



# THE COURIER

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, PA

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## FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Partners in Ministry,

One of the marks of the Easter Season is the return of the "Alleluia" to our worship gatherings. During the solemn Season of Lent, we kept the "A" word symbolically locked in the "cocoon" in the Nave. Now we can once more lift our praises with joy and celebration.

The word "Alleluia" literally means "praise God." It was originally composed of two Hebrew words – "hallel," which means "praise," and "Yah," which is the first part of "Yahweh," the name for God. It looks like this – הללויה – in the Hebrew. When translated from the Hebrew Scriptures, also known as the Old Testament, it is written in English as "Hallelujah."

In the New Testament, the word is only found in the book of Revelation. That part of the Bible was written in Greek, and there the word looks like this – ἀλληλουϊά – and is pronounced "alleluia." Thus, we use a word which the early Greek-speaking Church used as it gathered to praise God. We use the word "Alleluia" as a part of our Gospel Acclamation, which continues, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

These are Peter's words to Jesus in John 6:68, as he recommitted himself to follow Jesus.

During the Easter Season, we also return the Kyrie to our worship liturgy. This is the Greek word for "Lord" and the first half of the sentence "Kyrie eleison," which means "Lord have mercy." It looks like this in the Greek -- Κύριε ἐλέησον – and has been a part of Christian worship for over 1,600 years. It is a short version of Psalm 51:1, which begins: "Have mercy on me, O God." In many of the Gospel stories, such as Matthew 9:27, people came to Jesus with the prayer, "Have mercy."

The words that we lift up to God are important. They help define our worship and connect us with our living Lord. As you worship during this Easter Season, may you focus on the words of worship and grow in your faith and commitment.

Resurrection Blessings!

In Christ,

The Rev. Edith B. Roberts  
Senior Pastor

## May Worship Highlights

Sunday, May 1



Second Sunday of Easter

8:15 & 11:00 AM – Holy Communion in the Nave

6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday, May 4

10:30 AM – Holy Communion and Healing in the Chapel

Sunday, May 8

Third Sunday of Easter

8:15 & 11:00 AM – Holy Communion in the Nave

6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday, May 11

10:30 AM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Sunday, May 15



Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:15 & 11:00 AM – Holy Communion in the Nave

6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday, May 18

10:30 AM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Sunday, May 22

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:15 & 11:00 AM – Holy Communion in the Nave

6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday, May 25

10:30 AM – Holy Communion in the Chapel



Sunday, May 29

*(Summer Schedule Begins)*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:15 & 9:30 AM – Holy Communion in the Nave

6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Chapel



The Courier of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### Rebecca's Reflections

*You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night,  
 make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light.  
 Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,  
 Loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.*  
 (Evening Hymn from Holden Evening Prayer)



During Lent, the "Whatever Wednesday" crew met in the Chapel for Holden Evening Prayer. This is a beautiful liturgy of song, light, and darkness that centered us on Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Many of the youth had never experienced this service before this. Even though this liturgy started out as unknown, it quickly grew into a service they enjoyed. Some "Whatever Wednesday" participants even asked, "Is it time to do that prayer thing yet?"

As I have shared in this service with the youth, I have been reminded of the times when seminarians would gather at our prayer labyrinth late at night to join together in singing and praying this service. In the middle of a neighborhood where we're told to not be outside after dark, we left our homes to gather in the open with a myriad of candles and flashlights so we could join together in prayer for peace and for God's love to be shared with everyone.

Does this happen to you too? As we're singing a hymn during worship, are you reminded of the different times and places where you have sung that hymn? As we're praying the Lord's Prayer, do you remember first learning those words as a child? As we receive Holy Communion, do you remember loved ones who have died and are now present with you in the Meal?

During this Easter season, we rejoice in the hope and promise of the Resurrection. We look forward to the day when we will experience new life because of what Jesus has done on the cross. Every time we gather, we celebrate that God is present among us, giving us new life to share God's love with the world!

Peace,  
 Intern Rebecca



### June Courier Deadline

The deadline for the June Courier is Sunday, May 15. Please place your articles in the editor's mailbox or email them to her at [courier\\_editor@yahoo.com](mailto:courier_editor@yahoo.com).

