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Steeple Views

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR WAGNER

Dear church,

One of the most beloved Christmas carols is "Joy to the World". You all know the tune, and if not, you will be reminded soon enough when you walk through stores or listen to the radio. I find it interesting that this song was originally NOT intended to be a Christmas Carol, believe it or not. Famous English hymn writer Isaac Watts who wrote approximately 750(!) hymn texts was the author of this song's lyrics. Watts was born in South Hampton, England in 1674. There are some anecdotes about the childhood of this famous wordsmith. One goes like this ...

"As a child, Isaac Watts had a remarkable ability to rhyme. Once his

***"The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising
God for all the things they had heard and seen,
which were just as they had been told."***

- Luke 2:20

father confronted him and asked why he had opened his eyes during the family prayer. Isaac said that he had been distracted, adding, 'A little mouse for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say its prayers.'

His father was not impressed with his son's rhyme and to discourage his juvenile behavior, he spanked Isaac. After his spanking, Isaac cried out, "O father, father, pity take, and I will no more verses make."

Watts was originally inspired by Psalm 98, not the Christmas story. Many of us have stumbled over the expression, "The Lord **is** come," instead of "has come". It is an older grammatical construction that emphasizes that the Lord's coming is a present reality, not just a past event - or a future event for that matter. (Watts was thinking about the second coming of Christ, not Christmas.)

As one of Watts' many poems using psalm material, "Joy to the World," written in 1719, was largely forgotten. It was rediscovered a century later by Boston music teacher Lowell Mason who set it to music. He smartly published it around Christmas time and the rest, they say, is history. Of course, many of the images can be easily

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

**8:30 and 10:00 am
with Live Streaming
at 10:00 am**

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As members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church we value and embrace service driven ministry and being "other-oriented" serving God by serving people both locally and globally.

As members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church we value and strive for meaningful vibrant worship, enhanced with purposeful liturgy, powerful relevant messages, devout prayer, glorious music and participation by both clergy and lay "ministers".

As members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church we value spiritual growth for all generations defined by well thought out programs available for all ages and strong support for families of all types.

As members of St. Peter's we value and commit to being an inclusive community promoting authentic caring relationships with each other and our partners in ministry, always treating each other with respect.

As members of St. Peter's we value and commit to community hospitality, placing importance on being an integral part of our community by using both our building facility and our actions.

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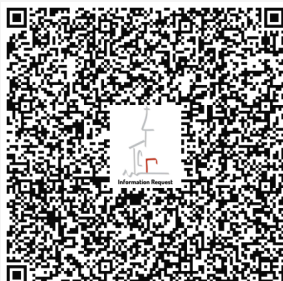
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE continued

related to the story of the Nativity. When I sing, "While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy ..." I often imagine the shepherds receiving the good news down in the fields and plains near Bethlehem (Luke 2). The poem doesn't say it, but it's close enough, don't you think?

Although this Christmas carol had an intricate story and its lyrics were hidden for a century, it soon became a holiday favorite and, indeed, the most published Christmas Carol in America. God works in mysterious ways.

I wish you much joy for the Christmas season!

Pastor Andreas Wagner



Council Conversations

Labor Day has always been more of "New Year's Day" to me than January 1! While Bernie and I are long past the "first days of school," it has always been a day of anticipation and dread! I looked forward to the routine of school and work, but also dreaded those same routines after a lazy and slower summer.

This Labor Day and the subsequent Fall months have not disappointed when it came to jumping back into reality! And it's all good! Council has been privy to so many things that are happening in the congregation... and I'm not going to steal their thunder from articles that you will read here in Steeple Views! But what excites me even more than the activities that are being worked on is the number of new faces on so many committees! From the Mission Trip Committee, the Website and Social Media Committee to the 250th Anniversary Committee (I'm leaving so many out), it is so wonderful to see both "old timers" and some of our younger, new members step in and offer their time and amazing talents.

I have also been so happy to meet visitors on Sunday and welcome them to St. Peter's. I often hesitate to say "hello" as an 8:30-er. Might they be long time attending 10:00-ers that I've never met? Often, my introduction is met with "I/We are church shopping." And to those who this might resonate with... that is exactly how Bernie and I found St. Peter's 8 years ago. Except for us, St. Peter's was our first and last stop! And such was my experience this Sunday morning... looking at you, Josh!

