



THE COURIER

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

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Partners in Ministry,

October is a busy month at St. Peter's! It is a time to celebrate who we are as a family of faith, as we worship together, eat together, support our ministries together, and celebrate the wonder of God's love in our midst.

Traditionally, the first Sunday in October has been known as World Communion Sunday. Because of that, we will be commissioning our Ministers of Holy Communion on October 2nd. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod has also designated the first Sunday in October as Companion Synod Sunday. St. Peter's has ties to all four of our synod's Companion Synods, and we will be lifting up those connections. We will be praying for Wilma Kolman and Alisia Drayton, who will be leaving on a Companion Synod Trip to Saxony, Germany, on October 5th. And we will be gathering after 11 AM worship for a Covered Dish Dinner, sponsored by St. Peter's Women of the ELCA, at which Tori Geiger will share stories from her recent Companion Synod Trip to Argentina.

On Sunday, October 9, we will celebrate God's gift of music, as we gather at 3:00 PM in the Nave for Marisa Deshler's annual Organ Recital. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends to experience what Martin Luther termed "a grand and glorious gift

from God." The reception following the recital will be another opportunity to eat and to share together.

Sunday, October 16, is Women of the ELCA Sunday. Pastor Mary Gade, always a welcome guest in St. Peter's pulpit, will return to share God's good news with us at the morning worship services. Both the soup orders and the baked goods sale will provide support for our missionaries in Argentina, and the Thankoffering will help support women and children in poverty.

I will be officiating at my niece's wedding in North Carolina on October 22nd, so I am thankful that Pastor George Spieker, our Visitation Pastor, is able to lead worship at St. Peter's on October 23rd. Please be sure to thank him for the care that he gives to our homebound and hospitalized parishioners!

Finally, on October 30, Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate our Lutheran roots, giving thanks that we are, indeed, saved by grace through faith.

May you be a part of the October celebrations!

In Christ,

The Rev. Edith B. Roberts
Senior Pastor

October Worship Highlights

Sunday, October 2



16th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion / Companion Synod Sunday

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

Special Offering for Missionary Family in Argentina

6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday, October 5

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

Sunday, October 9

17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Special Offering for Meals on Wheels

6:30 PM – Holy Communion and Healing in the Chapel

Wednesday, October 12

10:30 AM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Sunday, October 16



18th Sunday after Pentecost

Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Sunday

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

6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday, October 19

10:30 AM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Sunday, October 23

19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday, October 26

10:30 AM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

Sunday, October 30



20th Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

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

6:30 PM – Holy Communion in the Chapel

The Courier of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Courier is published eleven times a year by St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 474 Vine Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015 (a non-profit organization). The Senior Pastor is the Rev. Edith B. Roberts. All questions about the publication can be addressed to the editor at the Church Office, telephone 610-867-0519.

September Council Highlights

The following motions were approved:

- To Commission the Ministers of Holy Communion for a one-year-term: Bruce Billiard, Elizabeth Elterich, Kim Frankenfield, Wilma Kolman, Marianne Napravnik, Na and Tom Sarver, Kathy Thomforde, Betty Thompson, Linda Zrinski – Coordinator.
- To appoint Bruce Billiard and Sharon Ann Burns as Voting Members to the Special Synod Assembly on October 22.

Building Use Requests were Granted:

- To allow the Frankenfield Family to use the Social Room for a family gathering on October 16 from 12-5 PM.
- To allow the Taylor Family to use the Social Room for a family gathering on October 30 from Noon-4 PM.
- To allow Herb Heffner to hold a recital on December 4 from 12:30-7:30 PM.
- To allow Special Olympics to hold their Christmas party on December 10 from 12:30-8 PM.

Women of the ELCA

Morning Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays, October 4 and 18, from 9:30 to 11AM in the Trauger Room. All women of the congregation and their friends are welcome to be a part of this journey of faith.