### April Council Highlights

The following motions were approved to:

- Appoint Ed Little to serve the remainder of the vacant Congregation Council term which expires in December of 2012.
- Designate Connie & Ed Wirth as St. Peter's Voting Members to the 2011 Synod Assembly.
- Provide financial support from the Ministry Fund for Tori Geiger's participation in the 2011 Synod Companion Youth trip to Argentina, once she has paid the \$200 deposit to the Synod.
- Provide financial support from the Ministry Fund for Alisia Drayton's participation in the 2011 Intergenerational Companion Synod trip to Saxony, Germany, once she has paid the \$200 deposit to the Synod.

A Building Use Request was Granted:

- To allow Herbert Heffner to use the Nave and the Coffee Corner for a piano student recital on Sunday, June 12, from 1:30-7:30 PM.

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#### St. Peter's Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a Christ-centered worshipping family of faith witnessing to God's inclusive love for individuals, for our community, and for the world.



St. Peter's is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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### Women of the ELCA

#### Bach Ministry of Hospitality

☞ Sunday, May 1, at Noon is table set-up. It will take only about 20 minutes with lots of help. Please contact Connie Wirth, Harriet Tonkins, or the Church Office to volunteer to help.

☞ Preparation dates are Fridays, May 6 & 13, from 9:00 AM to Noon.

☞ Serve and clean-up – Saturdays, May 7 & 14, from 9 AM to 5 PM. Volunteers are needed in all areas to help set-up and to clean-up and to serve guests. Call Connie or Harriet if you can help all day or even a few hours. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

☞ The following items are needed: *Pie Bakers* - rhubarb. *Boutique* - handcrafted items such as slippers, sweaters, doilies, pillows, aprons, afghans, etc. *Kitchen* - cans of coffee. Non-perishable items may be dropped off at the Church Office anytime. *Salad bar* - Jell-O salads (regular and sugar free), deviled eggs, red beet eggs, pickled eggs, etc. Baked goods - cakes, cookies, breads, etc. Please deliver

**Women of the ELCA (continued)**

these items to St. Peter's no later than 10 AM on the Bach Saturdays.

Come be part of the fun!

**PARKING NOTE:**

On the two Saturdays ONLY (May 7 & 14), Bach volunteers should park at parking meters on Vine Street and on Packer Avenue adjacent to the church building. This will be at no charge for those who use a St. Peter's "PARKING PERMIT." See Barbara Taylor to receive your permit.

*Women of the ELCA May Bible Study*

All women of St. Peter's and their friends are welcome at the morning Bible study gatherings. In May, the studies will be held on May 3 and 17, from 9 to 10:30 AM in the Trauger Room. You are welcome in this group anytime, whether you have ever come before or not. It is a group of women that live out sharing God's love in many ways.

The focus of the study in May is telling the story ~ learning how to share God's story and love with family and friends. The study will be based on the stories of the early Christian Church found in the Book of Acts.

**Quilts of Blessings**

There are women of St. Peter's who gather quietly in the Social Room and turn scraps of material into beautiful, warm quilts. These quilts are shipped to Church World Service who then distributes the quilts around the world to people in need of warmth, privacy, and knowing that others care.

The quilts will be displayed during both worship services on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Prayers will be said in thanksgiving for those who have stitched these quilts and for hope and safety for those who will receive the quilts.

If, after seeing these quilts and knowing what joy they bring to those who receive them, you feel you would like to help with this project, talk to 'Miss' Liz soon, so you can be part of making more quilts.

***Pictorial Directory***

If you had your picture taken for St. Peter's new pictorial directory and haven't received your copy yet, there is a directory in the Church Office for you. Stop by during office hours or see Barbara Taylor after worship.

**School Kits**

Everyone is invited to help St. Peter's Women of the ELCA fill school kits for children in need. Bring school supplies to St. Peter's to help complete this project just in time for Mothers' Day. Please shop from the following list and place your items on the table in the Coffee Corner by May 13<sup>th</sup>:



- #2 pencils
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- Glue sticks
- Washable markers
- 8 X 10 spiral-bound notebooks
- Assorted construction paper

St. Peter's Women of the ELCA will provide the bags for each kit, and St. Peter's representative to the Synod Women of the ELCA May gathering will deliver our gifts.

Thanks to everyone for helping St. Peter's Women of the ELCA with this special project!