But it is the vibrance and welcoming community of St. Peter's that is drawing our newest members. And these new members, both young and old, have jumped into life at St. Peter's with enthusiasm!

My request for all the readers of Steeple Views today: continue to say "hello" to our visitors! Let them know that you've found a home here... Invite them to sit with you or to share a cup of coffee during coffee hour. These are the folks who will continue St. Peter's legacy of the "little church that does big things" for the next 250 years!

Peace,
Martha Heinze,
St. Peter's Council President



The Christmas Season 2025 at St. Peter's

The Christmas Season will begin with a magical
Christmas Concert and Carol Sing
directed by Laurie Mueller, accompanied by
string quartets, handbells, flute, harp and percussion
on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, **December 21, 4:00 p.m.**

Seasonal Decorations:

We thank our Decoration Committee for the love and care they devote toward festively decorating the Sanctuary and the open parlor area with lights, evergreens, candles, and ornaments. We display Nativity Scenes both inside and outdoors, welcoming members and visitors to the Feast of the Nativity.

Seasonal Charity:

Charity is "a thing" during this season with many non-profits relying on this time of year. We always have a gift tree where worshippers can adopt a special gift request by one of the children at the former Martin Luther School.

Christmas Eve Services:

4:00 p.m. "Twas the Night before Christmas"

This will be a family-oriented service with lessons, carols and a Christmas Play performed by the St. Peter's Confirmation Class and children.

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

A traditional Christmas Eve Service with lessons, carols and lots of music: come at 7:45 pm for special Nativity preludes!

December 28: First Sunday of Christmas, one service at 10:00 a.m., with guest organist Sam Tarasenko.

January 4: Second Sunday of Christmas, one service at 10:00 a.m. (we return to two services on January 11).



St. Peter's Lutheran Church Turns 250: A Year of Faith, Hope & Community

By: Bernie Heinze

As you know, our “Little Church that Does Big Things” will celebrate 250 years of worship, witness, and welcome in 2026! We plan on celebrating throughout the year because...well...we can. Throughout the anniversary year, we'll mark this milestone with gatherings that honor our heritage, bless our neighbors, and have fun in the process.

Our theme is “**Faith, Hope & Community**”.

- **Faith** looks back in gratitude. Since 1776, the people of St. Peter's have been rooted in the community and in fostering our faith through the years. Our anniversary worship, prayers, music, and remembrance will give thanks for the many saints who planted and have sustained our congregation.
- **Hope** looks forward with courage. An anniversary is not only a finish line; it's a starting line for the next chapter. Initiatives like a refreshed history book, new music and prayers, the planting of an anniversary tree and investments in communications and signage all point us toward a vibrant future.
- **Community** draws us together. From intergenerational fellowship to service projects in North Wales (and beyond), and partnerships with neighbors and other faith communities, we're celebrating by being present—wherever we directed.

Highlights to look forward to

Here are some of the exciting events and projects that our 250th Anniversary Committee is planning. We will keep you advised of all dates and times as they are finalized.

Worship & Heritage

- **Founder's Day Anniversary Service** — Bishop Bryan Penman and Pastor Wagner will lead our anniversary service on *Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.* (with a reception following) at St. Peter's.
- We've invited **Pastor Ihor Shemihon** to join us in person from Ukraine, along with others from our mission trips over the years.
- **Steeple Bell Ringing & St. Peter's Belles** — *Saturday, July 4, 2026. The North Wales 4th of July Parade will start after our organization of all Churches on Main Street chiming their bells in unison. Look for surprise St. Peter's guests to be part of that as well!*
- **Colonial Sunday Service** with re-enactors.
- **Homecoming Service** to welcome those married, baptized, or once active here who may not attend as often.

- **Blessings Display** and a **Time Capsule** to honor memories and plant hope for those who come after us.
- A **special anniversary hymn** and **devotional prayer** are being composed for the year.

Music & Arts

- A four-part **Anniversary Concert Series**, including a concert of many former St. Peter's music directors, a performance of our very own A Common Thread Band and one by the Montgomery County Concert Band at St. Peter's.
- **Yarn Bombing/Yarn Storm** to brighten our grounds.
- **Art Contest** for all ages.

Community Celebration & Fellowship

- **Oktoberfest** — *Saturday, September 26, 2026* at St. Peter's.
- **Community Open House** with hot dogs and hamburgers.
- **Kids' Events** (video games, crafts, cooking, LEGO contest).
- **Community Bike Rally, Karaoke Night**, and more.
- **St. Peter's Movie Night** at the Tower Square Theatre.
- **Anniversary Gala** (details TBA).