Covered Dish Dinner on October 2. Bring a covered dish or a dessert to share. Women of the ELCA will provide servings of ham. You are invited to come to share together and to learn from Tori Geiger about the work of the ELCA in Argentina. Clean-up help after dinner will be greatly appreciated!

Soup Sale – See an usher or stop by the Coffee Corner to pick up a form to order your homemade soup. October 5 is the deadline to place an order. You may choose from three varieties of soup, all made by the loving hands of St. Peter's workers. Soup may be picked up after worship on October 16 or 19. Baked goods will also be available for sale on those days. Thirty apple pies will be included in the baked goods. To place your order for a pie, sign up on the poster on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. The proceeds from the soup and baked goods will go toward the support of our missionaries. Enjoy a homemade meal and help Kate and David share the good news in Argentina at the same time!

Thankoffering – Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Sunday is scheduled for October 16. At

the 8:15 and 11 AM worship services, Pastor Roberts will preside and Pastor Mary Gade, Associate of the Bishop, will preach. The women of the congregation will serve as worship leaders. At each worship service, worshippers will have the opportunity to make a donation to the Women of the ELCA to support ministry with women and children in need.

Bingo at Cedarbrook Annex – Tuesday, November 1, at 6:30 PM. Help is needed to assist the residents, who look forward to our visit. Prizes are also needed. Please bring candy bars, crackers, small bags of pretzels or potato chips, men's aftershave, body powder, stamps, note cards, jewelry, perfume, etc. (please no playing cards) to the Church Office by Sunday, October 30.

Christmas Ingathering – Each year the congregations in the Bethlehem-Easton Mission District collect items for the Christmas Ingathering. In December, the items are assembled into health kits, which are then delivered to local shelters. This year St. Peter's is responsible to provide 150 containers of shaving cream. We need 120 more. Please place your donations in the basket outside the Church Office.

Kathy's Korner

I have been reflecting on the gospel of Matthew lately, particularly the feeding of the five thousand (Matthew 14: 13-21) and Christ's command to care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, and imprisoned (Matthew 25: 31-46). How do we respond to Christ's call to care for our neighbors: within our St. Peter's community and beyond?

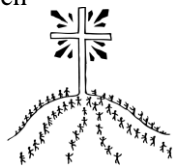
For myself, I am working to become more sensitive to the needs of others as a first step. Recently, the Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania released the results of a new study that addresses hunger among children. Over twenty percent of our local children are "food insecure." This is a new term for me. The meaning is that these children "live in households that lack access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life." Obviously, this puts children at risk for illness and impairs their ability to learn, develop, and grow. I am working with others at St. Peter's to explore ways that we might address the needs of children in the neighborhood surrounding our congregation. I will be sharing more about these initiatives in the months to come.

At the same time, we cannot forget to care for each other within the St. Peter's community, as we face our own personal struggles. Can we offer words of encouragement and hope to those who have health challenges? Can we offer support and identify

resources for those who face financial challenges? Can we offer compassion to those who are feeling anxious or lonely? I am so thankful for our community of faith and the opportunity to serve as your Ministry Coordinator. Please be in touch with me about your thoughts on how you might be able to serve others with your time, talents, and financial resources. I can be reached by calling the Church Office or by e-mail:

kathy_thomforde@stpetersbethlehem.org.

God's blessings to you,
Kathy



A Share of Interest in Mission and Ministry

St. Peter's members enjoy the opportunity to donate one Share (\$100) or one Half Share (\$50) of Interest in Mission and Ministry in honor or in memory of a loved one or a special occasion. The Shares and Half Shares are listed in the Sunday bulletin. Call the Parish Secretary and tell her what you would like listed and in which Sunday bulletin it should be printed. The listings will read, "One Share (or Half Share) of Interest in Mission and Ministry is given to the Glory of God by ____ in honor (memory) of ____." The donation will be placed in the Trust Fund.

This is a wonderful way to commemorate someone or something special and to support St. Peter's ministry at the same time!