**Celebration of Ministry**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 26, to celebrate the ministry of Associate in Ministry Elizabeth Elterich, as she retires from her ministry at St. Peter's. There will be ONLY ONE worship service that day at 10 AM. A luncheon in the dining room at Goosey Gander will follow worship. St. Peter's members should have received invitations. If you need an invitation, call Barbara Taylor in the Church Office. Luncheon tickets will be collected at the door. Make your reservation now to be part of this important day in the life of St. Peter's.

**Considering Membership at St. Peter's?**

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Peter's, speak with Pastor Roberts. The new members group will meet on Sundays, May 1 and May 8, at 9:45 AM with Adults Learning Together. New members will be received on May 15.

**Website Photos**

St. Peter's website provides information on events in the congregation. Pictures of people and events at St. Peter's are occasionally posted on the Church website. If you do not want your picture used, please notify the Church Office in writing.

*Celebrate With Our Rostered Leaders*

Rostered leaders on St. Peter’s staff and active and retired rostered leaders who are members of the congregation will celebrate anniversaries in May, June, July, and August.

Ordinations

- † Senior Pastor Edith B. Roberts  
June 3, 1979
- † Visitation Pastor George Spieker  
May 26, 1957
- † Retired - Pastor Richard Hintz  
August 15, 1951
- † President of Moravian College and Theological Seminary  
The Rev. Dr. Christopher Thomforde  
August 7, 1976



Deaconess Consecrations

- † Retired - Sister Gunnel Sterner  
June 17, 1962
- † Coordinator for Pastoral Education, St. Luke’s Hospital and Health Network  
Sister Ramona Cecille Daily  
July 26, 1998



Certification as Associates in Ministry

- † Elizabeth Rose McKee Elterich  
May 14, 1987
- † Barbara-Anne Gross Taylor  
May 16, 1991



**Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Assembly**

St. John’s Lutheran Church in Easton will host the annual Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Assembly on Thursday, May 12, at 7 PM. All members of the congregations in Bethlehem and Easton are invited to attend. The gathering will include a special time of planning together for the future of the Synod. Lay Voting Members and rostered leaders are expected to attend to conduct Mission District business and to prepare for the Synod Assembly. Connie & Ed Wirth are St. Peter’s voting members. Please pray for these church leaders as they work together to conduct the ministry and mission of the wider church.



**Adult Learning Schedules**

Adult Bible Study, which gathers at 5:30 PM on Sundays, will hold its last meeting for the season on Sunday, May 8.

Adults Learning Together, which gathers at 9:45 AM on Sundays, will hold its last meeting for the season on Sunday, May 22.

**Summer Schedule Begins**

Beginning on Sunday, May 29, worship will be at 8:15 AM and 9:30 AM in the Nave and 6:30 PM in the Chapel. There will be no Sunday Church School during the summer. Children are encouraged to worship with their parents and to come forward for the young people’s sermon.

This year there will be two exceptions to this schedule. On Sunday, June 26, there will be only one worship service at 10 AM to celebrate the ministry of Associate in Ministry Elizabeth Elterich as she begins her retirement.

On Sunday, August 21, there will be one morning worship service at 9:30 AM, as we bid Farewell and Godspeed to Intern Rebecca Grate.

**Geraniums**

Geraniums representing the Tongues of Fire will decorate the Nave on Pentecost, June 12. There are two ways to help with this project:

- ✓ Make a donation toward the cost of the plants by placing your gift in an envelope and marking it “geraniums.” Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the Church Office.
- ✓ Offer to help plant the geraniums around the building on Monday, June 13, at 6 PM.

Contact Barbara Taylor to volunteer to help.

**Graduating? Let Us Know!**

May and June are months which are often filled with graduations, celebrations, and new beginnings. Graduations are a time for celebrating accomplishments, successes, and the hard work that goes into the accomplishment. If you are a St. Peter’s member who is graduating from high school, technical school, or a college or university, please give your name, date of graduation, and school to the Church Office by May 8. The names will be included in the June Courier.

### **Stacy Lauer-Scovanner to Graduate**

St. Peter's 2009-2010 Intern, Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, will graduate from Trinity Lutheran Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 21. You may send cards to her at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, 2199 East Main Street, Columbus, Ohio 43209.



### **"Whatever Wednesdays"**

Confirmation-age youth and older young adults enjoy gathering on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 6 PM for a time to complete homework, socialize, to enjoy music, to participate in devotions, and to just be together to share the joys and challenges of their world. Bringing a friend along is encouraged!