Service & Outreach

- **Mission Trip to Asheville, NC** — *June 20–27, 2026*.
- **Service Project in North Wales** (details forthcoming).
- **Public Relations & Social Media.** Our new website debuts December 1st. Are you following us on Instagram and Facebook? We're sharing the story of St. Peter's with the wider community.

Legacy & Visibility

- **Update to St. Peter's History Book** and a project to **scan/digitize our archives**.
- **Anniversary Signage** and a **digital sign** for better visibility; **façade lighting** of the front of the Church in white lights for throughout the year.
- **St. Peter's merch** to help us celebrate together.
- A **1776 historical marker** is being explored.

How you can help...

Our 250th Anniversary Committee is meeting monthly to organize these and other events. Many hands and talents are needed—hospitality, history/archives, music, children's activities, outreach, publicity, set-up/tear-down, and more.

If you have interest in being a part of history, please join us in the planning or volunteering for a specific event. Contact me: bernie@theheinzegroup.com, and I'll get you connected. Together, let's enter our 251st year—in faith, hope, and community.

In Memoriam:

William C. Reichert, May 14, 1925 – November 4, 2025

Bill Reichert was born and raised in Philadelphia by German immigrant parents. He graduated from Gratz High School, immediately enrolled in the Navy and served on a torpedo bomber in the Pacific. Returning home, he married Hilde Degler, graduated from Drexel University with a degree in architecture and worked for various Philadelphia firms. He was senior project architect for many important buildings, including the Municipal Services Building in Philadelphia and University of Connecticut Medical Center. Later in life Bill and Hilde lived in Ocean City before moving to Dock Woods and joining St. Peter's. Earlier this year, Bill celebrated his 100th birthday with many family members in attendance. His funeral and celebration of life service were held at Wetzel & Son in Willow Grove on November 17. Hilde had died five years ago. Bill was much loved by his children, grandchildren and the extended family. Up to his last year of life, Pastor Wagner would recite with him the Lord's Prayer in German. Ruhe in Frieden!

Phyllis E. Byrne, July 31, 1933 – November 11, 2025

Phyllis E. Byrne was born in Hatfield and raised in the Lutheran Church. Her father Emil was a German immigrant, hailing from the area of Sudetenland, which is part of the Czech Republic today. She experienced early childhood trips to Europe, opening her eyes to the wider world. At Gettysburg College she met John Byrne from New Jersey. They got married in 1955, raised two children on Shearer Street in North Wales (John Jr and Susan) and were often described as inseparable. Phyllis earned many academic accolades in High School and College. She put her considerable gifts to use for the greater community in North Wales and beyond. Her civic involvement reached from the Historic Commission to the Shade Tree Commission, local elections, preserving historical landmarks, and much more. Her greatest achievement was a meticulously researched book she wrote about North Wales, "Whispers of the Past." She also wrote a walking guide for our town. Her funeral and Celebration of Life were held at St. Peter's on November 20. Many community members attended. She will be greatly missed.

Financial Snapshot as of 10/31/25

St. Peter's remains in good financial condition for the year-to-date. Our total General Fund Income through 10/31 was \$265,160 which was \$11,905 ahead of budget. Driving this were General Fund offerings that were \$1492 ahead of budget and Misc. Income from various sources that was \$8709 ahead of budget. On the expense side, we were \$3052 over budget with the main reasons being higher than anticipated utility and insurance costs. Overall, our General Operating Fund (that we use to pay most of our ongoing expenses) stood at \$4878 on 10/31/25.

Our Maintenance Fund has had a challenging year as significantly higher than anticipated snow/ice removal expenses have impacted us all year. Through 10/31, Maintenance offerings were \$9342 and total Maintenance expenses were \$24,265. Fortunately, we had retained some funds from the General Fund Budget surplus that we had in 2024 and this along with some other misc. sources left us with a balance of \$798 at 10/31/25.

Finally, we are blessed to have an Endowment Fund that held \$559,230 on 10/31. This is the Fund that we used to pay for the Solar Panels in 2024.

Submitted by
Brooke Alderfer





We don't always get to see the impact of our service ministries. In the Interfaith Hospitality Network, families come and go from the shelter program and we don't hear much about the path forward for the families that we support. Is everyone OK? How did that job search play out? Did they find a new home?