Prayer Book

On the first Sunday in October, the Prayer Book page for "Prayers of Concern" will be empty. Everyone is invited to write in names of loved ones to be lifted up during worship in the Prayers of the Church. All names will remain on the prayer list for the month of October, unless the Church Office receives a call asking that a name be removed.

On the first Sunday in November, the page will again be empty and each person is welcome to write in names. We will continue to use this process so the prayer list is as current as possible.

St. Peter's is known as a "praying congregation." Please keep those prayed for during worship in your prayers during the week, too!



Synod Assembly

A special Synod Assembly has been called for Saturday, October 22, at the Lutheran Center in Allentown. The agenda will include several presentations and the adoption of the 2012 budget proposal. Rostered leaders and 2011 Voting Members will attend. Bruce Billiard and Sharon Ann Burns are St. Peter's Voting Members for this assembly. Please hold our Church leaders in prayer as they work together to make ministry happen in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Freed In Christ To Serve

St. Peter's theme for the year is part of our Stewardship Program, too. There's probably no better theme to use for those times when we're thinking about how we can say "Thank you" to God for all that God does for us. Because God gives us life and even life eternal through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we want to respond.

We are called to respond in two different ways. First, we offer our time and our gifts to the mission and ministry of Christ on this earth. We may volunteer for a ministry through St. Peter's, at a local shelter, at a hospital, or in a variety of other places.

Secondly, we share our money to help those in need. It's not that we HAVE to give of our financial resources. We NEED to give in thanksgiving for all that we have. It may help for each of us to ask, "What portion of my income is God calling me to give?" As we make a commitment and do our best to keep it, giving first to God, our priorities fall into place. When God is first in our lives, everything else follows as needed.

May we use these weeks between now and Commitment Sunday to consider our answer to the above question. It's OK to have started small and to gradually increase giving to reach the level of tithing – giving 10%. Many in our congregation have done or are in the process of doing just that. It's an amazing way to thank God and to feel God's strong presence every day.

Since we are "Freed in Christ To Serve," we can share God's love in many ways. Be in touch with Chairperson George Kummer or any member of the Stewardship Committee to let your St. Peter's family know how you are "Freed In Christ To Serve" to share God's love now and how you plan to do so into the future!

October Second Is a Celebration Sunday!



At both morning worship services on October 2nd, we will celebrate Companion Synod Sunday and our connections with The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony; The United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina and Uruguay; The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovenia; and The South Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. St. Peter's is the only congregation, in the Synod, to have connections with all four Companion Synods. We are currently very connected to Argentina because St. Peter's Women of the ELCA are providing support for a missionary family, David Wunsch and Kate Lawler and their children Emily and Matthew, and because Tori Geiger was part of a youth Companion Synod trip to Argentina in July. In October, Alisia Drayton and Wilma Kolman will be part of an intergenerational trip to renew our long-standing relationship with Saxony.

During the morning worship services we will receive a special offering to help support our missionaries in Argentina. Also during those worship services, St. Peter's Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned to serve for another year.

After the 11 AM worship, everyone is invited to the Social Room for a Covered Dish Dinner sponsored by St. Peter's Women of the ELCA. We will eat together, share together, and then see pictures and hear stories from Tori's servant trip to Argentina. Bring your favorite dish and prepare to "travel" through stories and pictures to meet sisters and brothers in another part of God's world!

Gift of Music



On Sunday, October 9, at 3 PM, Organist Marisa Deshler will present her organ recital in the Nave. The organ will be moved to the center of the Nave – a special treat so all in attendance can watch both Marisa's fingers and feet!

Marisa will present several different musical selections. It's always amazing to hear the wonderful music she can present.

A freewill offering will be accepted to help support St. Peter's new Concert Program. Following the recital, everyone is invited to a reception in the Social Room to greet Marisa, share refreshments, and enjoy fellowship.

Mark your calendar and invite family and friends for an afternoon of music – The Grand and Glorious Gift of God!

Services of Healing

The Rite of Healing played an important role in the ministry of Jesus and still plays an important part in the ministry of the Christian Church today. On Sunday, October 9, at all three worship services, worshippers will have the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil as part of the Healing Rite.