During the Lenten season, the group gathered each Wednesday in the Chapel and shared together in Holden Evening Prayer, a sung devotion. Intern Rebecca shared her gift of playing the piano, while the youth took turns as Leaders, reading the Scripture and sharing the prayers together.

Often, during "WW," there are projects to do, as well. Most recently, the group decorated the butterflies that would emerge from the Lenten cocoon during Easter worship and made the Easter decorations sent to each of our homebound members.

"WW" will continue through June. The group will celebrate the graduation of some friends and help to set-up and prepare for VBS 2011. If you fit the age category -- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to young adult -- come some Wednesday and experience a fun, caring time at St. Peter's. Rides to "WW" are available if you let 'Miss' Liz know that you need a ride.

### **Confirmation 2011**



This year's Confirmation Class will meet for two more Saturday Confirmation Workshops: May 7 and 28, from 9 AM to Noon. Each Confirmand will also meet with Pastor Roberts on May 15, between 9:30 and 9:45 AM, to share the experience of Confirmation and the memory work from the past two years of study.

The Service of Affirmation of Baptism will be held on Pentecost, Sunday, June 12, at the 9:30 AM Worship Service. Both this year's and next year's Confirmation Classes and their families will meet that Sunday in the Trauger Room at 8:15 AM for a Brunch Breakfast. The Confirmation Class picture will be taken immediately following Worship at 10:45 AM.

The 2011 Confirmation Class will then be honored by the congregation at a Reception in the Coffee Corner.

Please hold these young people preparing for Confirmation in your prayers: Brandon Gubich, Richard Robert Hawk III, and Savannah Cutsler.

### **Sunday Church School Finishes Another School Year**

Sunday Church School starts each Sunday morning with joyful, energetic singing in the Chapel, with Mr. John Roberts playing the guitar. Children, youth, their families, and teachers join in praising God and waking up together!

The classrooms are alive with Bible stories, activities, sharing, and caring. Many lasting friendships are developed as classmates work, learn, and pray together during SCS. Throughout the year, the SCS students and teachers do projects that help to share God's love with others.

Sunday, May 22, will be the last day of the 2010-11 SCS year. SCS will resume for 2011-12 on Sunday, September 11. Now is a good time to put that date on your family's calendar. Our prayer would be for more children, youth, and their families to come for the good times of SCS this fall. The more who attend, the more friendships are made, and the more the love of God is shared.



### **VBS 2011 Coming Soon!**

St. Peter's VBS 2011 will begin on Sunday, June 19, at 11 AM with a light breakfast for all participants. Following breakfast, everyone will gather to hear the Parable of the Sower, which is the theme for the entire week of VBS. The story will be acted out in a variety of ways during the week. Songs will be led by Pastor Roberts and played on the guitar by Mr. Roberts.

Each gathering will include time in the world story-telling tent, doing crafts, and learning more about how to recycle and how to use recyclables in creative ways. There will be some delicious healthy meals and fun snacks to prepare as well. We will be using real cloth napkins and have reusable drinking cups this year.

The +RENEW theme of VBS will focus participants on learning how to care for God’s gift of creation, this beautiful world we live in, and how to care for this world so others may enjoy it.

Soon some youth and adults will be planting salad vegetables in St. Peter’s community garden plot at Martin Luther King, Jr., Park. The hope is that we will be able to eat these vegetables in a salad as a part of VBS. During the week of VBS, each student will plant a “pizza garden” -- herbs that can be used as toppings for a pizza!

It will be a fun, busy week of learning and growing in God’s love and caring for God’s creation in many new ways. Registration will begin on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with VBS, please see ‘Miss’ Liz soon. The next VBS planning meeting will be on Monday, May 2, at 6:30 PM.

## Plan, Now, to be a Part of VBS 2011!

YOU can help VBS by providing these items:

- ~ washed yogurt containers with lids;
- ~ flower/tree/gardening magazines or catalogs;
- ~ children’s magnifying glasses (please label);
- ~ story books about seeds/plants/trees/etc. (please label);
- ~ empty cereal boxes;
- ~ cardboard tubes (toilet/towel/wrapping paper);
- ~ clean, plastic containers with lids (cool whip, margarine, etc.);
- ~ plastic quart milk cartons with lids (well washed and dried);
- ~ used, broken crayon pieces;
- ~ 10”x10” pieces of print fabric-cottons/blends to be used as dinner napkins; and
- ~ 12”x12” pieces of plain and print fleece for making Pockets of Promise.