This year, we had a family enter the shelter program in June while we were serving as hosts at St. Peter's – Mom, Dad and two young boys. Dad was taking night classes and working part time in retail and Mom

was looking for work she could do from home around caring for the family. At the end of October, we received the following feedback from Meaghan McBride, Network Program Manager at Family Promise:

"The journey to this point was not an easy one, but through their determination and the unwavering support of our program, the family has successfully transitioned into the community. I had the privilege of being present during their move-in yesterday, and it was truly heartwarming to witness the children's reactions as they walked through the front door. **Their faces lit up with joy, and I heard repeated exclamations of "This is awesome!" and "Wow, this is our home!"**

Moments like these are a powerful reminder of the impact we can have. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for the care, dedication, and time you've invested in supporting this family — and for your continued commitment to Family Promise. Each of you has played a role in this family's success story."

Thank you St Peter's for your support of the Interfaith Hospitality Network.
On behalf of the Social Ministry Team,

Brian Brenfleck

New Record Set for Good Gifts!

St. Peter's family raised \$3,645.48 for the ELCA Good Gifts program.

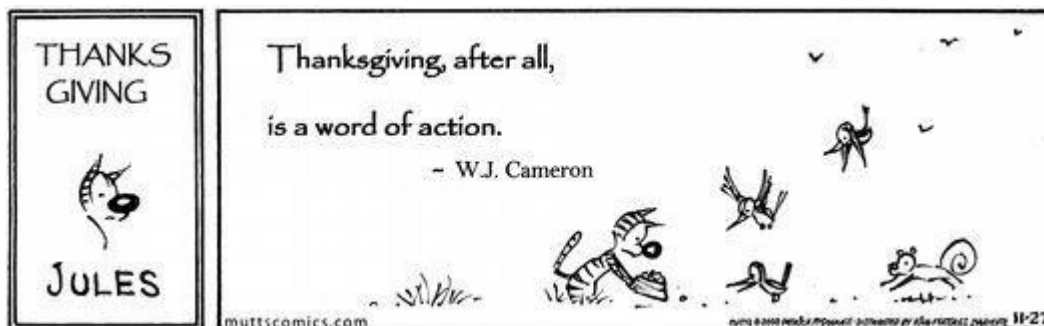


This year we are going to buy 4 family farms a total of 4 cows, 8 goats, 4 dozen chicks, 8 pigs, farming tools, seeds, and agricultural training. We also can purchase 1 fish farm, 1 fruit tree farm, 1 community vegetable garden with bees, 3/5 of another fish farm, and a rooster.

If all goes well, we hope to double this amount on Giving Tuesday.

Thank you, my wonderful St. Peter's family.

Love,
Joy Jacobson



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Mondays
2:00-7:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall



Upcoming Dates:

December 29

February 23, 2026

For appointments

www.redcross.org

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St. Peters North Wales

Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Peter's Lutheran Church and American Red Cross have been partnering together for more than 25 years. Each year we hold 3 to 5 blood drives depending on their needs. Since Covid, we have been doing more drives, as many corporations had not brought their entire workforce back into the office. In 2024, we collected 168 units of blood, impacting over 504 lives. 2025 year to date we've collected 62 units, impacting another 124 lives.

We have 2 blood drives coming up that will enable us to continue this life saving mission. All blood drives are held in the comfort of our Fellowship Hall between the hours of 2 PM and 7 PM. Any questions or concerns, please contact Diana Sundar at 215-519-2837 or at Sundard@comcast.net. We appreciate all those that have been supporting this mission and really hope that if you haven't tried giving yet – you'll consider trying here!

The next blood drive is Monday, December 29th.

Diana Sundar

News on the "Art Wall"



Dear St Peter's, friends, I am Nancy Moldofsky, and I am the one that brings artists in to display their creative talents, which they generously share with all of us on the "Art Wall" in the narthex. I hope this wall brings you pleasure and appreciation of the many talents that those in our congregation and community possess. If anyone is ever interested in purchasing a piece that is displayed, please feel free to contact me at 610-613-4801 or let Ginny know and she will reach out to me.