Worship will also include a special offering for Meals on Wheels, to help our homebound neighbors.

Reformation Sunday

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 30, to join the Reformation Celebration. At all three worship services, we will remember Martin Luther and the reforms he introduced into the Christian Church. We will also reflect on the many ways in which the Reformation continues in the Church today in order to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the entire world. Be sure to wear red as part of the celebration!

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Please stop at the Giving Tree in the Coffee Corner to choose some gift tags. If you choose non-perishable items, purchase the items and return them to the table in the Coffee Corner. If you choose an item such as a gallon of milk or dinner rolls – something perishable – please purchase your item later and place it in the Social Room refrigerator no later than Wednesday, November 16. Baskets will then be assembled and will be distributed on November 20. If you prefer to give a cash donation, please give it to a Staff member.

Your gifts will be used to provide Thanksgiving Dinner baskets for several St. Peter's families who need a little extra help right now. If you are part of or know of a St. Peter's family who needs this kind of help, contact Associate in Ministry Barbara Taylor in the Church Office by October 15. All information is kept confidential.

We are Freed In Christ to serve our neighbors. Please prayerfully consider helping neighbors here within our St. Peter's family as we care for one another in the name of the Lord.

Katherine's Closet

Lutheran Congregational Services hosts this amazing ministry. In two warehouses in the Lehigh Valley, they gather from businesses bottles of detergent and various personal care products that are overruns. The containers are all new and unopened. St. Peter's is fortunate to be one the beneficiaries of this program.

How can you be involved?

- Volunteers are needed to sort and pack items once a month at a warehouse.
- Every other month, a driver is needed to go to the warehouse, pick up St. Peter's items, and deliver them to the Church Office.
- If you are in need of laundry detergent, fabric softener, or personal care items, you are eligible to receive some.

Contact Associate in Ministry Barbara Taylor in the Church Office to be part of the Katherine's Closet ministries.



donated pint of blood saves three lives! You will indeed be giving the Gift of Life!

Donation usually takes less than an hour – and that includes your time in the canteen to enjoy juice and cookies. If you can't donate blood, please bring a pack of store-bought cookies that will be used to replenish the canteen supply for the next blood drive location.

For more information, contact Blood Drive Coordinators John Roberts or Barbara Taylor.

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

Registration day is almost here! Youth in grades 9 through 12 and their adult advisors who are heading to New Orleans next July need to be at St. Peter's at 1:30 PM on Sunday, October 9th, to register online. This will be the only opportunity to register! A parent/guardian is required to attend registration with each youth participant. The first \$20 of the \$200 fee per participant will be collected, and everyone is invited to stay for Marisa Deshler's organ recital at 3 PM. Contact Kathy Thomforde, Ministry Coordinator, with questions.

Helping the Hungry

All who had their photograph in St. Peter's latest directory helped! Life Touch Church Directories made a donation to "Feed the Need" for every portrait taken. Over a million meals were donated this year.

St. Peter's "Hunger Bear" lives on the table outside the Church Office to receive loose change. The container was recently emptied and \$62.39 was donated to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Next time you're in the building, empty the loose change from your purse or pocket!



"Something Sunday"

Our second "Something Sunday" event for youth (grades 7 through 12) on Sunday, October 16, will include working in our adopted park and community garden. We will be heading off to Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park (adjacent to Holy Ghost Roman Catholic Church) after the second worship service. Bring your work clothes and a rake, if you have one. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the Ministry Office in early October. Plan to have some fun and food and fellowship while enjoying a beautiful fall day.

Game Night

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 8. Gather family and friends, your favorite board games, and a dessert to share. Now you are ready! Plan to arrive at St. Peter's at 5:30 PM to enjoy pizza and an evening of good old-fashioned fun. All ages are invited, and we'll conclude by 8 PM so everyone is home at an early hour. Come join the fun!