There will be boxes and bins for all of these items in the Reception Area. Please bring the items starting Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks so much for this recycling help!

## Campus Ministry

On Sunday, April 10, a group of Lehigh students and St. Peter’s adults interested in Campus Ministry gathered with Pastor Peggy Wuertle, the ELCA Region 7 Coordinator overseeing Campus Ministry, and Pastor Mary Gade, the Associate of the Bishop who relates to those doing Campus Ministry in

the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. This was the ELCA Quadrennial Review for St. Peter’s Campus Ministry Program. Following the 11 AM Worship service the group of 13 met in the Trauger Room to talk about what has happened this year in CM at St. Peter’s, as well as past years. Planning for how CM will continue to happen for the 2011-12 academic year was also a focus of the conversation. In addition to those current students involved in CM, several CM alumni emailed their reflections on what CM meant while on campus and since then. Both past and present students celebrated the warm welcome they received at St. Peter’s – their home away from home.

St. Peter’s has been doing CM for over 90 years! It is part of who we are, as a Lutheran congregation that sits very near the Lehigh Campus. This was a time to reflect and to plan. Thank you to all who took time to be part of this CM review and planning process.



Another ELCA Youth Gathering is just a year away. St. Peter’s youth and advisors have begun preparing for this amazing faith journey. Youth finishing grades 9 through 12 in June 2012 are eligible for this youth gathering.

The 35,000 Lutherans will be returning to New Orleans in 2012, the location of both the 1990 and 2009 Youth Gatherings. Both youth and adults learned and accomplished a lot of recovery work in 2009, following the destruction from Hurricane Katrina. In 2012, there will still be work to do in physical rebuilding and also in spiritual rebuilding. The Bible theme for 2012 is Ephesians 2:14-19, which reminds us that we are all citizens together in God’s world.



## *Look Who’s Having a Birthday*

Please remember, with notes and cards, the following homebound member who is celebrating her birthday this month:

Margaret Lucas – May 7



## Argentina "Thank You"

In July the relationship between St. Peter's and the Companion Synod of Argentina-Uruguay will be deepened as one of our youth, Tori Geiger, travels with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Companion Synod Youth Trip to Argentina. We already have a connection through our missionaries David Wunsch and Kate Lawler and their children Emily and Matthew. Tori's participation in this trip will help us to learn more about our sisters and brothers in Christ who live in the Southern Hemisphere. The adventure will run from July 18 to 30.

On Sunday, April 10, the youth and adult chaperones who will be making this trip gathered at St. Peter's for one of their team-building meetings. Pastor Kurt Garbe, an Associate of the Bishop who is serving as one of the chaperones, wrote the following "thank you."

*My Dear Friends at St. Peter's, On behalf of the group going to Argentina in July of this year, thank you for the wonderful hospitality shown to us on Sunday, 10 April. We were all overwhelmed by your warmth and enthusiasm. The room we used was perfect. And the "snacks" were amazing (special thanks to "Miss Liz"). Thank you for your openness to us using your facilities.*

*I especially want to thank you for your support of our Companion Synod program. You are one of the Synod's most active congregations in this endeavor. I enjoy working with you as we proclaim the Good News of Christ Crucified to our sisters and brothers around the world.*

*Thanks, again.*



## Mission Support

In 2010, St. Peter's provided \$29,200 in Mission Support, also known as Benevolence, for the work of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the ELCA. We have made the commitment to raise our giving each year. Bishop Samuel Zeiser wrote the following "thank you" letter to St. Peter's for our commitment to mission and ministry.