I also wish to extend an invitation to any artist of any sort who have 2D art that may be presented to share with us. Let me know if you'd like to present your works. This does not have to be paintings!! Creative talents can be displayed via photography, fiber arts, quilting, embroidery, needlepoint, crosstitch, stained glass, mosaics, illustrations, etc. Making art is an act of your God given and also well trained and practiced talents, something we all possess in one way or another. This was demonstrated so recently by our many talented chefs, who presented us with the International Feast, in song and music and service. So please think outside the painter frame, step forward and share your talents or those of a friend or family member and contact me.

Fondly, Nancy Moldofsky.

Thrift Shop Report

Well, it looks like our new carpet, new layout of the shop, and our social media presence have really paid off! Thanks go to Lisa Jennis (formerly Miller) for her marketing skills! Our total sales on opening day amounted to \$1927!!! There were over 30 customers lined up outside the shop before we opened the door at 9:30. The regular shoppers and the new shoppers loved everything! The donations continue to pour in...we are very grateful even though there are days we can hardly move around the office. If you have not yet visited the shop or it's been a while since you have stopped by, we would love to have you check it out. There is a good chance that there's a treasure waiting for you. We are completely decked out for Christmas—we have tons of ornaments for your tree, décor for your home, linens for your holiday table and a great selection of brand-new items perfect for gift giving. There is a full rack of holiday/party clothing and a large selection of coats and jackets to keep you warm as temperatures are dropping.



On November 23rd, at the 10:00 am service, we celebrated 33 years of service and over half a million dollars of donations that our shop has given to our charities and the community. The church was full and the reception after the service was enjoyed by members, shop volunteers, our regular shoppers, and other community members. The Mayor of North Wales, Neil McDevitt, presented a proclamation in honor of the Shop and our leader Joann Rittenhouse. We also received a proclamation from the PA House of Representatives for our work in the community. Our proclamation from Governor Shapiro's office is on the way and all these accolades will be displayed in the Thrift Shop. November 23rd was an amazing day and we thank Tricia Riordan for the wonderful slide show, and Ginny Bailey for her support in applying for the proclamations. We also thank our special guests, our volunteers, and our congregation for celebrating with us. St. Peter's Thrift Shop continues to be an important ministry, and we thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Submitted by
Peg McConnell

St. Peter's Readers Upcoming Book Discussions

St. Peter's Readers women's book group always meets on a Tuesday at 11:30 in the church parlor. Contact Charlene Bance with any questions. Upcoming books are:

- December 2 - *James* by Percival Everett
A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.
- January 20 - *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier
The Glassmaker is a charming fable which is a love story that skips through six centuries and a love song to the timeless craft of glassmaking. It was named a "Best Historical Novel of 2024" by the *Sunday Times*.
- March 3—*H is for Hawk* by Helen MacDonald
Elegantly written nature writing, personal memoir, literary portrait and examination of bereavement that illuminates unexpected things in unexpected ways.

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

What has happened: What a great start to our fall at St. Peter's! Following our Hymn Festival on September 7th, all choirs are back in session, and A Common Thread has led worship twice this fall. I taught three children's music classes in October, with a total of 7 children, ranging in age from 2-7. The Music Department sponsored November's Ohana Sunday, and we had a blast playing musical chairs and Name That Tune. Thanks to all who set up, brought goodies, and cleaned up – and to Diana Sundar for coordinating. We also heard the SPARK children sing (and play bells!) in church in November, under the direction of Judy Coates. Other special musicians this fall included Karin Clark (bell solo), Linda Hubler (piano), Dottie DeStefano and Dominic Reinoso Calle (clarinets), and Owen Gaffney (viola). Yes, we have an abundance of talent here at St. Peter's, but what I really appreciate is the willingness of all our musicians to work hard to offer their best gifts to praise God and touch hearts.

Coming Up:

On November 30th, Our Belles and Misfits will present 30 minutes of Christmas music at Meadow Glen in Skippack, where former Belles member Helen Adam lives. This will be part of their tree-lighting ceremony.

In late November, **Festival Choir Rehearsals** will begin. If you'd like to sing for our Christmas Concert on December 21st (more information below) or on Christmas Eve (8pm service), please let me know and I'll send you the schedule.



December 21st at 4pm is our Christmas Concert.