Corn Maze

Our annual youth and young adult visit to the corn maze is scheduled for Friday, October 14th. We will leave St. Peter's at 6:00 PM. Pre-confirmation age children are welcome to attend, if accompanied by an adult who will walk the maze with them. For St. Peter's youth (age 13 and up), the cost will be \$5 per person; friends of youth may attend for \$7 per person. Children ages 4-12 pay \$3. Bring a flashlight along and some extra money (optional) for snacks. Look for the sign-up sheet and required medical release forms outside the Ministry Office. Contact Amy Faulch or Debbie Schneckner with questions.

Blood Drive

Sign up now on the poster on the bulletin board outside the Church Office to donate blood at St. Peter's on Sunday, November 13. We need 20 donors, and there are still open appointment times. Each

Campus Ministry

A new academic year is underway, with lunches scheduled every Wednesday at noon on the second floor of the University Center. A fall picnic was held on the Lehigh campus on September 10th to reconnect with returning students and to welcome new students. There is also student interest in volunteering at the Southside Ministries Friday Fun Nights. Watch The Courier, the Sunday worship bulletin, and e-mail for future events. Contact Kathy Thomforde, Ministry Coordinator, with questions.

Community Support Directory

A pocket-size booklet listing agencies in Bethlehem that are available to provide all types of assistance is now available. Stop by the table outside the Church Office to take copies for yourself, family, and neighbors.

Showcase



As you enter St. Peter's through the Christian Education building door, take time to look to your right and see what's new in St. Peter's showcases! Harriet Tonkins and Kathy Thomforde update the showcases with information on what's happening at St. Peter's.

I Didn't Know That!

To know what is happening at St. Peter's as it is happening, provide the Church Office with your email address. Send it to church@stpetersbethlehem.org and get on the church email list. Then you won't be one of those saying, "I didn't know that happened." It's a great way to keep the lines of communication open!

Coupon Exchange

St. Peter's Coupon Exchange is up and running! Stop by the Coffee Corner to drop off coupons and to take the coupons you can use. Those who use the exchange will need to be responsible to clean out the baskets on occasion.



Look Who's Having A Birthday

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

Elsie Snyder – October 14

101 Years Young!

On November 3rd, our oldest member, Mildred Wright, will turn 101. Please join the celebration by sending Millie a greeting.



60th Anniversary Thank You

On August 14th, members of St. Peter's gathered to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Richard Hintz. The following letter is in gratitude for the reception:

At first I was not aware of the sound. Children were coming by to say hello, have pictures taken, adults were welcoming the family, and serving portions of the white and green anniversary cake.

Then it dawned. The volume in the Social Room was escalating. It was the joyful din of friends having a high old time.

This gathering was a St. Peter's Pentecost event. Recall the dozen persons reciting, in unison, John 3:16, in a dozen languages? Amplify 10-fold, and it might approximate the decibel level in the room.

Upstairs we raised our voices in praise to God for feeding us with the Bread of Life in our Savior Jesus Christ.

Downstairs the Body of Christ expressed joy that God allows each of us to serve the Church.

My family and I thank you for the honor and the high old time.

*In Christ,
Richard Hintz*

P.S. – Thanks for cards, calls and letters. If you were not able to be present, it's OK. Only God is omnipresent.

With Many Thanks!

From Cami VanGorden to her St. Peter's family for all the care and help to get her to college. She is glad to be there and studying and working hard.

From Pastor Clark Kuntz, Chaplain of Lutheran Manor, to Pastor Roberts for leading worship and preaching and to Don Snider for playing the piano at Lutheran Manor on Thursday afternoon, September 1.

From Bill Sames to Rebecca Grate and Pastor Spieker "for their visits to me during my recent hospital stay and a thank you for the vegetable soup on my return home."

Thank you from Associate of the Bishop Karen Matthias-Long to St. Peter's for hosting the Bethlehem-Easton Mission District World Hunger Lock-In. The event raised nearly \$8,000 for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, and 250 personal care kits were assembled. "I enjoyed working with Intern Rebecca Grate and meeting the St. Peter's participants!"

