the week with joy, because we are forgiven people who are equipped to bring a little love into this world.

Bärbel Otto

A Guide for Giving

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little.

"If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them." –C.S. Lewis

October 2011 issue of The *Newsletter* Newsletter

A Mighty Tree

"For some years now I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant."

--Martin Luther

October 2009 issue of The *Newsletter* Newsletter

October Happy Birthday!

1	Gail Gaines	20	Tom Sacker
1	John McCormick	25	Alexander Yelovich
2	Pr. Sandra Alexis	26	Brian Mills
4	Madeline Barnes	28	Gail Lynch
5	Caroline Barnes	30	Kathy Shull
13	Alexander Sacker	31	Mike Metzbower
19	Meah Duru	20	Tom Sacker



October Happy Re-birthday!

4	Kaden Chmielewski
9	Christina Sykes
15	Tyler Gahs
15	Laura Frederick
16	Eliza Greenwood
29	Caroline Barnes
29	Mina Barnes

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

October Worship Service Assistants Schedule (8:45 am.)

October 4: 19th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Pet Blessing

Worship Assistant: Richard Murphy
Usher: Kathy Shull

October 11: 20th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Commitment Sunday

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick
Ushers: *Jerry Dohmeier and Joe Mills

October 18: 21st Sunday after Pentecost ~ St. Luke & Healing

Worship Assistant: Rich Murphy
Usher: *Don Bayne

October 25: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost ~ Reformation Sunday

Worship Assistant: Erik Alexis
Ushers: *Rich Murphy

*Opener

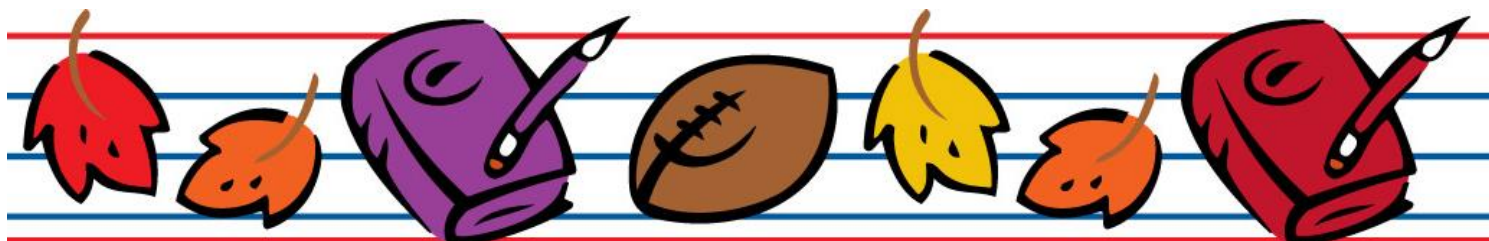
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### ***Friends in Our Hearts & Prayers***

*“Thinking of You” cards  
& notes are always welcome!*

**Mrs. Bea Walshinsky**

**Ms. Ruth May**



## ***October Altar Flower Sponsorships***

10/4 In Honor of the 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Laura and James Frederick, IV, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Given by their parents, Irma Stockdale and Janice Frederick.

10/4 Rose Vase: In Honor of Christy Sykes on her Christian birthday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Given with love from Aunt Donna and Uncle Joe (Mills).

10/11 In Honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Selina and Chris Read, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Given with love and best wishes, Mom. And In Honor of my granddaughter, Seraphina Read, on her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Given with love from her grandmother, Patty Read.

10/18 In Honor of Camden Wes Tanasescu's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday and Brandi Tanasescu's 37<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by grandmother and great-grandmother, Linda Heinbaugh.

10/25 In Honor of Benjamin's birthday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Given by Siegfried and Bärbel Otto.

10/25 In Honor of our granddaughter, Rosie's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.



## ***October Bulletin Sponsorships***

**10/4 Sponsorship needed.**

10/11 In Honor of our son, Andy Volz's 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and our grandson, Jacob Volz, for his October 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by his parents and grandparents, Lois and Fred Volz.

10/18 In Loving Memory of my mother, Midred May's October 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by her daughter, Ruth May.

10/18 In Loving Memory of my Godmother, Mildred May, on her October 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by Carole Grimm.

10/25 In Honor of Brian Mills on his birthday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Given with love by Mom and Dad (Donna & Joe Mills).

10/25 In Loving Memory of parents and grandparents, Phillip and Geneveive Sacker. Given by Mr. & Mrs. James Lynch and family.

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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 (1 rose in a bud vase) - \$10

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

## ***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

**Church Web Address:**  
www.st-peterslutheran.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

**School Web Address:**  
www.spesmd.org

**School Inquiries Email:**  
info@spesmd.org

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

stpeterspace@gmail.com

## ***Church Council Officers***

**President:** Mark McQuade

**Vice President:** Karen Yelovich

**Recording Secretary:** Lena Frankenfeld

**Treasurer:** Kathy Sykes

**Financial Secretary:** William Lauer

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Church Mission & Planning Team Members

Faith Formation: Karen Yelovich

Family Goods Center: William Lauer

Fellowship: Lena Frankenfeld

Investment: Rich Murphy

Nominating: Mark McQuade

Property: Don Bayne

School Board: Lena Frankenfeld

WELCA: Heather Frederick

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### ***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

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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.

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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.