This is going to be a really big deal! Our bell choirs will play some Christmas music to get you into the spirit, and then our Festival Choir will be accompanied by string quartet, harp, flute, a few handbells and some percussion instruments in a performance of Hal Hopson's cantata "Come Ye Faithful." This is my favorite Christmas cantata, because it involves the congregation in singing very familiar carols, and the orchestrations are absolutely gorgeous. If for some reason you are unable to come to church on Christmas Eve, this will feel like your church Christmas, complete with candle lighting during Silent Night. The concert is free; a free-will offering will be received to support the music fund. Save the date and invite your friends and neighbors!

The date is not set yet, but the Belles (and maybe Misfits, too) are planning to return to The Lutheran Home at Telford in January or February for a concert. In speaking with the chaplain this fall, we found that their Christmas schedule was rather full and they have more openings in the winter. This also gives us the advantage of being able to play all kinds of music, rather than being restricted to Christmas titles.

An invitation: Do you prefer to attend the 8:30 am service? Did you know we have a very informal "Early Bird" choir? About six of us sing a hymn during the offering on the 4th Sunday each month. Our only rehearsal is the on the morning we sing at 8:00 am. We would love to add your voice. And/or consider joining the Festival Choir for December!

See you in church!
-Laurie Mueller

From St. Peter's Green Team

Ten things we can/should do to make planet Earth Greener

1. Reduce/Reuse/Repurpose/Recycle

- *Buy only what you need*
- *Reuse/repurpose what you have*
- *Recycle whenever possible*

2. Use a refillable water bottle or coffee mug

3. Bring your own reusable bag when shopping

4. Conserve water

Turn off water when brushing teeth, take shorter showers and run fully loaded dishwasher instead of handwashing dishes.

5. Turn off lights when not in use and opt for LED lightbulbs

6. Choose natural fiber (cotton, wool, linen, silk, hemp) clothing over polyester

Polyester (synthetic fabric) requires high energy consumption (from fossil fuels) to produce. They also release micro plastics into the environment when washed.

7. Donate to and purchase from St. Peter's and other Thrift Shops

8. Eat less meat

The production of animal-based foods, especially red meat is responsible for a large portion of greenhouse gas emissions.

9. Choose biodegradable/recyclable packaging instead of plastic

Paper, cardboard and glass are eco-friendly packaging.

10. For laundry: choose eco-friendly detergents, wash clothes only when dirty, have a full load and use cold water



Prayer for Warmth in the Cold

In the stillness of winter, when frost paints the earth in silver,
wrap my heart in the blanket of Your love.
Let kindness be the fire that keeps my spirit aglow,
and may I share that warmth with all who cross my path. Amen.

~ Unknown

Submitted by Anita Bailey

FROM THE FAMILY MINISTRY COORDINATOR

It's been a fun-filled fall in Family Ministry! Here's a look back at all the events and what you can look forward to this winter.

Ohana Sunday!

Ohana means **FAMILY**

And family means **NOBODY IS LEFT BEHIND OR FORGOTTEN!**

Thanks to all the church members who join in the Ohana spirit each month!

A special thanks for the groups who hosted the reception in October and November, Sandwich making with Social Ministry and Name that Tune with the St. Peter's Music Programs. Both offered activities that were fun for all ages!

Ohana Sunday will continue the first Sunday of each month. We look forward to building community together in fun ways!

Upcoming Ohana Sunday Events:

December - Advent Day celebration with Cookies and Crafts

January - Little Acts of Big Love: Making cards and gifts for homebound members.

February - Fun with the 250th Anniversary Committee

Ohana Sunday takes place the first Sunday of each month, October - May, at the 10:00 am service.

Following the service we will gather for Coffee Hour and fun in Fellowship Hall.



SPARK

This fall we expanded from 1 to 2 SPARK classes.

SPARK 1: Pre-K through 1st grade is in the SPARK Room

SPARK 2: 2nd grade and above is in an upstairs classroom

This fall the kids have learned about:

Baby Moses: God loves us and protects us in ways we may never see.

The Call of Moses: God sometimes asks us to do hard things and is always there to help us

Parting of the Red Sea: Miracles happen not just to the people in the Bible, but to each of us in our daily live.

The Feeding of the 5,000: God can do the impossible. God can use small things to do great things.



SPARK Art and Music

The SPARK kids also enjoyed 2 Art Days with Nancy Maldofsky and Ms Renee Irwin. Their art work is decorating the SPARK Room!

Judy Coates continues to lead the kids in singing each week and also hosted a Music Day for the kids in September. We look forward to more music and art the rest of this SPARK year!