*Beloved in Christ Jesus,*

*As we embrace our Lenten discipline looking ahead in hope to the resurrection, I greet you with a thankful heart for your ministry. May God guide you and renew you in your faithful service.*

*On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ across this synod, I extend sincere appreciation for*

*the mission support dollars forwarded by your congregation in 2010. Total support from 273 congregations amounted to \$2,662,841.20.*

*Rejoice with me, as considerable ministry has been carried out across the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America because of your faithfulness. Rostered leaders in this synod were strengthened through leadership development grants. A spirited Indonesian ministry at St. Peter's, Scranton received ministry support. Your 2010 giving also made it possible to create the Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry Team that is already drawing together people and ideas that will translate into witness, learning, and service ministries.*

*Rejoice with me, as you have generated "mission starts" in this country and have afforded young people an opportunity to serve around the world as Young Adults in Global Mission. Children in China with disabilities, Alaska Natives in difficult-to-reach communities, and fair trade farmers and artisans in Uganda, Palestine, Bangladesh, and Guatemala discover the power of new life in the Risen Jesus because you share your offerings. God's work. Our hands.*

*In his compelling little book, Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes: "I have community with others and I shall continue to have it only through Jesus Christ. The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us." The mission support generated by the congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod gives shape to Bonhoeffer's vision in our walk together.*

*Thank you!*

*Yours in Christ,  
Samuel R. Zeiser*



## From the Parish Record

### BAPTISMS:

Matthew Roland William Fotiades –  
March 6, 2011

Thomas Charles Nagy – March 13, 2011

Kensi Alexandra Chung – April 10, 2011

Sophia Lee Zrinski – April 10, 2011

**With Many Thanks!**

From Chris & Dave Struble “for all your thoughts, cards, and prayers during this difficult time for both of us. Knowing that people really care means a lot to us. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. God Bless You All.”

From Marge Weiss to all the thoughtful folks for their cards and prayers while she was hospitalized. She reports that she is doing much better now.

From Betty & Nick Ampietro to “Pastor Roberts, Pastor Spieker, and Intern Rebecca for your visits and helpful prayers during Nick’s hospitalization and rehab. Also a thank you to everyone who sent cards. We feel very fortunate belonging to St. Peter’s, a caring church.”

From the Lehigh Valley Chinese Christian Church for “sharing your facilities with us. May God remember your kindness and bless your ministries abundantly.”

**Hold This Date!**



The Jerusalem Singers will be returning to St. Peter’s on Sunday, July 31. The choir is directed by Peter Deshler, husband of St. Peter’s Organist, Marisa Deshler. This popular group will share a selection of sacred music during the sermon times at both the 8:15 AM and 9:30 AM worship services. As you plan your summer schedule, be sure to invite family and friends to worship with you that day.

**SSM “KIDS”**



Vacation Bible School sponsored by Southside Ministries is called “SSM KIDS.” Sessions are held at Cathedral Church of the Nativity, and groups are available for children from age 4 through grade 6. This summer we are going to explore ways to recycle, as we care for God’s creation and to learn more about God’s love for us. Each evening includes music, games, snacks, arts & crafts, and Bible stories.

“KIDS” will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays --- July 11, 13, 15, 18, and 20, from 6 to 8 PM. On Friday, July 22, the children and staff will present a closing celebration for families and friends.

To register a child, obtain a form from the Church Office. For more information on serving as an adult volunteer, contact SSM Coordinator Barbara Taylor. Come join the fun!

**Needed!**



Shoe boxes with lids are needed for SSM “KIDS” crafts. Please bring your donations to the Church Office. Thank you for helping!

**SSM Better Buy Thrift Shop**

The Southside Ministries Better Buy Thrift Shop has reopened! Clothing for spring and summer is plentiful. Be sure to stop by to see what’s new for you for the warmer weather. The shop is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and on Fridays from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. Any income supports the programs of SSM.

**SSM Community Festival**

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendar now and save Saturday, July 9, from 5:30 to 7 PM to be part of the SSM Community Festival in Martin Luther King, Jr., Park on Carlton Avenue. If you are able to donate small prizes (for both children and adults) for the Prize Walk, please contact SSM Coordinator Barbara Taylor. We’ll also enjoy games, face painting, pizza, snacks, and more.

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- Marisa H. Deshler - Organist
- Wendy E. Borst - Vocal Choir Director
- Anthony DeAngelis, Sr. - Bell Choir Director
- Carol A. Frankenfield - Parish Secretary

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- Sunday: 8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship in Nave  
 9:30 AM Sunday Church School  
 6:30 PM Holy Communion in Chapel
  - Wednesday: 10:30 AM Holy Communion in Chapel
- Child care is available in the Nursery on Sunday mornings for children up to five years of age.  
 Sharon Ann Burns – Courier Editor