Thank you to Pastor Richard Hintz for his gift to the Bethlehem Area Public Library in honor of the children of St Peter's. The library will use his gift to purchase books and "The Children of St. Peter's" will be printed on each bookplate.

From Elizabeth Elterich for the prayers and kind expressions of concern during her recent illness.

Buck-A-Chick Update

During Lent, St. Peter's participated in the ELCA Buck-A-Chick ministry. One dollar (a "buck") is the cost to provide a chick to a family in need. The family then has eggs to eat and can sell extra eggs at market or trade their eggs for other needed food items. You may have colored a picture of a chick or seen the pictures posted in the Coffee Corner.

Congregations all across the ELCA participated in the project. Together we raised \$74,720 for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, thanks to many, many adults and children working together to each do a small part. Please keep those who donated and those who received chicks in your prayers.

November Courier Deadline

The deadline for the November Courier is Sunday, October 16. Please place your articles in the editor's mailbox or email them to her at courier_editor@yahoo.com.

From the Parish Record

FUNERALS:

Sarah Snyder – August 4, 2011
(Non-member)

Muriel Evelyn Mengel – August 15, 2011
(Non-member)

Lorraine E. Lindner – August 25, 2011

Donna Hein – August 26
(Non-member)

(by The Rev. George F. Spieker)



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

Save the Date

The Annual Thanksgiving Service hosted by Southside Ministries is scheduled for Sunday, November 20, at 3 PM at St. Peter's. The clergy from the SSM congregations will serve as worship leaders, and the choir from each congregation will sing an anthem. Mark your calendar to worship with our sisters and brothers in Christ!

Community Advent Breakfast

Christians from a variety of traditions gather each year for the Bethlehem Community Advent Breakfast to prepare for the Advent season. This year the breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 26, at 8:30 AM at Moravian Village. The meal is shared, the Moravian Trombone Choir provides music, and a guest speaker presents an Advent message.

The speaker this year is Rob Vaughn of Channel 69 News. Plan now to attend, both to enjoy the Advent celebration and to hear his message. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the Church Office in October to be a part of the St. Peter's group.



*"Living with Loss" Grief
Support Groups*



Diakon Family Life Services, a social ministry of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, is offering Grief Support Groups during the months of October and November.

One group will be held at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3355 MacArthur Road, Whitehall. The group will meet on Tuesdays, October 11, 18, 25, and November 1, 8, 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. A second group will be held at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, 333 East Oxford Street, Coopersburg. The group will meet on Wednesdays, October 26, and November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

To register, contact Diakon Family Life Services at 610-682-1337 or 888-499-2699.

Help Is Just a Click Away

Hunger, illiteracy, cancer, childhood illnesses, suffering animals, the depletion of the Rainforest YOU can help work toward solving these six problems in 30 seconds! Interested? It's easy! Each day as you prepare to close down your computer, click on www.thehungersite.com.



You may click on "give food," and the sponsors of the site will donate a portion of food for every click. There is no cost to you. Then simply click on each tab, click on the spot to donate, and you've given six gifts in under a minute! A little from each of us adds up to mean a lot of love shared with others.

*Call or Email the Church Office
If . . .*

- . . . you or another member of St. Peter's is admitted to the hospital or to a care facility.
- . . . your telephone number, address, or email has changed.
- . . . a new baby has been born in your family.
- . . . you need to share a concern with Pastor Roberts or another staff member.

Please help keep the lines of communication open among the members of our family of faith.

**Pastor's Discretionary Fund Needs
Your Help**

Due to the very challenging economic conditions, Pastor's fund has been heavily used over the past few months and has been nearly depleted. Contributions may be made by placing your donations in a pew envelope and marking it "Pastor's Fund."

SSM Thrift Shop Ready for Fall

The Southside Ministries Better Buy Thrift Shop is once again open regular hours! The shop is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10 AM to 3 PM. Friday hours are from 10:30 AM to 1 PM.

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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