# October 2026

| <i>Sunday</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>Monday</i>                                       | <i>Tuesday</i>                             | <i>Wednesday</i>                                                  | <i>Thursday</i>                          | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i>                           |
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| <p><i>"I cannot and will not recant anything,<br/>for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HERE I STAND,</b></p> <p><i>I can do no other, so help me God. Amen."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>--Martin Luther</i></p> |                                                     |                                            |                                                                   | 1<br>7p (S/SL) BCSG                      | 2             | 3<br>5p SPES at<br>Beachmont<br>Corn Maze |
| 4<br>9:45a Pet<br>Blessing on<br>front lawn<br>10a (H) EGWC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 5                                                   | 6<br>7p (GC) CR                            | 7<br>9a (CH) Chapel<br>(with Personal<br>Care Item<br>Collection) | 8<br>7p (S/SL/LL)<br>BCSG &<br>Previvors | 9             | 10                                        |
| 11<br>10a (H) EGWC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 12<br>Columbus<br>Day/Indigenous<br>Peoples Day     | 13<br>6:30p (H) PACE<br>mtg.<br>7p (GC) CR | 14<br>9a (CH) Chapel<br>7p (S) Council<br>mtg.                    | 15<br>7p (S/SL) BCSG                     | 16            | 17                                        |
| 18<br>10a (H) EGWC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 19                                                  | 20<br>7p (GC) CR                           | 21<br>9a (CH) Chapel<br>7p (V) Sch. Brd.<br>Mtg.                  | 22<br>7p (S/SL) BCSG                     | 23            | 24<br>SPES Trunk-<br>or-Treat             |
| 25<br>Reformation<br>Sunday<br>10a (H) EGWC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 26<br>SPES Dance-A-<br>Thon<br>Fundraiser<br>begins | 27<br>7p (GC) CR                           | 28<br>9a (CH) Chapel                                              | 29<br>7p (S/SL) BCSG                     | 30            | 31<br>Reformation<br>Day                  |

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; MM=Mini Maestros



Hello Friends!

September 1, 2026

This school year, The Humble Walk is celebrating 75 years of ministry at the University of Maryland! While campus ministry has taken on many different forms over the years, its impact on students' lives has been a constant. "The Humble Walk has shown me not only love and support as I am, but it's also given me the space to grow as a person of Christ," shared current student, Carolyn, Class of 2028. While one of our alums, Uzoma, Class of 2017, shared, "The Humble Walk has shown me that faith isn't only something we believe, but something we live out through how we treat, serve, and walk alongside others."

To celebrate our past and ensure a strong community for years to come, we invite alumni, friends, and congregations to participate in two special events and to contribute towards our 75th Anniversary Generosity Goals.

Save the dates for our 75th Anniversary Events!

- **Trivia and Silent Auction Night** - Saturday, October 24th from 5:30-8:30pm  
Join for a night filled with food, fun, friends and facts!
- **75th Anniversary Celebration Weekend** - February 26th-28th  
Join Pr. Beth and local bishops as we celebrate with an array of events and a celebratory dinner!

Help us with our generosity goals as we celebrate 75 years of impact, service, connection, and faith by:

- Being one of the 75 new monthly donors of \$25 or more and/or
- Donating towards our \$75,000 goal, with each donation matched 1:1 by generous supporters who are contributing to the Platz Endowment Fund

You can participate in our generosity goals, RSVP and learn about the events, download resources to share about the 75th, and catch up on the ministry by going to our **brand new website below!**

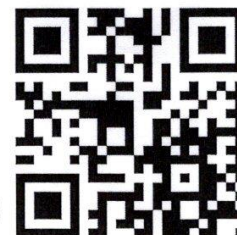
**Thank you for all the ways you have already supported this important ministry.** The support from our alumni, friends, families, congregations, and synods is why we get to celebrate 75 years of ministry, and it's how we will continue to serve students well into the future.

Sincerely,

**The Humble Walk Staff**

Pr. Ray, Pr. Rachel, Pr. Keith,  
Deacon Katie, Lauren, & Andrew

[www.thehumblewalk.org](http://www.thehumblewalk.org)



# Baltimore Cancer Support Group

## 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW



Held at Joppatowne Plaza, on the corner of Rt 40 Pulaski Highway and Joppa Farm Road

**Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 10am to 2:30pm (Rain Date October 18th)**

\$20 Entry Donation

**Cars and Bikes will be on Black-Top**

**Registration - 10am to 12:00pm** the day of the event.

**First 150 receives a dash plaque!!!**

Awards presented at 2pm for:

★ ★ ★ TOP 50 ★ ★ ★

**Specials  
Best of Show**

***DJ BY: DANNY***



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For any questions call Geri Booker (410) 852-3688

***Proceeds Benefit Baltimore Cancer Support Group***

**<http://baltimorecancersupportgroup.org/>**



# Aloha!

## 34th Annual Bull Roast Fundraiser

**BALTIMORE CANCER SUPPORT  
GROUP**

**BUFFET OYSTERS, PIT BEEF, HAM,  
TURKEY, ENTREES, SALADS, DESSERTS**

**DJ DANNY JAHN, CASH BAR,  
DOOR PRIZES, AUCTION,  
RAFFLES, PHOTO BOOTH.  
BYOB, BEERS AND SODAS  
INCLUDED!!**

**NOVEMBER 7TH**

**7:30 PM – MIDNIGHT**

**COLUMBUS GARDENS 4301  
KLOSTERMAN AVE. BALTIMORE, MD  
21236**

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN  
ADVANCE FOR \$65.00 PER PERSON.**

**PLEASE CONTACT GERI BOOKER 410-852-3688  
OR KAREN HAUGHEY 410-960-1148  
WE ALSO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS ON OUR  
WEBSITE THROUGH PAYPAL.**

**[www.baltimorecancersupportgroup.org](http://www.baltimorecancersupportgroup.org)**



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Teaching & Praying  
—Together***

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