We are grateful for all the teachers and volunteers who work with the SPARK kids and who continue to make SPARK successful!



[SPARK Teacher Sign-ups](#) are open for the Winter!

Winter '25 -'26

Family Ministry Calendar

December

All Events at 10:00 am

- 7th Ohana Sunday - Advent Day
- 14th SPARK
- 21st SPARK
- 28th No events - Christmas Break

January

All Events at 10:00 am

- 4th Ohana Sunday - Little Acts of Big Love
- 11th SPARK Cards for Homebound Members
- 18th SPARK
- 25th SPARK

February

All Events at 10:00 am

- 1st Ohana Sunday - 250th Anniversary Committee
- 8th SPARK
- 15th SPARK
- 22nd SPARK

March

All Events at 10:00 am

- 1st Ohana Sunday - Green Team
- 8th SPARK
- 15th SPARK
- 22nd SPARK
- 29th SPARK

First Holy Communion November 2, 2025



From left: Maggie Martin, Audrey Kratz, Molly Barger, Ryan Barger, Catherine Wunder and Malcolm Tang.



Around Church



Baptism of
Mark Wilson Longwill 8-30-25



A Common Thread
9-14-25



Fun at Oktoberfest
with the Muellers
and Wagners





250th Anniversary
Planning Committee Meeting



Confirmation Class helping
at Habitat



Social Media/Website
Committee



Shirley Whitner 90th birthday
on October 9th

Around Church continued



Joanne Rittenhouse with
North Wales Mayor, Neil McDevitt



International Food Fair Chefs



God's Misfits Bells



2026 Mission Trip Planning



The family of Phyllis Byrne
at her funeral on November 21st



Alexandra Etienne and her daughter Sasha

wishing you a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December

Jean Prindle	Dec 06
George Gross	Dec 09
Michelle Hill	Dec 09
Leland Honeywell.....	Dec 09
Chris Keep	Dec 09
Bethany Coover	Dec 10
Lauren Hain	Dec 11
Steve McGlynn.....	Dec 12
Leo Arena	Dec 14
Dave Sausser	Dec 15
Adam Stranak	Dec 15
Francisco Worman.....	Dec 15
Catherine Kratz	Dec 16
Meg Matlack	Dec 16
Karen Shuster	Dec 16
Joan Anton	Dec 17
Bill Kintigh	Dec 17
Cindy LeBlanc.....	Dec 17
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Barbette Snyder	Dec 19
Tricia Riordan.....	Dec 20
Isabelle Michaud	Dec 22
Sarah Wagner.....	Dec 23
Susan Darrow	Dec 25
Judy Jones	Dec 25
Mike O'Brien.....	Dec 27
Doug Mahan	Dec 29

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Jen Gutsche.....	Jan 02
Avery Hain	Jan 06
Dottie DeStefano	Jan 07
Ryan Barger.....	Jan 10
Mae Garrity	Jan 10
Bill Kane.....	Jan 14
Eileen Wright	Jan 14
Renee Erwin	Jan 16
Jenny MacInnes.....	Jan 16
Sharon Brenfleck	Jan 17
Suzanne Shaffer	Jan 20
Carol McGilloway.....	Jan 23
Vince Giangiacomo.....	Jan 26
Barbara Rodgers	Jan 26
Mollie Barger.....	Jan 29
Michelle Browne	Jan 31

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Jo Borichevsky	Feb 01
Keith Bance	Feb 04
Ashley Destefano	Feb 04
Helga Ledder	Feb 05
Nancy Moldofsky	Feb 06
Thea Johnson	Feb 08
Sherri Retif.....	Feb 08
Nora Staudt	Feb 08
Ted Riez	Feb 11
Bill Gutsche	Feb 12
Zach Martin.....	Feb 12
Charles Hayes	Feb 14
Cindy Heist	Feb 16
Emily Gross	Feb 17
Inge Coleman	Feb 19
Mariam Keep	Feb 19
America Lara-Worman ...	Feb 20
Jazmin Stranak.....	Feb 21
Eve Phelps	Feb 25
Sean Dallas	Feb 26
Judy Coates.....	Feb 27
Austin Hain	Feb 28
Martha Heinze	Feb 29

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As a faith community, we're here to share in each others' experiences and lift each other in prayer. In order to keep the Prayer List current, we removed all the names on July 1st.

If there is someone you would like to add or keep on the list, please use the prayer sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office.

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